

Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
March 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Oversight Hearing

*Examining the Department of the Interior's Spending Priorities and the President's Fiscal Year
2021 Budget Proposal*

Questions from Rep. Fulcher for Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management
and Budget

1. Ms. Combs. I wanted to ensure the Department is aware of an important project in my home state of Idaho. Specifically, P4, a subsidiary of Bayer, is working with the Bureau of Land Management, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Justice to finalize a consent decree that would allow for the remediation of Ballard Mine pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup Act. Ballard Mine, which is located north of Soda Springs in Caribou County, was operated from 1951 to 1969. P4 would like to reclaim the affected area in accordance with modern best practices. In conjunction with this work, it would like to remove approximately 4 million tons of phosphate ore that remains on site and is within the footprint of the reclamation project. I am interested in seeing this project move forward, can you provide me with an anticipated timeline? Thank you.