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To: Bureau Directors (BLM, OSMRE, BSEE, BOEM)

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Subject: Confirmation of Matters for ASLM Review

I appreciate your work over the last 50+ days coordinating implementation of Secretary's Order (S.O.) 3395, and moving forward with us to take a science-based, all of government approach to addressing climate change, conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030, and meeting our trust obligations to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.

S.O. 3395, which temporarily elevated specific categories of matters for Departmental review, will expire on March 21, 2021. To ensure a continued appropriate level of review, as of March 22, bureaus shall continue to provide the following matters to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) for review prior to taking final action on the matters or publicly announcing decisions. While we are placing special emphasis on the following items, they do not constitute an exhaustive list of actions requiring review by ASLM. Continue to forward, through DTS, those actions for which your bureau has routinely sought ASLM review and surname, but you need not utilize the S.O. 3395 memo template going forward.

- Draft or Final Resource Management Plans (RMPs)
- Records of Decision
- Coal leasing proposals or plans
- Lease sale notices
- Mining operations plans
- RS 2477 matters
- Land sales or exchanges
- National Environmental Policy Act analysis for final agency action, related to pending litigation, and/or in high priority or high conflict areas where it may impact:
  - High priority sage grouse habitat
  - State, Tribal or Federally identified wildlife migration corridors
  - Lands with wilderness characteristics
  - Lands with special designations

- Where there is consideration of a special management designation in a draft RMP or RMP Amendment that has been issued
- Reinstatement of terminated oil and gas leases
- Extension of Applications for Permit to Drill
- Lease suspensions
- Applications for royalty relief

Reminder: For those matters that have been submitted in accordance with S.O. 3395, but for which you have not received the final ASLM decision, you may not proceed without approval from ASLM. Please also provide early notification on items that are Administration priorities, for example, renewable energy projects or other climate related milestones, “30 by ‘30” initiatives, or actions related to racial equity, environmental justice, or Covid-19, as well as early notification on items that are of high local, state, or regional interest.