WESTERN LEADERS NETWORK STATEMENT ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S ONE-YEAR STAY OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT METHANE WASTE RULE

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“By proposing to suspend the Bureau of Land Management methane venting and flaring rule, the Department of the Interior and Trump administration blatantly disregard those most affected by methane waste: American taxpayers, farming and ranching families, and anyone who uses public lands.

“The rule, which took three years to develop and had the input of abundant, diverse stakeholders, reduces methane waste and pollution on public lands, not to mention saves about $330 million worth of natural gas that could be used to heat homes, power vehicles and generate electricity.

“In the Four Corners region, families live under the largest methane cloud in North America. Without a meaningful rule, there is no measure to protect the health, safety, welfare and economic interests of those communities.

“On May 10 this year, the Senate thankfully listened to the public and not private interests by voting to keep the rule in place. This one-year stay indicates the administration’s intent to permanently eliminate the rule, which would be a violation of the public trust, promotion of pollution, and waste of taxpayer resources.”

– Gwen Lachelt, Executive Director, Western Leaders Network