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Dr. Andrea Travnicek serves as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, in the U.S. Department of the Interior. In that role, she provides oversight for the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives, and Office of Gulf Coast Restoration. In her previous role as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Water and Science, she provided oversight for the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Reclamation. Prior to joining Interior, Dr. Travnicek was appointed Senior Policy Advisor of Natural Resources by Governor Hoeven and Governor Dalrymple in North Dakota from July 2010 to December 2016 where she was responsible for assessing issues throughout the state and providing direction for decision makers related to project development, legislation and regulations at the state and national level. Dr. Travnicek has over 12 years of research and work experience within the natural resources, energy, agriculture, trade, disaster response and recovery, communication, aviation, UAS, and public policy fields and has negotiated on water issues at the state, federal, international, and tribal level. She has advised and worked with top-ranked elected officials, state and federal agencies. and industry leaders on strategic planning, government relations, communication, risk management, disaster recovery, and regulatory processes. Additionally she has international experience working on trade related discussions.

From January 2017 to June 2017, Dr. Travnicek worked for the law firm Lockridge Grindal Nauen (LGN), PLLP in Bismarck on issues related to energy, human services, and economic development. Prior to her appointment in North Dakota, Dr. Travnicek was employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Sacramento District Office in Sacramento, California, as a Biological Sciences Manager, a small environmental consulting firm in Bismarck, North Dakota, as a Natural Resources Specialist, Ducks Unlimited in Washington, DC, as a Legislative Affairs intern, and Clay County, Minnesota, as a GIS Specialist.

Dr. Travnicek holds a Ph.D. in Natural Resources Management and Communication from North Dakota State University (NDSU) where her researched focused on social networks and stakeholders associated with lake management in Minnesota. Dr. Travnicek was selected as one of North Dakota's Business Watch 40 Under 40 in 2011. She was profiled in the July 2016 Bison Illustrated Magazine and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from North Dakota State University's College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources in November 2016. Dr. Travnicek was also nominated and selected as a delegate through the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) to attend an international exchange to the country of Turkey in September 2015. Dr. Travnicek is also a co-author of a 2012 NDSU Extension Publication titled, Identification and Control of Invasive and Troublesome Weeds in North Dakota.

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