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In our continued efforts to strengthen communications, especially during this period of transition, I'm writing to you today with several leadership updates.

As you will recall, earlier this summer Secretary Zinke announced reassignments for members of the Department's Senior Executive Service (SES). As a result of those reassignments, two more of our peers, Amy Leuders and Bud Cribley, are moving to the Fish and Wildlife Service, effective September 3, 2017.

I have personally come to know and appreciate their passion, commitment and dedicated leadership to carrying out the Bureau's mission. Please join me in thanking both Amy and Bud for their very long and distinguished careers with the BLM.

Amy will be the FWS Regional Director in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Amy began her BLM career in 1984 and served in a number of key positions, such as State Director in both New Mexico and Nevada, Associate State Director in Nevada, Field Manager in Las Cruces, NM and Mineral Economist and Program Analyst in Washington, D.C.

Bud will be the FWS Senior Advisor for Energy in Washington, D.C. Bud began his BLM career in 1975 and he too served in a number of key positions, such as State Director in Alaska, Deputy Assistant Director and Division Chief in Washington, D.C., Assistant District Manager and Field Manager in Winnemucca, NV, and various other positions in Arizona, Colorado, Montana and Utah.

As we say "so long" to both Amy and Bud and wish them the best in their new position, please also join me in thanking Aden Seidlitz, Karen Mouritsen and Mitch Leverette for agreeing to step in as Acting State Director for up to the next 120 days, beginning September 3.

Aden will serve as Acting State Director for New Mexico, where he is currently the Associate State Director. Aden began his BLM career in 1983 and has held a number of other key positions such District Manager, Boise ID, Acting and Associate Field Manager in MT, and various other positions in Alaska, Montana and Wyoming.

Karen is currently the BLM Eastern States Director and she will be heading to Alaska to serve as the Acting State Director. Prior to joining the BLM team, Karen was an attorney in DOI's Solicitors Office. She was motivated to make a career change to the BLM after serving on detail as an Associate District Manager. Karen also served in a number of other key positions in Washington, D.C., such as BLM Deputy Assistant Director for Energy, Minerals and Realty Management; BLM liaison to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management; as well as the BLM Budget Officer. She

also worked in the private sector as a Petroleum Engineer.

Finally, Mitch will fill in behind Karen as Acting State Director for BLM Eastern States. Mitch currently serves as Chief of the Division of Solid Minerals in the Washington Office. Mitch started his BLM career 30 years ago as a staff geologist in the BLM California State Office and worked across several mineral programs and in a variety of positions.

Thank you all for the work you do, day in and day out, managing America's public lands on behalf of all Americans. We are "BLM Strong" and working together we are making a difference!

**[Take care and have a wonderful day! : \)](#)**

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**A thought to consider "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, for all the people you can, while you can!"**