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-- C-SPAN PRESENTS "INTERIOR DAY" --

-- Cable Network Plans In-Depth Look at U.S. Department of the Interior --

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- On April 9, cable viewers have the rare opportunity to sit-in on one of Interior Secretary Donald Hodel's staff meetings when C-SPAN presents "Interior Day."

Live coverage of the Secretary's morning planning meeting is just a part of C-SPAN's 10-hour behind-the-scenes look at the Interior Department, an agency that manages 300 million acres of public lands -- one eighth of the U.S. land area -- and oversees a current budget of 6.6 billion dollars.

The day's format includes interviews, call-in programs, and roundtable discussions with top Interior Department officials, industry and special interest representatives, and congressional leaders.

Issues under discussion during the day include:

- Public land management
- Indian tribal government relations
- Off-shore drilling developments and environmental safeguards
- Industry and special interest influence on Interior-related legislation
- Management of Interior bureaus and coordination of their goals
- Decision-making, implementation, and oversight of Interior policy

"This is the comprehensive kind of program that C-SPAN is ideally suited for," says Program Director Carrie Collins. "Citizens are rarely privy to the decision makers at the Interior Department," continues Collins, "which is the guardian of the nation's natural resources."

The C-SPAN program schedule for "Interior Day" is as follows:

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

LIVE	8:00 am EST*	<u>VIEWER CALL-IN</u>
	Guest:	GUY DARST, Environment Correspondent, Associated Press
LIVE	9:00 am EST	<u>INTERIOR SECRETARY HODEL'S STAFF MEETING</u>
	Topic:	Morning meeting with key Interior Department officials
LIVE	9:30 am EST*	<u>VIEWER CALL-IN</u>
	Guest:	DONALD HODEL, Secretary of Interior
	10:30 am EST	<u>INTERIOR DEPARTMENT INTERVIEW</u> (Taped)
	Guests:	DAVID TRAUGER, Director, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center DR. JIM CARPENTER, Endangered Species Captive Propagation Program, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center
LIVE	11:00 am EST	<u>PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION</u>
	Guests:	LEONA POWERS, Deputy Asst. Sec., Land and Minerals Management

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LIVE 11:00 am EST PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (cont'd)
 Guests: BOB BURFORD, Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
 (cont'd) NEIL MORCK, Deputy Dir. for Land & Renewable Resources, BLM
 JIM CASON, Special Assistant to Director, BLM
 KEITH CORRIGALL, Chief of Recreation, Cultural Resources,
 and Wilderness, BLM

12:00 pm EST OFF-SHORE OIL LEASING TESTIMONY (Taped)
 Topic: Portions of Secretary Hodel's testimony on off-shore
 drilling before the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries
 Subcommittee.

12:30 pm EST INTERIOR DEPARTMENT INTERVIEW (Taped)
 Topic: Off-shore oil leasing
 Guest: STEVE GRILES, Deputy Asst. Sec. for Land Management & Minerals

LIVE 1:00 pm EST* VIEWER CALL-IN
 Guest: JOHN FRITZ, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

LIVE 2:00 pm EST ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION with UNDER & ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
 Guests: ANN MC LAUGHLIN, Under Secretary of Interior
 BOB BROADBENT, Asst. Sec. for Water and Science
 CRAIG POTTER, Asst. Sec. for Fish & Wildlife and Parks
 RICK MONTOYA, Asst. Sec. for Territorial and International Affairs
 JOHN FRITZ, Deputy Asst. Sec. for Indian Affairs
 LEONA POWER, Deputy Asst. Sec. for Land & Minerals Management

LIVE 3:00 pm EST INDUSTRY AND SPECIAL INTERESTS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
 Guests: WILLIAM BUTLER, Vice President, National Audubon Society
 J. ALLEN OVERTON, President, American Mining Congress
 GEOFF WEBB, Washington Representative, Friends of the Earth
 THOMAS WHITE, Vice President, Nat'l Congress of American Indians
 CHARLES MATHEWS, President, National Ocean Industries Assoc.

4:00 pm EST INTERIOR DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWS (Taped)
 Guests: DR. TOM DWYER, Migratory Birds Program, Patuxent Wildlife
 DR. SUSAN HASELTINE, Environmental Contaminants Program
 Patuxent Wildlife Research Center

4:30 pm EST INTERIOR DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE LIAISON INTERVIEW (Taped)
 Guests: DAVE BROWN, Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs
 KIRK MARSHALL, Staff Director, House Merchant & Fisheries Sbcmt

LIVE 5:00 pm EST** VIEWER CALL-IN
 Guest: REP. MORRIS UDALL (D-AZ), Chairman, House Interior and
 Insular Affairs Committee

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