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Date: 8/5/2007 2:19 PM
Subject: FW: Brent's Confirmation August 3, 2007

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 FYI.....Henry

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From: Steven Sheffield
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 Subject: Brent's Confirmation August 3, 2007

Early Saturday, just after midnight our time, Brent received a call from Secretary Kempthorne congratulating him on his confirmation by the Senate late Friday.

Brent wants to thank all of you for the support you've given him since December 2005 when Secretary Norton put him in charge of OSM until a new Director could be nominated and confirmed. Little did any of us know almost 20 months ago how long that would take, let alone that the new Director would be Brent. But, all things considered, I doubt he thinks it's such bad timing to be confirmed 30 years to the day after SCMRA became law.

I know Brent looks forward to working with all of you and our State and Tribal partners doing what you've always done -- tackling the tough issues in protecting people and the environment in the coal regions. I'm sure he's confident that much can be accomplished, particularly knowing that he can rely on your continued dedication, commitment, and hard work.

Steve

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Subject: Re: Congratulations to Jim Caswell and Brent Wahlquist!

Congrats to Brent and Jim!!!!

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Subject: Congratulations to Jim Caswell and Brent Wahlquist!

A couple of minutes ago, the Senate confirmed Jim Caswell to be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and Brent Wahlquist to be the Director of the Office of Surface Mining.

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