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Matt Lee-Ashley serves as Chief of Staff for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) – a White House policy council that Congress established in 1969 to advise the President on environmental and natural resource matters. In this role, Lee-Ashley oversees CEQ’s work to coordinate and advance the President’s priorities for conservation, environmental justice, climate resilience, sustainability, and efficient and effective permitting.

Prior to his work at CEQ, Lee-Ashley served as a Senior Fellow at a multi-issue think tank, where he led the organization's natural resources policy team. From 2009 through 2012, Lee-Ashley served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director at the U.S. Department of the Interior. Previously, he served as communications director and a legislative assistant for U.S. Senator Ken Salazar. He is a native of Colorado Springs, graduated from Pomona College in California, and lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife and two sons.