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Leaders in Wildlife Science, Management and Conservation

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Tracy Stone-Manning
Director, Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Stone-Manning:

Congratulations on your confirmation as Director of the Bureau of Land Management. The Wildlife Society looks forward to working with you and serving as a science-based professional resource in your work to implement collaborative, multistakeholder conservation efforts on our nation's public lands.

Our mission at The Wildlife Society is to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and habitat through science-based management and conservation. Founded in 1937, TWS and our network of affiliated chapters and sections represent more than 15,000 wildlife professionals dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education.

Through our professional membership base, TWS has access to diverse and innovative scientific knowledge and expertise that can help facilitate informed decision-making. At a time when the Bureau is facing complex implementation challenges such as implementation of multi-use principles in the face of climate change, facilitating equitable access to the outdoors, and habitat-level impacts from overabundant horse and burro populations and other invasive species, we are available to serve as a science-based resource for you and your staff.

Although we recognize that science serves as the founding principle for making natural resource decisions, TWS understands these decisions do not occur void of social and economic considerations. Along with providing independent and science-based perspectives on relevant government policies, we also provide information to professionals through a variety of professional development and communication tools. This includes a [professional certification program](#), a member magazine, three peer-reviewed journals, a weekly e-newsletter, and a website that provides robust coverage on the latest conservation news. Our annual conference serves as a key event bringing together thousands of wildlife professionals to exchange scientific information and develop new skills via our workshops and symposia. We believe that your employees gain strong benefits by attending our annual conference.

As a longtime partner of TWS, BLM employees are regularly invited to contribute magazine and website articles for publication and participate in TWS conferences and working groups. This engagement enables BLM employees to provide and receive benefits as part of the larger wildlife

profession, engaging with international colleagues across government, non-government, universities, and the private sector. We also help to promote BLM staffing announcements and employment opportunities through our [partner webpage](#). We encourage you and your employees to take advantage of these existing resources and welcome any input on how we can continue to grow our partnership for the benefit of BLM employees and the agency's multi-use mission.

The Wildlife Society and our network of affiliated chapters and sections also provides BLM employees the opportunity to engage in professional growth through volunteer leadership positions within TWS. If you have any questions about the benefits of employee-level engagement and representation in professional associations, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Finally, both of us along with 1-2 members of our governing Council are making plans to travel to Washington, D.C. between the dates of January 26-28, 2022. We would certainly welcome the opportunity to meet with you and/or your staff to discuss policy areas of mutual interest. Should this be possible, please let us know how to further coordinate for such a meeting.

The Wildlife Society and our members wish you success in your new role and look forward to working with you and your staff. Please contact Caroline Murphy AWB®, Government Relations Manager at cmurphy@wildlife.org or (301) 968-1903 with any questions, comments, or thoughts on coordination.

Sincerely,



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