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COLORADO/MONTANA TRIP MEMORANDUM

TO: ADMINISTRATOR WHEELER
FROM: OPE/OCIR
SUBJECT: COLORADO/MONTANA
DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

Attire: Jeans and a button down for the first four days of the trip. Business casual for the R8 all-hands meeting in Denver on Monday, September 10th.

Participants:
Administrator Wheeler

Michael Molina, Michael Abboud, Ryan Jackson, Troy Lyons, Stephen Gordon, Kelly Kundinger. Ken Wagner will join you in Colorado on Monday, September 10th.

Senator Steve Daines will be with you in Montana on Friday, September 7th.

Tim Fox (Montana Attorney General) will be with you in Montana on Friday, September 7th.

R8 Administrator Doug Benevento will be with you throughout this trip.

Agenda

Thursday, September 6th

4:44pm	Flight from DCA to SLC.
7:23pm	Arrive at SLC.
8:50pm	Flight from SLC to BTM.
10:14pm	Arrive at BTM.
RON	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
Location:	2609 Harrison Ave, Butte, MT 59701

Friday, September 7th

EVENT 1

10am-10:45am	Meet with Montana EPA Staff

Location:	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites 2609 Harrison Ave, Butte, MT 59701
10:45am	Depart for Butte Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce (15 minute drive)

EVENT 2

11am-11:30am	Quick lunch with Senator Daines
Location:	Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce Building (1000 George Street Butte, MT 59701)
Bio:	**Senator Steve Daines**

A fifth-generation Montanan, Steve Daines brings 28 years of private-sector business experience to Washington, D.C. as he serves the people of Montana in the U.S. Senate. Steve is a lifelong sportsman and grew up in Bozeman, Montana. After attending public schools (K-12) in Bozeman, Steve went to college at Montana State University and graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. He spent thirteen years in a management role for Procter & Gamble, and then returned to Bozeman in 1997 to work in a family construction business. Steve was elected to serve as Montana's United States Representative in 2012. In the U.S. Senate, he serves on the Senate Committees on Appropriations, Energy and Natural Resources, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Agriculture, and Indian Affairs.

RECENT ENGAGEMENTS

Introduced Peter Wright for EPW Nomination Hearing (8.1.2018)

- Senator Daines introduced Peter Wright at his nomination hearing before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. Although the Senator and Peter do not have a formal relationship, he was happy to make the introduction given the great interest he has shown in the Superfund sites in MT.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit to Montana (9.6.2018)

- At the request of Senator Daines, EPA is traveling to Montana to tour two major Superfund Sites, located in Butte and Anaconda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Daines Correspondence with EPA

- On July 26th, Sen. Daines joined a letter opposing the reallocation of RINS under the RFS from refineries granted SREs.
    - OAR is currently drafting a response that will detail efforts to improve transparency with how the Agency administers the RFS.

Bio: **Tim Fox (Attorney General for Montana)**

BIOGRAPHY
Attorney General Fox assumed office in January 2013 under Governor Steve Bullock (D-MT). Prior to his service as AG, he helped develop environmental regulatory program for the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation and worked as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the Montana DEQ. He also practiced criminal and civil law in Billings.

CORRESPONDENCE
Berkeley Pit Superfund Site
In March 2017, AG Fox wrote to Administrator Pruitt requesting a visit to the Berkley Pit Superfund Site.

CERCLA Hard Rock Mining Rule
AG Fox joined a coalition of 13 states in July 2017 to defend state mining laws.
The Montana DEQ filed a comment letter in opposition to the January 2017 draft rule to establish minimum nationwide reclamation bonding requirements for hard rock mining under CERCLA.

11:30am-12:00pm	Press availability with Senator Daines
Location:	Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce Building (1000 George Street Butte, MT 59701)

EVENT 3

12:00pm-1:30pm	Tour of Butte Superfund Site
Note:	Visitor Center - Confluence of BTC/upper SBC (30m) Slag Canyon/BTL groundwater Treatment (Driving tour) Granite Mountain Memorial / Diamond Overlook to Berkeley Pit (1h)
Location:	Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce Building (1000 George Street Butte, MT 59701)
1:30pm	Depart for Butte Archives (15 minute drive)

EVENT 4

1:45pm	Meeting with key stakeholders

Location:	Butte Archives 17 W. Quartz Street Butte, MT
Attendees:	Dave Palmer – Chief Executive, Butte-Silver Bow County Jon Sesso – County Superfund coordinator Dan Villa – Governor's Office Tom Livers – Head of MDEQ Fritz Daily – Community Activist Sister Mary Jo McDonald – Community Activist John Ray – Community Activist Mick Ringsack – Community Activist Northey Tretheway – Chair of the Technical Advisory Group Jocelyn Dodge – Community Activist Mark Thompson – Montana resources
2:45pm	Depart for Anaconda Superfund Site (30 minute drive)

EVENT 5

3:15pm-3:30pm	Media availability
Location:	Atlantic Richfield Construction Trailers
3:30pm-4:45pm	Tour of Anaconda Superfund Site
Note:	3:30pm Safety Briefing 4:00pm Begin tour 4:30pm Smelter Stack
4:45pm	Depart for Anaconda Deer Lodge Country Meeting (15 minute drive)

EVENT 6

5:00pm-5:30pm	Anaconda Deer Lodge County Meeting
Location:	Anaconda Deer Lodge 118 E. 7th St, Anaconda, MT (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Attendees:	Bill Everett – Chief Executive, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County

	Terry Vermeire - County Commissioner Dan Villa – Governor's office Tom Livers - MDEQ Mike Grayson - former county attorney Jim Davison – economic development chief Joe and Susan Kitchel – homeowners in Anaconda Steve McNeece - former hospital administrator Carl Nyman – ADLC Superfund manager Rose Nyman – Community Activist
5:30pm	Depart for Butte, Montana
6:30pm	Dinner in Butte
Location:	TBD
RON	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
Location:	2609 Harrison Ave, Butte, MT 59701

Saturday, September 8th

7:00am	Depart hotel en route to Ronan, MT
9:00am	Breakfast/rest break in Missoula, MT
Location:	Wheat Montana Bakery and Deli 8800 Truck Stop Road Missoula, MT 59808
Note:	Kim Varilek will meet you at this bakery and ride the rest of the way with you towards Ronan, MT. Kim is associate regional counsel in Region 8 and an expert on Tribal matters in MT.
9:20am	Continue drive towards Ronan, MT

EVENT 1

10:30am-11:30am	Meeting with Confederated Salish and Kootenai (CSKT) Tribal Leaders and Environmental Program
Note:	Introductions (10-15 minutes) CSKT Presentation (30 minutes EPA statements (15 minutes)
Location:	CSKT Tribal Chambers

58141 US-93, Ronan, MT 59864

Attendees:

Ronald Trahan – Chairman
Leonard W. Gray – Vice Chair
Shelly R. Fyant – Secretary
Anita Matt – Treasurer
Leonard Twoteeth
James Steele Jr.
Carole Lankford
Dennis Clairmont
Charmel R. Gillin
Myrna Dumontier
Rich Janssen, NRD Department Head
Willie Keenan, Division Manager, Environmental Protection
Clayton Matt, Director of Tribal Services
Rob McDonald, Communications Director
Mary Price, Scientist, CSKT Legal Department

11:30am Depart en route to Pablo, MT (15 minute drive)

EVENT 2

12:00pm Flathead Lake Discussion/Site Visit

Location: KwaTaqNuk Resort
49708 U.S. 93 Polson, MT 59860

Attendees:

Rich Janssen, NRD Department Head
Willie Keenan, Division Manager, Environmental Protection
Clayton Matt, Director of Tribal Services
Rob McDonald, Communications Director
Mary Price, Scientist, CSKT Legal Department
Dan Lipscomb, Shoreline Protection Manager
Paula Webster, Water Quality Program Manager
Randy Ashley, Air Quality Program Manager
Tom McClure, UST/LUST Program Manager
Jasmine Brown, Pesticides Program Manager
Chauncey Means, Non-Point Source Program Manager
Evan Smith, NPDES Coordinator
Mary Rose Morigeau, Brownfield Coordinator

12:45pm Depart en route to Kalispell, MT (1 hour 15 minute drive)

2:00-3:00pm Lunch in Kalispell, MT with Blackfeet Tribe

Location:	Montana Club Restaurant 1301 S Main St, Kalispell, MT 59901
Attendees:	
	Chairman Timothy Davis Vice-Chairman, I. Scott Kipp, Sr. Blackfeet Environmental Director, Gerald Wagner
3:30pm	Depart for Glacier Park International Airport
5:15pm	Flight from FCA-DEN
7:25pm	Arrive in Denver
RON:	Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
Location:	1550 Court Pl, Denver, CO 80202

Sunday, September 9th

9:00am	Depart for Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge

EVENT 1

9:15am-11:15am	Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge Tour
Attendees:	
	Regional Administrator Benevento Betsy Smidinger – Assistant Regional Administrator Andrew Mutter -Public Affairs Director Greg Hargreaves - RPM Rob Stites – Remedial Unit Manager Json Marruffo - photographer Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Martha Rudolf, Director of Environmental Programs Jen Opila, Director Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division Monica Sheets, Superfund Program Manager US Fish and Wildlife Service Will Meeks, Assistant Regional Director of Refuges (not confirmed) David Lucas, Refuge Manager Charlie Scharmann, Program Manager
11:15am	Depart for lunch

EVENT 2

11:45am-12:30pm	Lunch
Location:	TBD
12:30pm	Depart for Rocky Flats West Gate

EVENT 3

1:00pm-3:00pm	Rocky Flats Wildlife Refuge Tour
Note:	Driving Tour of Wildlife Refuge; stop at Lindsey Ranch (Historical site, overlook) (1 hr) Driving Tour of Central Operable Unit: view landfill and treatment systems and stop at East Side overlook (1 hr)
Attendees:	Regional Administrator Benevento Betsy Smidinger – Assistant Regional Administrator Andrew Mutter -Public Affairs Director Vera Moritz - RPM Rob Stites – Remedial Unit Manager Json Marruffo - photographer Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Martha Rudolf, Director of Environmental Programs Jen Opila, Director Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division Rob Beierle, Unit Leader David Lucas, Refuge Manager US Department of Energy Carmelo Melendez, Director Office of Legacy Management (waiting for confirmation) Scott Surovchak, Site Manager
3:00-3:30pm	Press availability
3:30pm	Depart to hotel in Denver (20 minute drive)
RON:	Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
Location:	1550 Court Pl, Denver, CO 80202

Monday, September 10th

8:00am-8:15am	Meet with R8 Union Leadership

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Location:	EPA R8 Office (RA Conference Room) 1595 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80202
Note:	Ken Wagner will be joining you for this meeting.
8:15am-8:45am	Senior Leadership Team meet and greet
Location:	EPA R8 Office (RA Conference Room) 1595 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80202
8:45am-9:00am	Break and prep for all hands
Location:	EPA R8 Office (RA Office) 1595 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80202
9:00am-10:00am	Region 8 All Hands Meeting
Location:	EPA R8 Office (Atrium) 1595 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80202
10:00am – 11:00am	Coffee with regional employees (Atrium)
11am	Depart for DIA
1:00pm	Depart DEN en route to IAD
6:16pm	Land at IAD

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