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From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Pam Robinson
Subject: RE: For the WH

Hey there! Thank you. Let me know when/ if you'd like to discuss invitations later today. Specifically on Heller?

From: Pam Robinson [mailto:probinson@gov.nv.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 11:26 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: For the WH
Importance: High

Hi Tate: Thanks for sending this. Take a look at my suggested changes below in red. Let's discuss later about invitees. This is a pretty thorough list, but I'm still waiting for feedback on some. I also plan to do a site visit tomorrow -- hopefully to both places, but definitely the Anaconda site, so I'll have more info for advance purposes. The descriptions may have more information than you want or need, but I wanted to give you the full overview of each event. I adjusted the timeline to give an additional hour based on a potential later flight for the Administrator. I'll continue to work on the timeline and proposed agendas for each event. Thanks Tate.

Pam Robinson
Policy Director
Governor Brian Sandoval

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:09 AM
To: Pam Robinson <probinson@gov.nv.gov>
Subject: For the WH

Hey Pam! Thanks for taking my call earlier. Do you mind helping check this for accuracy and also mind making any necessary corrections or additions? I know the highlighted areas need work, so feel free to revamp this. This is the doc we would send over to the White House (ideally by tomorrow COB or Monday). Let me know your thoughts! -Tate

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
For the President

TODAY'S DATE:

PROJECT OFFICER: Tate Bennett, Associate Administrator for Public Engagement and Environmental Education

WORKING CONTACT FOR PROJECT OFFICER: Tate Bennett

EVENT TITLES: Rochester Mine Tour; Anaconda Copper Mine ~~Negotiation Announcement~~ Cleanup Agreements Reached

DATE: Monday, February 5th, 2018

TIME: 10 AM, 2 PM

TYPE OF EVENTS: Two Events: 1) Hard Rock Mine Tour and Visit with Miners 2) Anaconda Copper Mine Cleanup Agreement Announcement

PURPOSE: EVENT 1) To continue the narrative on eliminating duplicative and unnecessary ~~rolling back~~ regulations on the mining industry NOTE: rolling back is sometimes construed as less protective, but if internal, it may not matter.

EVENT 2) to announce a negotiation agreement with Nevada and responsible parties on cleanup of the Anaconda Mine wording??? Suggested Language: To announce that agreements between EPA, Nevada, and Atlantic Richfield have been reached that will address cleanup of the Anaconda Mine

BACKGROUND FOR COEUR MINING: On December 1, 2017, the Trump Administration announced it is withdrawing an Obama-era proposed rule under CERCLA 108(b) that would have placed burdensome, unnecessary and duplicative financial assurance regulations on the hard rock mining industry. This rule, had it been finalized, would have negatively impacted the hard rock mining industry, including Coeur Mining and its 2,200 employees.

Coeur Mining, Inc.'s CEO, Mitch Krebs, has been personally inspired by the President. "As a farm kid growing up in western Iowa in the 1980s, I was fascinated with deal-making personalities like Donald Trump. I read books like *The Art of the Deal*. The business world was really romanticized for me. I wasn't quite sure what I wanted, but I definitely had a desire to be involved in management or something entrepreneurial."

<https://iveybusinessjournal.com/qa-with-mitch-krebs/>

Coeur Mining is a publically traded mining company that operates six mines in North and South America, and has one project in Mexico. Coeur employs 2,200 people and in 2012 it was the world's 9th largest producer of silver. Specifically, Coeur's Rochester mine in Lovelock, NV is an open pit silver and gold mine. Coeur owns 100% of the Rochester mine through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Coeur Rochester, Inc. The mine consists of the main Rochester deposit and the adjacent Nevada Packard deposit, southwest of the Rochester mine. The Rochester mine itself employs over 200 miners.

BACKGROUND FOR ANACONDA COPPER MINE ANNOUNCEMENT: On February 5th, the State of NV, EPA and Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) ~~responsible parties~~ will announce to the local community that they have reached a set of agreements governing clean up of this legacy mining operation. ~~a further agreement to the residents of the Anaconda Copper Mine area.~~ Under these agreements, EPA will defer regulatory oversight of the cleanup of this Superfund site to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), and ARC will fund and perform investigation and cleanup work at the mine under state supervision. Under the agreement with Nevada, ARC will complete cleanup on a portion of the site that would have required federal funding if the site were listed on the EPA Superfund National Priorities List as proposed by EPA in September 2016. These agreements will establish a hallmark public-private partnership that will also free up EPA resources for

other Superfund sites and provide a clear path forward for the Anaconda Copper Mine Site, surrounding community and local Paiute tribes.

The Anaconda Copper Mine is a closed, former open pit copper mine in Yerington, NV, and was owned and operated by the Anaconda Mining Company and was a subsidiary of the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO). The company formed a town around the site to support its operations, which continues to be home to Nevadans today. The mining wastes at the closed mining site have been investigated by the EPA and ARCO has spent approximately \$6 million addressing this issue and ARCO has spent \$2.7 million to clean the site.

Suggested Description: The Anaconda Copper Mine is a closed, approximately 3,400 acre former open pit copper mine in Lyon County, NV. Previous mine operators included the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, which operated the mine from 1952 until 1978, prior to modern federal environmental regulations and state financial assurance requirements established in the early 1990's. Because Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) acquired Anaconda in 1977, ARC is a Potential Responsible Party under CERCLA and has potential environmental liability under Nevada laws. The company formed a town around the site to support its operations, which continues to be home to Nevadans today despite the mine having been closed since 1999. The mining wastes at the closed mine site have been investigated and ARC indicates it has spent over \$100 million to date addressing pollution migration and other cleanup issues. EPA and NDEP have estimated that the first phase of cleanup will cost between \$30 and 40 million, and cost estimates for the final two phases of cleanup are still being developed. The capital cost for the first phase of work will be shared by ARC and NDEP in an approximate 92 % - 8% cost split. Future phases of work will be fully ARC's responsibility.

LOCATION: Coeur Mining, Inc.'s Rochester Mine, I-80, Lovelock, NV 89419 (120 miles from Reno); Anaconda Copper Mine Address "Austin St/Burch Drive, Weed Heights, Lyon County, NV"

LENGTH OF PARTICIPATION: 60 minutes for both stops

OTHER PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS: Governor Brian Sandoval, Senator Heller, Congressman Amodei

GENERAL PARTICIPANTS AT EACH:

Coeur: Rob Stepper, Rochester Mine Manager
Dana Bennett, President, Nevada Mining Association
Possible Executives from additional mines that worked/benefitted on the CERCLA decision
BLM: John Ruhs, NV State Director and Brian Amme, Minerals Department (need actual title)
Allen Biaggi, Nevada Mining Association and former Director of Dept. Conservation and Natural

Resources

Anaconda: Robert Genovese, President, Atlantic Richfield
Patricia Gallery, Commercial Director
Brian Johnson, Commercial Manager
Robert Miner, Head of State and Local Affairs
Maria Viso, Communications and External Affairs Director
Brett Clanton, Senior Director, U.S. Media Affairs
Jack Oman, Project Manager – Mining
Rep. from Singhatsi (current land owner)
Tim Dyer, Nevada Mining Association
Jeff Page, County Manager

Dan Newell, City Manager
George Dini, Mayor of Yerington
Robin Titus, Assemblywoman
James Settlemyer, Senator
Dave and Pam Peri (largest farmers)
Tribal Chairwomen from Yerington Paiute and Walker River Paiute Tribes
John Ruhs, BLM, NV State Director

EVENT FORMATS:

SCHEDULE:

- 7:00am Depart for Coeur Rochester Mine near Lovelock, NV (Approximately 120 miles)
- 9:00am Arrival at Coeur Rochester Mine – Introductions, Tour, Remarks to Miners
- 10:30am Depart for Yerington, NV (Approximately 130 miles)
- 1:00pm Arrive at Anaconda Mine Site , Tour, Remarks to Local Onion Farmers and Impacted Community Groups
- 2:30pm Depart for Reno Tahoe International Airport (Approximately 70 miles)
- 4:00pm Arrive Reno Tahoe International Airport
- 3:55pm Flight Departs from Reno to DC - FLIGHT TBD

REMARKS: EVENT 1: Formal Remarks to Miners
EVENT 2: Formal Remarks to Local Onion Farmers and Community Groups

PRESS PLAN: Press by invitation only to each event.