

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02336-CJN**

WESTERN VALUES PROJECT et al v. UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols
Demand: \$0
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/10/2018
Date Terminated: 07/01/2022
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/10/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5729755) filed by WESTERN VALUES PROJECT, AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons USAO, # <u>3</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons DOI, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>9</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>10</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>11</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>12</u> Exhibit 8, # <u>13</u> Exhibit 9, # <u>14</u> Exhibit 10, # <u>15</u> Exhibit 11, # <u>16</u> Exhibit 12, # <u>17</u> Exhibit 13)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 10/10/2018)
10/10/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, WESTERN VALUES PROJECT (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 10/10/2018)
10/11/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zmd) (Entered: 10/11/2018)
10/16/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 10/16/2018)
11/01/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/16/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/15/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 11/01/2018)
11/01/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/22/18., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 10/22/2018; (See docket entry no. <u>4</u> to view.) (ztd) (Entered: 11/06/2018)
11/15/2018	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Brian J. Field on behalf of All Defendants (Field, Brian) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/15/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Field, Brian) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ordered that the parties promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by December 5, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/15/2018. (lccrc2) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/16/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 12/5/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 11/16/2018)
12/06/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 12/06/2018)
12/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>8</u> joint status report, the parties shall file an updated joint status report on or before January 7, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/7/2018. (lccrc2) (Entered: 12/07/2018)

12/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/7/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
01/04/2019	<u>9</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>in Light of lapse in Appropriations</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Field, Brian) (Entered: 01/04/2019)
01/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>9</u> Defendant's Motion to Stay. All deadlines in the case shall be stayed pending renewed government funding. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/4/2019. (lccrc2) (Entered: 01/04/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Restored Government Funding by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Field, Brian) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
02/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the restoration of appropriations, the stay in this case is lifted. The parties shall provide a joint status report on or before February 8, 2019, which shall include a proposed schedule for future proceedings. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/1/2019. (lccrc2) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/8/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>11</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties shall provide an updated joint status report on or before March 20, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/8/2019. (lccrc2) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/20/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
03/21/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 03/21/2019)
03/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' most recent joint status report, the parties shall file an updated joint status report on or before April 22, 2019. Given the apparently protracted production schedule, the parties shall file an updated status report every 60 days, beginning with the April 22 status report. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/22/2019. (lccrc2) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
03/22/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/22/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
04/22/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 04/22/2019)
04/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are to participate in a Telephone Conference set for 4/26/2019 at 12:00 PM before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/25/19. (lsj) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
06/21/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Christopher R. Cooper is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
08/21/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 08/21/2019)
08/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the timeline set out in the Court's minute order of March 22, 2019 remains in effect. The Parties shall submit a Joint Status Report by October 21, 2019 and every 60 days thereafter. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 23, 2019. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/23/2019)
08/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 10/21/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 08/25/2019)
10/21/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 10/21/2019)
10/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit a Joint Status Report by December 23, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 22, 2019. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/22/2019)

10/22/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 12/23/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 10/22/2019)
12/19/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 12/19/2019)
12/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, is is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by February 21, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 19, 2019. (lccjn2) (Entered: 12/19/2019)
12/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 2/21/2020. (zcdw) (Entered: 12/24/2019)
02/21/2020	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 02/21/2020)
02/23/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by April 21, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 23, 2020. (lccjn2) (Entered: 02/23/2020)
02/23/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 4/21/2020. (zcdw) (Entered: 02/24/2020)
04/21/2020	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 04/21/2020)
04/23/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by June 22, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 23, 2020. (lccjn2) (Entered: 04/23/2020)
04/23/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/22/2020. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/26/2020)
06/22/2020	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 06/22/2020)
06/23/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by August 21, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 23, 2020. (lccjn2) (Entered: 06/23/2020)
06/23/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/21/2020. (zcal) (Entered: 06/24/2020)
08/13/2020	<u>21</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Field, Brian) (Entered: 08/13/2020)
08/17/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Defendant's <u>21</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. The Parties shall file their Joint Status Report by August 26, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 17, 2020. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/17/2020)
08/17/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/26/2020. (zcal) (Entered: 08/17/2020)
08/26/2020	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 08/26/2020)
08/27/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by October 26, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 27, 2020. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/27/2020)
08/27/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/26/2020 (zcal) (Entered: 08/27/2020)
09/23/2020	<u>23</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Brenda A Gonzalez on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Substituting for attorney Brian Field (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 09/23/2020)
10/26/2020	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 10/26/2020)

10/28/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by December 22, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 28, 2020. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/28/2020)
10/28/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/22/2020. (zcal) (Entered: 10/29/2020)
12/22/2020	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 12/22/2020)
01/04/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by February 26, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 4, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 01/04/2021)
01/04/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/26/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 01/04/2021)
02/26/2021	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 02/26/2021)
03/08/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by March 29, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 8, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/08/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/29/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/29/2021	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
04/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>27</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by April 29, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 7, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 04/07/2021)
04/07/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/29/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 04/07/2021)
04/29/2021	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
05/03/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>28</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by May 31, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 3, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 05/03/2021)
05/03/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/31/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 05/04/2021)
05/28/2021	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 05/28/2021)
06/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>29</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by June 30, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 1, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 06/01/2021)
06/01/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/30/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 06/02/2021)
06/30/2021	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 06/30/2021)
07/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>30</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by August 27, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on July 1, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 07/01/2021)
07/01/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/27/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 07/02/2021)
08/27/2021	<u>31</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 08/27/2021)

10/27/2021	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 10/27/2021)
11/02/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>32</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before January 7, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 2, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 11/02/2021)
11/03/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/7/2022. (zkh) (Entered: 11/03/2021)
12/30/2021	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 12/30/2021)
01/03/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>33</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before February 28, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 3, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 01/03/2022)
01/03/2022		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>33</u> Status Report; emailed to brenda.gonzalez.horowitz@usdoj.gov, cc'd 3 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Incorrect document/case, 2. DO NOT REFILE - Counsel is reminded to correct case number for future filings(s) (zjf,) (Entered: 01/03/2022)
01/03/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/28/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 01/04/2022)
02/23/2022	<u>34</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>file Join Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Truong, John) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>34</u> Consent Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. The Joint Status Report is due on or before May 2, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 28, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 02/28/2022)
02/28/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/2/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 03/01/2022)
04/28/2022	<u>35</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Douglas C. Dreier on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Substituting for attorney John Truong (Dreier, Douglas) (Entered: 04/28/2022)
04/28/2022	<u>36</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Dreier, Douglas) (Entered: 04/28/2022)
04/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>36</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated status report on or before June 3, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 28, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 04/28/2022)
04/28/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/3/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 04/28/2022)
05/02/2022	<u>37</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. Attorney Douglas C. Dreier terminated. (Dreier, Douglas) (Entered: 05/02/2022)
06/03/2022	<u>38</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 06/03/2022)
06/06/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>38</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before August 10, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 6, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 06/06/2022)
06/06/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/10/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 06/07/2022)
06/06/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/10/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 06/10/2022)
06/27/2022	<u>39</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 06/27/2022)