Interior Secretary to Swear-In Newly Confirmed Officials Tuesday, July 17

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WASHINGTON - The new Interior officials confirmed by the Senate last week will be sworn-in by Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton at a ceremony tomorrow, July 17, at 1:15 p.m. The ceremony will take place outside on the Department's rooftop terrace.

"I am no longer home alone as was dubbed recently by the Washington press core," said Norton. "These highly qualified and extraordinarily talented professionals represent the beginning of an outstanding team at the Department of the Interior. They all believe in communicating with people of good faith and cooperating and collaborating in the service of conservation. This leadership team will listen to local concerns and make responsible decisions that are committed to the wise stewardship of our precious lands for the sake of our children and for future generations of Americans."

WHO:	Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior J. Steven Griles of Virginia, as Deputy Secretary Bennett Raley of Colorado, as Assistant Secretary for Water and Science John Keys of Alabama/Utah, as Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation Fran Mainella of Connecticut/Florida, as Director of the National Park Service Neal McCaleb of Oklahoma will join the ceremony. He was sworn-in as Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs July 4, 2001.
WHAT:	Swearing-In Ceremony and Photo Op
WHEN:	Tuesday, July 17, 1:15 p.m. EST
WHERE:	U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Rooftop Terrace

Note to Editors: Credentialed media covering the event should enter the Interior Department through the C Street entrance.

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