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By Jack Fitzpatrick

Today's Washington Brief

- The League of Conservation Voters will spend $2.6 million on a mail advertising campaign warning young voters that a vote for a third-party candidate is essentially a vote for Donald Trump. The campaign will send 1.1 million mailers targeting young voters in Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania. (Washington Examiner)

- Interior Secretary Sally Jewell called on agencies in her department on Friday to review how they can consult with Native American tribal governments better on land and water management issues. She released a secretarial order calling for the review after the Obama administration admitted it needed to re-evaluate how it solicited input from tribal leaders on the controversial Dakota Access pipeline. (Morning Consult)

- A collection of industry groups said on Friday the Obama administration ignored the rule of law when it required a pause in construction of the Dakota Access pipeline, saying the decision threatens infrastructure development throughout the country. (The Hill)

Today's Business Brief

- Iraqi Oil Minister Jabber Al-Luaibi said on Sunday he thinks his country should be exempted from any OPEC deal to limit oil output, throwing a wrench into the negotiations on a final deal. He said the country's output could increase in the near future. (Bloomberg News)

- The sale of Glencore's $900 million Australian coal-hauling business takes the mining and commodities company a step closer to reducing its debt. Glencore has sold off $4 billion to $5 billion in assets in 2016, and has reduced its debt to $15 billion from $25.9 billion in December 2015. (Financial Times)

- U.S. oil imports increased by 7 percent, or 528,000 barrels per day, in the first six months of 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. It was the first increase in six years. (Washington Examiner)

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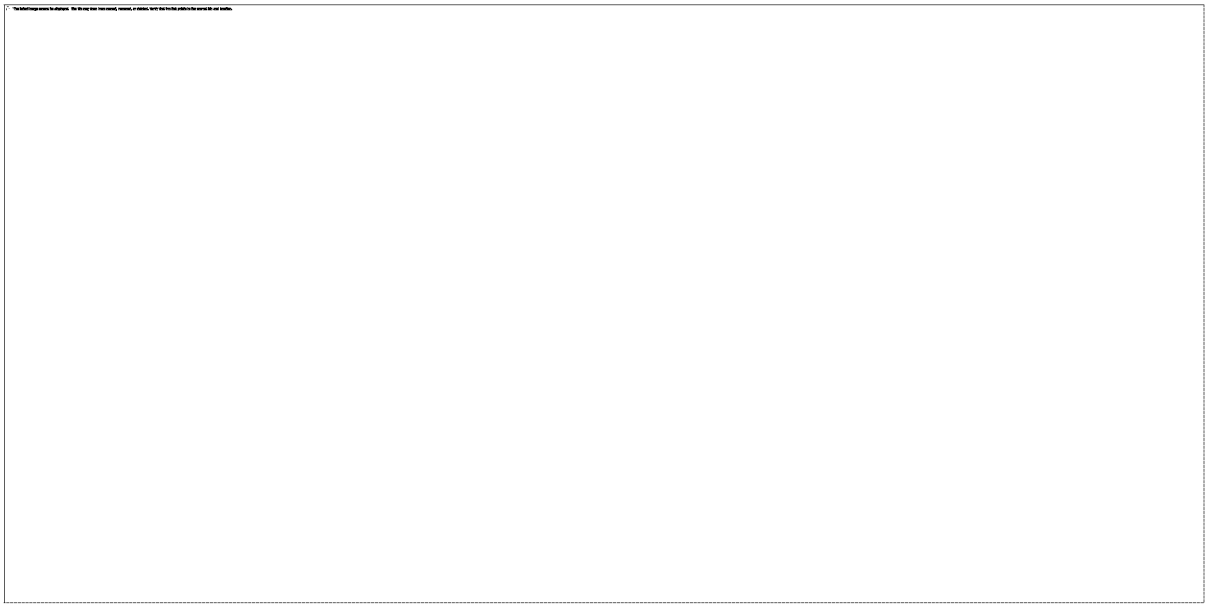
Today's Chart Review

U.S. crude oil imports increase during first half of 2016, the first increase since 2010

U.S. Energy Information Administration



Mark Your Calendars (All Times Eastern)

Monday

Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, others discuss nuclear policy	**11 a.m.**
Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy hosts discussion on China's role in global energy finance	**12 p.m.**

Tuesday

Greentech Media hosts U.S. Solar Market Insight 2016	**9 a.m.**
International Energy Agency releases World Energy Investment 2016	**10:30 a.m.**
State Department Special Envoy for Climate Change Jonathan Pershing discusses climate policy at Atlantic Council	**11:30 a.m.**
White House Arctic Executive Steering Committee Vice Chair Amy Pope, others discuss energy and geopolitics in the Arctic	**1 p.m.**

Wednesday

Greentech Media hosts U.S. Solar Market Insight 2016	**9:30 a.m.**

Thursday

Information Technology & Innovation Foundation hosts discussion on federal clean energy research, development, and demonstration	**9 a.m.**

Friday

No events scheduled.

General

Greens tell millennials voting for a third party is voting for Trump
Kyle Feldscher, Washington Examiner

The League of Conservation Voters will make a multi-million dollar pitch to millennials in crucial battleground states against voting for third-party candidates in the presidential election. The group's Victory Fund announced it will use a $2.6 million mail campaign to reach out to young voters and others to discourage voting for third-party candidates.

LCV Turns 'Exxon Knew' Into a Campaign Issue
Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult

The League of Conservation Voters announced on Friday that it had launched a digital advertising campaign against Rep. Cresent Hardy (R-Nev.), tying him to the "Exxon Knew" controversy. The group said it is spending $200,000 on the digital ad campaign.

Interior to Review Environmental Coordination With Tribes
Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell called on her department's agencies on Friday to improve the way they coordinate with Native American tribal governments on managing land and water resources. Jewell released a secretarial order calling on agencies to identify areas where they can better coordinate with tribal governments on managing fish and wildlife resources, cultural sites, plant resources, and public information.

Senators urge resolution of US, Canada softwood lumber deal
Vicki Needham, The Hill

A bipartisan group of senators is urging President Obama to encourage Canada to forge an agreement on a new softwood lumber trade deal. Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), along with 21 other senators, said they are disappointed that Canada seems reluctant to follow through with completing a deal, further undermining U.S. efforts to notch a final pact.

Stocks Rise With Bonds as Europe Lifts Market With Triple Boost
James Regan and Eddie Van Der Walt, Bloomberg News

European markets started the week in a buoyant mood, as equities rose on earnings, bonds jumped on a brightening credit outlook and economic data exceeded analyst estimates. Shares climbed around the world, with 15 of the 19 industry groups in the Stoxx Europe 600 Index rising as Royal Philips NV surged on improved profits.

Oil & Natural Gas

Iraq Balks at Joining OPEC Cuts, Making Oil Output Deal Harder
Sam Wilkin et al., Bloomberg News

OPEC's second-largest producer threw an obstacle in the group's path toward a final deal to stabilize oil markets when Iraq balked at joining efforts to trim output to prop up crude prices. Iraq should be exempted from cutting production because it's embroiled in a war with Islamic militants, Oil Minister Jabber Al-Luaibi said Sunday at a news conference in Baghdad.

Venezuelan Oil Is Largely Staying in Ground or Going Up in Smoke
Anatoly Kurmanaev, The Wall Street Journal

The decrepid state of aging fields, which provide the bulk of Venezuela's revenues, is a crucial reason why the country's oil output is falling faster than that of any other major oil producer bar insurgency-riven Nigeria. Venezuelan crude production shrank 11% to 2.3 million barrels a day in a year to September, according to government figures, and the consulting firm Medley & Associates expects the fall to accelerate in the next 12 months.

Bankruptcy Bust: How Zombie Companies Are Killing the Oil Rally
Timothy Puko and John W. Miller, The Wall Street Journal

Their owners may be bankrupt, but the sprawling mines of Wyoming's Powder River Basin are still churning out coal. It is the same story in oil fields along the Gulf Coast and with shale-gas wells in the Rocky Mountains.

US imports more crude oil for the first time since 2010
Kyle Feldscher, Washington Examiner

The U.S. imported 7 percent more oil in the first half of this year than during the same time last year, the first such increase in six years. Gross crude oil imports grew by 528,000 barrels per day during the first half of 2016, the first time imports have increased since 2010, according to the Energy Information Administration, the independent analysis arm of the Department of Energy.

Utilities & Infrastructure

Drone shot, road reopens at Dakota Access Pipeline protest
Ralph Ellis and Emanuella Grinberg, CNN

Demonstrations against construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline ramped up over the weekend, resulting in dozens of arrests and a highway closure, authorities in North Dakota said. About 300 protesters trespassed Saturday on private property three miles west of State Highway 1806, along the pipeline right of way, the Morton County Sheriff's Department said.

Industry Groups: Administration Ignoring Legal Process on Dakota Access
Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult

Twenty-two industry groups criticized the Obama administration's temporary block on construction of the controversial Dakota Access pipeline in a letter made public on Friday. In September, the administration called for a pause in construction on federal land as it reconsiders its process of soliciting input from Native American tribes.

Renewables

Emails: Clinton team mulled repeal of EPA's ethanol program
John Siciliano, Washington Examiner

Hillary Clinton's campaign mulled supporting the elimination of the Environmental Protection Agency's renewable fuels program before a campaign tour through the corn state of Iowa last year, according to illegally obtained emails posted by the website WikiLeaks. Senior campaign aides suggested in the April 2015 emails that

coming out forcefully against the EPA would put her at odds with the Obama administration but would go "further" than any Democrat or Republican on the issue of EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard.

For European Wind Industry, Offshore Projects Are Booming
Christian Schwagerl, Yale Environment360

In Europe, offshore wind farms are undergoing a boom. While still significantly outnumbered by wind farms on land, the importance of wind farms at sea has grown dramatically in the past several years.

Coal

Glencore sell-offs bore through debt burden
Neil Hume, Financial Times

As the ink dries on a near $900m deal for Glencore to sell its Australian coal-haulage business, the billionaire chief executive of the mining and commodity house, Ivan Glasenberg, has emerged as the unlikely face of the industry's austerity drive. With the disposal of its coal-by-rail GRail business, Glasenberg has achieved his target of $4 billion -$5 billion of asset sales in 2016.

Trump, Clinton would take diverging paths on Wyoming coal
Heather Richards, Caster Star Tribune

Energy regulation and climate change have failed to dominate this presidential election cycle, with controversies over emails and lewd remarks overshadowing policy issues. Yet the next president's energy policy is key to the direction of the Wyoming economy.

Nuclear

Feds to pay Dairyland $73.5 million in nuclear settlement
Thomas Content, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Dairyland Power has reached a major settlement with the U.S. Department of Energy over nuclear waste stored from its former nuclear reactor located at the La

Crosse Boiling Water Reactor in Genoa. Under terms of the settlement, a federal claims court has approved payment of $73.5 million to Dairyland.

Climate

Scientists just showed what it truly means when a huge Antarctic glacier is unstable
Chris Mooney, The Washington Post

If there is one story that, more than anything else, makes you wonder if global warming could cause very fast changes and hit planetary tipping points in our lifetimes, it was a moment in 2014. That was when two separate research papers said there was reason to think a frozen sector of West Antarctica, called the Amundsen Sea region, may have been destabilized.

Living in China's Expanding Deserts
Josh Haner et al., The New York Times

For years, China's deserts spread at an annual rate of more than 1,300 square miles. Climate change and human activities have accelerated desertification.

Opinions, Editorials & Perspectives

The good and bad news on climate change
The Editorial Board, The Washington Post

Good news - kind of. So far this year, the country's energy-related greenhouse-gas emissions are running at their lowest level in a quarter-century, the U.S. Energy Information Administration announced this month. Federal experts project that, at year's end, the country's climate tab will be the smallest since 1992, continuing a downward trend since its peak during the George W. Bush administration, when carbon dioxide levels seemed destined to rise inexorably.

The Guardian view on climate change: good news - but not yet good enough
The Editorial Board, The Guardian

The Montreal protocol is the most successful environmental treaty in history, and arguably one of the most successful of any international pact. It phased out the

gases that were destroying the ozone layer, averting potential catastrophe and healing the hole that human activities had opened in our protective layer.

Russia's gas pipeline threatens European unity
Konrad Szymanski, Financial Times

In August, subsidiaries of several western companies - Eon, Engie, OMV, Shell and Wintershall - decided not to participate in Gazprom's Nord Stream 2. The consortium, led by the Russian state-owned gas monopoly, was established to design, finance, build and operate two additional strings of the undersea gas pipeline between Russia and Germany.

Research Reports, Issue Briefs & Case Studies

Glacier change and glacial lake outburst flood risk in the Bolivian Andes
Simon J. Cook et al., The Cryosphere

Glaciers of the Bolivian Andes represent an important water resource for Andean cities and mountain communities, yet relatively little work has assessed changes in their extent over recent decades. In many mountain regions, glacier recession has been accompanied by the development of proglacial lakes, which can pose a glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) hazard.

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