

**Jim Lyons, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Land and Minerals Management  
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*Jim Lyons joined the Department of the Interior in 2013 as Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. Earlier this year, Jim became the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management where he focuses on public lands, energy, forestry, and landscape-level conservation. In addition, Lyons was directed by the Secretary to help with development of a strategy to conserve the Greater Sage-Grouse.*

*Lyons was USDA Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment during the Clinton administration. He played a key role in developing the 2001 Roadless Rule, the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan, and in new rules to guide national forest management. Jim also initiated some of the first regional ecosystem assessments across the West. In 2000, he worked with Interior Deputy Secretary David Hayes to develop a new strategy for addressing wildfires following the devastating fires that summer.*

*Prior to joining the Clinton Administration, Lyons was senior staff on the Committee on Agriculture in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has a Master's degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, where he has taught since 2000.*