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WestFAST News

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[Reclamation launches prize competition seeking innovative sediment removal solutions for critical water infrastructure](#)

USBR 07/14/20. WASHINGTON - The Bureau of Reclamation is launching a new prize competition that is seeking crowdsourced ideas that will lead to innovative sediment removal solutions for water infrastructure. The "Guardians of the Reservoir" challenge seeks ideas to remove or transport the amount of sediment building up in the reservoirs, replacing available space for water storage, that provide critical water supplies for the country. There will be up to a total of \$550,000 in cash prizes available for the three-phase the competition.

"Reclamation is the largest water wholesaler in the country, reliably delivering water and power in an environmentally and economically sustainable manner," Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman said. "We are excited for this prize competition and the new ideas that it will bring as we seek to better manage sedimentation at our facilities."

This competition delivers on the Department of the Interior and Reclamation's commitment to address challenges shared by Reclamation and its water customers and stakeholders for many years – how to extend the service life of our reservoirs in the face of accumulating reservoir sediments.

Sedimentation in reservoirs occurs when faster moving rivers transport sediment into slower moving water in reservoirs where it falls out and begins to fill the reservoir. Sedimentation reduces the amount of storage available in a reservoir, impacting the ability of reservoir owners to store water or reduce the risk of floods.

Reclamation is partnering with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NASA Tournament Lab and HeroX on this crowdsourcing competition. To learn more about this competition, please visit <https://www.usbr.gov/research/challenges/sediment-removal.html>.

Reclamation conducts prize competitions to spur innovation by engaging a non-traditional, problem solver community. Through prize competitions, Reclamation complements traditional design research to target the most persistent science and technology challenges. It has awarded more than \$1,000,000 in prizes through 22 competitions in the past 6 years. Please visit Reclamation's Water Prize Competition Center to learn more.

[NIDIS Highlights 2019 Achievements in First Ever Annual Report](#)

NIDIS 07/20/20. We are excited to release our first Annual Report of the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) to provide insight into the many accomplishments of the program over the previous year and the opportunities that lie ahead.

In 2019, the United States felt the impact of droughts across Southeastern Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, numerous Southwestern and Plains states, and a widespread flash drought in the Southeast and Tennessee and Ohio Valleys. Yet, it was also one of the wettest years in U.S. history. Most of the Missouri River Basin was drenched with record-breaking precipitation and never reached abnormal dryness. Record flooding along the Mississippi River Basin took a toll on communities up and down the river corridor, costing an estimated \$6.2 billion in losses.

These events remind us of the need to better prepare for extreme events, and of why NIDIS and our partners must continue to advance the science and deliver accurate, earlier warnings of drought to mitigate its devastating impacts.

Recognizing these critical issues, Congress passed the NIDIS Reauthorization Act in 2018 and the bill was signed into law in January 2019, kicking off a banner year for the program and setting an ambitious agenda for the future. The law reauthorizes NIDIS through FY2023 and calls upon us to engage with the private sector to improve drought monitoring, forecasting, and communication; to utilize monitoring by citizen scientists; to support improvements in seasonal and subseasonal forecasting; to disseminate information products that show watershed differences in drought conditions; and to develop a strategy for a national coordinated soil moisture monitoring network.

We acted quickly on this mandate and infusion of support from Congress. The National Coordinated Soil Moisture Monitoring Network Executive Committee, formed in 2018, was charged with identifying a roadmap forward and the resources needed for implementing a network that will provide coordinated, high-quality, nationwide soil moisture information. In July, NIDIS co-hosted the second National Drought Forum, convening high-level decision makers to review progress made in responding to drought, to promote partnerships with

U.S. businesses around drought, and to determine priority actions around drought early warning and long-term resilience issues.

These and many other achievements made for a year filled with advances in drought information delivery, research, and partnership-building, all of which I hope you enjoy learning more about in this report. We have lofty goals and a big agenda set for the year ahead, and we remain thankful to our network of partners across the country who are so vital to the realization of NIDIS's mission.

[EPA Announces First Update on National Water Reuse Action Plan Implementation](#)

EPA 07/23/20. Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the first update on the collaborative implementation of the National Water Reuse Action Plan (WRAP) that was launched on February 27, 2020. The update highlights expeditious and meaningful progress that EPA and its partners across the water user community have made to advance consideration of water reuse and ensure the security, sustainability and resilience of our nation's water resources.

"With 40 states anticipating some freshwater shortages within their borders over the next decade, the nation needed a collaborative action plan that included near-term and long-term goals and focused on accountability," said EPA Assistant Administrator for Water David Ross. "The first update under the National Water Reuse Action Plan shows the sustained commitment of EPA and our incredible partners and highlights the extraordinary progress that's already been made."

Earlier this year, EPA, the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Department of Energy, White House Council on Environmental Quality, and other federal, state, tribal and local representatives of the water user community released the National Water Reuse

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Action Plan: Collaborative Implementation. The action plan included 37 actions with more than 200 distinct implementation milestones.

In the challenging months since the Action Plan's release, more than 80 milestones have been completed as action teams have held virtual kickoff convenings, explored cross-action collaborative opportunities and thought critically about how to integrate water reuse into new and existing programs. This progress is highlighted through the WRAP Online Platform, which promotes transparency and accountability by reflecting the current implementation status for all 37 actions.

Nearly 300 updates have already been integrated into the online platform. Noteworthy activities include:

Collaboration between federal entities, states and state associations to design and develop a compilation of existing fit-for-purpose specifications for various sources of water and uses.

An interactive global water reuse live webchat, co-hosted by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs and the Bureau of Global Public Affairs on World Water Day (March 19, 2020). Webinar watch parties were hosted at embassies, consulates, and American spaces in 11 different countries (over 250 individual viewers) with a concentration in South and Central Asia.

\$15 million in Conservation Innovation Grant funding, announced on April 28, 2020 by USDA to support the adoption of innovative conservation approaches on agricultural lands. This is the first time that water reuse has been included as a priority area within the program.

The Water Security Grand Challenge's recent selection of ten Phase 1 winners for their Water Resource Recovery Prize and announcement of a \$20 million funding opportunity to improve water and wastewater treatment system infrastructure.

These two efforts accelerate resource recovery from municipal wastewater across the United States.

"It is critical that we address the global need for safe, secure, and affordable water resources," said Daniel R Simmons, Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. "Our recent selections for the Water Resource Recovery Prize and research funding will lead to cost-effective and innovative solutions that achieve progress towards the federal goal of doubling water resource recovery by 2030."

"Through our Conservation Innovation Grants, we will be able to co-invest with partners in the future of agricultural conservation solutions, including water reuse," said Bill Northey, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation at USDA. "We are excited to continue working with our Federal family on water conservation."

"OES at the U.S. Department of State is pleased with the success of our partnership with the EPA on the recently launched Water Reuse Action Plan. Between February and May 2020, we advanced efforts to raise awareness and build capacity for water reuse globally through a webinar series and collaboration with other U.S. government agencies and our colleagues at U.S. embassies and consulates. This is a prime opportunity to share U.S. knowledge and innovation abroad, and we look forward to continued collaboration on the WRAP's objectives," said Jonathan Moore, Senior Bureau Official for the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

In October 2019, EPA established the position of National Program Leader for Water Reuse to drive the development and implementation of the National Water Reuse Action Plan in collaboration with federal, state, tribal and local representatives. EPA is announcing that Dr. Sharon Nappier will succeed Jeff Lape as the new National Program Leader for Water Reuse and will sustain EPA's

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leadership on national efforts to advance water reuse technologies into the future.

The first update on the collaborative implementation of the National Water Reuse Action Plan is available at

<https://www.epa.gov/waterreuse/national-water-reuse-action-plan-quarterly-update-1>.

For more information, including opportunities to engage with EPA on this effort and to follow implementation progress, visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/waterreuse/water-reuse-action-plan>.

Background

The National Water Reuse Action Plan supports President Trump's memorandum on Promoting a Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West and will help advance water reuse technology that has the potential to ensure the viability of our water economy for generations to come. The National Water Reuse Action Plan is a collaborative effort that represents the first initiative of its magnitude to be coordinated across the water user community and builds on more than four decades of water reuse experience and practice. It frames the business case that water reuse is a viable and growing means of supporting our economy and improving the availability of freshwater for farmers, industry, communities and ecosystems.

[EPA Announces \\$6 Billion in New Funding for Water Infrastructure Projects. Funding availability builds on 24 WIFIA loans issued under President Trump financing nearly \\$12 billion in water infrastructure and creating 25,000 jobs](#)

EPA 07/14/20. Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the 2020 notice of funding availability under its Water

Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program, including funding for the new State infrastructure financing authority WIFIA (SWIFIA) program. These funding programs accelerate investment in critical water infrastructure through innovative and flexible financing that can support diverse projects in both large and small communities. This year's funding will provide up to \$6 billion to support \$12 billion in water infrastructure projects while creating more than 35,000 jobs and improving public health and environmental protection in communities across the country.

“EPA’s WIFIA loan program has become one of the most effective tools used in President Trump's efforts to upgrade our nation's infrastructure, create jobs and safeguard public health and the environment,” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “This new round of \$6 billion in funding comes in time to help communities that are trying to recover from the health and financial stress of the COVID-19 pandemic and, for the first time, includes funding expressly available to states.”

To date, EPA has issued 24 WIFIA loans totaling \$5.3 billion in credit assistance to help finance \$11.7 billion for water infrastructure projects while creating 25,000 jobs—including eight WIFIA loans closed and one refinanced from March 2020 through June 2020. These recent loan closings will save ratepayers over \$1 billion compared to typical bond financing while supporting the financial health of vital water systems. This financial support came at a critical time as the federal government, EPA and the water sector worked together to help mitigate the public health and financial impacts of COVID-19.

This announcement marks the fourth round of WIFIA funding. This year's notice of funding availability prioritizes construction-ready projects in three areas: updating aging infrastructure; reducing exposure to lead and addressing emerging contaminants; and water reuse and recycling. The

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2020 notice of funding availability builds upon the existing, active pipeline of WIFIA projects, which includes 49 projects in 19 states and D.C. For the first time, the agency will evaluate submitted projects using additional criteria that were developed to help clarify project and federal budgetary considerations. EPA will accept letters of interest from prospective WIFIA borrowers for 90 days after publication in the Federal Register.

EPA is also, for the first time, providing funds under SWIFIA. This new program, which was authorized by Congress as part of the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018, offers low-interest loans to state water infrastructure programs (e.g., the State Revolving Funds) that then help finance needed water infrastructure projects in local communities. This round of funding will provide SWIFIA borrowers up to \$1 billion to support \$2 billion in water infrastructure projects. EPA will accept letters of interest from state water infrastructure programs for 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

Background

Established by the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, the WIFIA program is a federal loan and guarantee program at EPA that aims to accelerate investment in the nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

WIFIA credit assistance can be used for a wide range of projects, including:

- drinking water treatment and distribution projects;
- wastewater conveyance and treatment projects;
- enhanced energy efficiency projects at drinking water and wastewater facilities;
- desalination, aquifer recharge, alternative water supply, and water recycling projects; and

- drought prevention, reduction, or mitigation projects.

EPA will evaluate proposed projects described in the letters of interest using WIFIA's statutory and regulatory criteria as described in the notice of funding availability. Through this competitive process, EPA will select projects that it intends to fund and invite them to continue the application process.

For more information about WIFIA and this funding announcement, visit:
<https://www.epa.gov/wifia>.

Upcoming Meetings

[WSWC Fall \(194th\) Meetings](#)

Virtual via Zoom

Tentatively Scheduled for October 14, 2020

[Western Governors Association 2020 Winter Meeting](#)

Coronado, CA

December 9-10, 2020

[Western Governors 2021 Annual Meeting](#)

Sunriver, OR

May 14-16, 2021

Upcoming Events

[WestFAST Webinar: The Western State Water Council Water Data Exchange \(WaDE\) Program 2.0 Demo](#)

Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 10:00AM MDT

[WestFAST Webinar: Energy-Water-Emissions Dashboard \(Julian Fulton, PhD, California State University, Sacramento, Department of Environmental Studies\)](#)

Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 10:00AM MDT

[WestFAST Webinar: The Bureau of Reclamation's Prize Competitions Program](#)

Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 10:00AM MDT

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[WestFAST Webinar: The Bureau of Reclamation's Transportation Program](#)

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 10:00AM MST

[Annual Sub-seasonal-to-Seasonal \(S2S\) Workshop](#)

San Diego, CA

POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

Other Federal News

EPA 07/01/20. [EPA awards Idaho Department of Environmental Quality just over \\$2 million to protect water quality statewide. EPA partners with Idaho to protect and restore watersheds, streams and groundwater](#)

NOAA 07/01/20. [July 2020 climate outlook has no good news for the U.S. Southwest](#)

NRCS/KS 07/01/20. [NRCS Announces Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\) Funding Application as Part of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program \(RCPP\) with Continuous Sign-Up](#)

USACE 07/01/20. [PUBLICATION NOTICE: Spatial Analysis of Precipitation and Snow Water Equivalent Extremes for the Columbia River Basin](#)

USBR 07/02/20. [Reclamation takes action to transfer federal water facilities to local ownership in North Dakota](#)

NRCS/SD 07/02/20. [Dakota Farm Talk - NRCS State Conservatioist Jeff Zimprich on Conservation on the Landscape](#)

NOAA 07/06/20. [NOAA's Climate Program Office launches Climate Risk Areas Initiative](#)

EPA 07/06/20. [Drinking water protection projects in Oregon and Washington get \\$400,000 boost from federal and state drinking water partnership grants](#)

NOAA 07/07/20. [NOAA's Cloud and Data strategies to unleash emerging science and technology](#)

NOAA 07/08/20. [June 2020 was relatively hot and dry overall for U.S. Nation also saw 10 billion-dollar disasters in first six months of this year](#)

NRCS/TX 07/08/20. [NRCS Accepting Proposals for Watershed Project Funding Opportunities](#)

EPA 07/08/20. [Bogus Basin Recreational Association and EPA settle alleged stormwater violations at ski area near Boise, Idaho](#)

EPA 07/08/20. [EPA Releases Financial Impact Tool to Help Water Utilities](#)

EPA 07/08/20. [United States and State of Nebraska Reach Settlement with Henningsen Foods Inc. for Alleged Clean Water Act Violations](#)

USGS 07/08/20. [Food Web Dynamics Influence Mercury Movement in Colorado River, Grand Canyon](#)

EPA 07/09/20. [EPA Administrator Wheeler Statement on House Democrats' FY21 Appropriations Bill Defunding Water Infrastructure, Key Programs](#)

USDOJ 07/09/20. [Proposed Settlement with United States and Major Fertilizer Producer will Reduce Acidic Wastewater Generation and Enhance Phosphate Recovery. Fertilizer Manufacturer Commits to Further Recover Phosphoric Acid from Production Operations and Spend Nearly \\$20 Million to Reduce Operations' Environmental Impacts](#)

NOAA 07/09/20. [July 2020 ENSO update: La Niña Watch!](#)

NRCS/OR 07/09/20. [Final Plans Approved for Central Oregon Irrigation District Smith Rock-King Way Infrastructure Modernization Project](#)

WHITE HOUSE 07/09/20. [President Donald J. Trump Approves Hawaii Disaster Declaration](#)

WHITE HOUSE 07/10/20. [President Donald J. Trump Approves North Dakota Disaster Declaration](#)

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NOAA 07/10/20. [June 2020 landed in the warmest and driest thirds of the U.S. historical record](#)

USDOJ 07/10/20. [ICYMI: Trump Administration Visits Oregon and Washington State, Secretary Bernhardt Highlights Actions that Impact Conservation, Timber Production and Water Management](#)

NPA 07/11/20. [Toxins from Harmful Algal Bloom Found in the N. Fork of the Virgin River in Zion National Park](#)

NRCS/OR 07/13/20. [USDA Partnership Requests Landowner Input on Drought Conditions](#)

NOAA 07/13/20. [Ocean warming trends dwarf cooling trends, NOAA analysis finds](#)

NOAA 07/13/20. [June 2020 tied as Earth's 3rd hottest on record. First half of this year saw near-record warmth for the globe](#)

USDOJ 07/13/20. [In Case You Missed It: Making public lands healthier in Western Oregon](#)

EPA 07/13/20. [EPA, Justice Department and Texas Settle with DuPont for Alleged Violations of Waste, Water and Air Environmental Laws at Former La Porte, Texas Facility](#)

NRCS/NE 07/14/20. [Funding Approved for New Watershed Projects Across Nebraska](#)

NOAA 07/14/20. [June 2020: third-hottest June on record](#)

WHITE HOUSE 07/15/20. [President Donald J. Trump Is Modernizing Federal Environmental Reviews to Accelerate America's Infrastructure Development](#)

EPA 07/15/20. [EPA Adds New PFAS Treatment Options and Scientific References to Drinking Water Treatability Database](#)

USDOJ 07/15/20. [Commonsense Reforms to Federal Reviews Key to Economic Prosperity](#)

USACE 07/15/20. [Corps spills 100 gallons of oil at Bonneville Dam, removes unit from service](#)

EPA 07/16/20. [EPA Awards N.M. Over \\$553,000 To Maintain An Effective Underground Storage Tank Program](#)

USDOJ 07/17/20. [WTAS: Commonsense Reforms to Federal Reviews Key to Economic Prosperity](#)

BLM 07/20/20. [BLM completes land sale to Gila River Indian Community](#)

BLM 07/21/20. [Secretary of the Interior transfers jurisdiction of 65.74 acres of federal land to the Department of the Army in Arizona and New Mexico](#)

BLM 07/21/20. [The Bureau of Land Management Conveys 80-acre parcel to the City of Hyde Park](#)

USACE 07/21/20. [Alamo Dam sill replacement](#)

USACE 07/21/20. [Releases from Fort Peck Dam to decline during maintenance work](#)

NPS 07/22/20. [North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park Implements Water Conservation Measures](#)

NRCS/OR 07/22/20. [Final plans approved for East Fork Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project](#)

EPA 07/22/20. [EPA fines Hawai'i local and state governments, requires three cesspool closures in effort to protect groundwater](#)

EPA 07/22/20. [Trump Administration Finalizes Rule to Streamline and Modernize EPA Permit Process. EPA Finalizes First Updates to Environmental Appeals Board In 27 Years, Creating a More Efficient Permitting Process](#)

USDOJ 07/23/20. [ICYMI: Facing needless obstruction from Newsom, Trump Administration focused on improving water supply for all Californians](#)

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NOAA 07/24/20. [Projected Changes in South Asian Monsoon Low-pressure Systems](#)

USACE 07/24/20. [Corps releases Pebble final environmental impact statement](#)

WHITE HOUSE 07/25/20. [President Donald J. Trump Approves Hawaii Emergency Declaration](#)

WHITE HOUSE 07/26/20. [President Donald J. Trump Approves Texas Emergency Declaration](#)

NRCS/TX 07/26/20. [NRCS Floodplain Easement Program: Option to Consider for Flooded Lands](#)

BLM 07/27/20. [The Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service issue decisions for Browns Canyon National Monument Resource Management Plan](#)

EPA 07/27/20. [U.S. EPA settles with Pacific Seafood for wastewater violations in Eureka, California](#)

EPA 07/27/20. [EPA, Federal Family, and the National Academies Collaborate on Public Workshop to Review Federal Research on PFAS](#)

USACE 07/27/20. [Corps will use Final Environmental Impact Statement to inform permit decision](#)

BLM 07/28/20. [The Bureau of Land Management announces revision and EIS scoping period for North Dakota Resource Management Plan](#)

USBR 07/28/20. [Reclamation urges public to exercise caution below Glen Canyon Dam due to potential for rapid fluctuations in river releases](#)

EPA 07/28/20. [Trump EPA Continues to Aggressively Address PFAS on the Federal, State, and Local Level](#)

EPA 07/29/20. [EPA Region 7, Kansas and Nebraska Assess PFAS Contamination](#)

EPA 07/29/20. [U.S. EPA Continues to Aggressively Address PFAS in the Pacific Southwest](#)

EPA 07/29/20. [EPA, State and Local Partners Team up to Address PFAS in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. EPA Region 10 supports Pacific Northwest and Alaskan efforts to identify and reduce toxic threats](#)

EPA 07/29/20. [EPA Awards State of Texas More Than \\$3.8 Million to Manage Water Pollution](#)

USACE 07/29/20. [Corps releases draft master plan for two eastern North Dakota reservoirs](#)

NRCS/KS 07/30/20. [NRCS Announces Funding Opportunity for Edge-of-Field \(EOF\) Water Quality Monitoring for Milford Reservoir.](#)

NOAA 07/30/20. [Researchers show consistent upper air temperature trends for the first time, improve understanding](#)

EPA 07/30/20. [EPA Region 8 continues to aggressively address PFAS. Building on assistance provided to Colorado, South Dakota and Wyoming, Trump Administration continues to address PFAS affecting water and drinking water resources](#)

EPA 07/30/20. [ICYMI: EPA, State, and Local Partners Team Up to Address PFAS Across the Country](#)

USACE 07/30/20. [PUBLICATION NOTICE: Erosion Thresholds and Rates for Sand-Mud Mixtures](#)

USACE 07/30/20. [PUBLICATION NOTICE: High-Performance Photocatalytic Degradation of Model Contaminants with Iron Oxide-Based Colloidal Solutions under Broad-Spectrum Illumination](#)

USACE 07/30/20. [Corps awards contract to complete levee repairs on multiple levee systems in, Sheridan County, Wyoming](#)

USBR 07/31/20. [Milk River irrigation season comes to an end](#)

EPA 07/31/20. [EPA Week in Review: PFAS Edition](#)

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NPS 07/31/20. [Swim Advisory At Princess, North Arizona Telephone Coves](#)

USACE 07/31/20. [Federal agencies release final Columbia River System Operations environmental impact statement](#)

PEOPLE

USBR 07/02/20. [Pat Page selected to manage Reclamation's Four Corners Construction Office](#)

BLM 07/06/20. [BLM Announces New Senior Leadership Law Enforcement Appointments](#)

BLM 07/06/20. [Bureau of Land Management names Dr. David Jenkins as Assistant Director for Resources and Planning](#)

NPS 07/11/20. [New Superintendent at Palo Alto Battlefield](#)

BLM 07/15/20. [The Bureau of Land Management names Matthew Buffington as Assistant Director for Communications](#)

BLM 07/15/20. [BLM Announces Gary Torres as Canyon Country District Manager](#)

USBR 07/20/20. [Reclamation Commissioner selects Rob Manning as Chief of Public Affairs](#)

BLM 07/21/20. [The Bureau of Land Management names Greg Sheehan as Utah State Director](#)

WHITE HOUSE/OPM 07/20/20. [President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Individual to Key Administration Post](#)

USACE 07/21/20. [Portland District Welcomes New Leader](#)

WHITE HOUSE/NASA 07/22/20. [President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Individual to a Key Administration Post](#)

USACE 07/24/20. [20-038 Childers takes command of Corps' Walla Walla District](#)

NPS 07/27/20. [Patricia Trap Selected as Superintendent of Southeast Utah Group Area National Parks](#)

NPS 07/28/20. [Joint News Release: Reclamation urges public to exercise caution below Glen Canyon Dam due to potential for rapid fluctuations in river releases](#)

BLM 07/29/20. [Chris Heppe welcomes role as new BLM Central California District Manager](#)

NPS 07/30/20. [Leadership Changes at Denali National Park and Preserve. Tom Medema to replace outgoing Deputy Superintendent Denice Swanke as acting Superintendent](#)

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