Speech will be live streamed, Wednesday around 6:20 p.m. EST

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SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA – Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will join National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis this week in representing the United States at the 2014 International Union for Conservation of Nature's 2014 World Parks Congress, a global forum on protected areas held once every decade.

Jewell will address the Congress at 6:20 p.m. EST on Wednesday, Nov. 12, focusing on the need for international cooperation on issues affecting parks and other protected areas, especially the growing threat of climate change. The remarks will be live streamed here. Please note that the plenary session begins at 5:50pm EST; Jewell's remarks are expected to begin around 6:20 p.m. EST.

Jewell will also participate in the Congress' World Leaders' Dialogue on Thursday, November 13 at 1:30am ET to discuss how parks can help build a more resilient future. The dialogue will also be live streamed here.

The Congress is expected to convene over 4,000 participants from approximately 160 countries to discuss approaches for conservation and sustainable development.

While in Sydney, Jewell will hold a number of bilateral meetings with officials from the Australian government, including Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop, Minister for the Environment Greg Hunt and Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion. Jewell will also meet with John Scanlon, Secretary-General for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

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