

We're getting near the end of our program.

I'd like at this point to kind of hear from all the agencies that are represented here in our discussion. So let's go up to the NOC, and I would like to start out with Barry Burkhardt with the Forest Service. I wonder if you have any final thoughts for us, maybe summarizing how we're going to be doing business differently now that we have this MOU.

>> B. Burkhardt: Yeah, I guess a couple thoughts that I've had is, I know that the BLM and the Forest Service have a national MOU relative to oil and gas operations on National Forest [inaudible] just an extension of that MOU or that cooperative effort that we've -- been implementing in certain scenarios. Just kind of expands it.

To me, one of the key things is to implement this in an interagency process, and it's also going to be key, I think, in dealing with field-level issues, things that the negotiating team really couldn't get into the details of, but I know there is going to be a lot of little bumps and hiccups along the way.

And collaboratively we need to resolve and deal with those.

And the key part is to keep the negotiating team or the representatives in the loop so that everybody doesn't have to reinvent the wheel every time one of those bumps gets confronted.

So, I think there's a lot of good things that we've been doing.

I think a little refinement will get us there and identify these bumps we need to deal with in the implementation phase.

Thanks.

>> C. Calamaio: Catherine, representing not only U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service but the National Park Service, any final comments for us?

>> C. Collins: Well, yes.

On behalf of both the Fish & Wildlife and the Park Service, I'd like to reiterate that the MOU does provide us a really good path forward in making oil and gas decisions.

And as Bob Boyd said in his presentation, it really does honor and respect the other Federal agencies' responsibilities to manage their own lands, and it encourages cooperation and collaboration early in the process, and we're looking forward to having these discussions early on so that we can move these projects along quickly and very efficiently.

>> C. Calamaio: Thanks a lot, Catherine.

Now let's go back to M Street and I'd like to ask Jessica Trice with EPA, any final thoughts, Jessica through the EPA looking glass?

>> J. Trice: Sure, Chip.

I guess I'd like to first point out, not to harp on Bob's speech again, but the fact it's a really great win-win situation that this document lays out, and EPA really looks forward to the collaborative approach that's ahead of us, and I really think that it's going to help increase the efficiency and also the certainty and transparency in the NEPA process and the documents that are produced while also protecting important air quality and air resources, and, in turn, really does benefit all the stakeholders that will be involved in this process.

So, I think that's it from the EPA.

>> C. Calamaio: Thanks, Jessica.

Bob Boyd, we're going to give you the last word, if you could sum things up for us.

>> B. Boyd: Fantastic.

I'll follow up the circus here.

Multiple use -- land use agencies such as BLM and the Forest Service are playing an important part in

helping the nation meet increased production of our domestic energy sources.

At the same time, we need to do that in a responsible fashion, environmental fashion, because there's also a need to look at ecologic services and the air we breathe as Jim mentioned, EPA and other agencies under the Clean Air Act specifically are tightening up some of the standards.

Jessica mentioned the new ozone standard that will be announced here pretty quick.

That presents some challenges that I think most of our multiple use challenges, it highlights everything that we do and juggling.

Also out there are going to be in the future what's called state implementation plans to address regional haze requirements, which is also under another sector of the Clean Air Act.

That's going to add another layer of challenge.

So this MOU, I believe, is a good tool to address the future.

How do we all work together to get those multiple use conflicts not only completed but also addressed? Very tricky matter.

We're going to be seeing more conflict in the future on this, and I think we need to work together better on that.

Air pollution doesn't respect political boundaries.

I think we all know that.

Air and wind, they move around.

And so what one agency does on their land impacts another.

One state contributes to another problem -- another's problems.

There's multiple regulatory authority and responsibility out there.

Very complicated network of folks who need to be brought in and considered.

So I think this MOU provides the tool to move effectively in that direction and deal with those problems.

>> C. Calamaio: Thank you, Bob.

Well said.

We would like to extend our appreciation to our panelists, our group of air quality specialists in Washington D.C. and in Colorado for their time to help us understand the benefits and the features of the new air quality MOU, and thanks again to our viewers who sent in questions and comments.

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Well, that's it for this edition of M Street Live!

Also don't forget to look up Jim Perry -- that BMP PowerPoint.

There's some good stuff there.

Thanks again for joining us, and so long from the BLM National Training Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

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