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Statement of Senator Mike Mansfield (D. Montana)

Landlord, Half Billion Public Domain Acres

Mr. President, the Bureau of Land Management, for many years, has been overseeing the administration and utilization of some half billion acres of public domain. More recently their activities have come into the limelight because of the work being done by the Public Land Law Review Commission. The renewed importance being given to land management is long overdue, and I am delighted that the administration of this Federal Agency is in the hands of an old friend and extremely capable administrator.

The Director of the Bureau of Land Management is Boyd Rasmussen, at one time Regional Forester for the United States Forest Service at Missoula, Montana. He did a fine job in my State, then came to Washington to the administrative position in the Forest Service, and then selected for this new position as Director of the Bureau of Land Management. In the short time that he has been in this position, Boyd Rasmussen has developed a reputation of confidence and sound administration. The August, 1967 issue of American Forests carries an interesting feature on Director Rasmussen and the work of the BLM.

I ask unanimous consent to have the article "A Place in the Sun" by James B. Craig printed at the conclusion of my remarks in the Congressional Record.