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Re: Transmittal of meeting agenda and materials for a December 2, 2025 briefing with Montana Natural Resource Coalition and Coalition of Arizona and New Mexico Counties regarding Regulatory Reform.

Dear Mr. Coursey and Mr. Shirley:

Thank you for setting aside time to meet on Tuesday December 2, 2025 from 10:30 - 11:15 am EST. Attached are hardcopies of the Boundary Line Foundation report, [Recommendations for Rescission, Revision, and Repeal of Agency Rules, Regulations, and Policies](#) and a proposed agenda. We plan to leave time at the end of the meeting for open discussion.

Our delegation will include:

Howard Hutchinson – Executive Director, Coalition of Arizona and New Mexico Counties for Stable Economic Growth

Ross Butcher – President, MtNRC and Commissioner, Fergus County Montana

Amanda McKinney – Commissioner, Yakima County, Washington

Todd Devlin – Executive Director, MtNRC and Commissioner, Prairie County Montana

J.R. Carlson – Chairman, Boundary Line Foundation

I look forward to meeting with you personally and acquainting you with our ideas for regulatory reform which can be used to implement recent directives from the President.

Regards,

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AGENDA

(Revised October 29, 2025)

Regulatory Reform Briefing

Tuesday December 2, 2025

10:30 – 11:15 EST

Department of Interior Offices

MIB Directors Conference Room 3038

1849 C Street NW

	Topic	Report Tab	Presenter
1.	Introductory Remarks; Purpose and Scope of Meeting		R. Butcher 6 min
2.	Rescission and Revision of USFWS Policy for Recognition of Distinct Population Segments Under the Endangered Species Act	Tab VIII	H. Hutchinson 6 min
3.	Withdrawal of the Proposed FWS Grizzly Bear ESA Listing, Section 4(d) Rule, and DPS Rule	Tab VI	R. Butcher 6 min
4.	Rescission of FWS National Wildlife Refuge System Refuge Policy 602 FW 1-4 and Restoration of the 2000 National Wildlife Refuge System Policy	Tab IX	H. Hutchinson 4 min
5.	Investigation of the FWS Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area Land Protection Plan, EIS, and Associated Land Acquisition Initiative	Tab XI	T. Devlin 4 min
6.	Rescission of Final FWS Designation of Experimental Populations Rule - Historical Range Rule	Tab V	R. Butcher 4 min
7.	Revision of FWS Black-footed Ferret PSHA of October 23, 2013	Tab X	J.R. Carlson 3 min
8.	Discussion; Q&A.		12 min