

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 12, 2017

The Honorable Donald Trump
President-Elect of the United States
Presidential Transition Headquarters
1800 F Street, NW, Room G117
Washington, DC 20270-0117

Dear President-Elect Trump:

As Members of the Congressional Western Caucus, we write to you regarding certain appointed positions within federal agencies that have significant impacts on our members and their constituents.

The mission of the Western Caucus is to enhance, sustain, and preserve the West's dynamic and unique culture, and to find innovative solutions that address the distinctive concerns facing Western and rural communities. We believe economic growth and conservation are not mutually exclusive goals and can be accomplished by promoting balanced, commonsense reforms.

To accomplish this mission, the Western Caucus is committed to advancing the following key principles: protecting private property, strengthening local control, promoting economic growth, and increasing energy independence. As part of our advocacy of these principles we focus on an agenda that will increase domestic energy production, protect and promote multiple-use access to federal lands, and create responsible forest management practices.

We request that as you evaluate candidates for the listed appointed positions below, you prioritize those individuals whom have direct experience working on Western issues and the things that are important to our member's congressional districts. Additionally, should your staff have any questions during your selection process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Office of Management and Budget

Deputy Director (2 PAS)

Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (1 PAS)

Principal Assistant Director for Energy and Environment (1 NCSES)

White House Council on Environmental Quality

Chairman (1 PAS)

White House Council on Environmental Quality

Chairman (1 PAS)

Member (2 PAS)

Special Assistant for Energy and Climate (1 NCSES)

Associate Directors (2 SC's)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (1 or 2 SC's)

Department of the Interior

Counsel or Senior Advisors to the Secretary (5-20 SC's)

Deputy Secretary (1 PAS)

Associate Deputy Secretary (1 NCSES)

Solicitor (1 PAS)

Deputy Solicitor (7 NCSES')

Counselor to the Solicitor (1 SC)

Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks (1 PAS)

Deputy Assistant Secretary Fish and Wildlife and Parks (2 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (1 or 2 SC's)

Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (1 PAS)

Deputy Assistant Secretary Land and Minerals Management (2 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (1 or 2 SC's)

Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget and Chief Financial Officer (1 PAS)

Deputy Assistant Secretary Policy, Management, and Budget (2 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (1 or 2 SC's)

Assistant Secretary for Water and Science (1 PAS)

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science (2 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (1 or 2 SC's)

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs (1 PAS)

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs (1 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (1 or 2 SC's)

Special Trustee for American Indians (1 PAS)

Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs (1 PAS)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (1 SC)

Commissioner Bureau of Reclamation (1 PAS)

Deputy Commissioner of Reclamation (1 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (1 SC)

Director Bureau of Land Management (1 PAS)

Deputy Director (1 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (6 SC's)

Director Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (1 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (2 SC's)

Director Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (1 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (2 SC's)

Director National Park Service (1 PAS)

Deputy Director (1 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (3 SC's)

Director US Fish and Wildlife Service (1 PAS)

Deputy Director (1 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (1 SC)

Director Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (1 PAS)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (1 SC)

Director United States Geological Survey (1 PAS)

Department of Agriculture

Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment (1 PAS)

Deputy Under Secretary Forest Service (1 NCSES)

Deputy Under Secretary Natural Resources Conservation Service (1 NCSES)

Counselor, Senior Advisor, Special Assistant (3 SC's)

Environmental Protection Agency

Dep Administrator (1 PAS)

Special Assistant to the Senior Climate Policy Council (1 SC)

Assistant Administrator Office of Environmental Information (1 PAS)

General Counsel Office of the General Counsel (1 PAS)

Assistant Administrator Office of Water (1 PAS)

Regional Administrator Region 6 (1 NA)

Regional Administrator Region 7 (1 NA)

Regional Administrator Region 8 (1 NA)

Regional Administrator Region 9 (1 NA)

Regional Administrator Region 10 (1 NA)

Department of Defense

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (1 PAS)

Department of Commerce

Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator (1 PAS)

Department of Justice

Assistant Attorney General Environment and Natural Resources Divisions (1 PAS)

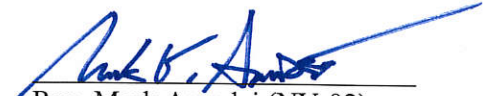
Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you and your Administration in the 115th Congress.

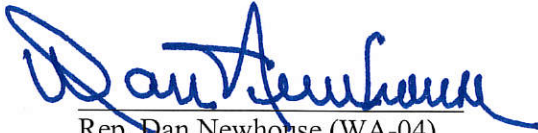
Sincerely,


Rep. Paul Gosar (AZ-04)


Rep. Steve Pearce (NM-02)


Rep. Scott Tipton (CO-03)

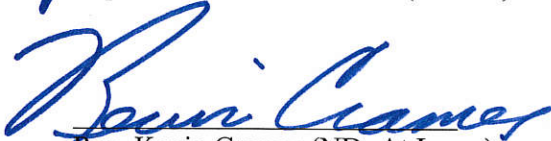

Rep. Mark Amodei (NV-02)

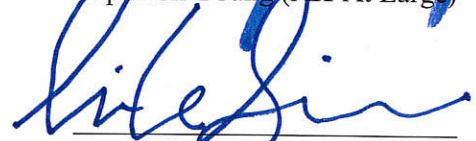

Rep. Dan Newhouse (WA-04)


Rep. Chris Stewart (UT-02)

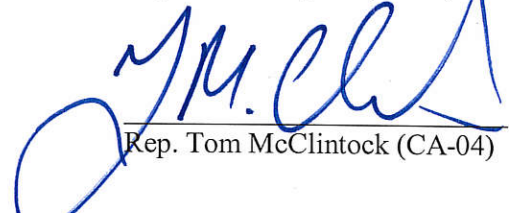

Rep. Jaime Herrera-Beutler (WA-03)


Rep. Don Young (AK-At Large)


Rep. Kevin Cramer (ND- At Large)


Rep. Mike Simpson (ID-02)


Rep. David Valadao (CA-21)


Rep. Tom McClintock (CA-04)