

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STATEMENT FOR COMPLETION BY PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES**

1. Name: Ryan Keith Zinke

2. Position to which nominated: Secretary of the Interior

3. Date of nomination: December 15, 2016

4. Place of birth: Bozeman, Montana

5. Name of spouse: Lolita Charlotte Hand

6. Spouse's occupation: Spouse's employer:
Self Employed, Property Management (Also currently on VA Landing Team)

7. Education: Please list, in chronological order, from the earliest to the latest, each college, university, and graduate school you attended, when you attended, the degrees you received, and the date on which you received it.

Name of institution	Dates attended	Degree received	Date of degree
University of San Diego	06/2001-06/2003	MS Global Leadership	06/2003
National University	03/1991-05/1993	MBA Finance	05/1993
University of Oregon	08/1980-06/1984	BS Geology	06/1984

8. Employment: Please list, in chronological order, from the earliest to the present, all positions held since college, including dates of employment, your title or job description, the name of the employer, and the city and state in which you were employed.

Dates	Title	Name of employer	Location
01/2015- Present	Congressman	U.S. House of Representatives	Montana & D.C.
02/2008- Present	CEO	Continental Divide International	Whitefish, MT
02/2007- Present	President (unpaid)	Great Northern Veterans Peace Park Foundation	Whitefish, MT
01/2013- 12/2014	Board Member	Save the World Air	Santa Barbara, CA
01/2009- 01/2011	State Senator	Montana State Senate	Helena, MT
02/2013- Present	Officer	Double Tap LLC Residential Rental Property	Whitefish, MT
2012-2013	Board Member	Center for Remote Integration (501c3)	Whitefish, MT
2012	Board Member	Whitefish Legacy Partnership	Whitefish, MT
2012	Board Member	Montana Firearms Institute	Whitefish, MT
2012	Consultant	Neil Livingstone	Helena, MT
06/2010- 01/2015	Consultant	On Point Montana No longer have financial interest	Whitefish, MT
06/2010	Consultant	Win Tec No longer have financial interest	Fort Washington, MD
02/1985- 02/2008	Naval Officer	United States Navy Retired from active duty	

9. Military service: Please describe any military service not listed above, including dates, rank, and type of discharge.

United States Navy. 02/1985-02/2008. SEAL Officer. Retired as rank of Commander with Honorable Discharge

10. Honors and awards: Please list any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, military medals, honorary society memberships, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement you have received.

Military: Bronze Star (2), Defense Meritorious SVC Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal (4), Joint Service Commendation SVC Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3), Combat Action Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense SVC Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Armed Forces SVC Medal, Humanitarian SVC Medal, Navy/Marine Corps deployment Medal (3), Navy/Marine Corps Overseas SVC Ribbon, NATO Medal, Expert Rifleman Medal, Expert Pistol Medal, Special Warfare Insignia (SEAL).

Legislative: Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Enterprise Award 2016, National Retail Federation Hero of Main Street Award 2015, International Foodservice Distributors Association 2016 Thomas Jefferson Award, National Federation of Independent Businesses 2016 Guardians of Small Business Award, Rural Schools legislator of the Year Award, National Association of Community Health Centers 2016 Rising Community Health Leader

College: 1983 Pac TEN All Conference, 1984 Pacific 10 Conference Medal, 1984 University of Oregon Emerald Athletic Award for most outstanding Oregon athlete and citizen, 1984 University of Oregon Sahlstrom Award as the senior maintaining an outstanding academic record who has demonstrated an exemplary attitude as well as tremendous contribution on the field. Scholarship player Oregon Ducks varsity football team.

Other: Outstanding Young Man of America 1996, 1997

11. Publications: Please list the titles, publishers, and dates of any books, articles, or reports that you have written.

Books: American Commander. November 2016

Dozens of editorials in Montana newspapers, FoxNews.com, Washington Post, The Hill, Washington Times, Breitbart, and others. See attached document.

12. Testimony: Please identify each instance in which you have testified before Congress in a non-governmental capacity.

Subject of testimony	Committee	Date
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None.

13. Financial report: Please attach a copy of your Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report (SF 278), and a statement from the appropriate agency ethics official explaining the applicable laws or regulations applicable to the position to which you have been nominated, any potential conflicts of interest, and any action required to resolve such conflicts.

14. Clients: At any time during the past 5 years, have you or any company or firm with which you have been affiliated, received a fee or payment of more than \$5,000 from any source that is not listed on Schedule D, Part II of your SF 278, for services you performed for that source? If so, Please identify the source of the payments, the nature of the service you performed, and the period of time when you performed the service.

None.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

15. Agreements or arrangements:

(a) Will you sever all connections with your present employer, business firm, association, or organization if you are confirmed by the Senate? If not, please explain.

I will resign from the US House of Representatives upon confirmation. Continental Divide International LLC and Double Tap LLC, both family held residential rental property LLCs will be maintained. In both cases, however, I will resign from all managing director roles. In regard to non-paid position in the Great Northern Veterans Peace Park (GNVPP) Foundation 501 c (3), I intend to maintain the present position and role. The mission of the GNVPP is to maintain a children's sledding park and community open space in Whitefish, MT. All positions are volunteer.

(b) Has anyone made a commitment to you to employ or compensate you after you leave public service? If so, please explain. No one has made a commitment to employ or compensate.

16. Term of service: If confirmed, are you willing and able to serve for your full term (if appointed for a fixed term) or until the end of the current Presidential Administration (if appointed for an indefinite term)? If not, please explain. Yes

17. Legal proceedings:

(a) Are you currently a party to any legal action? If so, please describe its nature and status. Yes, Civil action. 10/21/2016.

Landlord-tenant dispute. DC Superior Court. Principal parties: ST Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral and Ryan and Lolita Zinke. Our claim was rental house was unsafe for our Mother who was ill.

(b) Have you ever declared bankruptcy? If so, please describe the circumstances. No

(c) Have you ever been investigated, arrested, or charged by any federal, state, or local law enforcement authority for the violation of any federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance, other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain. No

(d) Have you ever been convicted (including a plea of guilty or no contest) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain. No

(e) Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics for unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please explain. No

18. Taxes:

(a) Have you and your spouse filed all federal, state, and local income tax returns? Yes

(b) Have you or your spouse ever filed a late income tax return without a valid extension? If so, please explain. No

(c) Have you or your spouse ever paid any tax penalties or been subject to a tax lien or other tax collection procedure? If so, please explain. No

19. Foreign ties:

(a) Have you or your spouse ever represented in any capacity (e.g., employee, attorney, accountant, consultant, or business, media, or political adviser), with or without compensation, a foreign government or an entity controlled by a foreign government? If so, please fully describe such relationship. No

(b) During the past 10 years, have you or your spouse received any compensation from, or been involved in any financial or business transactions with, a foreign government or an entity controlled by a foreign government? If so, please furnish details. No

(c) Have you or your spouse ever registered under the Foreign Agent Registration Act? If so, please furnish details. No

20. Lobbying: Please describe any lobbying activity that you have performed during the past 10 years with respect to legislative or administrative actions at the Federal, State, or local level.

None

21. Appearances before Congress: If confirmed, will you be available to appear before this Committee and other Congressional committees to represent agency positions and respond to issues of concern to the Congress? Yes

22. Conflicts of interest:

(a) Have your investments, personal holdings, and other interest been reviewed by yourself and the appropriate ethics counselors within the Federal Government to determine if any of your investments, personal holdings, or other interest could constitute a conflict of interest or create the appearance of such a conflict? Yes

(b) Have you taken appropriate action to avoid any conflict of interest or any appearance of a conflict of interest? Yes

(c) To the best of your knowledge, do any of your investments, personal holdings, or other interests present a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest? No

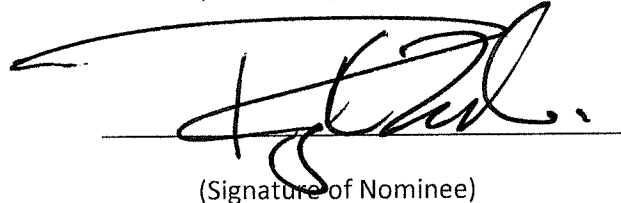
23. Recusal: The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources requires every Presidential nominee it considers to commit to adhere to the Recusal Policy adopted by the Committee on February 16, 2011 (a copy of which is attached to this Statement). If confirmed, will you adhere to the Committee's recusal policy? Yes

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I, Ryan Zinke

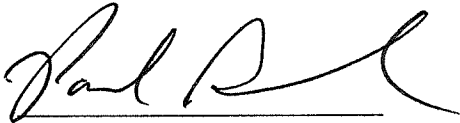
, being duly sworn, hereby state that I have read the foregoing Statement for Completion by Presidential Nominees, including all attachments thereto, and that the information provided therein is, to be best of my knowledge and belief, current, accurate, and complete.

I understand that the Statement and its attachments may be made public.



(Signature of Nominee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of JANUARY, 2017.



(Signature of Notary Public)

Paul Gerarden
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires 4/30/2018



February 16, 2011

United States Senate
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Recusal Policy

Each nominee coming before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources shall agree to:

- (1) Abide by the recusal requirements imposed by federal conflict of interest laws and the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch;
- (2) Seek the advice of his or her designated agency ethics officer before proceeding whenever faced with a situation that may give rise to an actual or apparent conflict of interest; and
- (3) Adhere to the principles of ethical conduct and avoid any actions creating the appearance of violating the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch.