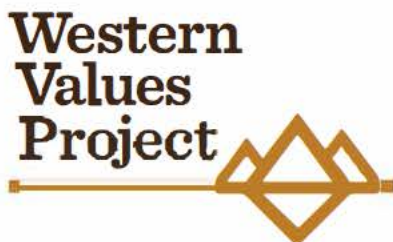


Exhibit 6



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FOIA Officer
Office of the Secretary
US Department of the Interior
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February 23, 2018

FOIA REQUEST

Dear Records Request Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request access to and copies of all calendars, including dates and times of all scheduled meetings, and the calendar logs of all attendees invited and/or who joined in for each meeting, for the following Department of Interior officials during the following time periods:

- Secretary Ryan Zinke (October 1, 2017 – Present)
- Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt (October 1, 2017 – Present)
- Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason (January 20, 2017 – Present)
- Chief of Staff Scott Hommel (October 1, 2017 – Present)
- Counselor for Energy Policy Vincent DeVito (August 1, 2017 – Present)
- Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes (September 1, 2017 – Present)

I also request access to and copies of all of Secretary Ryan Zinke's official travel schedules from October 1, 2017 to present, and all information related to food and lodging for him and those traveling with him to Las Vegas, NV, in January 2018, including receipts for dining and lodging for him and those traveling with him on the to Las Vegas noted in the attached *Washington Times* article.

In addition, I request access to and copies of current agency records sufficient to identify all "political appointees" who have started or worked at Interior at any point since June 30, 2017, including the job title or position of each of these employees. This should specifically include employees classified as any of the following:

- Presidentially appointed, Senate Confirmed (PAS)
- Presidentially appointed without Senate Confirmation (PA)
- Non-career Senior Executive Service (NA)
- Schedule C (SC)

Finally, I request access to and copies of any and all resumes on file for all of the "political appointees" who started or worked at Interior at any point since June 30, 2017, obtained for any purpose. To be clear, I am not seeking contact information such as addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses, and will accept documents with this information redacted.

Fee Waiver Request

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), Western Values Project requests a waiver of fees associated with processing this request for records. The subject of this request concerns the operations of the federal government, and the disclosures will likely contribute to a better understanding of relevant government procedures by the public in a significant way. Moreover, the request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).¹

Western Values Project requests a waiver of fees because disclosure of the requested information is "in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding" of government operations and is not "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."² The disclosure of the information sought under this request will document and reveal the operations of the federal government, including how public funds are spent and how officials conduct the public's business.

This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. As a project of a 501(c)(3) organization, Western Values Project does not have a commercial purpose and the release of the information requested is not in Western Values Project's financial interest. Western Values Project's mission is to give a voice to Western values in the national conversation about resource development and public lands conservation, a space too often dominated by industry lobbyists and their government allies. Western Values Project will use the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. Western Values Project will also make materials it gathers available on our public website <http://www.westernvaluesproject.org/>.

Accordingly, Western Values Project qualifies for a fee waiver.

Conclusion

If possible, I would prefer to receive this information electronically via e-mail at csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org.

If you have questions or need additional information from me, please feel free to call me at (406) 438-1918.

¹ See, e.g., *McClellan Ecological Seepage Situation v. Carlucci*, 835 F.2d 1282, 1285 (9th Cir. 1987).

² 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii)

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. If any documents are withheld based on the Agency's interpretation of any exemption, we request that you provide an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). Specifically, this *Vaughn* index should describe withheld documents with enough specificity as to determine whether the material is exempt under the act and must describe each document or portion withheld.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Chris Saeger
Executive Director
Western Values Project

Zinke's visit to Vegas gun show riles conservationists

By Associated Press Thursday, January 25, 2018

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Conservationists are criticizing Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke for visiting a Las Vegas gun show while refusing to meet with them to hear their concerns about plans to shrink a national monument in Nevada.

Zinke posted a series of photos on his official Twitter site of him with hunters, veterans and others Thursday at the National Shooting Sports Foundation's SHOT Show.

"Always happy to talk #hunting and target shooting public access with the men and women of the NRA," he wrote in one.

Andy Maggi, executive director of the Nevada Conservation League, Zinke's appearance was "shocking" given he refused to schedule time with supporters of the Gold Butte National Monument.

Zinke's press secretary, Heather Swift, said in an email to The Associated Press that one of his missions is to expand access for hunting on public lands.