

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 11, 2019

Mr. Brian C. Steed
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1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Deputy Director Steed:

Thank you for your letter dated January 10. I appreciate you taking the time to respond during the shutdown. Unfortunately, your response provided no additional details beyond what was already known from press reports about the National Petroleum Reserve–Alaska Integrated Activity Plan public meetings. I must therefore reiterate my request for a substantive response to these questions:

1. What is the exact funding source that BLM is using to fund these meetings?
2. Please provide a detailed accounting of how much money was available as of the beginning of the shutdown in the account BLM is using to hold these meetings, and how that funding is being spent during the shutdown.
3. Who participated in the decision-making process on proceeding with the public meetings, and who made the final decision to move forward?

Please provide answers to the Committee on Natural Resources no later than Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources

cc: The Honorable David Bernhardt, Acting Secretary