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Memorandum

To: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals
From: Deputy Secretary *Katherine Madigan*
Subject: Assumption of Jurisdiction: *WildEarth Guardians*, Docket No. IBLA 2019-0002

Pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 4.5 and related authorities, I am assuming jurisdiction of the following case: *WildEarth Guardians*, Docket No. IBLA 2019-0002, 201 IBLA 1 (2026). I am staying the Interior Board of Land Appeals' decision in this matter until I have completed my review of the record and the briefs filed in the case. I will also consider any response brief timely filed by Appellants to the pending petitions for reconsideration pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 4.415(c).

Please immediately provide my office with access to the relevant filings and associated materials up to and including the IBLA's Opinion dated January 15, 2026.

In accordance with 43 C.F.R. § 4.32(b), representatives of the parties in the above-listed case have been served with a copy of this document.

Please contact the Office of the Solicitor, Division of General Law at (202) 208-5216 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

cc: Dawn S. Perry, Administrative Law Judge