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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PLF 2020 Annual Meeting was held on September 14 – 16 as a Virtual Meeting using ZOOM technology. The Board of Directors met on September 14 and 16, and a General session was held on September 15 to provide an opportunity for BLM Wyoming to talk about wildlife migration corridors and sage-grouse management. The ZOOM sessions were limited to two-hour timeframes and a YouTube link was provided for those who wanted to join the BLM Wyoming presentations on September 15. The meeting was productive, but would not have been possible without the preplanning by Beau McClure, PLF Vice President for Operations; and Bill LeBarron, PLF State Representative for Wyoming; and the technical assistance of George Stone and Mary Trautner.

The Agenda for the Virtual Meeting was as follows:

Monday, September 14 Board of Directors Meeting

- PLF Transition Team presentation to the Board on actions to be considered after the November election
- Hiring of an Executive Director and Fundraising
- NAFSR Update

Tuesday, September 15 General Meeting—Wildlife Migration Corridors and Sage-Grouse

- Presentation by Dwayne Spencer, Acting Wyoming BLM State Director
- Presentation by Kimberlee Foster, BLM Rock Springs Field Manager
- Presentation by Angi Bruce, Deputy Director, Wyoming Game & Fish Department
- Presentation by Bob Budd, Director, Wyoming Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust

Wednesday, September 16 Board of directors meeting

- Discussion and decision on PLF name change
- Presentation by Jamela Thompson, PLF Scholarship Recipient
- PLF Treasurer's Report and 2021 Proposed Budget
- Awards
- Other Business

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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

As I was working on this column the news came out on the decision in the case of *Bullock, et al v. BLM*. As you are probably all aware by now, the ruling found that the Secretary's appointment of William Perry Pendley as the BLM's official "exercising the authority of the Director" violated the Appointments Clause of the U.S. Constitution, the Federal Vacancy Reform Act of 1998, and the Administrative Procedures Act. The decision found that two RMPs in the State of Montana were arbitrary and capricious and without force and effect, as Mr. Pendley was appointed contrary to law and did not have the authority to make decisions. Beyond the two specified RMPs and Records of Decision, the Lewistown RMP and Missoula RMP, the Court's decision calls into question any other action that he took while exercising the authority of the Director. The Department of the Interior has stated that they will appeal the decision immediately. At this time there still is considerable uncertainty on how this decision will play out in Montana and throughout BLM. The PLF executive committee prepared the following statement:

The Public Lands Foundation has advocated for the Administration to nominate a BLM Director as required by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Vacancy Reform Act, but the Administration has not done so. Judge Morris' recent decision should not be a surprise. The result is that BLM remains without a Director and it is now uncertain who will be leading the Bureau. The Court's order calls into question decisions made by Mr. Pendley in Montana, and any other decisions on BLM-managed public lands made by him during this timeframe. The PLF continues to advocate for the timely selection of a BLM Director who has professional land management experience as required in FLPMA.

We assume that the judge's decision regarding Pendley will be appealed and we have no comment about the litigation. We would point out that moving the BLM Headquarters 1,900 miles away from our Nation's capital in a recent reorganization makes this situation a bit murky if this decision is affirmed. . . Will the Secretary of the Interior be making all BLM decisions while his staff of advisors is two time zones away? The PLF has always been concerned about this issue and commented several times that the Director position should be filled using the required advice and consent process of Congress.

Fifty years ago, in the summer of 1970, I fought my first wildland fire. Since that time, I have been

involved in wildland fire and prescribed fire as a firefighter, manager, and lately as a casual observer. As a forester over much of that time, my colleagues and I observed the health of many forested areas deteriorate and fuel loads increase. We all have seen the size and severity of fires increase over the past three



Ed Shepard

decades. I have personally been involved with several large fire busts. None of that prepared me to see what happened across the west coast on Labor Day! In the Northwest and California, we experienced the perfect storm; prolonged drought, existing wildfires, and dry east winds with gusts up to 90 mph combined with downed powerlines and a few arsonists to ignite and spread fires all over Oregon, Washington, and California. The rapid spread and burning conditions overwhelmed fire-fighting resources and the only thing that could be done was to try to get people out of the way of the rapidly spreading flames. Fortunately, most made it. Tragically, nine souls in Oregon and dozens in California did not make it and lost their lives. Several communities have been nearly wiped off the map and thousands of homes and businesses have been lost.

It will take some time to assess all the losses here in Oregon alone. At the peak, there were nearly three dozen large fires burning across Oregon, some in the tens of thousands of acres, four over 100,000 acres, and one over 200,000 acres. There were large fires in nearly every major river drainage in western Oregon from the Clackamas River east of Portland to Bear Creek in the Rogue River drainage. At one point, 500,000 Oregonians, more than 10 percent of the population, were under some level of evacuation order with over 40,000 being ordered to leave their homes. Beyond the loss of life, homes, and businesses; acres of crops and forage were destroyed and hundreds of millions of board feet of federal, state, tribal, and private timber were burned, wild and scenic river corridors and wilderness areas were burned, and several recreation sites were destroyed.

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This fire season was not the worst as far as the number of fires or acres burned, but it was a devastating year that started early and continues on. Everyone is quick to want to assign blame on climate change, poor forest and rangeland management, poor planning, or whatever. The truth is that many things contributed to the fires and it will take addressing the issue at multiple levels to begin to bring things back into balance. The good thing from a land management standpoint is that forests grow back.

This year we held our Annual Meeting via ZOOM with two-hour sessions over a three-day period. From my perspective, it went well and, though abbreviated, was productive. But technology cannot replace a live meeting where we get to visit with each other, interact with the people making presentations, and swap stories over a drink. It is also pretty hard to Zoom a field trip. Like true BLMers, we made it work, thanks to the technological acumen of George Stone, who led us through Zoom and Mary Trautner, who took care of getting the general meeting streamed live on YouTube. The general session on Wildlife Migration Corridors and Sage-Grouse was led by Wyoming PLF Representative Bill LeBarron. We heard from acting Wyoming State Director Duane Spencer and Rock Springs Field Manager

Kimberlee Foster on BLM activities in Wyoming, including new Resource Management Plans. Angi Bruce, the Deputy Director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and Bob Budd, Executive Director of the Wyoming Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust and Chairman of the Wyoming Sage-Grouse Implementation Team presented the work they have been doing on wildlife corridors and sage-grouse management using an adaptive management approach. We also heard from Jamela Thompson, one of the George Lea Founder's Scholarship recipients, on her Master's work on "Characterizing Fuel Treatment Effectiveness in Utah" during the Wednesday business meeting. It is good to see so much good work going on in the field.

The results of our business meeting are covered in this edition of the Monitor. We will be deciding on next year's meeting venue and topic in the next few months. I really hope that we get past this pandemic and can have a traditional meeting, however, if we cannot, we now know that we can accomplish most of the purpose of our meeting through technology.

This fall has started out full of surprises. I'm sure there are more to come. I know we will all be watching the election results. So, sit back and take it all in while you enjoy the fall weather and upcoming holiday seasons.

POSITION AVAILABLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Public Lands Foundation is seeking to hire a part-time paid Executive Director position to assist the PLF in promoting its advocacy mission, vision, goals and activities before the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Congress, and other organizations. This position will also direct and conduct PLF fundraising activities. Detailed qualifications can be found at our website: www.publicland.org. To apply, send an application letter that addresses the Essential and Preferred Qualifications for the position, as well as your ability to perform the Primary Functions of the Executive Director position, to apply@publicland.org. The application letter should also include a detailed resume, with three professional references. The closing date for applications is December 30, 2020. After a review of the applications received, the most qualified candidates will be invited to participate in remote interviews with members of the PLF Board of Directors.

Board Meeting – September 14

There were 31 participants who joined the Board Meeting via ZOOM on Monday, September 14. Ed Shepard, President, provided a welcome message and thanked everyone for their participation in our first Virtual Annual Meeting. Ed also provided a brief update on the current wildfire situation in Oregon.

Van Manning, Chair of the PLF Transition Planning Team, provided an update and report on the recommendations of priority issues that the PLF may want to be engaged with after the November 2020 election. No matter what the election results are, the PLF can expect that there will be changes in the Department of the Interior and BLM and possibly changes in policy and priorities. To prepare for these changes the PLF established a small Transition Planning Team to develop a preliminary list of topics that the PLF may want to address with any administration after the November election. The Team included Van Manning, Tom Allen, Barron Bail, Dean Bibles, Bill Lamb, Bob Moore, and Rich Whitley. The Priority Transition Topics identified were:

- Regardless of election results, reestablish a strong working relationship with BLM
- Bring BLM into the 21st century with minimal further disruption to the organization
- Support an appropriate level of BLM WO staff to provide knowledgeable representation of the agency at DOI, OMB, and Congress and provide professional guidance and support to the field
- Assist BLM in efforts to reduce WH&B numbers and meet AML
- Address BLM delegation of authority issues, especially land use planning decisions

The Board decided to carry forward these preliminary Priority Transition Topics and form a Transition Team to facilitate the update of any existing PLF Position Statements and prepare a PLF Transition Paper that could be shared with any administration Transition Team. It was noted that DOI has already identified Scott de la Vega, Office of Solicitor, as the Transition Director for the current administration.

The PLF Transition Team would provide support for outreach to any administration Transition Team, regardless of the election results. The Board selected a PLF Transition Team for this follow-up activity to include Mat Millenbach (Chair), Henri Bisson, Ray Brady, Tom Allen, Ed Shepard, Don Simpson, Jim Caswell, Bob Anderson, George Stone, and Eric Janes. The PLF Transition Team held an initial ZOOM meeting on September 17th to further flesh-out the Transition issues and begin preparation of a final PLF Transition Paper.

Van Manning, Chair of the PLF Fundraising and Executive Director Committee, provided an update and report on recommendations for obtaining grants to support the activities of the PLF and the hiring of an Executive Director position to successfully accomplish these activities. The Committee included Van Manning, Ray Brady, Henri Bisson, Eric Janes, Bill Lamb, AnnaFaith Jorgensen, George Stone, and Elaine Zielinski. The Committee recommended that the Board aggressively move forward with the hiring of a part-time Executive Director to support the mission of the PLF and be responsible for the fundraising efforts of the organization. Van Manning also provided a summary of 10 questions that needed to be decided by the Board, before proceeding ahead with the recruitment effort for an Executive Director position. These decisions included: priorities and duties of the position, part-time hours, funding for position, length of contract, evaluation of performance, equipment and supplies provided by individual, equipment and supplies provided by PLF, overtime, method of payment, and annual workplan. **A Motion was made and approved by the Board to adopt the recommendation of the Committee to proceed ahead with the recruitment of a part-time Executive Director.** Bob Moore was selected to lead the Recruitment Team and has initiated efforts to advertise the position. In addition to Bob, the Team includes Eric Janes, Mary Jo Rugwell, and Elaine Zielinski.

Jim Caswell provided an update on the activities of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR). Jim indicated this has been a very active period of engagement with the Forest Service on a variety of issues. The Department of Agriculture had proposed to shed the Job Corps program as part of a consolidation of operations within the Department. The NAFSR was successful in providing pushback on the Job Corps proposal and the Forest

Service has implemented a mentoring program for Job Corps participants. However, the program has been impacted by the pandemic restrictions. The NAFSR has also been actively engaged with the Forest Service on discussions and dialogue regarding “managed fire” policies, however, coordination with the BLM on these efforts has been somewhat limited. Jim also mentioned the work of the Forest Climate Working Group that has been involved in reforestation and sequestration discussions. The NAFSR also coordinated with the Forest Service on updated and revised NEPA regulations, consistent with revised CEQ regulations; however, these regulations are currently on hold within the Department of Justice for further review. The NAFSR also prepared a report for USDA and the Forest Service Chief on current and future Forest Service skill needs, capacity building, and recruitment improvements needed to replace the 75 percent drop over the past few years in some critical jobs. The NAFSR is also working on Transition issues.

General Meeting – September 15

There were 34 participants who joined the General Meeting by ZOOM on Tuesday, September 15, and 12 participants who joined by a YouTube link. Ed Shepard, President, thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting yesterday and welcomed the Wyoming participants for joining the General Meeting today, which is focused on a discussion of wildlife corridors and sage-grouse management. Bill LeBarron, PLF WY State Representative, was thanked for helping to organize this session and he introduced Duane Spencer, Acting WY State Director, to provide an overview of BLM activities in Wyoming.

Duane provided an excellent overview of major initiatives and priorities for the management of some 18 million acres of public land and 43 million acres of federal mineral estate in Wyoming. These have been challenging times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but he thanked the dedicated BLM staff for their continued hard work and ability to get the job done. BLM WY is in Phase 2 or Gate 2 of operations, with offices open with reduced staffs.



Duane Spencer
Acting WY State Director, BLM

It is estimated that perhaps 60 to 70 percent of staff are working in the office on any day, although many of those employees will be in the field. He spoke about several of the energy related projects in the State, including the Converse County O&G Leasing Plan and the joint BLM/State WY Pipeline Corridor Project. He was asked about impacts of the BLM WO reorganization on BLM WY and acknowledged that there have been some positive and some negative impacts. BLM WY was allocated six additional positions in the reorganization to support their needs, but five vacancies were created when Wyoming people were selected for Headquarters advertised positions. Communications initially regarding the new organization were a problem, but are improving, and there is a need to learn a lot of the new Headquarters program contacts and managers. He was asked about the status of a large WY State land acquisition proposal to consolidate some checkerboard lands. That proposal did not move forward as the property owner did not accept the State’s offer. He was also asked about the status of WY Landscape Conservation Projects. Funding for those projects has been a problem and BLM WY is looking at a variety of funding alternatives.

Kimberlee Foster, the Rock Springs Field Manager, was introduced and provided an overview on the Rock Springs Plan Revision efforts and the Wild Horse Management planning effort on checkerboard lands.



Kimberlee Foster
Rock Springs Field Manager

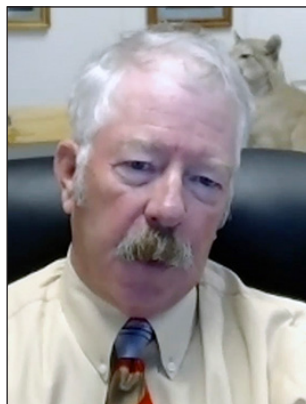
Angi Bruce, Deputy Director, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, was introduced and provided a comprehensive overview of sage-grouse management trends and wildlife migration corridor planning in Wyoming. Sage-grouse management efforts in WY appear to be effective, as lek data has been very positive. Data for 2020 showed a 19.7 average number of males per active lek, which was 45 percent above the 1996 numbers and 17 percent above the 2013 numbers. Wildlife migration corridor planning efforts in WY has significantly improved in recent years with a better understanding of wildlife needs and the use of advanced technologies, especially GPS collars, to define and implement management strategies. The State Migration



Angi Bruce
Deputy Director
WY Game & Fish Department

and issued an Executive Order to facilitate Mule Deer and Antelope Migration Corridor Protection. The Corridor Strategy also includes corridor mitigation projects, including cheatgrass and invasive species management, shrub management, aspen enhancements, fence modifications, and water developments. A question was asked regarding the State's view of the "Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act", that was passed by the U.S. House in July and a companion bill that has been introduced in the U.S. Senate. Angi indicated some concerns regarding the conflict of authorities between the State and federal government over the designation process for migration corridors, especially with the progress that the State has made in WY on corridor planning and management.

Bob Budd, Executive Director, Wyoming Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust, and Chairman, Wyoming Sage-grouse Implementation Team, was introduced and provided an update on sage-grouse management in Wyoming. Bob agreed with Angi, that the sage-grouse management efforts in WY appear to be working and that collaborative efforts between the State, BLM, and private landowners have been effective. The updated sage-grouse management plans in WY did not really change the focus of management efforts, but provided clarifications for improved



Bob Budd
Executive Director
WY Wildlife &
Natural Resource Trust

Corridor Strategy is focused on the identification of critical habitat for high quality forage and corridor assessment efforts to identify the critical links between summer and winter ranges. The State has "designated" three corridors for higher levels of protection and identified two corridors for further evaluation. The Governor formed a Migration Corridor Advisory Committee

sage-grouse management and mitigation. He also noted that it is fortunate that WY is a dual-permitting state, with both federal and state responsibilities for permitting and mitigation. The long-term challenges to successful sage-grouse management will be the control of invasive species, the unknowns of diseases/parasites or population thresholds, and future funding commitments.

Board Meeting – September 16

There were 35 participants who joined the Board Meeting by ZOOM on Wednesday, September 16. Ed again thanked everyone for their participation and Bill LeBarron for helping to organize yesterday's session on WY issues. Ed then turned the meeting over to Bob Anderson to lead a discussion of a proposal to change the name of the PLF organization to the "Bureau of Land Management Retiree Association", or the PLF "doing business as" the BLM Retiree Association.

Bob Anderson provided an excellent overview and discussion of his proposal for the PLF Board to consider a name change to the "BLM Retiree Association". Bob had also engaged Jim Caswell in a discussion earlier in the Board Meeting on his recommendations regarding the proposed name change and Jim's experiences with the National Association of Forest Service Retirees organization. The Board was provided copies of 1) the paper that was prepared by Bob in March 2020 and published as a Letter to the Editor in the Spring edition of the Monitor, 2) a summary of the Board members previous comments on the proposal and Bob's responses to those comments, and 3) a current updated Vision document prepared by Bob on the name change proposal. Bob reflected on the background of the term "public lands" as used in FLPMA and the confusion in the general public's mind regarding the public lands managed by BLM, the public lands managed by other federal agencies, and the non-federal public lands managed by State and local governments. Congress during deliberations on FLPMA in 1976 had even considered adopting the term "National Resource Lands" to identify those lands managed by BLM. A name change for the PLF could address this potential for confusion on the scope of the mission of the organization and better reflect on the primary members of the organization as retirees of BLM. Considerable follow-up discussions were held by the members of the Board on the proposed name change and the implications of any name change.

A Motion was made and approved by the Board to keep the name Public Lands Foundation and not change the name.

Jamela Thompson, recipient of the George Lea Founder's Scholarship and a Master's degree student at Utah State University, made a presentation on her research on "Characterizing Fuel Treatment Effectiveness in Utah". Her research involves both BLM and Forest Service lands in Utah. The types of fuel treatments used in Utah include prescribed fire, pile burning, and mechanical treatments. On a national basis, some 6.8 percent of fuel treatment areas have encounters with future wild fires. For the period of 1997–2019, there were 3,220 treatment projects on 1,055,601 acres of BLM and Forest Service lands in Utah. Some 4.1 percent of these treatment acres have subsequently encountered wild fires. The research project will focus on the following metrics of fuel treatment effectiveness: burn severity, fire size, shrub regeneration, cheatgrass invasion, and land manager benefit. Jamela did an outstanding job in making her presentation and demonstrated the quality of the students benefiting from the PLF sponsored scholarship program. We look forward to a future presentation on the completion of her research project.



Jamela Thompson
George Lea Founder's
Scholarship recipient

Dwight Hempel, PLF Treasurer, provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2020 to the Board. The PLF organization is financially sound. A Proposed 2021 Budget was presented to the Board for consideration and approval. After further discussion, it was recommended that the Proposed Budget be modified to provide \$50,000 of placeholder funds in the budget to cover the costs of the recruitment and hire of a part-time Executive Director position during 2021.

A Motion was made and approved by the Board to accept the Proposed 2021 Budget, with modification for the Executive Director costs.

Ed Shepard reported on Landscape Stewardship Awards and Lifetime Service Awards that will be presented in the future by PLF State Representatives at local events. These Awards would typically be presented at the Annual Meeting, but were unable to be arranged due to COVID-19 limitations. These Awards will be announced in the next edition of the Monitor. Unfortunately no BLM Professional Award nominations were received this year.

In Other Business, it was decided to hold a Transition Team meeting ZOOM call on September 17th to start discussions on the preparation of a PLF Transition paper. Mat Millenbach will Chair the meeting. There was also a preliminary discussion on possible locations for the Annual Meeting in 2021, including the possibility of meeting in Grand Junction, CO to facilitate communications with BLM senior officials. Decisions on the location for the 2021 Annual Meeting will be deferred until later.

WESTERN NATIONAL RANGELAND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Western National Rangeland Career Development event is currently scheduled to be held in Baker City, OR on November 9–10, 2020. The event is coordinated by the Western National Rangeland Education Association and is dedicated to raising awareness of career opportunities in rangeland conservation and management. Sponsors of the event include the Public Lands Foundation, Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission, Idaho and Utah Sections of the Society for Range Management, and rangelanddegree programs from the Universities of

Nevada-Reno, Idaho, and Montana State University.

You can learn more about the event at www.wnrcde.org or contact Karen Launchbaugh (WNRRangeEducation@gmail.com or range@uidaho.edu). Karen is a Professor of Rangeland Ecology at the University of Idaho and a nationally recognized educator working to attract students to rangeland degrees and secure future careers on western lands. Karen would love to hear from any PLF members that may be interested in helping with the event.

THE LEGACY OF JOSEPH W. PENFOLD

By Mike Penfold and Kit Muller

Editors Note: *The Great American Outdoors Act, P.L. 116-152, was signed into law on August 4, 2020 and provides for permanent funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at \$900 million a year. The Act also established a National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund of up to \$1.9 billion a year for five years to provide needed maintenance of facilities and infrastructure in our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, public lands, recreation areas, and American Indian schools. We are reminded of the legacy of the important recreation and conservation work that Joseph W. Penfold did in the 1950s, 60s and 70s, leading up to the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission Report in January 1962 and passage of the LWCF Act in 1965. Mike Penfold, former Forest Supervisor, BLM State Director, and BLM Assistant Director, reflects on the life of his father, Joseph W. Penfold, who laid the foundations for these conservation efforts. A more detailed version of this article is included on the PLF website.*

Your father, Joseph W. Penfold, was active in the conservation movement in the 1950's, 60's and 70's. How did he get involved in the conservation movement? My Dad served as a field representative with the United Nations Regional Relief Agency in China after World War II. In 1949 he joined the staff of the Izaak Walton League of America as its Western regional representative in Colorado. In 1957 he moved to Washington, D.C., to be the Izaak Walton League's Washington representative and conservation director, a position he occupied until he retired.

Some of the Monitor's readers may be unfamiliar with the Izaak Walton League of America. What role did the League play in the early days of the conservation movement? A book by William Philpott, *Vacationland: Tourism and Environment in the Colorado High Country*, does a pretty good job of describing the early days of the conservation movement in Colorado: *In the 1940s the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) had more members and more pull with policymakers than any other outdoor group. In Colorado its brand of conservation played especially well. Colorado's outdoor leisure scene was largely middle-class and casual, and so was the Izaak Walton League. League members called themselves 'Ike's and they strode forth to fight for the natural elements of their recreational world. This struck a chord in Colorado, a state with a long history of sportsmen appointing themselves enforcers of conservation principles.*

Colorado even became a breeding ground for Izaak Walton leaders, most notably William (Bill) Voigt Jr., who rose from head of the Denver regional office to the national Executive Director, and Voigt's successor in Denver, Joseph Penfold.

What were some of his personality characteristics that helped your Dad be successful in his conservation activities? A few comments about Joe Penfold might be of interest. Around the house, he was a reticent man. He liked to read, and it was always amazing to watch him thumb through books. I asked Mom one time whether he was really reading, because he spent such little time on each page. Mom said yes, he was reading and digesting and understanding what he learned.

I found this statement about Dad in Bill Voigt's book *Born With Fists Doubled*: *Joe was not one to speak without thoroughly exploring both pros and cons of an issue. This was an innate trait; I doubt if anyone who knew him at any stage of his adult life could cite any instance when he made a hasty, ill-conceived statement in a serious discussion. Joe's mental processes were quite deliberate, he'd have a debate within himself, chew on the 'for' and 'against' and the in-betweens of the subject, make up his mind, and only then venture an opinion.*

Are there other factors that contributed to his success? As I look back on my Dad's life, I begin to understand what he was able to accomplish was because of the progressive nature and expertise of so many of his friends who were also leaders. It is also clear that he was able to develop a trusting relationship with all of them. The list of people who were my Dad's friends is a Who's Who in the conservation movement during the 1950s, 60s and 70s. That list includes people such as Arthur Carhart, founder of the American wilderness system; Olaus Murie and his wife Mardy, the great naturalist and founder of the Wilderness Society; Sig Olson, defender of the Boundary Waters Canoe area; John Craighead, highly respected wildlife biologist; Howard Zahniser Executive Director of the Wilderness Society; and many stalwarts within the Izaak Walton League, including Frank Gregg. He also established excellent working relationships with people in Congress, such as Congressman John Saylor, Congressman Wayne Aspinall, Senator Frank Church, and others key to sponsoring critical legislation.

What were some of the initial conservation fight's your Dad got involved in with the League? One of the first battles that Dad ran into, when he joined the League, was an attempt by the Western livestock grazers to take over the grazing lands managed by the BLM and Forest Service. Under their proposal, as described in Bill Voigt's book, ranchers would have 15 years in which to decide whether to buy all or how many acres; and they'd pay for the purchase over 30 years with an interest at 1½ percent. The price would be \$0.09 to \$2.50 an acre. Ike's in Colorado and Wyoming were outraged by this 'land grab', as they called it, but they felt terrifyingly alone. So they took their case to a wider audience. Voigt, Carhart, Penfold and other devoted Ike's, began feeding information to Harper's Magazine columnist Bernard DeVoto, (also a friend of Joseph Penfold) who wrote a series of fiery articles against the land grab. Voigt, Carhart, Penfold, and the Ike's won that battle, and the public lands were saved for the time being.

What emerged next was the battle to stop the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed Echo Park Dam in the Dinosaur National Monument. In his book *Vacationland: Tourism and Environment in the Colorado High Country*, William Philpott characterized the fight as follows: *Nationally, the Sierra Club spearheaded the campaign, casting it as a crusade for non-material values – 'the delights we have clung to, in our civilization, for the good of our soul.'* *The home state opposition to Echo Park was mostly orchestrated by Art Carhart and his close associate Joe Penfold. Both were science minded sportsmen conservationists who hated being tarred and feathered with the "nature lover" brush. So instead of professing their love for pristine wilderness, they stuck their case on environmental values that were much more mainstream in the 1950s Colorado. Carhart and Penfold made a hard facts business case against the dam to stress the loss of...economic value; if Echo Park was flooded. Carhart predicted that a Dinosaur National Monument left un-dammed would generate \$15 million a year in tourist revenue. Penfold, too, pointed out the economic value of recreation as a major industry in Colorado. The two men organized the citizens group against the dam and made a point of getting businessmen to lead it, so there would not be (in Carhart's words) 'professional nature lovers heading the deal.*

One episode in this fight to save Dinosaur National Monument was a float trip on the Yampa and Green rivers. Congressmen John Saylor a Republican from Pennsylvania and Wayne Aspinall of Colorado, were on the trip. My Dad set the trip up, and Congressman Saylor brought along his young son Phil, who

was about my age, probably 13 or 14. I also got to go. The trip was an amazing opportunity to see this magnificent canyonlands of the Dinosaur National Monument. Bill Voigt talks about this float trip in his book, *Born With Fists Doubled: Penfold arranged that trip. Lasting friendships began as the party drifted down quiet reaches between spectacular canyon walls, and in conversation around the campfire. Three men – Aspinall, Saylor, and Penfold took each other's measure in Dinosaur, and liked what they found.*

The float trip was remarkable. It secured Congressman Saylor's commitment to helping save Dinosaur National Monument and also secured him as a significant defender of the public lands and natural environments. Congressman Saylor and Joe Penfold developed a close working relationship that would have significant benefits and future accomplishments. It may have been on this trip that Dad also secured a trusting relationship with Congressman Aspinall. Congressman Aspinall got much of what he wanted in the final authorizations for the Colorado River Storage Project. But he did keep the dam in Dinosaur National Monument out of the proposal. He was vital along with Saylor in saving Dinosaur National Monument.

What were some of the lessons your Dad took from the fight to save Dinosaur? Before leaving Colorado for Washington, DC, my Dad had the idea that there was a need for a better assessment and accounting of outdoor recreation in the United States. The fight to save Dinosaur had taught him that. Little had been done at that point to understand the social and economic benefits of outdoor recreation in cities, parks, across various landscapes, and public lands. He came up with the idea and started proposing that a national assessment be made of this outdoor recreation arena.

Brent A. Olson wrote in his publication *Paper Trails: The Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission and the Rationalization of Recreation Resources: Penfold understood landscapes as natural resources amenable to rationalization and standardization under a system of modern resource management. For Penfold, the quantitative logic of management could most effectively support the preservationist argument. Once quantified as resources, recreational landscapes could be mapped, managed, regulated, and developed to the same or similar schemes that regulated more traditional resources such as water and timber. For Penfold, the link between multiple use and outdoor recreation rested upon rational resource planning and management. Rather than understanding outdoor recreation is incongruent*

with the multiple use concept, they simply gave existing recreational uses equal standing under the multiple use umbrella.

What was your Dad's role in the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission? Historians seem to agree that my Dad conceived of a commission to review outdoor recreation on a national level. Working with Frank Gregg, who at the time was with the Colorado Game and Fish Commission, my Dad helped draft the legislation that created the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission. The Commission was established in June 1958. The Commission was chaired by Laurence S. Rockefeller of New York and was comprised of four representatives from the U.S. Senate, four representatives from the U.S. House of Representatives and commissioners appointed by the President. My Dad was one of the six commissioners appointed by President Kennedy.

Bill Voigt included the following passage in his book, *Born With Fists Doubled: Francis Sargent, who later became governor of Massachusetts, wrote me in late 1970s about Penfold's work on the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission: 'Joe probably was the steadiness and most dedicated member of the commission: he was no 'Showboat', and never popped off. He thought things through and, as a result when he had a point to make everyone listened, and usually his views prevailed.'*

The Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission submitted its report, Outdoor Recreation for America, to President Kennedy in January 1962. What happened as a result of the Commission's recommendations? The Commission's work led to the establishment of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (now a part of the National Park Service) and the enactment of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act, Wilderness Act, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and National Trails Act. And the organization and structure of the Commission served as a model for the Public Land Law Review Commission of 1970. As Morris Udall said, "Joe Penfold was the creative genius and driving force behind the most

important and far reaching conservation legislation in American history."

How has the LWCF contributed to conservation in the United States? The LWCF has been used to support thousands of recreation and conservation projects, including projects in cities, large and small, such as ball fields, swimming pools, and trails. Public land management agencies have used the funds to acquire critical public land needed for wildlife habitat, access, and other areas essential for public recreation purposes. In my tenure as a Forest Supervisor of the Jefferson National Forest in Virginia, we were able to acquire thousands of acres of scenic land for the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, dozens of miles of the Appalachian



Joseph Penfold (far right) next to Laurence Rockefeller, with President Kennedy

Trail, and a large tract of land that was eventually added to the Eastern Wilderness System. Since retiring, I have advocated for the recent acquisition of private property in the Pryor Mountains, Four Dancers Natural Area, and land along the Yellowstone River. These acquisitions would have been impossible without the LWCF. In Montana, LWCF funding has built swimming pools in small towns, water systems in State Parks, access to public lands and rivers, and acquired properties in wilderness areas. Hundreds of LWCF funded projects have

helped build the \$6 billion outdoor industry in Montana.

After passing Congress with significant bipartisan majorities, the President recently signed the Great American Outdoors Act. What are the major provisions of this Act and why are they significant? The Great American Outdoors Act will use royalties from offshore oil and natural gas to permanently fund the LWCF to the tune of \$900 million a year to invest in conservation and recreation opportunities across the country. It will also provide up to \$1.9 billion a year for five years to a new National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund. This Fund will provide needed maintenance for critical facilities and infrastructure in our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, other public lands, and American Indian schools.

THINKING OF MAKING A DONATION TO THE PLF ARCHIVES?

The PLF maintains a trove of BLM and public lands history housed under an agreement with the BLM National Training Center in Phoenix. This collection currently includes approximately 2,000 documents, photos, recordings, and other items. It also houses the records of the Public Lands Foundation. The Archives are managed by local PLF volunteers and are available to researchers. We have computer equipment to manage our databases but are not connected to the internet. One of our volunteer projects, however, involves the scanning of items to be posted on the PLF website. The website recently posted over 100 articles, which members can access with a password. To view the materials, log into the PLF website and visit our BLM Forum. You'll find a list of the materials in a downloadable PDF file, and a clickable link to view or download the items. For more information, please see the Summer 2020 edition of the Monitor.

So maybe you've been in isolation at home for several months and, with extra time on your hands, have made some progress in cleaning up and organizing your closets and files, including items from your BLM career. You think, maybe I should donate some of these things to the PLF Archives. After all, the collection is composed largely of items that retired employees have donated for posterity.

Unfortunately, we may not be able to accept everything you might offer. Our space is limited, and some items may be readily available elsewhere. The following provides some guidelines regarding your possible donations we would encourage:

- Personal memoirs of careers, events, people, or participation in key developments of public land history and policies; autobiographies.
- Oral histories, preferably as paper copies or in digital formats like CDs.
- Reports, letters or other documents that might not be readily available from other sources, especially those showing the deliberations associated with important laws, decisions, planning efforts, or history of the BLM organization or specific programs.

- Records of state- or office-specific events.
- Photographs of people or events, hopefully labeled as to who is shown.
- Unique commemorative items from special programs or events, including posters.
- Books or articles that relate specifically to BLM history and policies.
- Antique items related to BLM history, such as old land patents.

Donations that may not fit our purposes or space:

- Boxes of unsorted and unlabeled materials.
- Books and references that are available from the BLM website, BLM library, or other public libraries. There is a small collection of books, but we are not a library. Some items that are less readily known or available, such as academic theses or dissertations related to public lands history and policy, are appropriate for donation.
- Environmental Impact Statements, in general, though documents of national significance might be appropriate.
- Outdated technical manuals and training manuals.
- Instruction Memoranda, Bulletins, and other official documents that are available on BLM websites.
- Personal commemorative items, like plaques or certificates that relate to a specific individual.

Of course, items can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and we certainly appreciate donations. We will even take items like the BLM Rap Video! Questions can be directed to the PLF, through its website, or by contacting the Archives Manager, Connie Stone, at airedog2@cox.net.

Over the summer, we haven't had access to the Archives, as the National Training Center undergoes a major renovation project. Hopefully, we will be able to venture out of isolation in the near future and begin to again work on the Archives. Donations can be sent to the PLF Archives at the BLM National Training Center, 9828 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051. The telephone number is 602-906-5500.

BLM LEADERSHIP

With the continued changes in the leadership positions of the BLM, we would like to again provide an update on the current Leadership of the BLM, including the State Directors that provide the day-to-day on-the-ground management for our public land.

Deputy Director, Policy and Programs	William Perry Pendley
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New Mexico State Office	Steve Wells (<i>Acting</i>)
OR/WA State Office	Barry Bushue
Utah State Office	Greg Sheehan
Wyoming State Office	Duane Spencer (<i>Acting</i>)

Sheehan’s lifelong passion for fish and wildlife, and his years leading a wildlife agency in a state with significant public lands and multiple use demands, have given him a deep understanding of the issues and complexities involved in the management of public lands. He earned a Bachelor’s degree and MBA at Utah State University.

ELECTION OF THE 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our annual election for Officers and Board Members is underway. Dues-paying members in good standing may either vote online using the survey emailed to you or by mailing in the ballot inserted in this edition of the Monitor. You may vote for any or 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. Please be sure to vote before December 15, 2020. Please also consider paying your 2021 dues when you send in your ballot.

BLM UTAH STATE DIRECTOR – GREG SHEEHAN

The BLM announced on July 21, 2020 the selection of Greg Sheehan as the BLM Utah State Director. He replaces Anita Bilbao who has served as the Acting State Director. Sheehan served as the U.S. Fish and



Greg Sheehan
UT State Director, BLM

Wildlife Service Principal Deputy Director from 2017 to 2018. As the Principal Deputy Director, he led continuing efforts to expand public access for hunting and fishing across the National Wildlife Refuge System. He previously served for 25 years in the Utah Department of Natural Resources and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

– the last five years as the agency’s Director. As Director of the State Division of Wildlife he worked extensively with the FWS and other federal agencies to recover threatened and endangered species and also supported landscape-scale habitat restoration projects, identification of wildlife corridors, and efforts to enhance sage grouse populations in the State.

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.

VIC MCDARMENT MEMORIAL WILD HORSE WRANGLER

The Summer 2020 edition of the Monitor included an article by Don Schramm, ADM Division of Operations, Rock Springs District (retired), on the life of Vic McDarment as a wild horse wrangler in Wyoming in the early days of the BLM wild horse program. Vic passed away on April 12, 2020, in Lovell, WY. Vic had requested that his remains be scattered on the Wild Horse range near Rock Springs, WY with the presence of all of his cowboy friends and family. This Memorial service was held on August 1, 2020 at the Twelve Mile Wild Horse Trap in the Red Desert near Rock Springs. About 50 people attended the service, including Stephanie Anderson, former District Wild Horse Adoption Specialist, who provided pictures and a written summary of the day's activities. The Memorial service included a military salute by the local VFW and a Marine honor guard. Vic had also requested that a chuckwagon lunch be served at the wild horse trap for his many friends that had participated in his hobby of wagon train trips across the country. It was fitting that a band of three wild horses observed the Memorial activities from a distance and one black stud appeared when the military salute began and taps were being played. Vic's ashes were scattered near the wild horse trap by Misty Garr (his daughter) and Bob Anderson (retired BLM Wild Horse Wrangler). While they were riding back to the gathering of friends and family, balloons were released into the air representing all of his friends and coworkers. Some of the balloons flew into the sagebrush and popped, as it was noted that some were not worthy of joining him above.



Ashes being scattered by Bob Anderson (left) and Misty Garr (right) on horseback at the Twelve Mile Wild Horse Trap, Red Desert, WY

IN MEMORIUM

The PLF is committed to never forgetting the dedicated employees of the BLM 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.

Gloria Jean Austin on September 29, 2020, in Riverdale, MD. Jean graduated from Morgan State College (University) where she majored in History. Her education prepared her to serve as a teacher, writer, editor, and later as a Mineral Leasing Specialist with the BLM for over 35 years.

JoAnna Smirl Betenson on September 19, 2020, in Bountiful, UT. JoAnn attended Business school and became a Secretary for BLM, the Bureau of Reclamation, Army Procurement, and later in her career with IRS. She and her family lived in Kanab, Fillmore and Bountiful, UT.

Catherine Jean Brown on June 16, 2020, in Boise, ID. Cathy had a long career with the federal government including the US Forest Service, Social Security Administration, and BLM. She worked at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise and later retired from the BLM Vinnell, ID Field Office.

Vivian Marie Ewart Christiansen on June 30, 2020, in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Vivian graduated from Business College in 1941 and worked in Washington, D.C. for several years supporting World War II efforts and then moved to Pinedale, WY after the war and worked for BLM for many years.

IN MEMORIAM

Katherine Crosmer on July 5, 2020, in Orange, CA. Katherine earned a Bachelors degree in Archaeology and Culture of the Ancient Near East from Lycoming College and a Masters degree in Cultural Heritage and Preservation at Rutgers University – Newark in 2015. She furthered her education as an intern at the BLM Anasazi Heritage Center, CO and accepted a permanent position as an Archaeologist in the BLM El Centro Field Office, CA in 2018.

G. Steve “Flip” Flippen on June 4, 2020, in Goodyear, AZ. Steve served in the US Air Force in Alaska and after his discharge worked on the Alaska pipeline for several years. He began his career with BLM in Alaska in 1979 and retired in 2012.

Donald Joseph Hansen on March 25, 2020, in Anchorage, AK. Don was a veteran of the US Air Force and moved to Alaska after his discharge in 1973, where he spent most of his career with BLM working on environmental assessments and EISs.

Kenneth Elmo Harrison on July 27, 2020, in Meeker, CO. Ken graduated from the University of Idaho with a BA degree in wildlife biology and later served in the US Army in South Korea as a radio communications officer. He began his career with the BLM in Shoshone, ID and spent the next 34 years in several staff and management level positions. He was the first Area Manager for the Kemmerer, WY office and worked in the WY State Office and Washington, DC. He retired in 1995 as the Deputy Director in the UT State Office.

Robbie June Havens on September 1, 2020, in Anchorage, AK. Robbie worked for 20 years as a Land Law Examiner with BLM in the Alaska State Office.

James Henry Herold on April 18, 2020, in Casper, WY. Jim attended the University of Washington and worked for BLM as a forester for 36 years.

Linda Hoque on June 29, 2020, in Winston, OR. Linda worked for BLM in Roseburg and retired in Oregon.

Dwight Richard Hovland on September 23, 2020, in Vancouver, WA. Dwight earned his Ph.D. in soil science from the University of Minnesota and taught soil chemistry at South Dakota State University. In 1970, he moved to Anchorage, AK to accept a position as a Soil Scientist with the DOI Alaska Joint

Pipeline Office and transferred to BLM after the pipeline was completed. He worked for BLM in Anchorage until his retirement in 2000.

James Oliver Johnson on June 5, 2020, in Sacramento, CA. Jim was a graduate of the University of North Dakota with a degree in Civil Engineering. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army Reserves. Jim began his federal civil service career with the Bureau of Reclamation in 1961 in Sacramento, CA and transferred to BLM in 1966 until his retirement in 1990.

John Patrick Kenny on June 30, 2020, in Swampscott, MA. John earned a degree in Forestry from the University of Idaho. He began his early career with the Forest Service as a surveyor and later accepted a position with BLM in Boise, ID working in forest and fire management, minerals, and land management. Other BLM assignments took him to California, North Dakota, Washington, DC and finally New Mexico where he retired in the 1990s.

Lynnette Joan Koens on February 29, 2020, in Melrose, OR. Lynn worked for BLM in Roseburg for many years and retired in Oregon.

Robert “Bobby” Lopez on September 23, 2020, in Sandy, UT. Bob served in the U.S. Marine Corps and upon his discharge began a career with BLM where he worked for 35 years and retired in 2004.

Patricia Ann Mallette on July 25, 2020, in Garden Valley, ID. Patricia was a graduate of Portland State University and worked for the FDIC, SBA, US Attorney’s office, and BLM during her federal career. Her work assignments included California, Connecticut, Alaska, NY City, and Washington, DC. Upon retirement, she moved back to her childhood home of Garden Valley, ID.

Jane Ann McDonald on July 27, 2020, in Billings, MT. Jane worked with the BLM for 22 years in the geographic mapping program.

Loi O. Moe on July 16, 2020, in Clackamas, OR. Loi was an Engineer in the BLM Oregon State Office, Branch of Engineering.

Marilyn Jean Ochs on July 15, 2020, in Wilsonville, OR. She was a graduate of Portland State University and worked for BLM.

IN MEMORIUM

Thomas E. Schott on July 4, 2020, in Willits, CA. Tom graduated with a Forestry degree from the University of Minnesota in 1974. His long career ran through four different federal agencies: the US Postal Service, US Forest Service, BLM, and Natural Resources Conservation Service. He worked on many watershed restoration projects in California and retired in 2008, working part-time as a forestry consultant and forester for the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District until 2019.

Donald Earle Stucker on July 18, 2020, in Cedar City, UT. Don received Engineering degrees from Colorado State University and the University of Utah. He had a distinguished career with BLM starting in 1959 as a surveyor in Colorado and working his way up to become District Engineer, first in Kanab and finally in Cedar City, UT where he retired in 1990.

Billy Ray Templeton on September 14, 2020, in Fredericksburg, VA. Billy served in the Marine Corps and attended Humboldt State University in California. Upon graduation from Humboldt State, he started his 35-year career with BLM. His last position was Nevada State Director. After retirement he worked for the National Rifle Association for ten years.

Shirley Thurman on August 22, 2020, in Worland, WY. Shirley attended Northwest College in Powell, WY and received a teaching certificate and taught in elementary school for several years. She later began work with the Forest Service in Lander, WY and then transferred to BLM retiring after 24 years of service. She enjoyed her work as Chief Fire Administrator managing personnel, equipment, and finances associated with wildland fires on federal lands.

Patrick John Wendt on August 30, 2020, in Lander, WY. Patrick graduated from the University of Wyoming with a B.S. Degree in Agriculture. He worked for BLM for some 36 years and retired in 1997.

Robert Eugene "Bob" Wilber on July 12, 2020, in Santa Fe, NM. Bob earned a forestry degree from Purdue University and served in the US Army in West Germany. He began his career with BLM in 1960 serving in District Manager positions in California and Wyoming. He retired in Santa Fe, NM in 1983. After retirement he devoted himself to environmental work, serving for several years on the Executive Committee of the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Santa Fe County Open Lands and Trail Committee.

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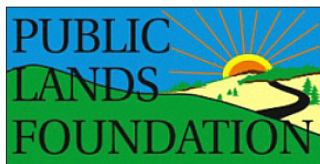
Comments should be limited to no more than 500 words in length. In addition, members are encouraged to use the bod@publicland.org email address to communicate with the PLF Board.

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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Article VI, Ballots, of the PLF by-laws, requires annual election by mail of the Board of Directors. Accordingly, the following is the slate of officers for the Public Lands Foundation for 2021. Write-ins are permissible. **Vote by using the SurveyMonkey sent to you by email and save postage,** or mark this ballot and mail it on or before December 15, 2020. If mailed, send your ballot to P.O. Box 7226, Arlington, VA 22207. **National Representatives—vote for all; State Representatives—vote for only your state.**

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Signed _____ Date _____ Address _____

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