

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No.: 20-0150 (CJN)

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT;

Defendant.

DECLARATION OF WILLIAM PERRY PENDLEY

I, William Perry Pendley, do hereby state and declare as follows:

1. I am the Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, exercising the authority of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”).

2. My duties as Deputy Director of the BLM include overseeing the implementation of BLM policies.

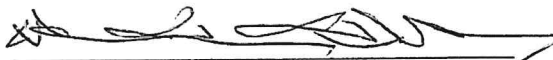
3. The statements herein are based on my personal knowledge of my op-ed column in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, dated Nov. 16, 2019, entitled “Commentary: Building Trust with Westerners” and of the BLM’s policies related to law enforcement. I submit this declaration in my official capacity; in that capacity, if called as a witness, I would be competent to testify regarding the op-ed and BLM policies.

4. I am aware that Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (“Plaintiff”) submitted a Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request on December 10, 2019, seeking records referencing, regarding, or otherwise arising out, in its words: “[my] statement in the referenced op-ed that the ‘bureau is reaching out to local sheriffs’ as indicated, anywhere in the

country” or “any internal bureau communications that direct any BLM law enforcement officials to ‘defer’ to local law enforcement officials, per [my] statements in the op-ed.”

5. I, in my official capacity as the Deputy Director of Policy and Programs, Exercising the Authority of the Director of BLM, have not ordered any policy change for BLM Law Enforcement Officers regarding their relationship with local law enforcement relative to what it was before my tenure, nor have I directed anyone else to do so.

I certify, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.


William Perry Pendley
Deputy Director, Policy and Programs
Bureau of Land Management

Executed this day 7 of April 2020.