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T. Teems: So those were some really great questions and we don't have anything else waiting for us in the queue as far as questions go. So we're going to start wrapping things up. Before we do that I would like to thank -- ask Shasta, Leah and Brian for any closing thoughts you may have. Shasta?

S. FERRANTO: Thanks, Tessa. I would just like to thank all the viewers for joining us today. And I'd also really like to thank all the BLM staff that are working on this initiative from across the Bureau. We've had a lot of help to get us to this stage in Planning 2.0 and we're excited about the direction initiative is going. Thanks to everyone helping us with this effort.

T. Teems: Thanks for that, Shasta. Leah, what about you?
Do you have closing thoughts?

I would like to echo what Linda said today, and that is a lot of ideas we're incorporating here are coming straight from your Field Office where you all are sitting right now and having recently come from a Field Office, doing field office level planning, it's exciting for me to be engaged in a process where we're trying to take all those good ideas that are out there and the lessons learned from things that might not have worked so well along with the things that worked great, and incorporate that into a standard of practice and give that information out to the field. So it's exciting to work with everyone and thanks for working with us today.

T. Teems: Last but certainly not least, Brian.

B. AMME: Sure, Tessa. First I would like to thank, Tessa, yourself and the Training Center for hosting the "M Street Live" session today on Planning 2.0. I would also like to thank Shasta and Leah and all the 2.0 teams for all the hard work they have put into this effort to this point where we are. Ensuring a constant level of engagement with internal and external stakeholders, an understatement would be a daunting task. I think they have done an outstanding job. I'm excited to be part of this transition to the new planning paradigm in terms of planning across landscapes. To date, not to date myself, but I've been involved in planning for nearly three decades, and over the course of that time I've seen planning change several times, more of an evolution, so to speak. In every instance planning gets better and more thoughtful in its consideration of complex resource issues before us and meeting society's needs in a sustainable manner. Each iteration of planning builds on the evolution, and now in this 21st century we are at the point we can truly move planning into a geospatial environment, improve our ability to reach out to stakeholders and engage the public in important tasks and more effectively than ever and more meaningful ways. Taking a Landscape Approach is the next logical step in the evolution of planning and appreciate the BLM as being a leader in public land management in this regard. The tools we're developing, the next generation of planners are going to find we will be able to be more consistent in our planning decisions and implementation in the future. Importantly, the plans will be easier for the public to understand. In closing I do want to emphasize in any iteration of planning from past to the present to the future, one constant tenet is the public involvement and collaboration, with our stakeholders it's foundation to how we accomplish our successes on the ground and ensure future

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generations continue to enjoy the benefits we're entrusted to manage for the public. With everyone, I would wish you happy holidays and a prosperous new year.

T. Teems: I think that's a good reminder that this Planning 2.0 initiative is just one step in the evolution of BLM's planning process. And I know I speak for everybody here at Phoenix, when I say happy holidays to you as well, Brian, happy holidays to our viewers. I hope it's great. That's all we have time for today. Before we go I would like to thank Shasta Ferranto, Leah Baker and Brian Amme for taking the time to share their knowledge, expertise and insight. Thanks also to our viewers for your time and questions and comments. Before we sign off, if you have any questions that didn't get covered today, maybe you're feeling shy, you can email them to Shasta Ferranto after the show at the Planning 2.0 mailbox at BLM_WO_Plan2@blm.gov. Well, that's it for this edition of our "M Street Live" series. Thanks again for joining us, and so long from the National Training Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

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