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FILE - Interior Secretary Sally Jewell stands on Comb Ridge as she visits rock art sites, some of witch have been vandalized in southern Utah on Saturday, July 16, 2016.
((Scott G Winterton, Deseret News))

The best news to come out of a revised Public Lands Initiative announced this week by Utah Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz is that it omits language that would have made seven counties in eastern Utah exempt from any monument designations under the Antiquities Act.

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Despite our dislike of the Antiquities Act, that exemption, a part of the original bill announced earlier this year, would have guaranteed the initiative's defeat — if not in Congress, then certainly under a presidential veto.

Beyond that, the bill's release, and Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's visit to the state this week, highlight just how quickly the clock is ticking on finding solutions to vexing land-management issues in the southeastern part of the state. The implication of Jewell's comments at various meetings is that either the state's representatives and the stakeholders involved find and pass a solution through Congress soon, or the president will summarily create a new national monument in the Bears Ears region.

The former clearly is preferable to the latter. Unfortunately, some stakeholders have more to gain from a monument designation than a brokered deal that would give them less than what they want.

That isn't to say the Public Lands Initiative is a perfect solution. If anything is clear after many years of trying to broker a grand compromise, it is that the myriad land-use issues in that part of the state are complicated and intertwined.

But it's also true that more is at stake here than just one bill. A successful compromise solution, passed by Congress and signed by the president, would stand as a powerful template for resolving the many other land-use issues in the West.

Bishop and Chaffetz's latest proposal would set up two national conservation areas in Bears Ears, protecting 1.4 million acres while allowing native tribes to access the area for sacred rituals. While tribal leaders have voiced support for a national monument, they want such a designation to continue allowing them access for rituals. It's unclear whether a monument designation would allow this, although Jewell said final language has not yet been prepared.

The rest of the Public Lands Initiative attempts to find compromise on other contentious issues on recreation, conservation and economic development. It would expand Arches National Park and create a Jurassic National Monument at the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry. It would expand the Goblin Valley State Park, increasing staffing necessary to manage it.

But it also would allow for more economic development through energy extraction, which has several environmental groups voicing opposition.

The Obama administration has insisted it won't treat a monument designation the way President Bill Clinton did when he took all parties by surprise in creating the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in 1996. Jewell's visit to the state this week is a good-faith indication this is true.

Jewell traveled the state, listening to the emotion-charged concerns of many stakeholders and gaining a greater appreciation for the complexities involved. She made it clear, however, that time is running out.

Bishop and Chaffetz have much hard work ahead and little time to do it. But success would go far toward making the West a more peaceful place.

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On Jul 17, 2016, at 10:56 AM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Tribune Editorial: Public Lands Initiative is too little, too late

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(Scott Sommerdorf | The Salt Lake Tribune) Dineh native 9-year old Donald West Jr. plays with a kite with one of the Bears Ears in the background as a meeting with native people and U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell proceeds in a meadow atop the Bears Ears, Friday, July 15, 2016.

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Political gamesmanship over the Bears Ears reached its apex this week as Utah congressmen finally introduced their Public Lands Initiative bill while the manager of those lands, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, trekked across the Utah red rock.

For Rep. Rob Bishop, the bill's introduction is culmination of an effort begun more than three years ago and represents thousands of hours of work from diverse interests. If passed, it would settle large and small disputes over public lands from Flaming Gorge to Lake Powell. It would add thousands of wilderness acres, expand one national monument (Dinosaur) and create another in Emery County.

But it wouldn't create a monument in San Juan County, and that is what's behind Jewell's high-profile journey through southeastern Utah. Indian tribes and environmentalists have coalesced around the idea of a national

monument in the sacred lands surrounding the Bears Ears that would give Native Americans a unique management role to preserve both the heritage of their past and their traditions still practiced.

With Bishop and Rep. Jason Chaffetz unwilling to go there — in large part because their PLI process was driven by county commissioners in San Juan and elsewhere — the Indians have turned to President Obama to declare the monument under the Antiquities Act.

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For their part, Bishop and Chaffetz made concessions since their draft PLI bill came out earlier this year. They added a large chunk to a conservation area around the Bears Ears, but they left vague what would be allowed in the area, including energy development. It grants an Indian role in management of part of the area, but not enough to satisfy the tribes. The Indian groups had earlier said they were stonewalled by the PLI process and walked away.

A key difference this time is removing a requirement that no current or future president could declare a monument in eastern Utah. That provision was considered sacrosanct by the congressmen when their draft came out. That has helped keep the White House talking, but the other changes haven't been enough to bring the tribes back.

Jewell was standing at the Dead Horse Point overlook Thursday when she turned to Fred Ferguson, Chaffetz' chief of staff, to comment about tribal representatives walking away from PLI talks. "They were probably frustrated by their last experience, Fred, so there's definitely some bridge building you're going to have to do."

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The reality is that the PLI has problems that go beyond the Bears Ears. In too many places it bent toward the energy industry, and it would allow the counties to claim roads where there aren't any and shouldn't be. The PLI's county-driven process never accepted that it was about America's land, and so it never gave adequate voice to the tribes or to national environmental groups. That cost the congressmen years that could have gone into real talks.

Instead, we get a mad scramble at the end, and the Utahns in Congress look like they have been outplayed. A negotiated settlement would have been better, but a Bears Ears monument declaration looks like the only viable solution at this point.

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Salt Lake Tribune Op-Ed: Terry Tempest Williams: With monument proposal, tribes open door to new way of seeing public lands

By Terry Tempest Williams

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It is time for a monumental idea. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will be in Bluff tomorrow conducting a site hearing on the Bears Ears National Monument proposal. Her presence honors the strength and dignity of tribal leadership expressed through the coalition of Navajo, Hopi, Zuni and the Mountain and Ouray Ute nations who are calling for the protection of 1.9 million acres adjacent to Canyonlands National Park in the remote region of Cedar Mesa.

The coalition of five tribes — supported by more than 20 tribes within the American Southwest and the National Congress of American Indians, comprised of more than 250 tribes — is asking the United States government to see their home ground through the lenses of traditional knowledge gleaned through relationships cultivated over time.

On Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 11:52 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Sharing some additional clips with the team this evening on top of what Amanda sent earlier tonight, this is some of the radio/TV coverage.
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> I'd first like to flag however this amazing photo album on the Salt Lake Tribune website. Many of us will relive our entire day in these photos - it's a stunning album for many reasons. Please take a peak tonight:
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> **Salt Lake Tribune Photo Album:**

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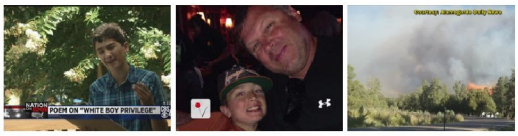

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I do not profess to know how Indian people feel. I only know how I feel when I am with them. I am drawn into a circle of relationships that widens my own sense of community that includes all living things. My debt is large to Indian people and all the ways they have shaped and influenced my own sense of home.

I believe the Bears Ears National Monument proposal honors the deep residency of native peoples living inside the Colorado Plateau. The tribes are asking each of us to acknowledge an embodied intelligence born of the land that warrants as much respect and protection as the wilderness, itself.

The Bears Ears National Monument Proposal has the potential to transform Utah's rancorous politics of place into an ethic of place for generations to come.

Not long ago, 15 students gathered in our living room with Jonah Yellowman, a Navajo spiritual leader from Monument Valley. When Jonah arrived, coyotes began howling, a rarity at nine o'clock in the morning.

He entered our home, the students sat near him, and he began his remarks with a blessing. After the blessing, he spoke about how one learns, how his father taught him as a young boy to bring in wood and water at night, so that in the morning you will have dry wood to make a fire for warmth, and water to boil a cup of tea.

"You will not be caught short in a blizzard," he said.

He shared how he became a medicine person, how the ashes spoke to him, how if one holds a crystal up to the stars for guidance and then peers back into the ashes, one can see into the soul of the person in need. One of the students bluntly asked Jonah why he was sharing this sacred knowledge.

"It is time," Jonah said.

Jonah spoke about why these lands on Cedar Mesa remain sacred to the Navajo; how the bones of his ancestors are buried here, how their ancient songs are still carried by the winds, and how the Diné see these lands as their medicine cabinets. This is the home of their

ceremonies. This is the place where he remembers the source of his dreams.

"I have dreamed of being in this place before," Jonah said.

He pointed north toward the Colorado River. "The elders told me that this canyon where the great river flows was created by the bison from scraping the Earth with his hoof."

"It is time to go outside," he said. We followed him on to the patio in Castle Valley, where we witnessed a rare horizontal rainbow above the mesa.

It is time for us to go outside our own places of comfort and dare to embrace a new way of seeing. The tribes are opening the door, inviting us to cross a threshold where a more expansive conversation about land protection awaits us. They are taking us beyond the rhetoric of wilderness designation to a wider view of how we can live in place with reverence and restraint. Leaders like Jim Enote from the Zuni Pueblo remind us how these desert lands are "source, not resource."

In this centennial year of the National Park Service, it is hard to imagine a more profound act that could provide a greater healing between indigenous people and the federal government than this bold national monument. At a time when race has created a wedge and a wound within our communities in the United States of America that is anything but united, Bears Ears National Monument becomes a gesture of peace extended to disenfranchised people still held captive by the violence of our shadowed history.

The partisan politics that continues to plague public land policy in the 21st century is being offered a powerful corrective by collaborating with the tribes in a co-management model of cooperation where traditional knowledge is embedded within current land agency governing principles and practices. It will not be easy, but it will be transformative and right.

Our national parks and monuments are not simply "America's best idea" but an evolving idea. In their quiet and dignified manner, the tribes are leading the way forward with a vision of land protection in Utah that is at its core, spiritual. We are the sum of all our relations, both human and wild.

May Jewell listen to the collective wisdom of the tribes and carry it back to Washington and return to their native home ground with a monumental decision.

Terry Tempest Williams is the author of "The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks," published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux, currently a New York Times bestseller.

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Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visits southern Utah, vows she's 'here to listen'
The Salt Lake Tribune // Matthew Piper // July 14
As Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz unveiled their long-awaited public lands plan, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell came face to face with critics of the proposed national monument Utah's delegation hopes to stave off. The second day of Jewell's whirlwind tour of southeastern Utah saw her drive from Moab's airport to Big Flats, to Gemini Bridges, to Dead Horse Point, to Indian Creek and finally to Monticello, where about 50 protesters welcomed her outside the Hideout Community Center with chants of "No national monument!" "We protect it just fine," shouted one. Another: "Communist!" The mood inside was lighter, but more than 150 people gathered to hear San Juan County commissioners share their concerns about the Bears Ears National Monument proposal, brought by a coalition of five tribes that late last year stopped participating in discussions about Bishop and Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and appealed to President Barack Obama to protect 1.9 million acres by using the Antiquities Act.

As Interior secretary tours sacred tribal site, Utah Republicans push to protect it
Washington Post // Juliet Eilperin // July 14
Utah Republican lawmakers introduced legislation Thursday that would protect 1.4 million acres of a sacred Native American site in the state's southeast, as Interior Secretary Sally Jewell toured the area to solicit ideas on how to address the threats it faces. Bears Ears — an expanse of land in San Juan County that boasts both archeological treasures and critical environmental habitats — has come under pressure from looters and vandalism over the years. Utah's congressional delegation has spent three years working to craft a compromise bill that would encompass not only that area but six other counties, providing opportunities for energy development, grazing and motorized recreation while designating some parts for conservation. The new flurry of activity, including the bill introduction and Jewell's four-day visit to meet with tribal leaders, local officials and environmentalists, underscores that time is running out to forge a legislative deal.

Secretary Of The Interior To Tour Bears Ears
Utah Public Radio // Jon Kovash // July 14

This week Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting multiple towns in Southeast Utah to hear local concerns about federal lands. Jewell is traveling with a delegation of high ranking federal officials. Wednesday she met with Governor Herbert, toured the San Rafael Swell with Emery County officials, and attended a meeting in Moab, where she was greeted with a sea of T-shirts and signs supporting the Bears Ears as a new national monument. “This is democracy," she said. "I mean, this is how our country works, and, you know, listening to each other in a respectful way. Having a large group of people that have different points of view by the shirts they’re wearing and the signs they’re carrying, and being very respectful of each other, I appreciate.”

The Latest: House bill blocking monuments faces veto threat

AP // July 14

House Republicans have passed a spending bill that could block a new national monument in southeastern Utah. But the effort faces a White House veto threat. Republican Rep. Chris Stewart of Utah added a provision to an Interior Department spending bill that blocks money for any new monuments in portions of eight states, including 17 Utah counties. The House passed the bill Thursday, but the measure is expected to run into a filibuster from Senate Democrats and the White House veto threat. The vote comes as U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting Utah to meet with supporters and opponents of the Bears Ears monument.

GOP Lawmakers Unveil Utah Land Use Plan

WSJ // Jim Carlton // July 14

Two Utah Republicans unveiled a long-awaited bill aimed at protecting vast parts of the state’s spectacular canyon country, while allowing development in other areas. The bill’s backers say it is a compromise that could serve as a model for brokering disputes over federal land ownership in the West, while potentially lowering the temperature on a legal feud between Utah and the U.S. The Obama administration hasn’t taken a stand on the monument. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is set to host a community meeting Saturday in Bluff, Utah, on the dueling proposals.

Interior Secretary Jewell meets with Grand County Council

Moab Sun News // Eric Trenbeath // July 14

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell heard comments from the Grand County Council on Rep. Rob Bishop's Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and the Bureau of Land Management's Master Leasing Plan (MLP) at a special meeting held on Wednesday, July 13. More than 50 local citizens attended, many wearing t-shirts, or carrying signs either in support of, or opposed to, the creation of a Bears Ears National Monument. “I am here to listen, that is the primary reason for this visit,” Jewell said. “You have an incredible place here, and I know that it's got lots of different elements to the economy, and things that are important to people of this region.”

Push to create Utah monument marks latest Western land fight

AP // Brady McCombs // July 14

Laminated sheets of paper held in place by rocks rest inside ancient cliff dwellings nestled underneath a spectacular red rock overhang in southeastern Utah. "Don't erase the traces of America's past," the signs read. "Please do not enter interior rooms." The weathered signs and a similar warning at the trailhead are the only protections in place for these easily accessible ruins along a canyon hiking path. The cliff dwellings are part of an estimated 100,000 archaeological sites within a 1.9 million-acre area that a coalition of American Indian tribes wants President Barack Obama to designate a national monument to ensure protections for lands considered sacred. U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting the area this week to meet with proponents and opponents — the latest indication the Obama administration is giving serious consideration to the "Bears Ears" monument proposal.

Public lands bill unveiled without controversial Antiquities Act provision

KSL // Amy Joi O’Donoghue // July 14

Utah Republican Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz unveiled the final version of the much awaited Public Lands Initiative Thursday, eliminating a mandate that seven counties in eastern Utah are off-limits for any future monument designation under the Antiquities Act. The elimination of the controversial provision acknowledges it was a deal breaker for environmental groups and recognition that no president would endorse a law that relinquishes such a sweeping executive power. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, a veteran GOP faithful and states’ right defender, released the Public Lands Initiative on the day of the start of Jewell’s three-day, whirlwind tour of Grand and San Juan counties. His bills, and her visits, come as the debate over a potential monument designation of 1.9 million

acres in the Bears Ears region reaches a fervent pitch, with certain tribes and environmental groups calling for presidential action.

Bishop, Chaffetz unveil long-awaited lands bill in bid to block a Bears Ears National Monument
The Salt Lake Tribune // Thomas Burr and Matt Canham // July 14
Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz introduced a package of bills Thursday with the immediate hope of preventing President Barack Obama from creating a Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County. But the larger goal of the Public Lands Initiative (PLI) is to end decades of acrimony among environmentalists, ranchers, oil and gas drillers, recreationalists and tribal leaders, with a plan that brings certainty to the seven rural counties that took part in this grueling three-year process. The bill's introduction comes as Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other federal officials are touring southeastern Utah to look at the Bears Ears region, a culturally sensitive area to many tribal nations.

Can a trove of Native American ruins be saved from eBay and 'white people' ideology?
Fusion // Ari Phillips // July 14
When I asked Josh Ewing, my tour guide through the countless Native American ruin sites nestled in the remote cliffsides of southeastern Utah, about the coolest thing he'd ever discovered here, he barely paused before answering. "I climbed down from the rim of this cliff dwelling site and found an intact painted bowl, black and white—just perfect. It had been sitting there for about 800 years," he said, as we summited a large rubble pile of what is believed to be a four-story Ancestral Pueblo structure. "One of our big problems is everyone takes a shard of a pot and puts it on their mantle or something. And if everyone takes a piece home with them pretty soon there's nothing left." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will be visiting Utah this weekend to meet with stakeholders involved in the debate and to try and smooth a path forward. This year is the centennial celebration of the National Park Service, and the agency is using the occasion to highlight the important role that it plays in preserving both natural beauty and human history. Jessica Kershaw, spokesperson for the DOI, said that the goal of Jewell's cross-country travels this summer is to find opportunities to ensure "our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans."

On Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 12:54 AM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Journal News Editorial: Bears Ears may finally get the protection it so clearly deserves

Cedar Mesa, Dark Canyon, Grand Gulch and Valley of the Gods are all places with names that evoke the almost mythical natural landscape familiar to many residents and visitors of the Four Corners who have hiked, hunted, floated and appreciated the archaeology in them. They are big places with open spaces one can imagine not looking too much different than they did millions of years ago.

Bounded to the west by the Green and Colorado rivers, to the east by Highway 191 from Moab to Bluff, and along the southern edge by the San Juan River, the 1.9 million acres of public and ancestral lands known as the Bears Ears may soon receive permanent protection. Some say this is long overdue – by a century or more.

In 1906, Congress established the Antiquities Act, largely in response to rampant looting of archaeological sites in the Four Corners, including the Bears Ears region, which continues today. It gives the president the authority to create national monuments from public lands to protect significant natural, cultural or scientific resources. To date, presidents have used the act over 100 times to establish monuments, including Canyon of the Ancients west of Cortez, but not yet for an area for which it was perfectly designed.

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Robert Bonnie will hold a public meeting on Saturday, July 16, in Bluff, Utah, to receive comments on community visions for the management of Southern Utah's public lands, including Utah Republican Congressmen Rob Bishop's and Jason Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition's proposal to designate a new national monument. Their visit is an important step toward ensuring the Bears Ears region receives the protection it deserves.

Stakeholders, including conservation, off-highway vehicle and recreation groups, have spent the past three years working with tribal leaders and Utah's congressional delegation on legislation that would protect this area, but to date, no legislation has been introduced in Congress. The draft legislation to be released this week is anticipated to be much improved but may still not be acceptable to stakeholders and tribes. Time is running out.

Frustrated by legislative inaction, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition came together to conserve the Bears Ears cultural landscape and requested that President Obama proclaim it a national monument. The historic consortium of sovereign nations includes leaders of the Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Utes, Zuni and Ute Indian Tribe of northeastern Utah. It is also the first time the conservation community is following the lead of and supporting a proposal developed by Native Americans.

Dozens of conservation and recreation groups and a total of 26 tribes have expressed support and are united in their vision for protecting the Bears Ears region. The Bears Ears National Monument proposal presents an extraordinary opportunity to protect a scenically spectacular and archaeologically rich landscape and to do something that has never been done before by creating a national monument that protects Native American ancestral homelands and provides the tribes a meaningful role in their management.

To add your voice to those seeking to do what is right for the land and the people that trace their heritage to it, take a drive to Bluff on Saturday.

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Deseret News: Bears Ears controversy ramps up with Jewell's visit, Bishop's planned legislation

By Amy Joi O'Donoghue, Deseret News

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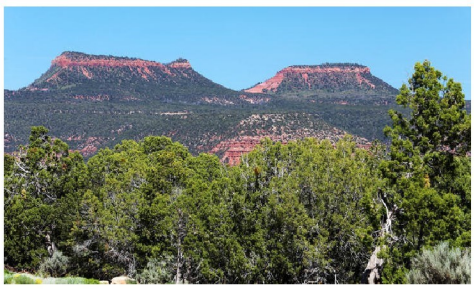

The Bears Ears area is seen on Thursday, June 2, 2016. The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses.
(Scott G Winterton, Deseret News)

SALT LAKE CITY — The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses.

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Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, and chief architect of the measure, said the region on federal lands in southeastern Utah will come with a new management structure that includes a tribal committee to ensure traditional access for wood gathering, ceremonies and gathering of plants.

"We spell out what the management practices will be and the purpose of those," Bishop said. "The lower half is strictly for conservation. … They will be able to continue those traditional activities in a way that would not be guaranteed under a monument designation."

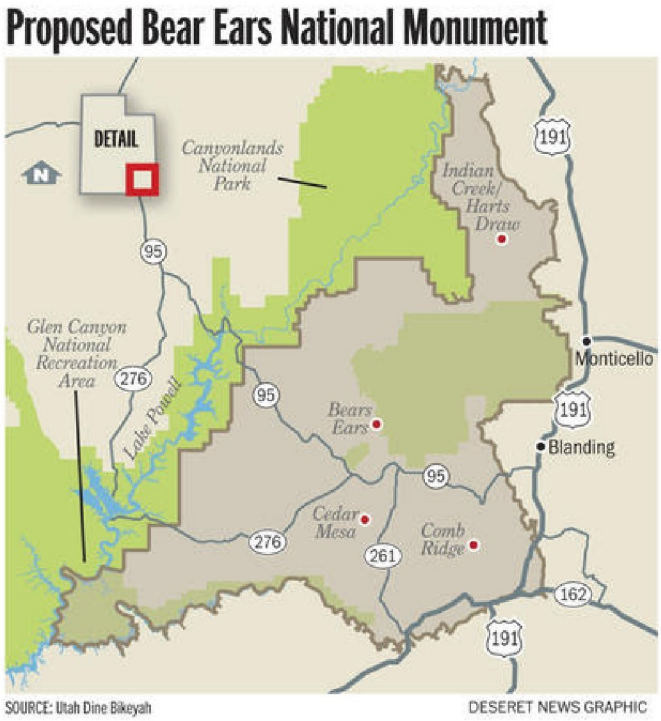
The final version of Bishop's bill is due to be released late this week, coinciding with a three-day, packed tour of San Juan and Grand counties by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Jewell will meet with tribal leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, visit with San Juan County commissioners and hear from congressional staffers from Bishop's and Rep. Jason Chaffetz's offices.

Cody Stewart, Gov. Gary Herbert's policy adviser, will also be at the talks, with Herbert already committed to attend a meeting of the National Governors' Association.

As the tempo accelerates around the Bears Ears controversy — the coalition is pushing President Barack Obama to declare 1.9 million acres a national monument — all sides in the issue are scrambling for the ear of Jewell, who has promised no designation will be made without local input.

To that end, beyond the intense slate of meetings, tours and hikes, Jewell will host a three-hour community meeting in Bluff to hear from residents on the issue.



Bishop mapped out some of his plans for the Bears Ears region, saying no one disputes the need for federal conservation area protections. The 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region would be divided into two roughly equal portions and managed as separate national conservation areas.

While the southern portion would be managed strictly with Native American uses and traditions in mind, the northern half would come under an administrative approach that recognizes existing outdoor recreation uses such as rock climbing in the Indian Creek corridor. The footprint also includes the Mancos Wilderness Area.

The divided conservation area model came at the request of The Nature Conservancy, which owns the 5,200-acre working Dugout Ranch that is also home to scientific research and ancestral Puebloan rock art and dwellings. The concept was pursued in consultation with San Juan County and some tribal representatives.

"This is a dramatic change from January," said Fred Ferguson, Chaffetz's chief of staff. "If you don't recognize the different conditions on the ground, management will be extremely difficult."

The northern region is already heavily used for outdoor recreation and includes some grazing, Ferguson said. Under the new management structure envisioned to protect cultural resources, the tribes will have a co-management position, elevated to cooperating partners in land-use planning, he said, and not simply consulted.

"They will have a seat at the table," Ferguson said. "Candidly, that is very difficult to be created through a monument designation."

The delegation asked the leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to sit down and review the changes in late June, but the offer was rebuffed.

"We are satisfied that a Bears Ears National Monument proclaimed by President Obama under his authority granted by the Antiquities Act presents the best opportunity to protect the Bears Ears landscape and assure a strong Native American voice in monument management," the coalition's letter said.

Coalition leaders bowed out of talks in December, accusing Bishop and Chaffetz of ignoring their input, leaving them out of the public lands initiative process and continually missing deadlines.

Bishop said the latest reaction was disappointing but not surprising.

"I think that is more indicative of the entire issue at hand," he said. "This was an organization whose first priority may not have been trying to sit down and work something out."

Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a nonprofit advocacy organization for indigenous people, said the group long supported a national conservation area for Bears Ears because of the ability to write more language into that approach rather than a proclamation. The group, however, is deferring decisions to the coalition and supporting its position for a monument.

The public lands bill will be the subject of a formal hearing in August by the committee Bishop heads, the House Committee on Natural Resources, which will also hold a markup session on the bill in September.

Bishop's public lands bill, dubbed the "Grand Bargain," has been in the making for more than three years. It was released in draft form in January amid a swell of criticism from environmental groups who say it favored industry over conservation.

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Updated AP short story on this week's public meeting:

Top Obama officials head to
Bluff for Bears Ears meeting

Associated Press

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

By Jim Mimiaga Journal staff writer

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

The meeting will be from 1–4 p.m at the Bluff Community Center at the corner of Third Street and Mulberry Avenue.

According according to a July 12 Department of Interior announcement, the meeting is "regarding community visions for management of southern Utah's public lands, members of the public are invited to attend and comment."

Participating federal agency representatives will also attend the meeting, including Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze, National Parks Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts. U.S. Forest Chief Tom Tidwell has also been invited.

The protection of cultural and natural resources of the vast area of public lands in southeast Utah has been a hot topic for the last few years.

Conservation groups and Native American tribes — including the Ute Mountain Utes, Navajos, Uintah-Ouray Utes, Hopi, and Zuni — have been advocating that President Barack Obama declare a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument under the Antiquities Act.

Utah legislators are pushing for a federal bill to form the Bears Ears National Conservation Area on 1.1 million acres.

"We're excited that D.C. officials are coming out to hear different viewpoints and what the issues are for protecting this area," said Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the Bears Ears Coalition of five tribes.

The Bears Ears area contains more than 100,000 archaeological sites with cultural ties to Native American tribes in the American Southwest.

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Interior chief headed to Utah amid divisions over proposed monument

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By Timothy Cama - 07/11/16 11:06 AM EDT

Interior Secretary **Sally Jewell** is traveling to Utah this week amid divisions over a proposal for a new national monument to protect land in the state.

Jewell's meeting, planned for Saturday, comes after years of calls from American Indian tribes and environmentalists to create the Bear's Ears National Monument, which would protect nearly 2 million acres in southwestern Utah that tribes believe to be sacred and historic.

The meeting is far from an endorsement of the proposed land protections, however.

It's part of Jewell's effort on the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service to hear from local residents around the country about their visions for public lands for the next century.

"The goal of her travel is to find and highlight opportunities where we can make progress in ensuring our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans," Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said.

The Utah travel is meant for Jewell "to meet with and listen to community members, local leaders and stakeholders about a range of conservation proposals… to further protect Utah public lands," she added.

Congressional Republicans, the oil and gas industry and business interests oppose the national monument designation, which President Obama can do unilaterally. They say such a designation would unnecessarily restrict various uses of the land, including energy production.

A bill from Utah Reps. **Rob Bishop** and **Jason Chaffetz**, both Republicans, proposes various land protections around Utah, including 1 million acres in the Bear's Ears area, in part as an attempt to push back at a potential monument. But the monument's supporters say the GOP bill would allow too much development and wouldn't go far enough in protecting the land.

Bishop, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, plans to unveil a revised version of the legislation this week, The Salt Lake Tribune **reported**.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," Bishop and Chaffetz wrote Friday to Jewell. Utah Sens. **Mike Lee** and **Orrin Hatch**, also Republicans, signed on to that letter as well.

"The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

On Fri, Jul 8, 2016 at 9:41 PM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Salt Lake Tribune: Next week could be turning point in Bears Ears debate: Bishop to unveil bill; Interior Secretary Jewell to visit Utah

By THOMAS BURR | The Salt Lake Tribune CONNECT

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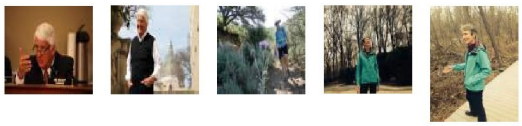

Washington • Rep. Rob Bishop plans to unveil long-awaited legislation next week to preserve some areas of the Bears Ears region in southeastern Utah just ahead of a visit by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

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Bishop also plans to fast-track his much-anticipated Public Lands Initiative (PLI) — which critics worry won't go far enough to protect Bears Ears — by holding hearings in August and September and put it before the House by the end of the latter month.

The Utah Republican — joined by Utah's senators, Mike Lee and Orrin Hatch, and Rep. Jason Chaffetz — hopes the measure will blunt any attempt by President Barack Obama's administration to use the 1908 Antiquities Act to unilaterally create a national monument as several tribal leaders have called for to safeguard nearly 2 million acres.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," the four Utah members of Congress wrote Friday to Jewell. "The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

Jewell's July 16 visit, which will include a public meeting in the Bears Ears area, is aimed at allowing the secretary to hear the various proposals, including the PLI and a push for a national monument, and see the area in person, her spokeswoman, Jessica Kershaw, said Friday.

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The meeting shouldn't be read as the administration ramping up any move to name a monument, Kershaw cautioned. A visit by the interior secretary to an area under consideration for a monument had previewed action by Obama in recent years, but Kershaw said this Utah trip will be a listening tour.

"This is an opportunity to hear form the community from a variety of stakeholders — land managers, representatives, local officials — about their concerns and desires to protect places that hold special meaning to them," Kershaw said. "It is not an indication of an imminent monument decision."

Bishop has been working on the PLI for years, saying at the start he wanted to bring together all the parties — from environmentalists to oil and gas leaders to local officials and residents — to find a solution to preserving areas that need protection and opening up other mineral-rich spots for development.

He released a draft plan in January, though several conservation groups said it didn't go far enough and offered too much for development. Utah's members of Congress noted in their letter to Jewell that they appreciated suggested changes to the draft PLI from the administration as well as nongovernmental organizations.

Several tribal leaders have withdrawn from Bishop's effort and said they supported Obama naming a new monument. The president, who has designated several monuments during his seven years in office, has said he will move to preserve areas that are in need, though he has not publicly mentioned the Utah area.

Josh Ewing, executive director of Friends of Cedar Mesa, which seeks to set aside the Bears Ears area, said his group is excited to see the legislation. It is an important step to inform the debate about what should be preserved, he said, and whether it should be through congressional or presidential action.

Ewing added that he does not expect any monument designation to be forthcoming while the Utah delegation pursues a legislative solution.

"I hope that [Jewell's] visit signals the administration's serious consideration for considering a monument if the Public Lands Initiative can't protect this area," Ewing said. "I do not think a monument is imminent. I think they are going to allow the Public Lands Initiative to succeed or fail."

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AP: Secretary Jewell to visit Utah to discuss conservation plans

Posted 6:10 p.m. today

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SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will visit Utah on July 16 for a public meeting to discuss conservation proposals that include a plan backed by a Tribal coalition and environmentalist to create a new national monument.

Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said Friday by email that Jewell will meet with community members and local leaders about how to ensure public lands are "benefiting all Americans."

She said the time and location will be announced next week.

Proponents of the proposed 1.9-million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah say ancient artifacts and sacred lands need protection from looting and development.

Utah's top Republican leaders oppose the designation and back a plan set to be introduced in Congress next week that would protect parts of the Bears Ears area and other lands while opening up some lands for recreation and oil and gas development.

Read more at http://www.wral.com/secretary-jewell-to-visit-utah-to-discuss-conservation-plans/15838975/#m5zvgysVTQrM2Q0p.99

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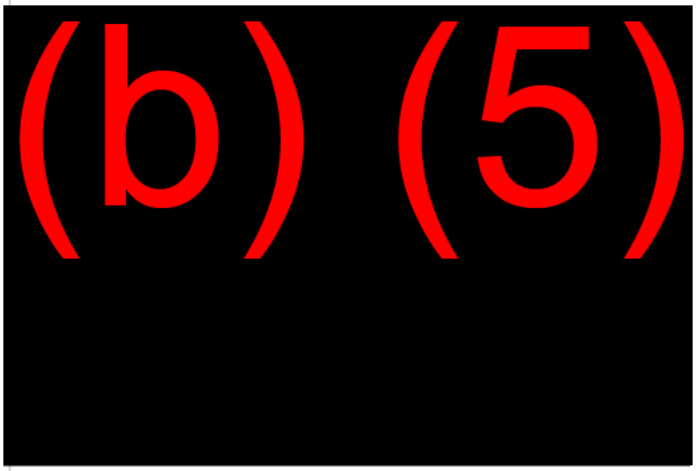

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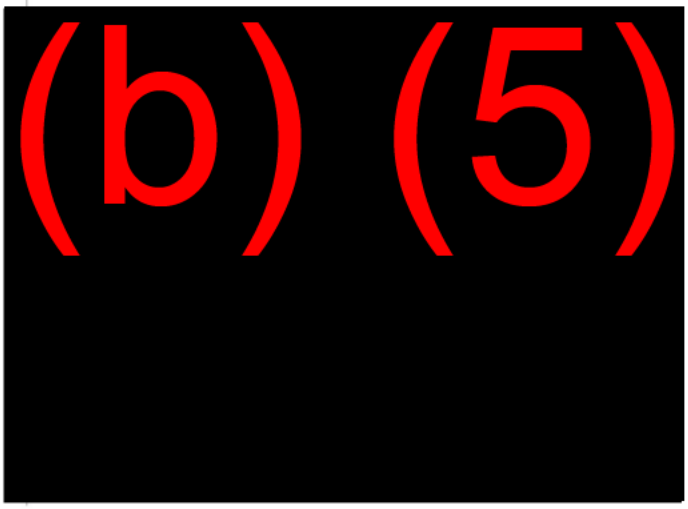

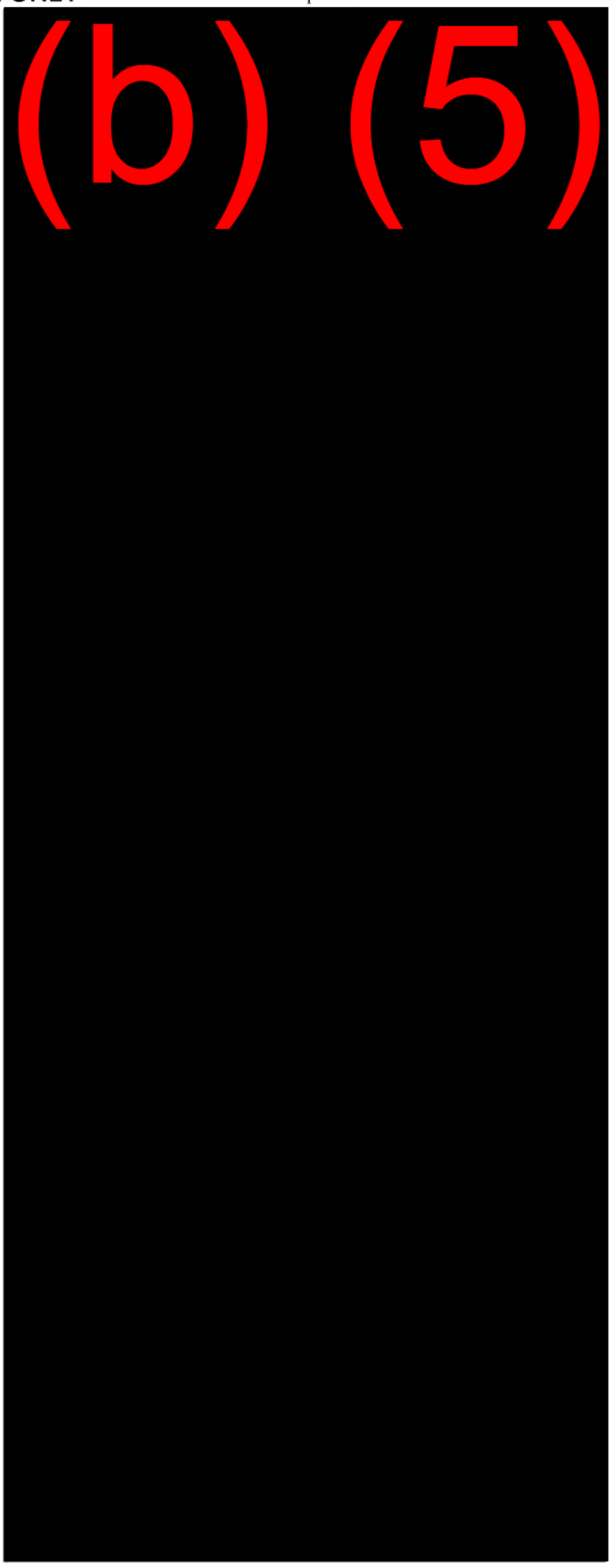
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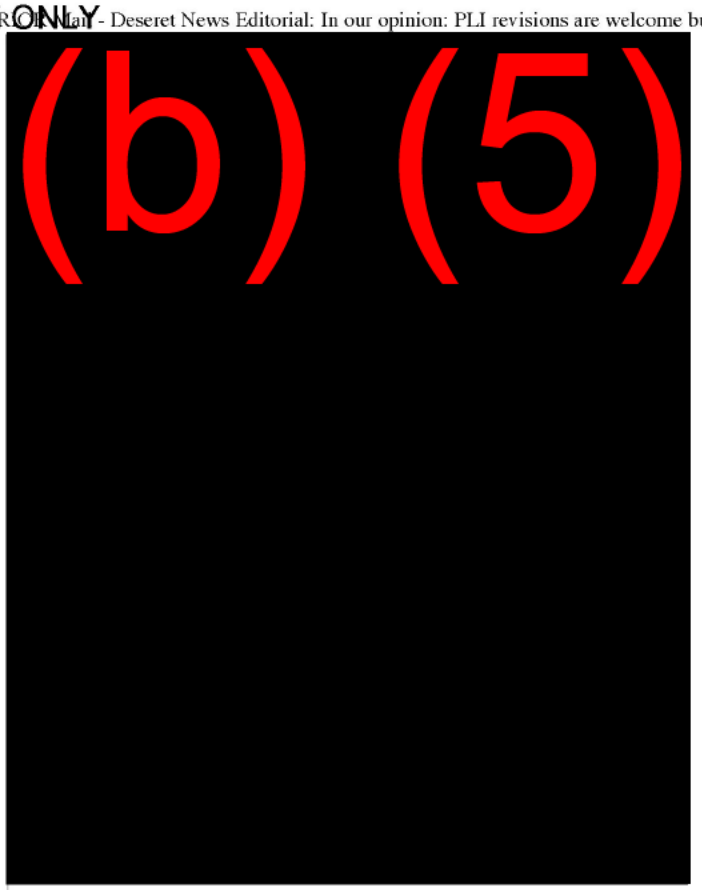

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Tribune Editorial: Public Lands Initiative is too little, too late

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Tribune Editorial: Public Lands Initiative is too little, too late

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(Scott Sommerdorf | The Salt Lake Tribune) Dineh native 9-year old Donald West Jr. plays with a kite with one of the Bears Ears in the background as a meeting with native people and U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell proceeds in a meadow atop the Bears Ears, Friday, July 15, 2016.

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Political gamesmanship over the Bears Ears reached its apex this week as Utah congressmen finally introduced their Public Lands Initiative bill while the manager of those lands, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, trekked across the Utah red rock.

For Rep. Rob Bishop, the bill's introduction is culmination of an effort begun more than three years ago and represents thousands of hours of work from diverse interests. If passed, it would settle large and small disputes over public lands from Flaming Gorge to Lake Powell. It would add thousands of wilderness acres, expand one national monument (Dinosaur) and create another in Emery County.

But it wouldn't create a monument in San Juan County, and that is what's behind Jewell's high-profile journey through southeastern Utah. Indian tribes and environmentalists have coalesced around the idea of a national monument in the sacred lands surrounding the Bears Ears that would give Native Americans a unique management role to preserve both the heritage of their past and their traditions still practiced.

With Bishop and Rep. Jason Chaffetz unwilling to go there — in large part because their PLI process was driven by county commissioners in San Juan and elsewhere — the Indians have turned to President Obama to declare the monument under the Antiquities Act.

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For their part, Bishop and Chaffetz made concessions since their draft PLI bill came out earlier this year. They added a large chunk to a conservation area around the Bears Ears, but they left vague what would be allowed in the area, including energy development. It grants an Indian role in management of part of the area, but not enough to satisfy the tribes. The Indian groups had earlier said they were stonewalled by the PLI process and walked away.

A key difference this time is removing a requirement that no current or future president could declare a monument in eastern Utah. That provision was considered sacrosanct by the congressmen when their draft came out. That has helped keep the White House talking, but the other changes haven't been enough to bring the tribes back.

Jewell was standing at the Dead Horse Point overlook Thursday when she turned to Fred Ferguson, Chaffetz' chief of staff, to comment about tribal representatives walking away from PLI talks. "They were probably frustrated by their last experience, Fred, so there's definitely some bridge building you're going to have to do."

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The reality is that the PLI has problems that go beyond the Bears Ears. In too many places it bent toward the energy industry, and it would allow the counties to claim roads where there aren't any and shouldn't be. The PLI's county-driven process never accepted that it was about America's land, and so it never gave adequate voice to the tribes or to national environmental groups. That cost the congressmen years that could have gone into real talks.

Instead, we get a mad scramble at the end, and the Utahns in Congress look like they have been outplayed. A negotiated settlement would have been better, but a Bears Ears monument declaration looks like the only viable solution at this point.

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Salt Lake Tribune Op-Ed: Terry Tempest Williams: With monument proposal, tribes open door to new way of seeing public lands

By Terry Tempest Williams

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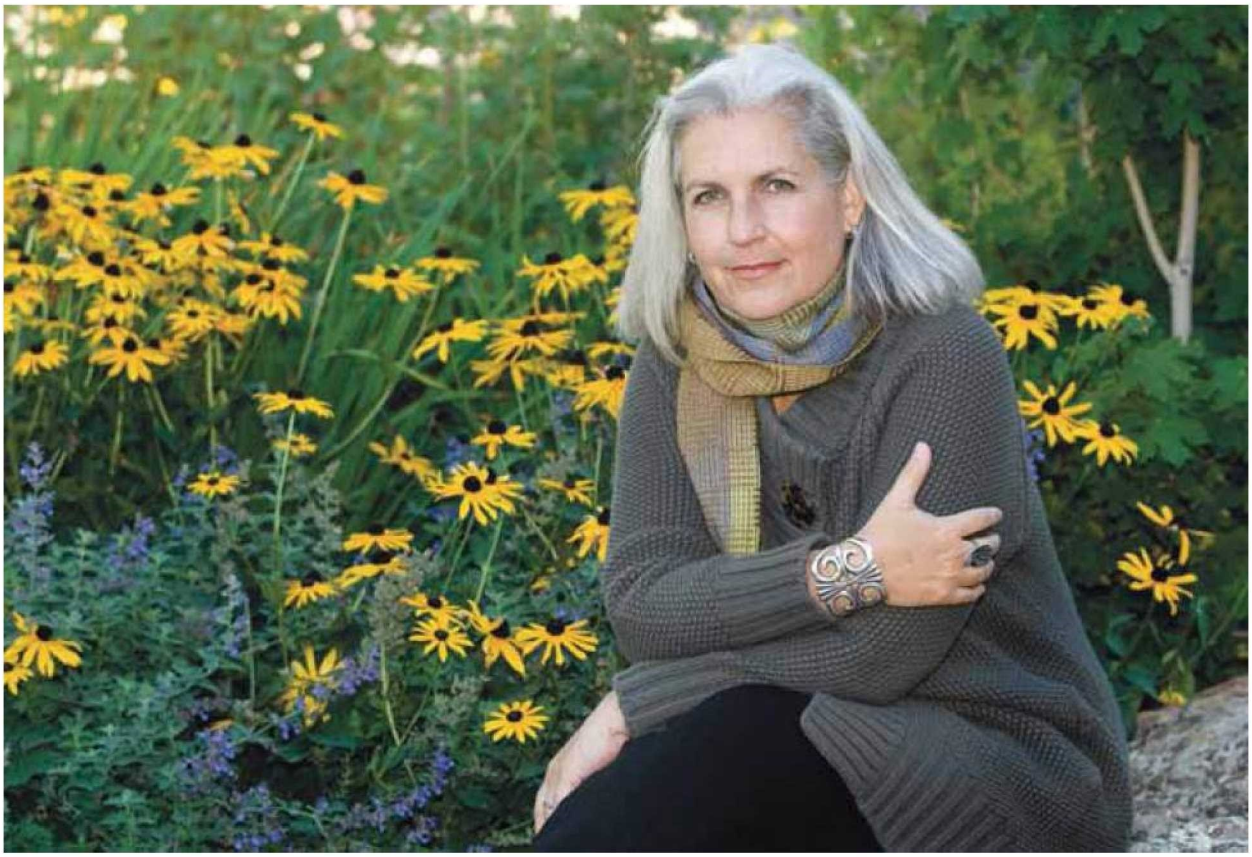

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It is time for a monumental idea. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will be in Bluff tomorrow conducting a site hearing on the Bears Ears National Monument proposal. Her presence honors the strength and dignity of tribal leadership expressed through the coalition of Navajo, Hopi, Zuni and the Mountain and Ouray Ute nations who are calling for the protection of 1.9 million acres adjacent to Canyonlands National Park in the remote region of Cedar Mesa.

The coalition of five tribes — supported by more than 20 tribes within the American Southwest and the National Congress of American Indians, comprised of more than 250 tribes — is asking the United States government to see their home ground through the lenses of traditional knowledge gleaned through relationships cultivated over time.

On Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 11:52 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Sharing some additional clips with the team this evening on top of what Amanda sent earlier tonight, this is some of the radio/TV coverage.

I'd first like to flag however this amazing photo album on the Salt Lake Tribune website. Many of us will relive our entire day in these photos - it's a stunning album for many reasons. Please take a peak tonight:

Salt Lake Tribune Photo Album:

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I do not profess to know how Indian people feel. I only know how I feel when I am with them. I am drawn into a circle of relationships that widens my own sense of community that includes all living things. My debt is large to Indian people and all the ways they have shaped and influenced my own sense of home.

I believe the Bears Ears National Monument proposal honors the deep residency of native peoples living inside the Colorado Plateau. The tribes are asking each of us to acknowledge an embodied intelligence born of the land that warrants as much respect and protection as the wilderness, itself.

The Bears Ears National Monument Proposal has the potential to transform Utah's rancorous politics of place into an ethic of place for generations to come.

Not long ago, 15 students gathered in our living room with Jonah Yellowman, a Navajo spiritual leader from Monument Valley. When Jonah arrived, coyotes began howling, a rarity at nine o'clock in the morning.

He entered our home, the students sat near him, and he began his remarks with a blessing. After the blessing, he spoke about how one learns, how his father taught him as a young boy to bring in wood and water at night, so that in the morning you will have dry wood to make a fire for warmth, and water to boil a cup of tea.

"You will not be caught short in a blizzard," he said.

He shared how he became a medicine person, how the ashes spoke to him, how if one holds a crystal up to the stars for guidance and then peers back into the ashes, one can see into the soul of the person in need. One of the students bluntly asked Jonah why he was sharing this sacred knowledge.

"It is time," Jonah said.

Jonah spoke about why these lands on Cedar Mesa remain sacred to the Navajo; how the bones of his ancestors are buried here, how their ancient songs are still carried by the winds, and how the Diné see these lands as their medicine cabinets. This is the home of their ceremonies. This is the place where he remembers the source of his dreams.

"I have dreamed of being in this place before," Jonah said.

He pointed north toward the Colorado River. "The elders told me that this canyon where the great river flows was created by the bison from scraping the Earth with his hoof."

"It is time to go outside," he said. We followed him on to the patio in Castle Valley, where we witnessed a rare horizontal rainbow above the mesa.

It is time for us to go outside our own places of comfort and dare to embrace a new way of seeing. The tribes are opening the door, inviting us to cross a threshold where a more expansive conversation about land protection awaits us. They are taking us beyond the rhetoric of wilderness designation to a wider view of how we can live in place with reverence and restraint. Leaders like Jim Enote from the Zuni Pueblo remind us how these desert lands are "source, not resource."

In this centennial year of the National Park Service, it is hard to imagine a more profound act that could provide a greater healing between indigenous people and the federal government than this bold national monument. At a time when race has created a wedge and a wound within our communities in the United States of America that is anything but united, Bears Ears National Monument becomes a gesture of peace extended to disenfranchised people still held captive by the violence of our shadowed history.

The partisan politics that continues to plague public land policy in the 21st century is being offered a powerful corrective by collaborating with the tribes in a co-management model of cooperation where traditional knowledge is embedded within current land agency governing principles and practices. It will not be easy, but it will be transformative and right.

Our national parks and monuments are not simply "America's best idea" but an evolving idea. In their quiet and dignified manner, the tribes are leading the way forward with a vision of land protection in Utah that is at its core, spiritual. We are the sum of all our relations, both human and wild.

May Jewell listen to the collective wisdom of the tribes and carry it back to Washington and return to their native home ground with a monumental decision.

Terry Tempest Williams is the author of "The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks," published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux, currently a New York Times bestseller.

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Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visits southern Utah, vows she's 'here to listen'

The Salt Lake Tribune // Matthew Piper // July 14

As Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz unveiled their long-awaited public lands plan, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell came face to face with critics of the proposed national monument Utah's delegation hopes to stave off. The second day of Jewell's whirlwind tour of southeastern Utah saw her drive from Moab's airport to Big Flats, to Gemini Bridges, to Dead Horse Point, to Indian Creek and finally to Monticello, where about 50 protesters welcomed her outside the Hideout Community Center with chants of "No national monument!" "We protect it just fine," shouted one. Another: "Communist!" The mood inside was lighter, but more than 150 people gathered to hear San Juan County commissioners share their concerns about the Bears Ears National Monument proposal, brought by a coalition of five tribes that late last year stopped participating in discussions about Bishop and Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and appealed to President Barack Obama to protect 1.9 million acres by using the Antiquities Act.

As Interior secretary tours sacred tribal site, Utah Republicans push to protect it

Washington Post // Juliet Eilperin // July 14

Utah Republican lawmakers introduced legislation Thursday that would protect 1.4 million acres of a sacred Native American site in the state's southeast, as Interior Secretary Sally Jewell toured the area to solicit ideas on how to address the threats it faces. Bears Ears — an expanse of land in San Juan County that boasts both archeological treasures and critical environmental habitats — has come under pressure from looters and vandalism over the years. Utah's congressional delegation has spent three years working to craft a compromise bill that would encompass not only that area but six other counties, providing opportunities for energy development, grazing and motorized recreation while designating some parts for conservation. The new flurry of activity, including the bill introduction and Jewell's four-day visit to meet with tribal leaders, local officials and environmentalists, underscores that time is running out to forge a legislative deal.

Secretary Of The Interior To Tour Bears Ears

Utah Public Radio // Jon Kovash // July 14

This week Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting multiple towns in Southeast Utah to hear local concerns about federal lands. Jewell is traveling with a delegation of high ranking federal officials. Wednesday she met with Governor Herbert, toured the San Rafael Swell with Emery County officials, and attended a meeting in Moab, where she was greeted with a sea of T-shirts and signs supporting the Bears Ears as a new national monument. "This is democracy," she said. "I mean, this is how our country works, and, you know, listening to each other in a respectful way. Having a large group of people that have different points of view by the shirts they're wearing and the signs they're carrying, and being very respectful of each other, I appreciate."

The Latest: House bill blocking monuments faces veto threat

AP // July 14

House Republicans have passed a spending bill that could block a new national monument in southeastern Utah. But the effort faces a White House veto threat. Republican Rep. Chris Stewart of Utah added a provision to an Interior Department spending bill that blocks money for any new monuments in portions of eight states, including 17 Utah counties. The House passed the bill Thursday, but the measure is expected to run into a filibuster from Senate Democrats and the White House veto threat. The vote comes as U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting Utah to meet with supporters and opponents of the Bears Ears monument.

GOP Lawmakers Unveil Utah Land Use Plan

WSJ // Jim Carlton // July 14

Two Utah Republicans unveiled a long-awaited bill aimed at protecting vast parts of the state's spectacular canyon country, while allowing development in other areas. The bill's backers say it is a compromise that could serve as a model

for brokering disputes over federal land ownership in the West, while potentially lowering the temperature on a legal feud between Utah and the U.S. The Obama administration hasn't taken a stand on the monument. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is set to host a community meeting Saturday in Bluff, Utah, on the dueling proposals.

Interior Secretary Jewell meets with Grand County Council

Moab Sun News // Eric Trenbeath // July 14

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell heard comments from the Grand County Council on Rep. Rob Bishop's Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and the Bureau of Land Management's Master Leasing Plan (MLP) at a special meeting held on Wednesday, July 13. More than 50 local citizens attended, many wearing t-shirts, or carrying signs either in support of, or opposed to, the creation of a Bears Ears National Monument. "I am here to listen, that is the primary reason for this visit," Jewell said. "You have an incredible place here, and I know that it's got lots of different elements to the economy, and things that are important to people of this region."

Push to create Utah monument marks latest Western land fight

AP // Brady McCombs // July 14

Laminated sheets of paper held in place by rocks rest inside ancient cliff dwellings nestled underneath a spectacular red rock overhang in southeastern Utah. "Don't erase the traces of America's past," the signs read. "Please do not enter interior rooms." The weathered signs and a similar warning at the trailhead are the only protections in place for these easily accessible ruins along a canyon hiking path. The cliff dwellings are part of an estimated 100,000 archaeological sites within a 1.9 million-acre area that a coalition of American Indian tribes wants President Barack Obama to designate a national monument to ensure protections for lands considered sacred. U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting the area this week to meet with proponents and opponents — the latest indication the Obama administration is giving serious consideration to the "Bears Ears" monument proposal.

Public lands bill unveiled without controversial Antiquities Act provision

KSL // Amy Joi O'Donoghue // July 14

Utah Republican Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz unveiled the final version of the much awaited Public Lands Initiative Thursday, eliminating a mandate that seven counties in eastern Utah are off-limits for any future monument designation under the Antiquities Act. The elimination of the controversial provision acknowledges it was a deal breaker for environmental groups and recognition that no president would endorse a law that relinquishes such a sweeping executive power. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, a veteran GOP faithful and states' right defender, released the Public Lands Initiative on the day of the start of Jewell's three-day, whirlwind tour of Grand and San Juan counties. His bills, and her visits, come as the debate over a potential monument designation of 1.9 million acres in the Bears Ears region reaches a fervent pitch, with certain tribes and environmental groups calling for presidential action.

Bishop, Chaffetz unveil long-awaited lands bill in bid to block a Bears Ears National Monument

The Salt Lake Tribune // Thomas Burr and Matt Canham // July 14

Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz introduced a package of bills Thursday with the immediate hope of preventing President Barack Obama from creating a Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County. But the larger goal of the Public Lands Initiative (PLI) is to end decades of acrimony among environmentalists, ranchers, oil and gas drillers, recreationalists and tribal leaders, with a plan that brings certainty to the seven rural counties that took part in this grueling three-year process. The bill's introduction comes as Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other federal officials are touring southeastern Utah to look at the Bears Ears region, a culturally sensitive area to many tribal nations.

Can a trove of Native American ruins be saved from eBay and 'white people' ideology?

Fusion // Ari Phillips // July 14

When I asked Josh Ewing, my tour guide through the countless Native American ruin sites nestled in the remote cliffsides of southeastern Utah, about the coolest thing he'd ever discovered here, he barely paused before answering. "I climbed down from the rim of this cliff dwelling site and found an intact painted bowl, black and white—just perfect. It had been sitting there for about 800 years," he said, as we summited a large rubble pile of what is believed to be a four-story Ancestral Pueblo structure. "One of our big problems is everyone takes a shard of a pot and puts it on their mantle or

something. And if everyone takes a piece home with them pretty soon there's nothing left." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will be visiting Utah this weekend to meet with stakeholders involved in the debate and to try and smooth a path forward. This year is the centennial celebration of the National Park Service, and the agency is using the occasion to highlight the important role that it plays in preserving both natural beauty and human history. Jessica Kershaw, spokesperson for the DOI, said that the goal of Jewell's cross-country travels this summer is to find opportunities to ensure "our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans."

On Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 12:54 AM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Journal News Editorial: Bears Ears may finally get the protection it so clearly deserves

Cedar Mesa, Dark Canyon, Grand Gulch and Valley of the Gods are all places with names that evoke the almost mythical natural landscape familiar to many residents and visitors of the Four Corners who have hiked, hunted, floated and appreciated the archaeology in them. They are big places with open spaces one can imagine not looking too much different than they did millions of years ago.

Bounded to the west by the Green and Colorado rivers, to the east by Highway 191 from Moab to Bluff, and along the southern edge by the San Juan River, the 1.9 million acres of public and ancestral lands known as the Bears Ears may soon receive permanent protection. Some say this is long overdue – by a century or more.

In 1906, Congress established the Antiquities Act, largely in response to rampant looting of archaeological sites in the Four Corners, including the Bears Ears region, which continues today. It gives the president the authority to create national monuments from public lands to protect significant natural, cultural or scientific resources. To date, presidents have used the act over 100 times to establish monuments, including Canyon of the Ancients west of Cortez, but not yet for an area for which it was perfectly designed.

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Robert Bonnie will hold a public meeting on Saturday, July 16, in Bluff, Utah, to receive comments on community visions for the management of Southern Utah's public lands, including Utah Republican Congressmen Rob Bishop's and Jason Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition's proposal to designate a new national monument. Their visit is an important step toward ensuring the Bears Ears region receives the protection it deserves.

Stakeholders, including conservation, off-highway vehicle and recreation groups, have spent the past three years working with tribal leaders and Utah's congressional delegation on legislation that would protect this area, but to date, no legislation has been introduced in Congress. The draft legislation to be released this week is anticipated to be much improved but may still not be acceptable to stakeholders and tribes. Time is running out.

Frustrated by legislative inaction, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition came together to conserve the Bears Ears cultural landscape and requested that President Obama proclaim it a national monument. The historic consortium of sovereign nations includes leaders of the Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Utes, Zuni and Ute Indian Tribe of northeastern Utah. It is also the first time the conservation community is following the lead of and supporting a proposal developed by Native Americans.

Dozens of conservation and recreation groups and a total of 26 tribes have expressed support and are united in their vision for protecting the Bears Ears region. The Bears Ears National Monument proposal presents an extraordinary opportunity to protect a scenically spectacular and archaeologically rich landscape and to do something that has never been done before by

creating a national monument that protects Native American ancestral homelands and provides the tribes a meaningful role in their management.

To add your voice to those seeking to do what is right for the land and the people that trace their heritage to it, take a drive to Bluff on Saturday.

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> Deseret News: Bears Ears controversy ramps up with Jewell's visit, Bishop's planned legislation
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> **By Amy Joi O'Donoghue, Deseret News**
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> The Bears Ears area is seen on Thursday, June 2, 2016. The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses.
> (Scott G Winterton, Deseret News)
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> Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, and chief architect of the measure, said the region on federal lands in southeastern Utah will come with a new management structure that includes a tribal committee to ensure traditional access for wood gathering, ceremonies and gathering of plants.

"We spell out what the management practices will be and the purpose of those," Bishop said. "The lower half is strictly for conservation. … They will be able to continue those traditional activities in a way that would not be guaranteed under a monument designation."

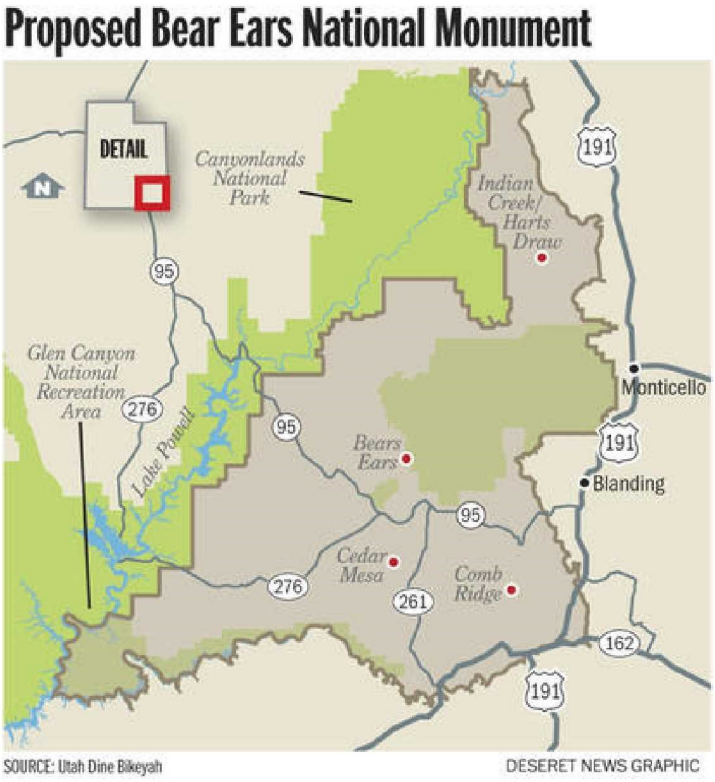
The final version of Bishop's bill is due to be released late this week, coinciding with a three-day, packed tour of San Juan and Grand counties by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Jewell will meet with tribal leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, visit with San Juan County commissioners and hear from congressional staffers from Bishop's and Rep. Jason Chaffetz's offices.

Cody Stewart, Gov. Gary Herbert's policy adviser, will also be at the talks, with Herbert already committed to attend a meeting of the National Governors' Association.

As the tempo accelerates around the Bears Ears controversy — the coalition is pushing President Barack Obama to declare 1.9 million acres a national monument — all sides in the issue are scrambling for the ear of Jewell, who has promised no designation will be made without local input.

To that end, beyond the intense slate of meetings, tours and hikes, Jewell will host a three-hour community meeting in Bluff to hear from residents on the issue.



Bishop mapped out some of his plans for the Bears Ears region, saying no one disputes the need for federal conservation area protections. The 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region would be divided into two roughly equal portions and managed as separate national conservation areas.

While the southern portion would be managed strictly with Native American uses and traditions in mind, the northern half would come under an administrative approach that recognizes existing outdoor recreation uses such as rock climbing in the Indian Creek corridor. The footprint also includes the Mancos Wilderness Area.

The divided conservation area model came at the request of The Nature Conservancy, which owns the 5,200-acre working Dugout Ranch that is also home to scientific research and ancestral Puebloan rock art and dwellings. The concept was pursued in consultation with San Juan County and some tribal representatives.

"This is a dramatic change from January," said Fred Ferguson, Chaffetz's chief of staff. "If you don't recognize the different conditions on the ground, management will be extremely difficult."

The northern region is already heavily used for outdoor recreation and includes some grazing, Ferguson said. Under the new management structure envisioned to protect cultural resources, the tribes will have a co-management position, elevated to cooperating partners in land-use planning, he said, and not simply consulted.

"They will have a seat at the table," Ferguson said. "Candidly, that is very difficult to be created through a monument designation."

The delegation asked the leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to sit down and review the changes in late June, but the offer was rebuffed.

"We are satisfied that a Bears Ears National Monument proclaimed by President Obama under his authority granted by the Antiquities Act presents the best opportunity to protect the Bears Ears landscape and assure a strong Native American voice in monument management," the coalition's letter said.

Coalition leaders bowed out of talks in December, accusing Bishop and Chaffetz of ignoring their input, leaving them out of the public lands initiative process and continually missing deadlines.

Bishop said the latest reaction was disappointing but not surprising.

"I think that is more indicative of the entire issue at hand," he said. "This was an organization whose first priority may not have been trying to sit down and work something out."

Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a nonprofit advocacy organization for indigenous people, said the group long supported a national conservation area for Bears Ears because of the ability to write more language into that approach rather than a proclamation. The group, however, is deferring decisions to the coalition and supporting its position for a monument.

The public lands bill will be the subject of a formal hearing in August by the committee Bishop heads, the House Committee on Natural Resources, which will also hold a markup session on the bill in September.

Bishop's public lands bill, dubbed the "Grand Bargain," has been in the making for more than three years. It was released in draft form in January amid a swell of criticism from environmental groups who say it favored industry over conservation.

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Updated AP short story on this week's public meeting:

Top Obama officials head to Bluff for Bears Ears meeting

Associated Press

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

By Jim Mimiaga Journal staff writer

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

The meeting will be from 1–4 p.m at the Bluff Community Center at the corner of Third Street and Mulberry Avenue.

According according to a July 12 Department of Interior announcement, the meeting is “regarding community visions for management of southern Utah’s public lands, members of the public are invited to attend and comment.”

Participating federal agency representatives will also attend the meeting, including Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze, National Parks Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts. U.S. Forest Chief Tom Tidwell has also been invited.

The protection of cultural and natural resources of the vast area of public lands in southeast Utah has been a hot topic for the last few years.

Conservation groups and Native American tribes — including the Ute Mountain Utes, Navajos, Uintah-Ouray Utes, Hopi, and Zuni — have been advocating that President Barack Obama declare a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument under the Antiquities Act.

Utah legislators are pushing for a federal bill to form the Bears Ears National Conservation Area on 1.1 million acres.

“We’re excited that D.C. officials are coming out to hear different viewpoints and what the issues are for protecting this area,” said Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the Bears Ears Coalition of five tribes.

The Bears Ears area contains more than 100,000 archaeological sites with cultural ties to Native American tribes in the American Southwest.

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Interior chief headed to Utah amid divisions over proposed monument

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Interior Secretary **Sally Jewell** is traveling to Utah this week amid divisions over a proposal for a new national monument to protect land in the state.

Jewell's meeting, planned for Saturday, comes after years of calls from American Indian tribes and environmentalists to create the Bear's Ears National Monument, which would protect nearly 2 million acres in southwestern Utah that tribes believe to be sacred and historic.

The meeting is far from an endorsement of the proposed land protections, however.

It's part of Jewell's effort on the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service to hear from local residents around the country about their visions for public lands for the next century.

"The goal of her travel is to find and highlight opportunities where we can make progress in ensuring our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans," Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said.

The Utah travel is meant for Jewell "to meet with and listen to community members, local leaders and stakeholders about a range of conservation proposals... to further protect Utah public lands," she added.

Congressional Republicans, the oil and gas industry and business interests oppose the national monument designation, which President Obama can do unilaterally. They say such a designation would unnecessarily restrict various uses of the land, including energy production.

A bill from Utah Reps. **Rob Bishop** and **Jason Chaffetz**, both Republicans, proposes various land protections around Utah, including 1 million acres in the Bear's Ears area, in part as an attempt to push back at a potential monument. But the monument's supporters say the GOP bill would allow too much development and wouldn't go far enough in protecting the land.

Bishop, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, plans to unveil a revised version of the legislation this week, The Salt Lake Tribune **reported**.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," Bishop and Chaffetz wrote Friday to Jewell. Utah Sens. **Mike Lee** and **Orrin Hatch**, also Republicans, signed on to that letter as well.

"The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

On Fri, Jul 8, 2016 at 9:41 PM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Salt Lake Tribune: Next week could be turning point in Bears Ears debate: Bishop to unveil bill; Interior Secretary Jewell to visit Utah

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Washington • Rep. Rob Bishop plans to unveil long-awaited legislation next week to preserve some areas of the Bears Ears region in southeastern Utah just ahead of a visit by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

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Bishop also plans to fast-track his much-anticipated Public Lands Initiative (PLI) — which critics worry won't go far enough to protect Bears Ears — by holding hearings in August and September and put it before the House by the end of the latter month.

The Utah Republican — joined by Utah's senators, Mike Lee and Orrin Hatch, and Rep. Jason Chaffetz — hopes the measure will blunt any attempt by President Barack Obama's administration to use the 1908 Antiquities Act to unilaterally create a national monument as several tribal leaders have called for to safeguard nearly 2 million acres.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," the four Utah members of Congress wrote Friday to Jewell. "The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

Jewell's July 16 visit, which will include a public meeting in the Bears Ears area, is aimed at allowing the secretary to hear the various proposals, including the PLI and a push for a national monument, and see the area in person, her spokeswoman, Jessica Kershaw, said Friday.

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The meeting shouldn't be read as the administration ramping up any move to name a monument, Kershaw cautioned. A visit by the interior secretary to an area under consideration for a monument had previewed action by Obama in recent years, but Kershaw said this Utah trip will be a listening tour.

"This is an opportunity to hear form the community from a variety of stakeholders — land managers, representatives, local officials — about their concerns and desires to protect places that hold special meaning to them," Kershaw said. "It is not an indication of an imminent monument decision."

Bishop has been working on the PLI for years, saying at the start he wanted to bring together all the parties — from environmentalists to oil and gas leaders to local officials and residents — to find a solution to preserving areas that need protection and opening up other mineral-rich spots for development.

He released a draft plan in January, though several conservation groups said it didn't go far enough and offered too much for development. Utah's members of Congress noted in their letter to Jewell that they appreciated suggested changes to the draft PLI from the administration as well as nongovernmental organizations.

Several tribal leaders have withdrawn from Bishop's effort and said they supported Obama naming a new monument. The president, who has designated several monuments during his seven years in office, has said he will move to preserve areas that are in need, though he has not publicly mentioned the Utah area.

Josh Ewing, executive director of Friends of Cedar Mesa, which seeks to set aside the Bears Ears area, said his group is excited to see the legislation. It is an important step to inform the debate about what should be preserved, he said, and whether it should be through congressional or presidential action.

Ewing added that he does not expect any monument designation to be forthcoming while the Utah delegation pursues a legislative solution.

"I hope that [Jewell's] visit signals the administration's serious consideration for considering a monument if the Public Lands Initiative can't protect this area," Ewing said. "I do not think a monument is imminent. I think they are going to allow the Public Lands Initiative to succeed or fail."

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AP: Secretary Jewell to visit Utah to discuss conservation plans

Posted 6:10 p.m. today

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SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will visit Utah on July 16 for a public meeting to discuss conservation proposals that include a plan backed by a Tribal coalition and environmentalist to create a new national monument.

Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said Friday by email that Jewell will meet with community members and local leaders about how to ensure public lands are "benefiting all Americans."

She said the time and location will be announced next week.

Proponents of the proposed 1.9-million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah say ancient artifacts and sacred lands need protection from looting and development.

Utah's top Republican leaders oppose the designation and back a plan set to be introduced in Congress next week that would protect parts of the Bears Ears area and other lands while opening up some lands for recreation and oil and gas development.

Read more at http://www.wral.com/secretary-jewell-to-visit-utah-to-discuss-conservation-plans/15838975/#m5zvgysVTQrM2Q0p.99

On Thu, Jul 7, 2016 at 7:08 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Hi folks -
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> Below/attached is a draft joint DOI/USDA media advisory for release *on Monday*.
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> Please let me know what edits/concerns you might have here before 4pm tomorrow (Friday).
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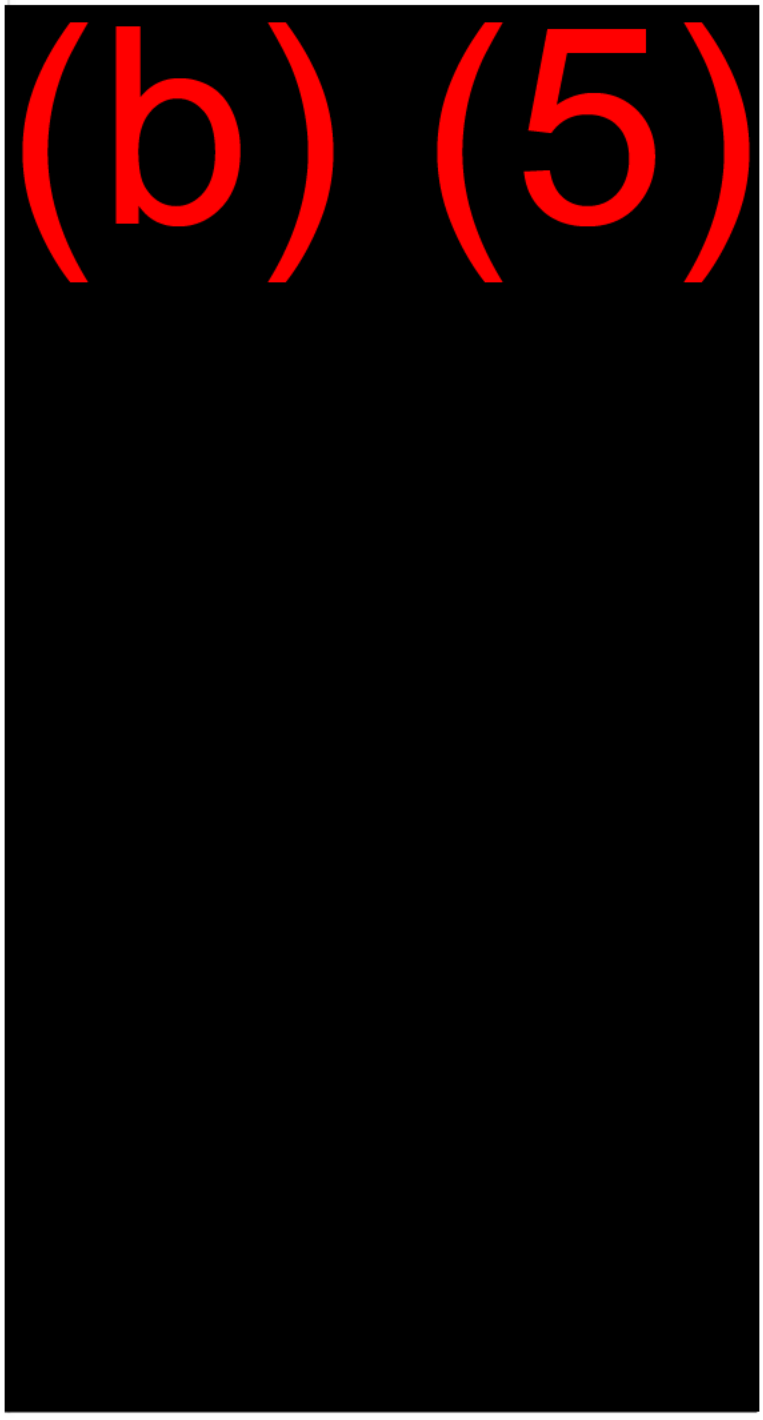

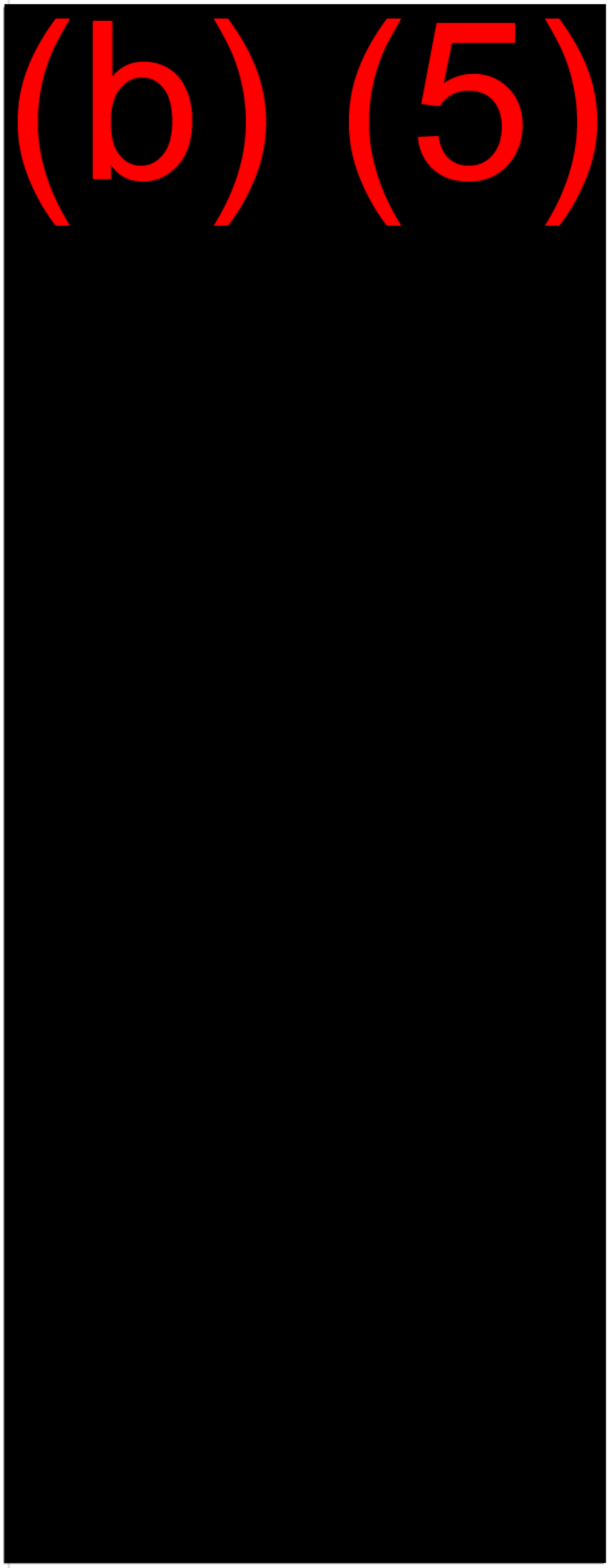
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Salt Lake Tribune Op-Ed: Terry Tempest Williams: With monument proposal, tribes open door to new way of seeing public lands

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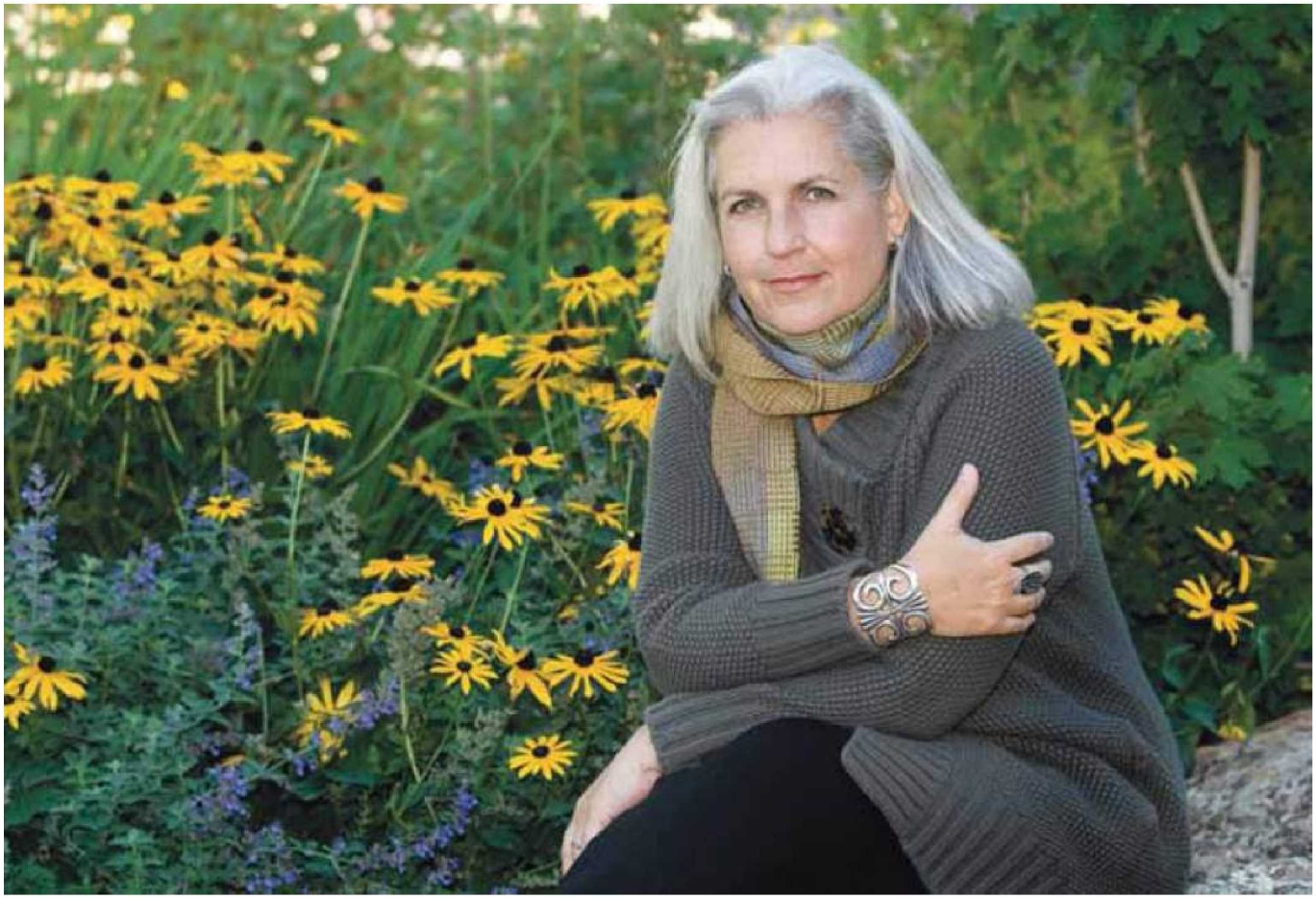

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It is time for a monumental idea. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will be in Bluff tomorrow conducting a site hearing on the Bears Ears National Monument proposal. Her presence honors the strength and dignity of tribal leadership expressed through the coalition of Navajo, Hopi, Zuni and the Mountain and Ouray Ute nations who are calling for the protection of 1.9 million acres adjacent to Canyonlands National Park in the remote region of Cedar Mesa.

The coalition of five tribes — supported by more than 20 tribes within the American Southwest and the National Congress of American Indians, comprised of more than 250 tribes — is asking the United States government to see their home ground through the lenses of traditional knowledge gleaned through relationships cultivated over time.

On Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 11:52 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Sharing some additional clips with the team this evening on top of what Amanda sent earlier tonight, this is some of the radio/TV coverage.
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> I'd first like to flag however this amazing photo album on the Salt Lake Tribune website. Many of us will relive our entire day in these photos - it's a stunning album for many reasons. Please take a peak tonight:
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-Jessica

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I do not profess to know how Indian people feel. I only know how I feel when I am with them. I am drawn into a circle of relationships that widens my own sense of community that includes all living things. My debt is large to Indian people and all the ways they have shaped and influenced my own sense of home.

I believe the Bears Ears National Monument proposal honors the deep residency of native peoples living inside the Colorado Plateau. The tribes are asking each of us to acknowledge an embodied intelligence born of the land that warrants as much respect and protection as the wilderness, itself.

The Bears Ears National Monument Proposal has the potential to transform Utah's rancorous politics of place into an ethic of place for generations to come.

Not long ago, 15 students gathered in our living room with Jonah Yellowman, a Navajo spiritual leader from Monument Valley. When Jonah arrived, coyotes began howling, a rarity at nine o'clock in the morning.

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He entered our home, the students sat near him, and he began his remarks with a blessing. After the blessing, he spoke about how one learns, how his father taught him as a young boy to bring in wood and water at night, so that in the morning you will have dry wood to make a fire for warmth, and water to boil a cup of tea.

"You will not be caught short in a blizzard," he said.

He shared how he became a medicine person, how the ashes spoke to him, how if one holds a crystal up to the stars for guidance and then peers back into the ashes, one can see into the soul of the person in need. One of the students bluntly asked Jonah why he was sharing this sacred knowledge.

"It is time," Jonah said.

Jonah spoke about why these lands on Cedar Mesa remain sacred to the Navajo; how the bones of his ancestors are buried here, how their ancient songs are still carried by the winds, and how the Diné see these lands as their medicine cabinets. This is the home of their ceremonies. This is the place where he remembers the source of his dreams.

"I have dreamed of being in this place before," Jonah said.

He pointed north toward the Colorado River. "The elders told me that this canyon where the great river flows was created by the bison from scraping the Earth with his hoof."

"It is time to go outside," he said. We followed him on to the patio in Castle Valley, where we witnessed a rare horizontal rainbow above the mesa.

It is time for us to go outside our own places of comfort and dare to embrace a new way of seeing. The tribes are opening the door, inviting us to cross a threshold where a more expansive conversation about land protection awaits us. They are taking us beyond the rhetoric of wilderness designation to a wider view of how we can live in place with reverence and restraint. Leaders like Jim Enote from the Zuni Pueblo remind us how these desert lands are "source, not resource."

In this centennial year of the National Park Service, it is hard to imagine a more profound act that could provide a greater healing between indigenous people and the federal government than this bold national monument. At a time when race has created a wedge and a wound within our communities in the United States of America that is anything but united, Bears Ears National Monument becomes a gesture of peace extended to disenfranchised people still held captive by the violence of our shadowed history.

The partisan politics that continues to plague public land policy in the 21st century is being offered a powerful corrective by collaborating with the tribes in a co-management model of cooperation where traditional knowledge is embedded within current land agency governing principles and practices. It will not be easy, but it will be transformative and right.

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Our national parks and monuments are not simply "America's best idea" but an evolving idea. In their quiet and dignified manner, the tribes are leading the way forward with a vision of land protection in Utah that is at its core, spiritual. We are the sum of all our relations, both human and wild.

May Jewell listen to the collective wisdom of the tribes and carry it back to Washington and return to their native home ground with a monumental decision.

Terry Tempest Williams is the author of "The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks," published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux, currently a New York Times bestseller.

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Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visits southern Utah, vows she's 'here to listen'

The Salt Lake Tribune // Matthew Piper // July 14

As Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz unveiled their long-awaited public lands plan, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell came face to face with critics of the proposed national monument Utah's delegation hopes to stave off. The second day of Jewell's whirlwind tour of southeastern Utah saw her drive from Moab's airport to Big Flats, to Gemini Bridges, to Dead Horse Point, to Indian Creek and finally to Monticello, where about 50 protesters welcomed her outside the Hideout Community Center with chants of "No national monument!" "We protect it just fine," shouted one. Another: "Communist!" The mood inside was lighter, but more than 150 people gathered to hear San Juan County commissioners share their concerns about the Bears Ears National Monument proposal, brought by a coalition of five tribes that late last year stopped participating in discussions about Bishop and Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and appealed to President Barack Obama to protect 1.9 million acres by using the Antiquities Act.

As Interior secretary tours sacred tribal site, Utah Republicans push to protect it

Washington Post // Juliet Eilperin // July 14

Utah Republican lawmakers introduced legislation Thursday that would protect 1.4 million acres of a sacred Native American site in the state's southeast, as Interior Secretary Sally Jewell toured the area to solicit ideas on how to address the threats it faces. Bears Ears — an expanse of land in San Juan County that boasts both archeological treasures and critical environmental habitats — has come under pressure from looters and vandalism over the years. Utah's congressional delegation has spent three years working to craft a compromise bill that would encompass not only that area but six other counties, providing opportunities for energy development, grazing and motorized recreation while designating some parts for conservation. The new flurry of activity, including the bill introduction and Jewell's four-day visit to meet with tribal leaders, local officials and environmentalists, underscores that time is running out to forge a legislative deal.

Secretary Of The Interior To Tour Bears Ears

Utah Public Radio // Jon Kovash // July 14

This week Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting multiple towns in Southeast Utah to hear local concerns about federal lands. Jewell is traveling with a delegation of high ranking federal officials. Wednesday she met with Governor Herbert, toured the San Rafael Swell with Emery County officials, and attended a meeting in Moab, where she was greeted with a sea of T-shirts and signs supporting the Bears Ears as a new national monument. "This is democracy," she said. "I mean, this is how our country works, and, you know, listening to each other in a respectful way. Having a large group of people that have different points of view by the shirts they're wearing and the signs they're carrying, and being very respectful of each other, I appreciate."

The Latest: House bill blocking monuments faces veto threat

AP // July 14

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House Republicans have passed a spending bill that could block a new national monument in southeastern Utah. But the effort faces a White House veto threat. Republican Rep. Chris Stewart of Utah added a provision to an Interior Department spending bill that blocks money for any new monuments in portions of eight states, including 17 Utah counties. The House passed the bill Thursday, but the measure is expected to run into a filibuster from Senate Democrats and the White House veto threat. The vote comes as U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting Utah to meet with supporters and opponents of the Bears Ears monument.

GOP Lawmakers Unveil Utah Land Use Plan

WSJ // Jim Carlton // July 14

Two Utah Republicans unveiled a long-awaited bill aimed at protecting vast parts of the state's spectacular canyon country, while allowing development in other areas. The bill's backers say it is a compromise that could serve as a model for brokering disputes over federal land ownership in the West, while potentially lowering the temperature on a legal feud between Utah and the U.S. The Obama administration hasn't taken a stand on the monument. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is set to host a community meeting Saturday in Bluff, Utah, on the dueling proposals.

Interior Secretary Jewell meets with Grand County Council

Moab Sun News // Eric Trenbeath // July 14

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell heard comments from the Grand County Council on Rep. Rob Bishop's Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and the Bureau of Land Management's Master Leasing Plan (MLP) at a special meeting held on Wednesday, July 13. More than 50 local citizens attended, many wearing t-shirts, or carrying signs either in support of, or opposed to, the creation of a Bears Ears National Monument. "I am here to listen, that is the primary reason for this visit," Jewell said. "You have an incredible place here, and I know that it's got lots of different elements to the economy, and things that are important to people of this region."

Push to create Utah monument marks latest Western land fight

AP // Brady McCombs // July 14

Laminated sheets of paper held in place by rocks rest inside ancient cliff dwellings nestled underneath a spectacular red rock overhang in southeastern Utah. "Don't erase the traces of America's past," the signs read. "Please do not enter interior rooms." The weathered signs and a similar warning at the trailhead are the only protections in place for these easily accessible ruins along a canyon hiking path. The cliff dwellings are part of an estimated 100,000 archaeological sites within a 1.9 million-acre area that a coalition of American Indian tribes wants President Barack Obama to designate a national monument to ensure protections for lands considered sacred. U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting the area this week to meet with proponents and opponents — the latest indication the Obama administration is giving serious consideration to the "Bears Ears" monument proposal.

Public lands bill unveiled without controversial Antiquities Act provision

KSL // Amy Joi O'Donoghue // July 14

Utah Republican Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz unveiled the final version of the much awaited Public Lands Initiative Thursday, eliminating a mandate that seven counties in eastern Utah are off-limits for any future monument designation under the Antiquities Act. The elimination of the controversial provision acknowledges it was a deal breaker for environmental groups and recognition that no president would endorse a law that relinquishes such a sweeping executive power. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, a veteran GOP faithful and states' right defender, released the Public Lands Initiative on the day of the start of Jewell's three-day, whirlwind tour of Grand and San Juan counties. His bills, and her visits, come as the debate over a potential monument designation of 1.9 million acres in the Bears Ears region reaches a fervent pitch, with certain tribes and environmental groups calling for presidential action.

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Bishop, Chaffetz unveil long-awaited lands bill in bid to block a Bears Ears National Monument

The Salt Lake Tribune // Thomas Burr and Matt Canham // July 14

Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz introduced a package of bills Thursday with the immediate hope of preventing President Barack Obama from creating a Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County. But the larger goal of the Public Lands Initiative (PLI) is to end decades of acrimony among environmentalists, ranchers, oil and gas drillers, recreationalists and tribal leaders, with a plan that brings certainty to the seven rural counties that took part in this grueling three-year process. The bill's introduction comes as Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other federal officials are touring southeastern Utah to look at the Bears Ears region, a culturally sensitive area to many tribal nations.

Can a trove of Native American ruins be saved from eBay and 'white people' ideology?

Fusion // Ari Phillips // July 14

When I asked Josh Ewing, my tour guide through the countless Native American ruin sites nestled in the remote cliffsides of southeastern Utah, about the coolest thing he'd ever discovered here, he barely paused before answering. "I climbed down from the rim of this cliff dwelling site and found an intact painted bowl, black and white—just perfect. It had been sitting there for about 800 years," he said, as we summited a large rubble pile of what is believed to be a four-story Ancestral Pueblo structure. "One of our big problems is everyone takes a shard of a pot and puts it on their mantle or something. And if everyone takes a piece home with them pretty soon there's nothing left." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will be visiting Utah this weekend to meet with stakeholders involved in the debate and to try and smooth a path forward. This year is the centennial celebration of the National Park Service, and the agency is using the occasion to highlight the important role that it plays in preserving both natural beauty and human history. Jessica Kershaw, spokesperson for the DOI, said that the goal of Jewell's cross-country travels this summer is to find opportunities to ensure "our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans."

On Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 12:54 AM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Journal News Editorial: Bears Ears may finally get the protection it so clearly deserves

Cedar Mesa, Dark Canyon, Grand Gulch and Valley of the Gods are all places with names that evoke the almost mythical natural landscape familiar to many residents and visitors of the Four Corners who have hiked, hunted, floated and appreciated the archaeology in them. They are big places with open spaces one can imagine not looking too much different than they did millions of years ago.

Bounded to the west by the Green and Colorado rivers, to the east by Highway 191 from Moab to Bluff, and along the southern edge by the San Juan River, the 1.9 million acres of public and ancestral lands known as the Bears Ears may soon receive permanent protection. Some say this is long overdue – by a century or more.

In 1906, Congress established the Antiquities Act, largely in response to rampant looting of archaeological sites in the Four Corners, including the Bears Ears region, which continues today. It gives the president the authority to create national monuments from public lands to protect significant natural, cultural or scientific resources. To date, presidents have used the act over 100 times to establish monuments, including Canyon of the Ancients west of Cortez, but not yet for an area for which it was perfectly designed.

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Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Robert Bonnie will hold a public meeting on Saturday, July 16, in Bluff, Utah, to receive comments on community visions for the management of Southern Utah's public lands, including Utah Republican Congressmen Rob Bishop's and Jason Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition's proposal to designate a new national monument. Their visit is an important step toward ensuring the Bears Ears region receives the protection it deserves.

Stakeholders, including conservation, off-highway vehicle and recreation groups, have spent the past three years working with tribal leaders and Utah's congressional delegation on legislation that would protect this area, but to date, no legislation has been introduced in Congress. The draft legislation to be released this week is anticipated to be much improved but may still not be acceptable to stakeholders and tribes. Time is running out.

Frustrated by legislative inaction, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition came together to conserve the Bears Ears cultural landscape and requested that President Obama proclaim it a national monument. The historic consortium of sovereign nations includes leaders of the Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Utes, Zuni and Ute Indian Tribe of northeastern Utah. It is also the first time the conservation community is following the lead of and supporting a proposal developed by Native Americans.

Dozens of conservation and recreation groups and a total of 26 tribes have expressed support and are united in their vision for protecting the Bears Ears region. The Bears Ears National Monument proposal presents an extraordinary opportunity to protect a scenically spectacular and archaeologically rich landscape and to do something that has never been done before by creating a national monument that protects Native American ancestral homelands and provides the tribes a meaningful role in their management.

To add your voice to those seeking to do what is right for the land and the people that trace their heritage to it, take a drive to Bluff on Saturday.

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> Deseret News: Bears Ears controversy ramps up with Jewell's visit, Bishop's planned legislation
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> **By Amy Joi O'Donoghue, Deseret News**
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> Published: Tue, July 12, 2016, 8:30 p.m. MDT
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The Bears Ears area is seen on Thursday, June 2, 2016. The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses.
(Scott G Winterton, Deseret News)

SALT LAKE CITY — The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses.

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Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, and chief architect of the measure, said the region on federal lands in southeastern Utah will come with a new management structure that includes a tribal committee to ensure traditional access for wood gathering, ceremonies and gathering of plants.

"We spell out what the management practices will be and the purpose of those," Bishop said. "The lower half is strictly for conservation. … They will be able to continue those traditional activities in a way that would not be guaranteed under a monument designation."

The final version of Bishop's bill is due to be released late this week, coinciding with a three-day, packed tour of San Juan and Grand counties by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Jewell will meet with tribal leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, visit with San Juan County commissioners and hear from congressional staffers from Bishop's and Rep. Jason Chaffetz's offices.

Cody Stewart, Gov. Gary Herbert's policy adviser, will also be at the talks, with Herbert already committed to attend a meeting of the National Governors' Association.

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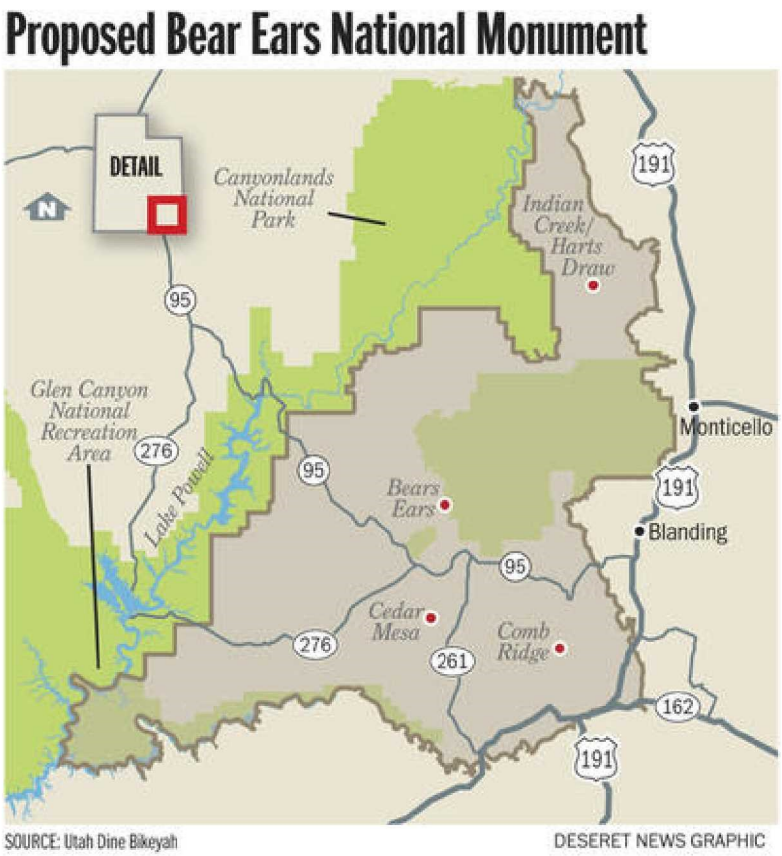
As the tempo accelerates around the Bears Ears controversy — the coalition is pushing President Barack Obama to declare 1.9 million acres a national monument — all sides in the issue are scrambling for the ear of Jewell, who has promised no designation will be made without local input.

To that end, beyond the intense slate of meetings, tours and hikes, Jewell will host a three-hour community meeting in Bluff to hear from residents on the issue.



Bishop mapped out some of his plans for the Bears Ears region, saying no one disputes the need for federal conservation area protections. The 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region would be divided into two roughly equal portions and managed as separate national conservation areas.

While the southern portion would be managed strictly with Native American uses and traditions in mind, the northern half would come under an administrative approach that recognizes existing outdoor recreation uses such as rock climbing in the Indian Creek corridor. The footprint also includes the Mancos Wilderness Area.

The divided conservation area model came at the request of The Nature Conservancy, which owns the 5,200-acre working Dugout Ranch that is also home to scientific research and ancestral Puebloan rock art and dwellings. The concept was pursued in consultation with San Juan County and some tribal representatives.

"This is a dramatic change from January," said Fred Ferguson, Chaffetz's chief of staff. "If you don't recognize the different conditions on the ground, management will be extremely difficult."

The northern region is already heavily used for outdoor recreation and includes some grazing, Ferguson said. Under the new management structure envisioned to protect cultural resources, the tribes will have a co-management position, elevated to cooperating partners in land-use planning, he said, and not simply consulted.

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"They will have a seat at the table," Ferguson said. "Candidly, that is very difficult to be created through a monument designation."

The delegation asked the leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to sit down and review the changes in late June, but the offer was rebuffed.

"We are satisfied that a Bears Ears National Monument proclaimed by President Obama under his authority granted by the Antiquities Act presents the best opportunity to protect the Bears Ears landscape and assure a strong Native American voice in monument management," the coalition's letter said.

Coalition leaders bowed out of talks in December, accusing Bishop and Chaffetz of ignoring their input, leaving them out of the public lands initiative process and continually missing deadlines.

Bishop said the latest reaction was disappointing but not surprising.

"I think that is more indicative of the entire issue at hand," he said. "This was an organization whose first priority may not have been trying to sit down and work something out."

Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a nonprofit advocacy organization for indigenous people, said the group long supported a national conservation area for Bears Ears because of the ability to write more language into that approach rather than a proclamation. The group, however, is deferring decisions to the coalition and supporting its position for a monument.

The public lands bill will be the subject of a formal hearing in August by the committee Bishop heads, the House Committee on Natural Resources, which will also hold a markup session on the bill in September.

Bishop's public lands bill, dubbed the "Grand Bargain," has been in the making for more than three years. It was released in draft form in January amid a swell of criticism from environmental groups who say it favored industry over conservation.

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Updated AP short story on this week's public meeting:

Top Obama officials head to Bluff for Bears Ears meeting

Associated Press

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Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

By Jim Mimiaga Journal staff writer

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

The meeting will be from 1–4 p.m at the Bluff Community Center at the corner of Third Street and Mulberry Avenue.

According according to a July 12 Department of Interior announcement, the meeting is "regarding community visions for management of southern Utah's public lands, members of the public are invited to attend and comment."

Participating federal agency representatives will also attend the meeting, including Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze, National Parks Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts. U.S. Forest Chief Tom Tidwell has also been invited.

The protection of cultural and natural resources of the vast area of public lands in southeast Utah has been a hot topic for the last few years.

Conservation groups and Native American tribes — including the Ute Mountain Utes, Navajos, Uintah-Ouray Utes, Hopi, and Zuni — have been advocating that President Barack Obama declare a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument under the Antiquities Act.

Utah legislators are pushing for a federal bill to form the Bears Ears National Conservation Area on 1.1 million acres.

"We're excited that D.C. officials are coming out to hear different viewpoints and what the issues are for protecting this area," said Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the Bears Ears Coalition of five tribes.

The Bears Ears area contains more than 100,000 archaeological sites with cultural ties to Native American tribes in the American Southwest.

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Interior chief headed to Utah amid divisions over proposed monument

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By Timothy Cama - 07/11/16 11:06 AM EDT

Interior Secretary **Sally Jewell** is traveling to Utah this week amid divisions over a proposal for a new national monument to protect land in the state.

Jewell's meeting, planned for Saturday, comes after years of calls from American Indian tribes and environmentalists to create the Bear's Ears National Monument, which would protect nearly 2 million acres in southwestern Utah that tribes believe to be sacred and historic.

The meeting is far from an endorsement of the proposed land protections, however.

It's part of Jewell's effort on the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service to hear from local residents around the country about their visions for public lands for the next century.

"The goal of her travel is to find and highlight opportunities where we can make progress in ensuring our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans," Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said.

The Utah travel is meant for Jewell "to meet with and listen to community members, local leaders and stakeholders about a range of conservation proposals… to further protect Utah public lands," she added.

Congressional Republicans, the oil and gas industry and business interests oppose the national monument designation, which President Obama can do unilaterally. They say such a designation would unnecessarily restrict various uses of the land, including energy production.

A bill from Utah Reps. **Rob Bishop** and **Jason Chaffetz**, both Republicans, proposes various land protections around Utah, including 1 million acres in the Bear's Ears area, in part as an attempt to push back at a potential monument. But the monument's supporters say the GOP bill would allow too much development and wouldn't go far enough in protecting the land.

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Bishop, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, plans to unveil a revised version of the legislation this week, The Salt Lake Tribune **reported**.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," Bishop and Chaffetz wrote Friday to Jewell. Utah Sens. **Mike Lee** and **Orrin Hatch**, also Republicans, signed on to that letter as well.

"The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

On Fri, Jul 8, 2016 at 9:41 PM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Salt Lake Tribune: Next week could be turning point in Bears Ears debate: Bishop to unveil bill; Interior Secretary Jewell to visit Utah

By THOMAS BURR | The Salt Lake Tribune CONNECT

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Washington • Rep. Rob Bishop plans to unveil long-awaited legislation next week to preserve some areas of the Bears Ears region in southeastern Utah just ahead of a visit by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

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Bishop also plans to fast-track his much-anticipated Public Lands Initiative (PLI) — which critics worry won't go far enough to protect Bears Ears — by holding hearings in August and September and put it before the House by the end of the latter month.

The Utah Republican — joined by Utah's senators, Mike Lee and Orrin Hatch, and Rep. Jason Chaffetz — hopes the measure will blunt any attempt by President Barack Obama's administration to use the 1908 Antiquities Act to unilaterally create a national monument as several tribal leaders have called for to safeguard nearly 2 million acres.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," the four Utah members of Congress wrote Friday to Jewell. "The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

Jewell's July 16 visit, which will include a public meeting in the Bears Ears area, is aimed at allowing the secretary to hear the various proposals, including the PLI and a push for a national monument, and see the area in person, her spokeswoman, Jessica Kershaw, said Friday.

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The meeting shouldn't be read as the administration ramping up any move to name a monument, Kershaw cautioned. A visit by the interior secretary to an area under consideration for a monument had previewed action by Obama in recent years, but Kershaw said this Utah trip will be a listening tour.

"This is an opportunity to hear form the community from a variety of stakeholders — land managers, representatives, local officials — about their concerns and desires to protect places that hold special meaning to them," Kershaw said. "It is not an indication of an imminent monument decision."

Bishop has been working on the PLI for years, saying at the start he wanted to bring together all the parties — from environmentalists to oil and gas leaders to local officials and residents — to find a solution to preserving areas that need protection and opening up other mineral-rich spots for development.

He released a draft plan in January, though several conservation groups said it didn't go far enough and offered too much for development. Utah's members of Congress noted in their letter to Jewell that they appreciated suggested changes to the draft PLI from the administration as well as nongovernmental organizations.

Several tribal leaders have withdrawn from Bishop's effort and said they supported Obama naming a new monument. The president, who has designated several monuments during his seven years in office, has said he will move to preserve areas that are in need, though he has not publicly mentioned the Utah area.

Josh Ewing, executive director of Friends of Cedar Mesa, which seeks to set aside the Bears Ears area, said his group is excited to see the legislation. It is an important step to inform the debate about what should be preserved, he said, and whether it should be through congressional or presidential action.

Ewing added that he does not expect any monument designation to be forthcoming while the Utah delegation pursues a legislative solution.

"I hope that [Jewell's] visit signals the administration's serious consideration for considering a monument if the

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Public Lands Initiative can't protect this area," Ewing said. "I do not think a monument is imminent. I think they are going to allow the Public Lands Initiative to succeed or fail."

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AP: Secretary Jewell to visit Utah to discuss conservation plans

Posted 6:10 p.m. today

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SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will visit Utah on July 16 for a public meeting to discuss conservation proposals that include a plan backed by a Tribal coalition and environmentalist to create a new national monument.

Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said Friday by email that Jewell will meet with community members and local leaders about how to ensure public lands are "benefiting all Americans."

She said the time and location will be announced next week.

Proponents of the proposed 1.9-million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah say ancient artifacts and sacred lands need protection from looting and development.

Utah's top Republican leaders oppose the designation and back a plan set to be introduced in Congress next week that would protect parts of the Bears Ears area and other lands while opening up some lands for recreation and oil and gas development.

Read more at http://www.wral.com/secretary-jewell-to-visit-utah-to-discuss-conservation-plans/15838975/#m5zvgysVTQrM2Q0p.99

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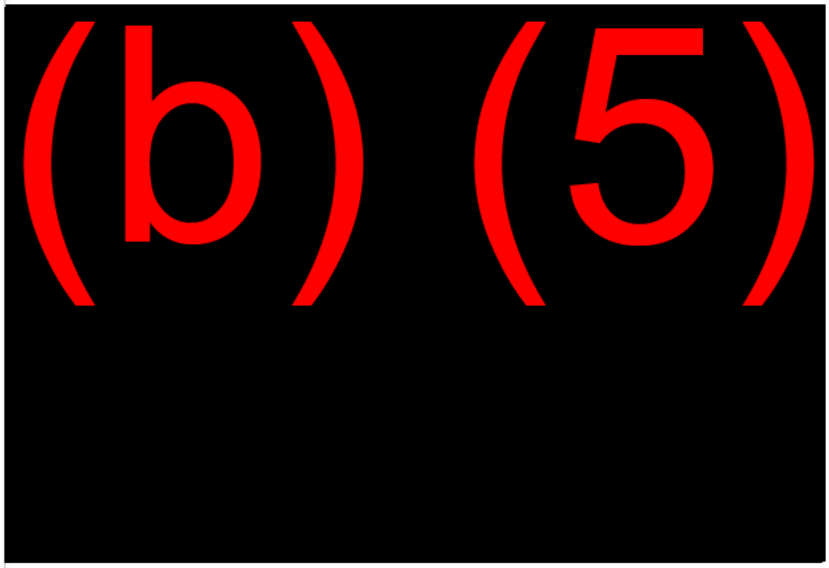
Hi folks -

Below/attached is a draft joint DOI/USDA media advisory for release *on Monday*.

Please let me know what edits/concerns you might have here before 4pm tomorrow (Friday).

In addition, this is the if-asked statement DOI comms will use over the weekend, if-asked, since public invitations will go out tomorrow/Sat.



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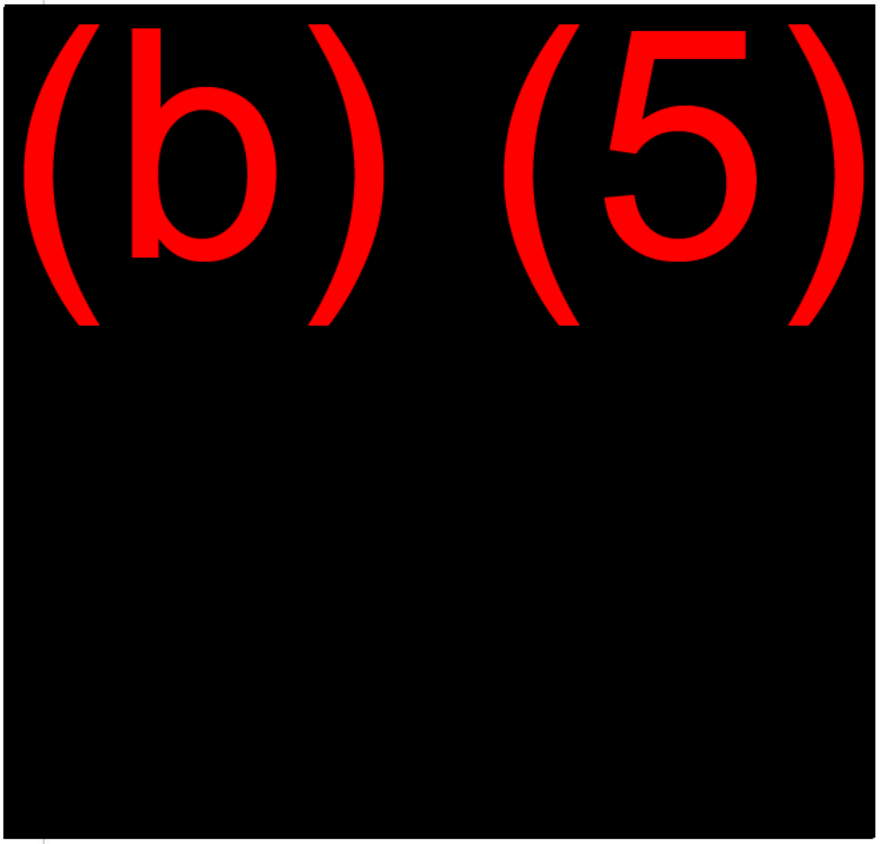

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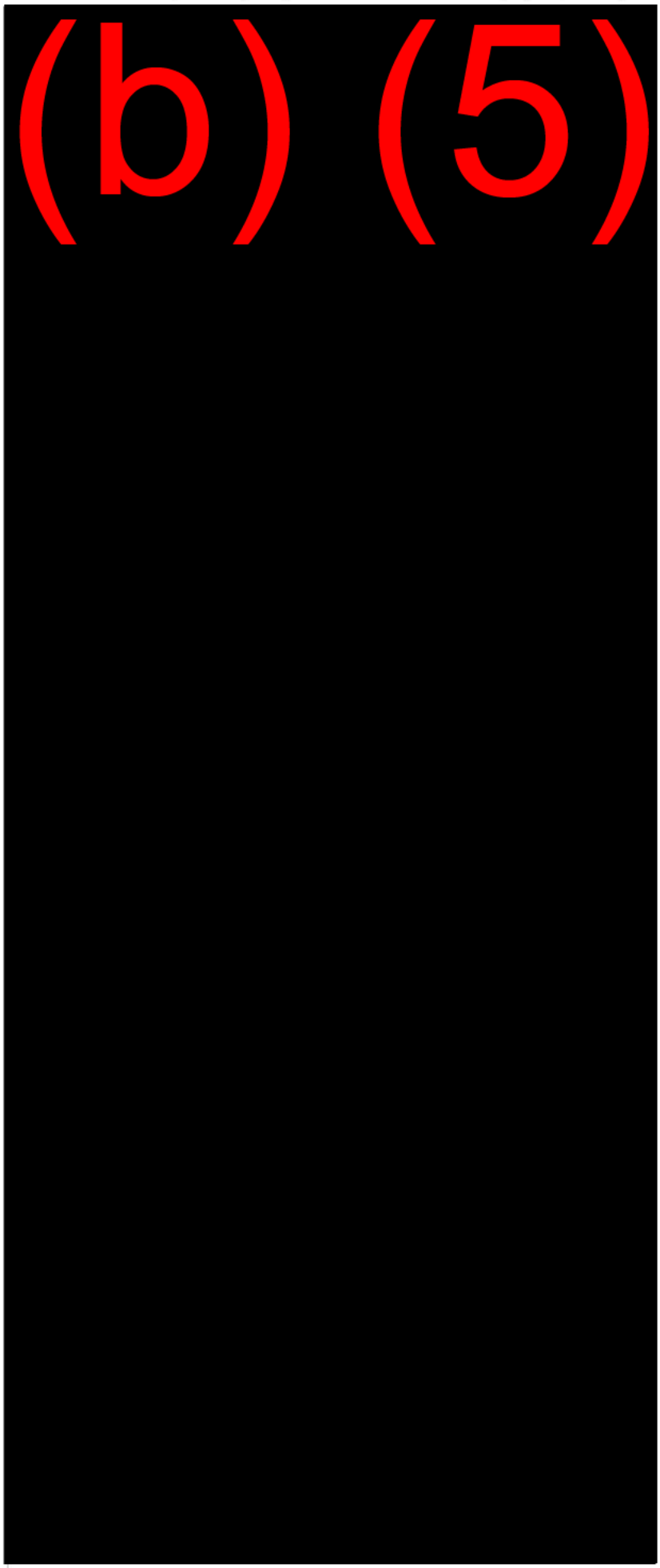

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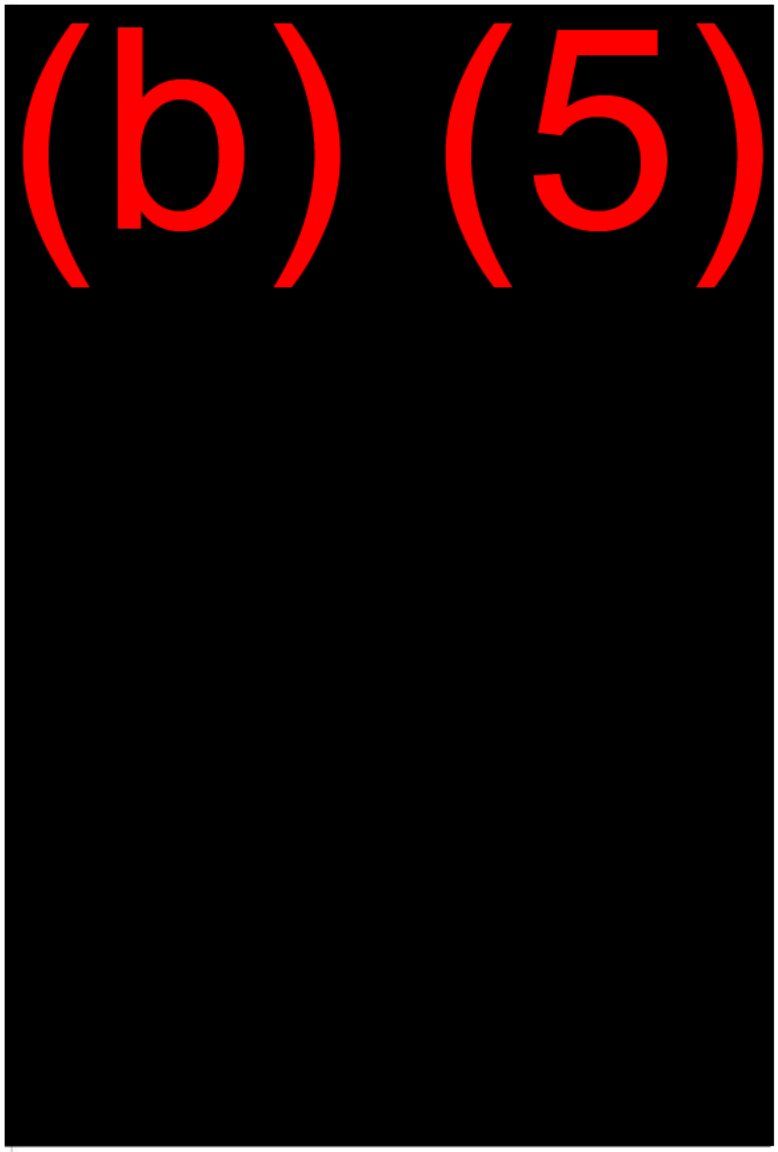

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UT Clips Roundup + Amazing Salt Lake Tribune Photo Album

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 11:52 PM
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Sharing some additional clips with the team this evening on top of what Amanda sent earlier tonight, this is some of the radio/TV coverage.

I'd first like to flag however this amazing photo album on the Salt Lake Tribune website. Many of us will relive our entire day in these photos - it's a stunning album for many reasons. Please take a peak tonight:

Salt Lake Tribune Photo Album:

http://www.sltrib.com/csp/mediapool/sites/sltrib/Pages/gallery.csp?cid=4117685&pid=3542680

-Jessica

Additional TV/Radio Coverage (just clink the links below):

Sally Jewell on KSL-AM (Radio) - Salt Lake City, UT

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On Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 8:28 PM, Degroff, Amanda <amanda_degroff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visits southern Utah, vows she's 'here to listen'
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> The Salt Lake Tribune // Matthew Piper // July 14

As Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz unveiled their long-awaited public lands plan, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell came face to face with critics of the proposed national monument Utah's delegation hopes to stave off. The second day of Jewell's whirlwind tour of southeastern Utah saw her drive from Moab's airport to Big Flats, to Gemini Bridges, to Dead Horse Point, to Indian Creek and finally to Monticello, where about 50 protesters welcomed her outside the Hideout Community Center with chants of "No national monument!" "We protect it just fine," shouted one. Another: "Communist!" The mood inside was lighter, but more than 150 people gathered to hear San Juan County commissioners share their concerns about the Bears Ears National Monument proposal, brought by a coalition of five tribes that late last year stopped participating in discussions about Bishop and Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and appealed to President Barack Obama to protect 1.9 million acres by using the Antiquities Act.

As Interior secretary tours sacred tribal site, Utah Republicans push to protect it

Washington Post // Juliet Eilperin // July 14

Utah Republican lawmakers introduced legislation Thursday that would protect 1.4 million acres of a sacred Native American site in the state's southeast, as Interior Secretary Sally Jewell toured the area to solicit ideas on how to address the threats it faces. Bears Ears — an expanse of land in San Juan County that boasts both archeological treasures and critical environmental habitats — has come under pressure from looters and vandalism over the years. Utah's congressional delegation has spent three years working to craft a compromise bill that would encompass not only that area but six other counties, providing opportunities for energy development, grazing and motorized recreation while designating some parts for conservation. The new flurry of activity, including the bill introduction and Jewell's four-day visit to meet with tribal leaders, local officials and environmentalists, underscores that time is running out to forge a legislative deal.

Secretary Of The Interior To Tour Bears Ears

Utah Public Radio // Jon Kovash // July 14

This week Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting multiple towns in Southeast Utah to hear local concerns about federal lands. Jewell is traveling with a delegation of high ranking federal officials. Wednesday she met with Governor Herbert, toured the San Rafael Swell with Emery County officials, and attended a meeting in Moab, where she was greeted with a sea of T-shirts and signs supporting the Bears Ears as a new national monument. "This is democracy," she said. "I mean, this is how our country works, and, you know, listening to each other in a respectful way. Having a large group of people that have different points of view by the shirts they're wearing and the signs they're carrying, and being very respectful of each other, I appreciate."

The Latest: House bill blocking monuments faces veto threat

AP // July 14

House Republicans have passed a spending bill that could block a new national monument in southeastern Utah. But the effort faces a White House veto threat. Republican Rep. Chris Stewart of Utah added a provision to an Interior Department spending bill that blocks money for any new monuments in portions of eight states, including 17 Utah counties. The House passed the bill Thursday, but the measure is expected to run into a filibuster from Senate Democrats and the White House veto threat. The vote comes as U.S.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting Utah to meet with supporters and opponents of the Bears Ears monument.

GOP Lawmakers Unveil Utah Land Use Plan

WSJ // Jim Carlton // July 14

Two Utah Republicans unveiled a long-awaited bill aimed at protecting vast parts of the state's spectacular canyon country, while allowing development in other areas. The bill's backers say it is a compromise that could serve as a model for brokering disputes over federal land ownership in the West, while potentially lowering the temperature on a legal feud between Utah and the U.S. The Obama administration hasn't taken a stand on the monument. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is set to host a community meeting Saturday in Bluff, Utah, on the dueling proposals.

Interior Secretary Jewell meets with Grand County Council

Moab Sun News // Eric Trenbeath // July 14

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell heard comments from the Grand County Council on Rep. Rob Bishop's Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and the Bureau of Land Management's Master Leasing Plan (MLP) at a special meeting held on Wednesday, July 13. More than 50 local citizens attended, many wearing t-shirts, or carrying signs either in support of, or opposed to, the creation of a Bears Ears National Monument. "I am here to listen, that is the primary reason for this visit," Jewell said. "You have an incredible place here, and I know that it's got lots of different elements to the economy, and things that are important to people of this region."

Push to create Utah monument marks latest Western land fight

AP // Brady McCombs // July 14

Laminated sheets of paper held in place by rocks rest inside ancient cliff dwellings nestled underneath a spectacular red rock overhang in southeastern Utah. "Don't erase the traces of America's past," the signs read. "Please do not enter interior rooms." The weathered signs and a similar warning at the trailhead are the only protections in place for these easily accessible ruins along a canyon hiking path. The cliff dwellings are part of an estimated 100,000 archaeological sites within a 1.9 million-acre area that a coalition of American Indian tribes wants President Barack Obama to designate a national monument to ensure protections for lands considered sacred. U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting the area this week to meet with proponents and opponents — the latest indication the Obama administration is giving serious consideration to the "Bears Ears" monument proposal.

Public lands bill unveiled without controversial Antiquities Act provision

KSL // Amy Joi O'Donoghue // July 14

Utah Republican Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz unveiled the final version of the much awaited Public Lands Initiative Thursday, eliminating a mandate that seven counties in eastern Utah are off-limits for any future monument designation under the Antiquities Act. The elimination of the controversial provision acknowledges it was a deal breaker for environmental groups and recognition that no president would endorse a law that relinquishes such a sweeping executive power. Bishop, chairman of the House

Committee on Natural Resources, a veteran GOP faithful and states' right defender, released the Public Lands Initiative on the day of the start of Jewell's three-day, whirlwind tour of Grand and San Juan counties. His bills, and her visits, come as the debate over a potential monument designation of 1.9 million acres in the Bears Ears region reaches a fervent pitch, with certain tribes and environmental groups calling for presidential action.

Bishop, Chaffetz unveil long-awaited lands bill in bid to block a Bears Ears National Monument
The Salt Lake Tribune // Thomas Burr and Matt Canham // July 14
Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz introduced a package of bills Thursday with the immediate hope of preventing President Barack Obama from creating a Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County. But the larger goal of the Public Lands Initiative (PLI) is to end decades of acrimony among environmentalists, ranchers, oil and gas drillers, recreationalists and tribal leaders, with a plan that brings certainty to the seven rural counties that took part in this grueling three-year process. The bill's introduction comes as Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other federal officials are touring southeastern Utah to look at the Bears Ears region, a culturally sensitive area to many tribal nations.

Can a trove of Native American ruins be saved from eBay and 'white people' ideology?
Fusion // Ari Phillips // July 14
When I asked Josh Ewing, my tour guide through the countless Native American ruin sites nestled in the remote cliffsides of southeastern Utah, about the coolest thing he'd ever discovered here, he barely paused before answering. "I climbed down from the rim of this cliff dwelling site and found an intact painted bowl, black and white—just perfect. It had been sitting there for about 800 years," he said, as we summited a large rubble pile of what is believed to be a four-story Ancestral Pueblo structure. "One of our big problems is everyone takes a shard of a pot and puts it on their mantle or something. And if everyone takes a piece home with them pretty soon there's nothing left." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will be visiting Utah this weekend to meet with stakeholders involved in the debate and to try and smooth a path forward. This year is the centennial celebration of the National Park Service, and the agency is using the occasion to highlight the important role that it plays in preserving both natural beauty and human history. Jessica Kershaw, spokesperson for the DOI, said that the goal of Jewell's cross-country travels this summer is to find opportunities to ensure "our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans."

On Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 12:54 AM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> **Journal News Editorial: Bears Ears may finally get the protection it so clearly deserves**
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> Cedar Mesa, Dark Canyon, Grand Gulch and Valley of the Gods are all places with names that evoke the almost mythical natural landscape familiar to many residents

and visitors of the Four Corners who have hiked, hunted, floated and appreciated the archaeology in them. They are big places with open spaces one can imagine not looking too much different than they did millions of years ago.

Bounded to the west by the Green and Colorado rivers, to the east by Highway 191 from Moab to Bluff, and along the southern edge by the San Juan River, the 1.9 million acres of public and ancestral lands known as the Bears Ears may soon receive permanent protection. Some say this is long overdue – by a century or more.

In 1906, Congress established the Antiquities Act, largely in response to rampant looting of archaeological sites in the Four Corners, including the Bears Ears region, which continues today. It gives the president the authority to create national monuments from public lands to protect significant natural, cultural or scientific resources. To date, presidents have used the act over 100 times to establish monuments, including Canyon of the Ancients west of Cortez, but not yet for an area for which it was perfectly designed.

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Robert Bonnie will hold a public meeting on Saturday, July 16, in Bluff, Utah, to receive comments on community visions for the management of Southern Utah's public lands, including Utah Republican Congressmen Rob Bishop's and Jason Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition's proposal to designate a new national monument. Their visit is an important step toward ensuring the Bears Ears region receives the protection it deserves.

Stakeholders, including conservation, off-highway vehicle and recreation groups, have spent the past three years working with tribal leaders and Utah's congressional delegation on legislation that would protect this area, but to date, no legislation has been introduced in Congress. The draft legislation to be released this week is anticipated to be much improved but may still not be acceptable to stakeholders and tribes. Time is running out.

Frustrated by legislative inaction, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition came together to conserve the Bears Ears cultural landscape and requested that President Obama proclaim it a national monument. The historic consortium of sovereign nations includes leaders of the Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Utes, Zuni and Ute Indian Tribe of northeastern Utah. It is also the first time the conservation community is following the lead of and supporting a proposal developed by Native Americans.

Dozens of conservation and recreation groups and a total of 26 tribes have expressed support and are united in their vision for protecting the Bears Ears region. The Bears Ears National Monument proposal presents an extraordinary opportunity to protect a scenically spectacular and archaeologically rich landscape and to do something that has never been done before by creating a national monument that protects Native American ancestral homelands and provides the tribes a meaningful role in their management.

To add your voice to those seeking to do what is right for the land and the people that trace their heritage to it, take a drive to Bluff on Saturday.

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On Jul 13, 2016, at 3:57 AM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Deseret News: Bears Ears controversy ramps up with Jewell's visit, Bishop's planned legislation

By Amy Joi O'Donoghue, Deseret News

Published: Tue, July 12, 2016, 8:30 p.m. MDT

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The Bears Ears area is seen on Thursday, June 2, 2016. The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses. (Scott G Winterton, Deseret News)

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SALT LAKE CITY — The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses.

Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, and chief architect of the measure, said the region on federal lands in southeastern Utah will come with a new management structure that includes a tribal committee to ensure traditional access for wood gathering, ceremonies and gathering of plants.

"We spell out what the management practices will be and the purpose of those," Bishop said. "The lower half is strictly for conservation. … They will be able to continue those traditional activities in a way that would not be guaranteed under a monument designation."

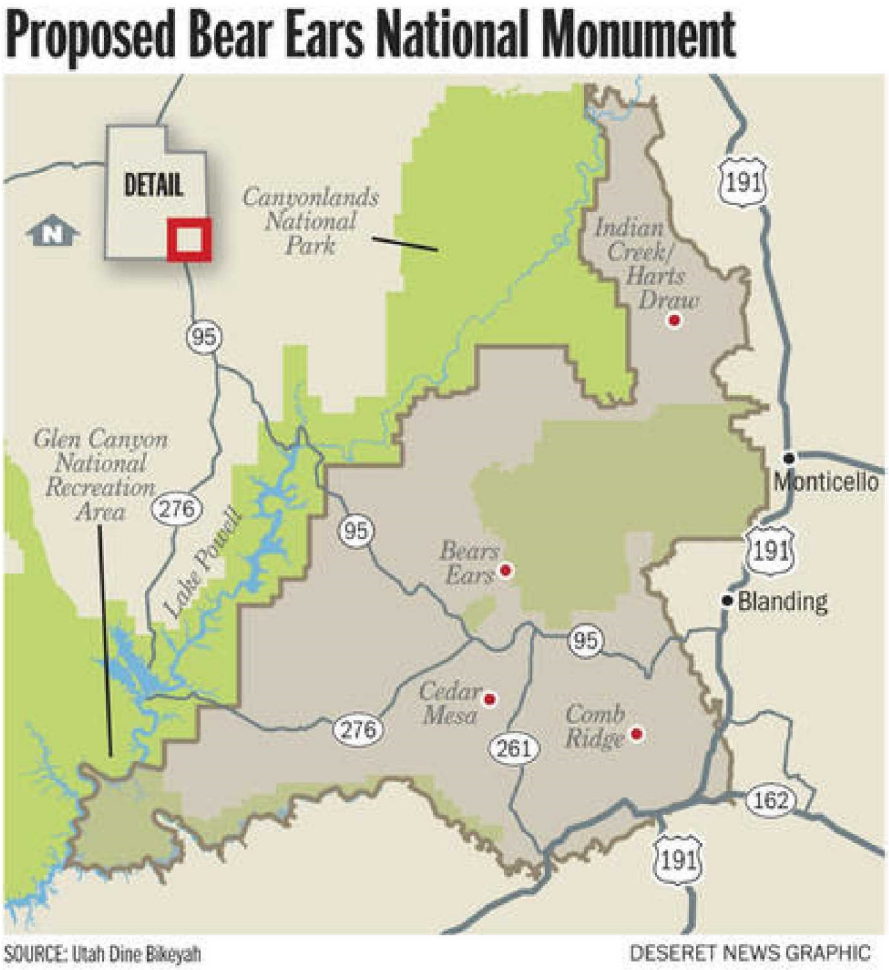
The final version of Bishop's bill is due to be released late this week, coinciding with a three-day, packed tour of San Juan and Grand counties by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Jewell will meet with tribal leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, visit with San Juan County commissioners and hear from congressional staffers from Bishop's and Rep. Jason Chaffetz's offices.

Cody Stewart, Gov. Gary Herbert's policy adviser, will also be at the talks, with Herbert already committed to attend a meeting of the National Governors' Association.

As the tempo accelerates around the Bears Ears controversy — the coalition is pushing President Barack Obama to declare 1.9 million acres a national monument — all sides in the issue are scrambling for the ear of Jewell, who has promised no designation will be made without local input.

To that end, beyond the intense slate of meetings, tours and hikes, Jewell will host a three-hour community meeting in Bluff to hear from residents on the issue.



Bishop mapped out some of his plans for the Bears Ears region, saying no one disputes the need for federal conservation area protections. The 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region would be divided into two roughly equal portions and managed as separate national conservation areas.

While the southern portion would be managed strictly with Native American uses and traditions in mind, the northern half would come under an administrative approach that recognizes existing outdoor recreation uses such as rock climbing in the Indian Creek corridor. The footprint also includes the Mancos Wilderness Area.

The divided conservation area model came at the request of The Nature Conservancy, which owns the 5,200-acre working Dugout Ranch that is also home to scientific research and ancestral Puebloan rock art and dwellings. The concept was pursued in consultation with San Juan County and some tribal representatives.

"This is a dramatic change from January," said Fred Ferguson, Chaffetz's chief of staff. "If you don't recognize the different conditions on the ground, management will be extremely difficult."

The northern region is already heavily used for outdoor recreation and includes some grazing, Ferguson said. Under the new management

structure envisioned to protect cultural resources, the tribes will have a co-management position, elevated to cooperating partners in land-use planning, he said, and not simply consulted.

"They will have a seat at the table," Ferguson said. "Candidly, that is very difficult to be created through a monument designation."

The delegation asked the leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to sit down and review the changes in late June, but the offer was rebuffed.

"We are satisfied that a Bears Ears National Monument proclaimed by President Obama under his authority granted by the Antiquities Act presents the best opportunity to protect the Bears Ears landscape and assure a strong Native American voice in monument management," the coalition's letter said.

Coalition leaders bowed out of talks in December, accusing Bishop and Chaffetz of ignoring their input, leaving them out of the public lands initiative process and continually missing deadlines.

Bishop said the latest reaction was disappointing but not surprising.

"I think that is more indicative of the entire issue at hand," he said. "This was an organization whose first priority may not have been trying to sit down and work something out."

Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a nonprofit advocacy organization for indigenous people, said the group long supported a national conservation area for Bears Ears because of the ability to write more language into that approach rather than a proclamation. The group, however, is deferring decisions to the coalition and supporting its position for a monument.

The public lands bill will be the subject of a formal hearing in August by the committee Bishop heads, the House Committee on Natural Resources, which will also hold a markup session on the bill in September.

Bishop's public lands bill, dubbed the "Grand Bargain," has been in the making for more than three years. It was released in draft form in January amid a swell of criticism from environmental groups who say it favored industry over conservation.

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> Updated AP short story on this week's public meeting:

Top Obama officials head to Bluff for Bears Ears meeting

Associated Press

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

By Jim Mimiaga Journal staff writer

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

The meeting will be from 1–4 p.m at the Bluff Community Center at the corner of Third Street and Mulberry Avenue.

According according to a July 12 Department of Interior announcement, the meeting is “regarding community visions for management of southern Utah’s public lands, members of the public are invited to attend and comment.”

Participating federal agency representatives will also attend the meeting, including Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze, National Parks Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts. U.S. Forest Chief Tom Tidwell has also been invited.

The protection of cultural and natural resources of the vast area of public lands in southeast Utah has been a hot topic for the

last few years.

Conservation groups and Native American tribes — including the Ute Mountain Utes, Navajos, Uintah-Ouray Utes, Hopi, and Zuni — have been advocating that President Barack Obama declare a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument under the Antiquities Act.

Utah legislators are pushing for a federal bill to form the Bears Ears National Conservation Area on 1.1 million acres.

“We’re excited that D.C. officials are coming out to hear different viewpoints and what the issues are for protecting this area,” said Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the Bears Ears Coalition of five tribes.

The Bears Ears area contains more than 100,000 archaeological sites with cultural ties to Native American tribes in the American Southwest.

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Interior chief headed to Utah amid divisions over proposed monument

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By Timothy Cama - 07/11/16 11:06 AM EDT

Interior Secretary **Sally Jewell** is traveling to Utah this week amid divisions over a proposal for a new national monument to protect land in the state.

Jewell's meeting, planned for Saturday, comes after years of calls from American Indian tribes and environmentalists to create the Bear's Ears National Monument, which would protect nearly 2 million acres in southwestern Utah that tribes believe to be sacred and historic.

The meeting is far from an endorsement of the proposed land protections, however.

It's part of Jewell's effort on the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service to hear from local residents around the country about their visions for public lands for the next century.

"The goal of her travel is to find and highlight opportunities where we can make progress in ensuring our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans," Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said.

The Utah travel is meant for Jewell "to meet with and listen to community members, local leaders and stakeholders about a range of conservation proposals... to further protect Utah public lands," she added.

Congressional Republicans, the oil and gas industry and business interests oppose the national monument designation, which President Obama can do unilaterally. They say such a designation would unnecessarily restrict various uses of the land, including energy production.

A bill from Utah Reps. **Rob Bishop** and **Jason Chaffetz**, both Republicans, proposes various land protections around Utah,

including 1 million acres in the Bear's Ears area, in part as an attempt to push back at a potential monument. But the monument's supporters say the GOP bill would allow too much development and wouldn't go far enough in protecting the land.

Bishop, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, plans to unveil a revised version of the legislation this week, The Salt Lake Tribune **reported**.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," Bishop and Chaffetz wrote Friday to Jewell. Utah Sens. **Mike Lee** and **Orrin Hatch**, also Republicans, signed on to that letter as well.

"The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

On Fri, Jul 8, 2016 at 9:41 PM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Salt Lake Tribune: Next week could be turning point in Bears Ears debate: Bishop to unveil bill; Interior Secretary Jewell to visit Utah

By THOMAS BURR | The Salt Lake Tribune

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Washington • Rep. Rob Bishop plans to unveil long-awaited legislation next week to preserve some areas of the Bears Ears region in southeastern Utah just ahead of a visit by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

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Bishop also plans to fast-track his much-anticipated Public Lands Initiative (PLI) — which critics worry won't go far enough to protect Bears Ears — by holding hearings in August and September and put it before the House by the end of the latter month.

The Utah Republican — joined by Utah's senators, Mike Lee and Orrin Hatch, and Rep. Jason Chaffetz — hopes the measure will blunt any attempt by President Barack Obama's administration to use the 1908 Antiquities Act to unilaterally create a national monument as

several tribal leaders have called for to safeguard nearly 2 million acres.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," the four Utah members of Congress wrote Friday to Jewell. "The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

Jewell's July 16 visit, which will include a public meeting in the Bears Ears area, is aimed at allowing the secretary to hear the various proposals, including the PLI and a push for a national monument, and see the area in person, her spokeswoman, Jessica Kershaw, said Friday.

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The meeting shouldn't be read as the administration ramping up any move to name a monument, Kershaw cautioned. A visit by the interior secretary to an area under consideration for a monument had previewed action by Obama in recent years, but Kershaw said this Utah trip will be a listening tour.

"This is an opportunity to hear form the community from a variety of stakeholders — land

managers, representatives, local officials — about their concerns and desires to protect places that hold special meaning to them," Kershaw said. "It is not an indication of an imminent monument decision."

Bishop has been working on the PLI for years, saying at the start he wanted to bring together all the parties — from environmentalists to oil and gas leaders to local officials and residents — to find a solution to preserving areas that need protection and opening up other mineral-rich spots for development.

He released a draft plan in January, though several conservation groups said it didn't go far enough and offered too much for development. Utah's members of Congress noted in their letter to Jewell that they appreciated suggested changes to the draft PLI from the administration as well as nongovernmental organizations.

Several tribal leaders have withdrawn from Bishop's effort and said they supported Obama naming a new monument. The president, who has designated several monuments during his seven years in office, has said he will move to preserve areas that are in need, though he has not publicly mentioned the Utah area.

Josh Ewing, executive director of Friends of Cedar Mesa, which seeks to set aside the Bears Ears area, said his group is excited to see the legislation. It is an important step to inform the debate about what should be preserved, he said, and whether it should be through congressional or presidential action.

Ewing added that he does not expect any monument designation to be forthcoming while the Utah delegation pursues a legislative solution.

"I hope that [Jewell's] visit signals the administration's serious consideration for considering a monument if the Public Lands Initiative can't protect this area," Ewing said. "I do not think a monument is imminent. I think they are going to allow the Public Lands Initiative to succeed or fail."

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AP: Secretary Jewell to visit Utah to discuss conservation plans

Posted 6:10 p.m. today

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SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will visit Utah on July 16 for a public meeting to discuss conservation proposals that include a plan backed by a Tribal coalition and environmentalist to create a new national monument.

Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said Friday by email that Jewell will meet with community members and local leaders about how to ensure public lands are "benefiting all Americans."

She said the time and location will be announced next week.

Proponents of the proposed 1.9-million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah say ancient artifacts and sacred lands need protection from looting and development.

Utah's top Republican leaders oppose the designation and back a plan set to be introduced in Congress next

week that would protect parts of the Bears Ears area and other lands while opening up some lands for recreation and oil and gas development.

Read more at http://www.wral.com/secretary-jewell-to-visit-utah-to-discuss-conservation-plans/15838975/#m5zvgysVTQrM2Q0p.99

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> Hi folks -
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> Below/attached is a draft joint DOI/USDA media advisory for release *on Monday*.
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> Please let me know what edits/concerns you might have here before 4pm tomorrow (Friday).
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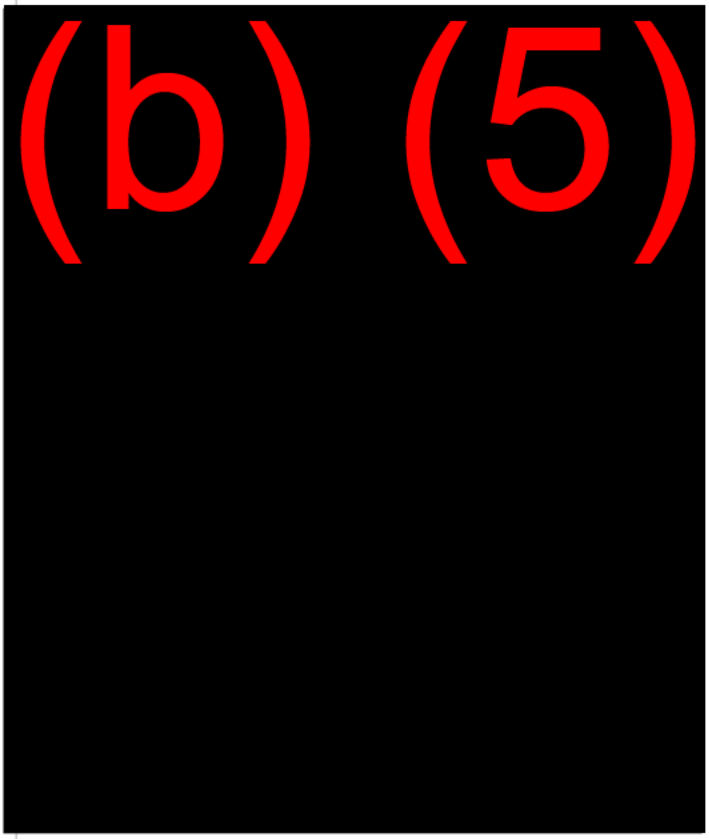
> In addition, this is the if-asked statement DOI comms will use over the weekend, if-asked, since public invitations will go out tomorrow/Sat.



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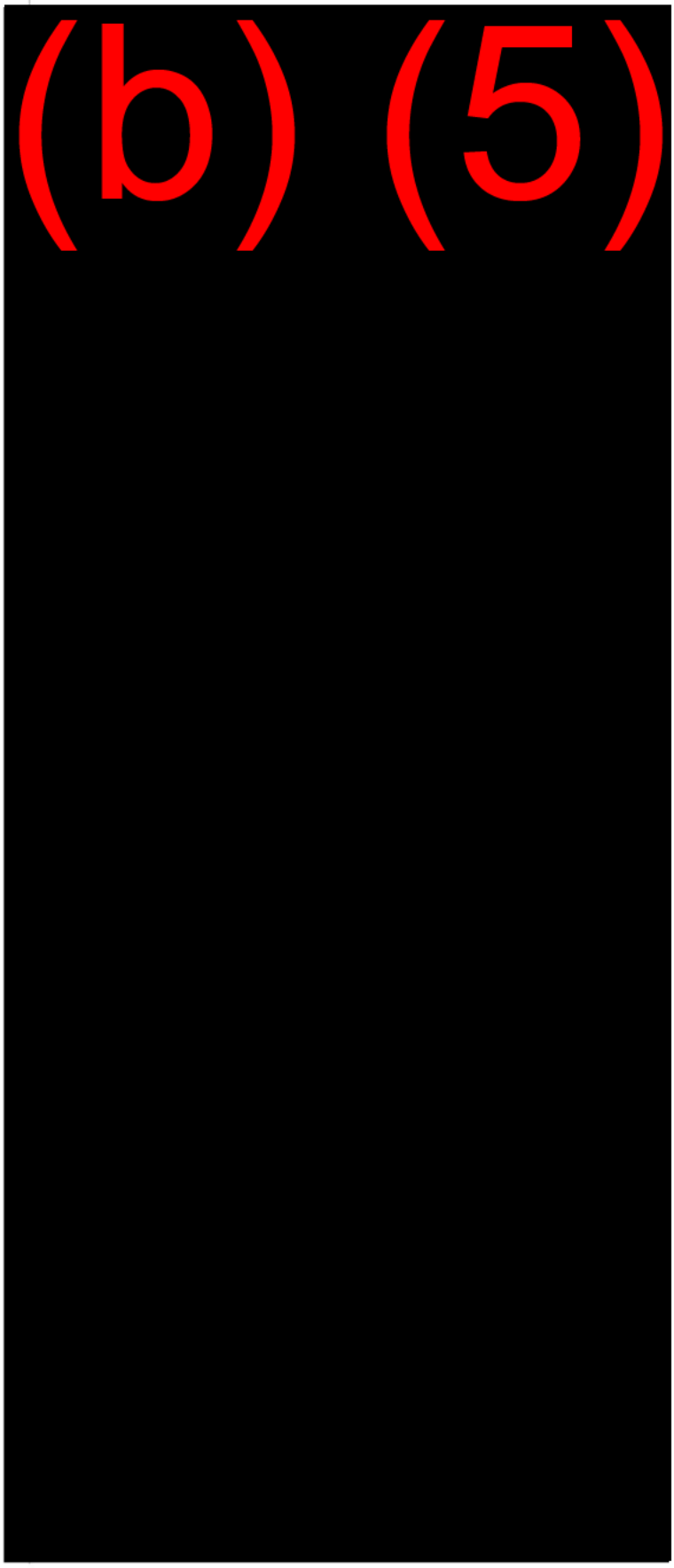

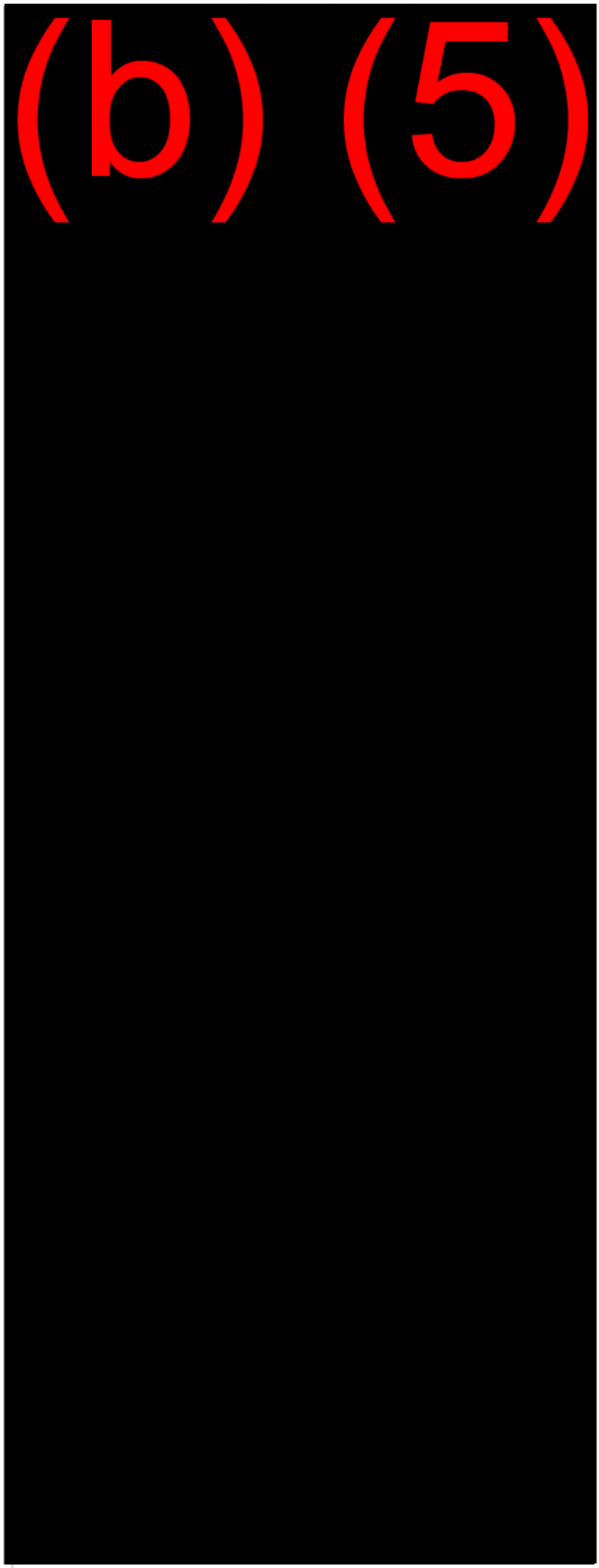
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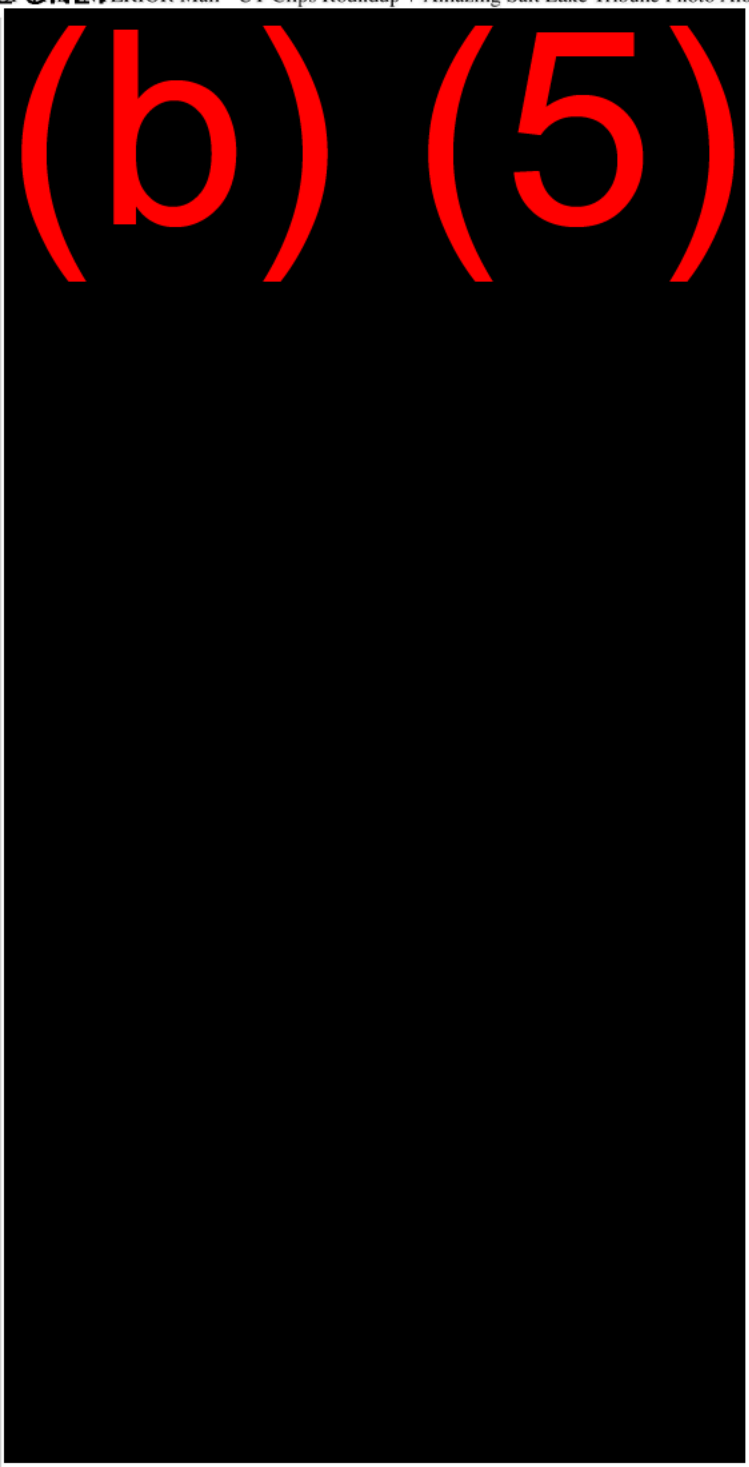

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Journal News Editorial: Bears Ears may finally get the protection it so clearly deserves

Cedar Mesa, Dark Canyon, Grand Gulch and Valley of the Gods are all places with names that evoke the almost mythical natural landscape familiar to many residents and visitors of the Four Corners who have hiked, hunted, floated and appreciated the archaeology in them. They are big places with open spaces one can imagine not looking too much different than they did millions of years ago.

Bounded to the west by the Green and Colorado rivers, to the east by Highway 191 from Moab to Bluff, and along the southern edge by the San Juan River, the 1.9 million acres of public and ancestral lands known as the Bears Ears may soon receive permanent protection. Some say this is long overdue – by a century or more.

In 1906, Congress established the Antiquities Act, largely in response to rampant looting of archaeological sites in the Four Corners, including the Bears Ears region, which continues today. It gives the president the authority to create national monuments from public lands to protect significant natural, cultural or scientific resources. To date, presidents have used the act over 100 times to establish monuments, including Canyon of the Ancients west of Cortez, but not yet for an area for which it was perfectly designed.

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Robert Bonnie will hold a public meeting on Saturday, July 16, in Bluff, Utah, to receive comments on community visions for the management of Southern Utah's public lands, including Utah Republican Congressmen Rob Bishop's and Jason Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition's proposal to designate a new national monument. Their visit is an important step toward ensuring the Bears Ears region receives the protection it deserves.

Stakeholders, including conservation, off-highway vehicle and recreation groups, have spent the past three years working with tribal leaders and Utah's congressional delegation on legislation that would protect this area, but to date, no legislation has been introduced in Congress. The draft legislation to be released this week is anticipated to be much improved but may still not be acceptable to stakeholders and tribes. Time is running out.

Frustrated by legislative inaction, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition came together to conserve the Bears Ears cultural landscape and requested that President Obama proclaim it a national monument. The historic consortium of sovereign nations includes leaders of the Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Utes, Zuni and Ute Indian Tribe of northeastern Utah. It is also the first time the conservation community is following the lead of and supporting a proposal developed by Native Americans.

Dozens of conservation and recreation groups and a total of 26 tribes have expressed support and are united in their vision for protecting the Bears Ears region. The Bears Ears National Monument proposal presents an extraordinary opportunity to protect a scenically spectacular and archaeologically rich landscape and to do something that has never been done before by creating a national monument that protects Native American ancestral homelands and provides the tribes a meaningful role in their management.

To add your voice to those seeking to do what is right for the land and the people that trace their heritage to it, take a drive to Bluff on Saturday.

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Deseret News: Bears Ears controversy ramps up with Jewell's visit, Bishop's planned legislation

By Amy Joi O'Donoghue, Deseret News

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The Bears Ears area is seen on Thursday, June 2, 2016. The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses.
(Scott G Winterton, Deseret News)

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SALT LAKE CITY — The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses.

Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, and chief architect of the measure, said the region on federal lands in southeastern Utah will come with a new management structure that includes a tribal committee to ensure traditional access for wood gathering, ceremonies and gathering of plants.

"We spell out what the management practices will be and the purpose of those," Bishop said. "The lower half is strictly for conservation. … They will be able to continue those traditional activities in a way that would not be guaranteed under a monument designation."

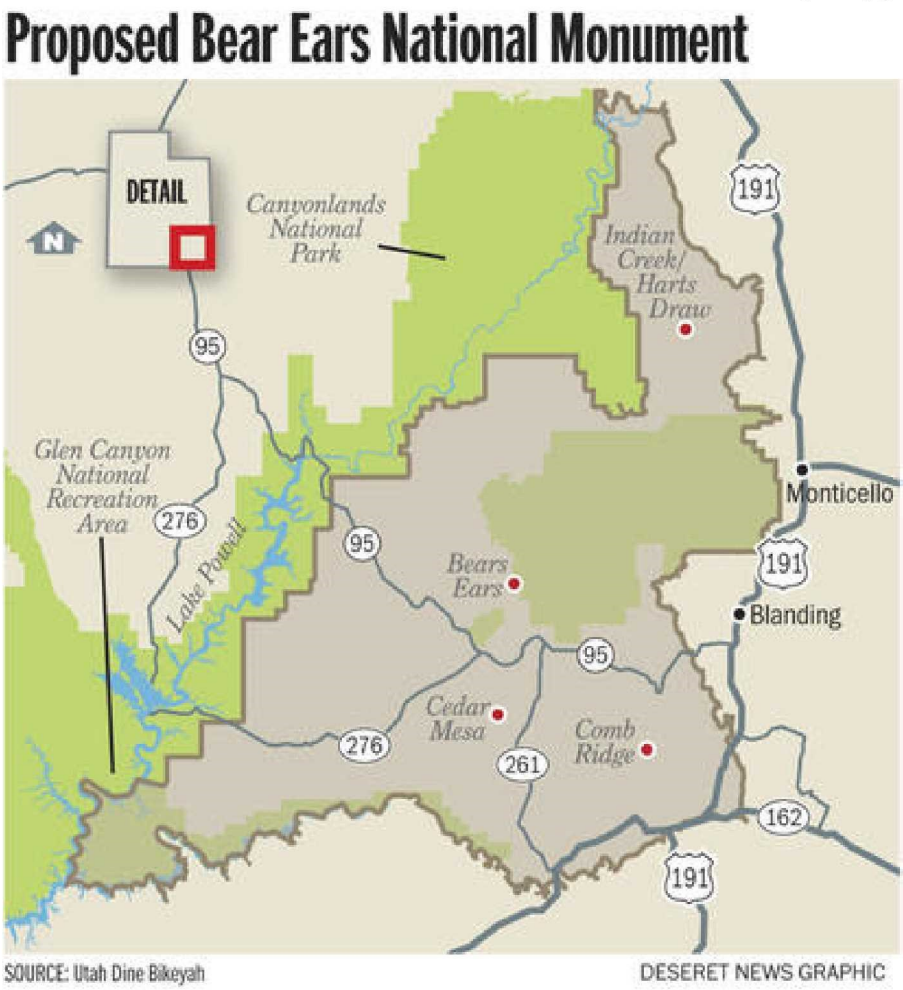
The final version of Bishop's bill is due to be released late this week, coinciding with a three-day, packed tour of San Juan and Grand counties by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Jewell will meet with tribal leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, visit with San Juan County commissioners and hear from congressional staffers from Bishop's and Rep. Jason Chaffetz's offices.

Cody Stewart, Gov. Gary Herbert's policy adviser, will also be at the talks, with Herbert already committed to attend a meeting of the National Governors' Association.

As the tempo accelerates around the Bears Ears controversy — the coalition is pushing President Barack Obama to declare 1.9 million acres a national monument — all sides in the issue are scrambling for the ear of Jewell, who has promised no designation will be made without local input.

To that end, beyond the intense slate of meetings, tours and hikes, Jewell will host a three-hour community meeting in Bluff to hear from residents on the issue.



Bishop mapped out some of his plans for the Bears Ears region, saying no one disputes the need for federal conservation area protections. The 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region would be divided into two roughly equal portions and managed as separate national conservation areas.

While the southern portion would be managed strictly with Native American uses and traditions in mind, the northern half would come under an administrative approach that recognizes existing outdoor recreation uses such as rock climbing in the Indian Creek corridor. The footprint also includes the Mancos Wilderness Area.

The divided conservation area model came at the request of The Nature Conservancy, which owns the 5,200-acre working Dugout Ranch that is also home to scientific research and ancestral Puebloan rock art and dwellings. The concept was pursued in consultation with San Juan County and some tribal representatives.

"This is a dramatic change from January," said Fred Ferguson, Chaffetz's chief of staff. "If you don't recognize the different conditions on the ground, management will be extremely difficult."

The northern region is already heavily used for outdoor recreation and includes some grazing, Ferguson said. Under the new management

structure envisioned to protect cultural resources, the tribes will have a co-management position, elevated to cooperating partners in land-use planning, he said, and not simply consulted.

"They will have a seat at the table," Ferguson said. "Candidly, that is very difficult to be created through a monument designation."

The delegation asked the leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to sit down and review the changes in late June, but the offer was rebuffed.

"We are satisfied that a Bears Ears National Monument proclaimed by President Obama under his authority granted by the Antiquities Act presents the best opportunity to protect the Bears Ears landscape and assure a strong Native American voice in monument management," the coalition's letter said.

Coalition leaders bowed out of talks in December, accusing Bishop and Chaffetz of ignoring their input, leaving them out of the public lands initiative process and continually missing deadlines.

Bishop said the latest reaction was disappointing but not surprising.

"I think that is more indicative of the entire issue at hand," he said. "This was an organization whose first priority may not have been trying to sit down and work something out."

Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a nonprofit advocacy organization for indigenous people, said the group long supported a national conservation area for Bears Ears because of the ability to write more language into that approach rather than a proclamation. The group, however, is deferring decisions to the coalition and supporting its position for a monument.

The public lands bill will be the subject of a formal hearing in August by the committee Bishop heads, the House Committee on Natural Resources, which will also hold a markup session on the bill in September.

Bishop's public lands bill, dubbed the "Grand Bargain," has been in the making for more than three years. It was released in draft form in January amid a swell of criticism from environmental groups who say it favored industry over conservation.

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> Updated AP short story on this week's public meeting:

Top Obama officials head to Bluff for Bears Ears meeting

Associated Press

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

By Jim Mimiaga Journal staff writer

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

The meeting will be from 1–4 p.m at the Bluff Community Center at the corner of Third Street and Mulberry Avenue.

According according to a July 12 Department of Interior announcement, the meeting is “regarding community visions for management of southern Utah’s public lands, members of the public are invited to attend and comment.”

Participating federal agency representatives will also attend the meeting, including Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze, National Parks Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts. U.S. Forest Chief Tom Tidwell has also been invited.

The protection of cultural and natural resources of the vast area of public lands in southeast Utah has been a hot topic for the last

few years.

Conservation groups and Native American tribes — including the Ute Mountain Utes, Navajos, Uintah-Ouray Utes, Hopi, and Zuni — have been advocating that President Barack Obama declare a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument under the Antiquities Act.

Utah legislators are pushing for a federal bill to form the Bears Ears National Conservation Area on 1.1 million acres.

“We’re excited that D.C. officials are coming out to hear different viewpoints and what the issues are for protecting this area,” said Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the Bears Ears Coalition of five tribes.

The Bears Ears area contains more than 100,000 archaeological sites with cultural ties to Native American tribes in the American Southwest.

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Interior chief headed to Utah amid divisions over proposed monument

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By Timothy Cama - 07/11/16 11:06 AM EDT

Interior Secretary **Sally Jewell** is traveling to Utah this week amid divisions over a proposal for a new national monument to protect land in the state.

Jewell's meeting, planned for Saturday, comes after years of calls from American Indian tribes and environmentalists to create the Bear's Ears National Monument, which would protect nearly 2 million acres in southwestern Utah that tribes believe to be sacred and historic.

The meeting is far from an endorsement of the proposed land protections, however.

It's part of Jewell's effort on the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service to hear from local residents around the country about their visions for public lands for the next century.

"The goal of her travel is to find and highlight opportunities where we can make progress in ensuring our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans," Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said.

The Utah travel is meant for Jewell "to meet with and listen to community members, local leaders and stakeholders about a range of conservation proposals... to further protect Utah public lands," she added.

Congressional Republicans, the oil and gas industry and business interests oppose the national monument designation, which President Obama can do unilaterally. They say such a designation would unnecessarily restrict various uses of the land, including energy production.

A bill from Utah Reps. **Rob Bishop** and **Jason Chaffetz**, both Republicans, proposes various land protections around Utah, including 1 million acres in the Bear's Ears area, in part as an attempt to push back at a potential monument. But the monument's supporters say the GOP bill would allow too much development and wouldn't go far enough in protecting the land.

Bishop, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, plans to unveil a revised version of the legislation this week, The Salt Lake Tribune **reported**.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," Bishop and Chaffetz wrote Friday to Jewell. Utah Sens. **Mike Lee** and **Orrin Hatch**, also Republicans, signed on to that letter as well.

"The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

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> **Salt Lake Tribune: Next week could be turning point in Bears Ears debate: Bishop to unveil bill; Interior Secretary Jewell to visit Utah**
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Washington • Rep. Rob Bishop plans to unveil long-awaited legislation next week to preserve some areas of the Bears Ears region in southeastern Utah just ahead of a visit by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

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Bishop also plans to fast-track his much-anticipated Public Lands Initiative (PLI) — which critics worry won't go far enough to protect Bears Ears — by holding hearings in August and September and put it before the House by the end of the latter month.

The Utah Republican — joined by Utah's senators, Mike Lee and Orrin Hatch, and Rep. Jason Chaffetz — hopes the measure will blunt any attempt by President Barack Obama's administration to use the 1908 Antiquities Act to unilaterally create a national monument as several

tribal leaders have called for to safeguard nearly 2 million acres.

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"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," the four Utah members of Congress wrote Friday to Jewell. "The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

Jewell's July 16 visit, which will include a public meeting in the Bears Ears area, is aimed at allowing the secretary to hear the various proposals, including the PLI and a push for a national monument, and see the area in person, her spokeswoman, Jessica Kershaw, said Friday.

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The meeting shouldn't be read as the administration ramping up any move to name a monument, Kershaw cautioned. A visit by the interior secretary to an area under consideration for a monument had previewed action by Obama in recent years, but Kershaw said this Utah trip will be a listening tour.

"This is an opportunity to hear form the community from a variety of stakeholders — land managers, representatives, local officials — about their concerns and desires to protect places that hold special meaning to them," Kershaw said. "It is not an indication of an imminent monument decision."

Bishop has been working on the PLI for years, saying at the start he wanted to bring together all the parties — from environmentalists to oil and gas leaders to local officials and residents — to find a

solution to preserving areas that need protection and opening up other mineral-rich spots for development.

He released a draft plan in January, though several conservation groups said it didn't go far enough and offered too much for development. Utah's members of Congress noted in their letter to Jewell that they appreciated suggested changes to the draft PLI from the administration as well as nongovernmental organizations.

Several tribal leaders have withdrawn from Bishop's effort and said they supported Obama naming a new monument. The president, who has designated several monuments during his seven years in office, has said he will move to preserve areas that are in need, though he has not publicly mentioned the Utah area.

Josh Ewing, executive director of Friends of Cedar Mesa, which seeks to set aside the Bears Ears area, said his group is excited to see the legislation. It is an important step to inform the debate about what should be preserved, he said, and whether it should be through congressional or presidential action.

Ewing added that he does not expect any monument designation to be forthcoming while the Utah delegation pursues a legislative solution.

"I hope that [Jewell's] visit signals the administration's serious consideration for considering a monument if the Public Lands Initiative can't protect this area," Ewing said. "I do not think a monument is imminent. I think they are going to allow the Public Lands Initiative to succeed or fail."

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AP: Secretary Jewell to visit Utah to discuss conservation plans

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SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will visit Utah on July 16 for a public meeting to discuss conservation proposals that include a plan backed by a Tribal coalition and environmentalist to create a new national monument.

Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said Friday by email that Jewell will meet with community members and local leaders about how to ensure public lands are "benefiting all Americans."

She said the time and location will be announced next week.

Proponents of the proposed 1.9-million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah say ancient artifacts and sacred lands need protection from looting and development.

Utah's top Republican leaders oppose the designation and back a plan set to be introduced in Congress next week that would protect parts of the Bears Ears area and other lands while opening up some lands for recreation and oil and gas development.

Read more at http://www.wral.com/secretary-jewell-to-visit-utah-to-discuss-conservation-plans/15838975/#m5zvgysVTQrM2Q0p.99

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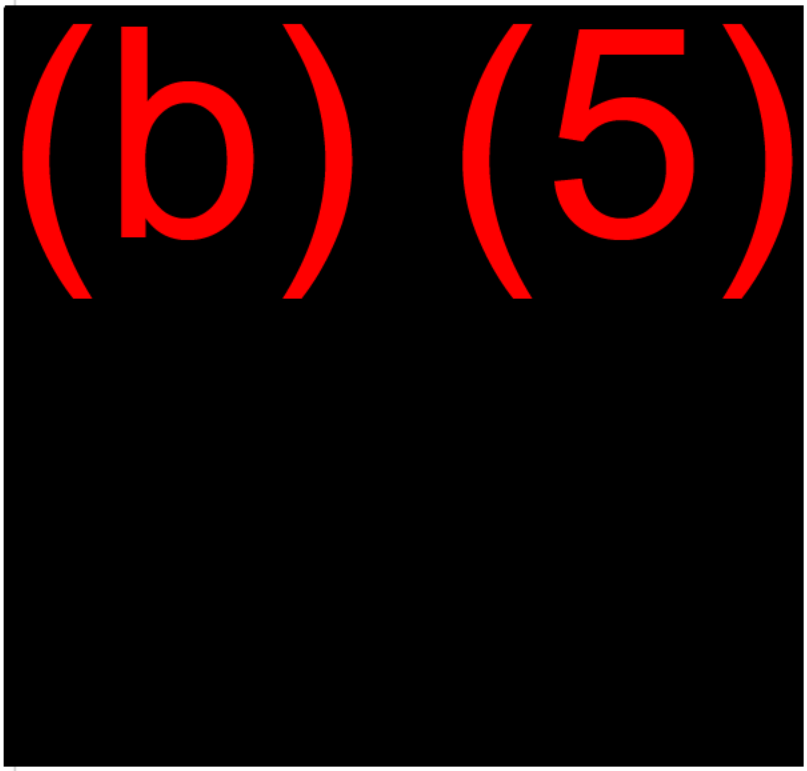

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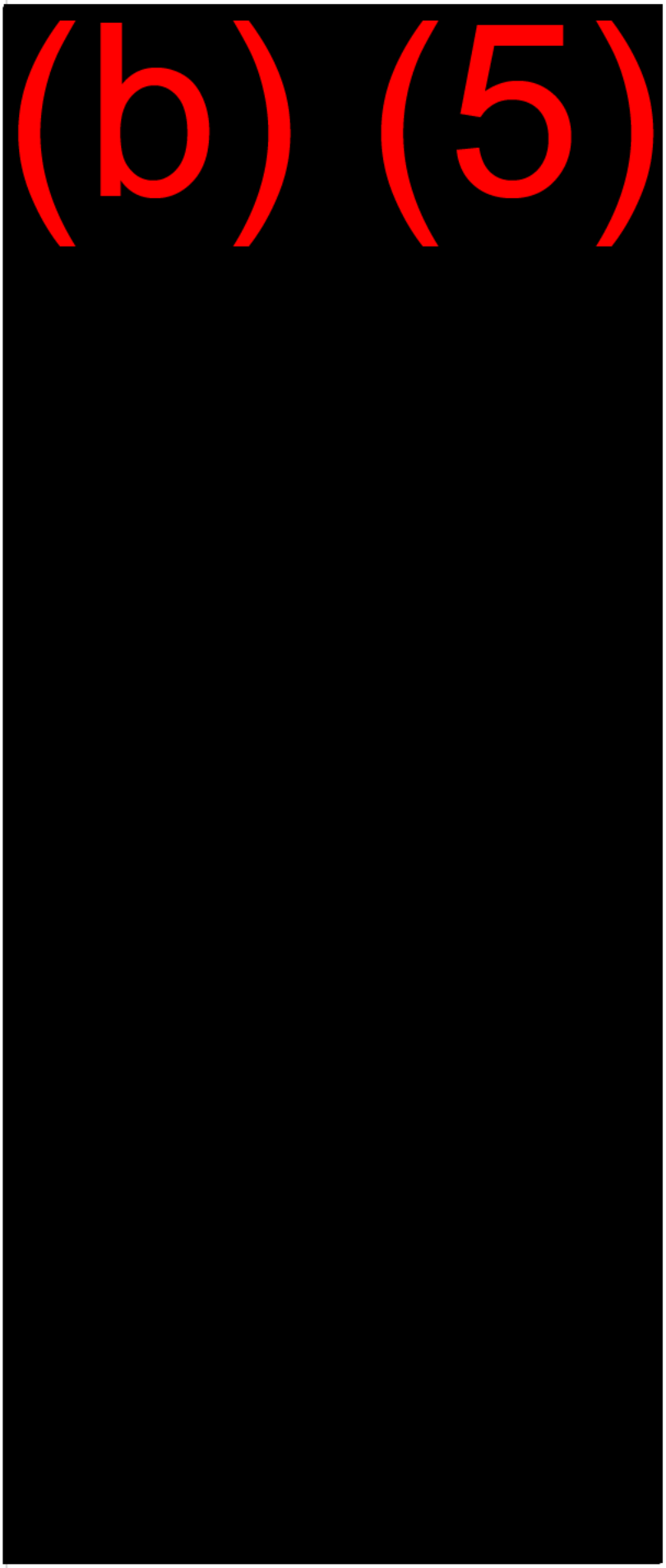
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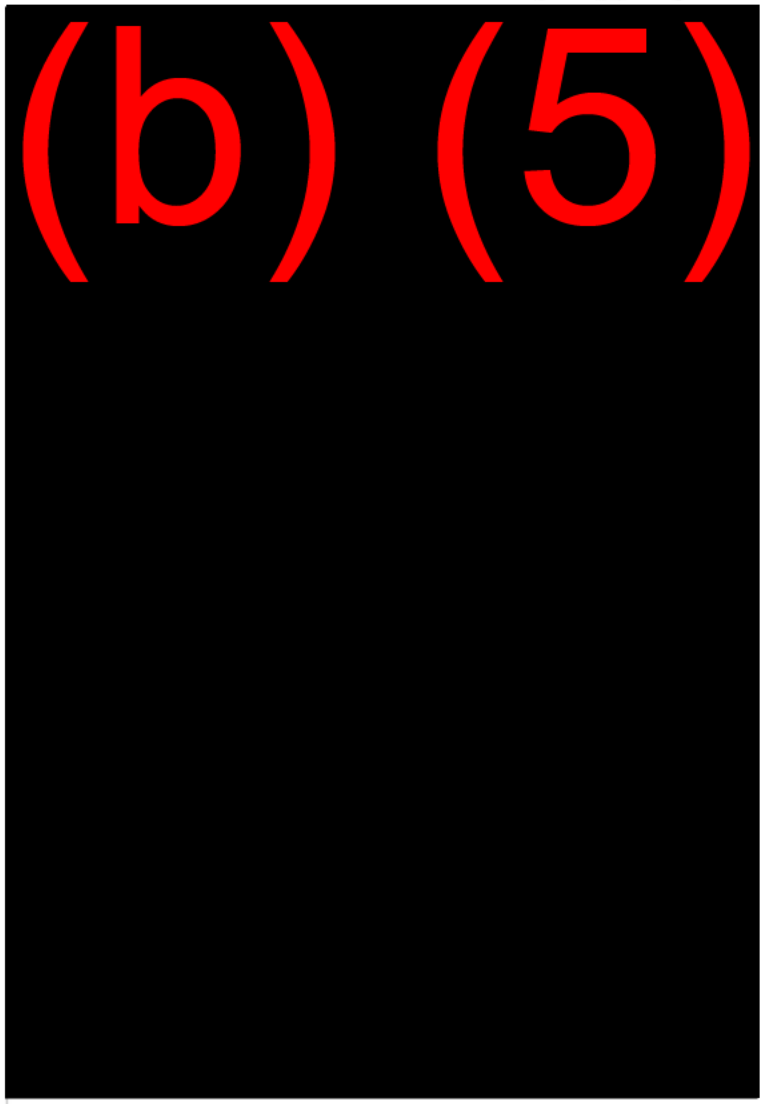

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Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visits southern Utah, vows she's 'here to listen'

The Salt Lake Tribune // Matthew Piper // July 14

As Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz unveiled their long-awaited public lands plan, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell came face to face with critics of the proposed national monument Utah's delegation hopes to stave off. The second day of Jewell's whirlwind tour of southeastern Utah saw her drive from Moab's airport to Big Flats, to Gemini Bridges, to Dead Horse Point, to Indian Creek and finally to Monticello, where about 50 protesters welcomed her outside the Hideout Community Center with chants of "No national monument!" "We protect it just fine," shouted one. Another: "Communist!" The mood inside was lighter, but more than 150 people gathered to hear San Juan County commissioners share their concerns about the Bears Ears National Monument proposal, brought by a coalition of five tribes that late last year stopped participating in discussions about Bishop and Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and appealed to President Barack Obama to protect 1.9 million acres by using the Antiquities Act.

[As Interior secretary tours sacred tribal site, Utah Republicans push to protect it]

Washington Post // Juliet Eilperin // July 14

Utah Republican lawmakers introduced legislation Thursday that would protect 1.4 million acres of a sacred Native American site in the state's southeast, as Interior Secretary Sally Jewell toured the area to solicit ideas on how to address the threats it faces. Bears Ears — an expanse of land in San Juan County that boasts both archeological treasures and critical environmental habitats — has come under pressure from looters and vandalism over the years. Utah's congressional delegation has spent three years working to craft a compromise bill that would encompass not only that area but six other counties, providing opportunities for energy development, grazing and motorized recreation while designating some parts for conservation. The new flurry of activity, including the bill introduction and Jewell's four-day visit to meet with tribal leaders, local officials and environmentalists, underscores that time is running out to forge a legislative deal.

[Secretary Of The Interior To Tour Bears Ears]

Utah Public Radio // Jon Kovash // July 14

This week Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting multiple towns in Southeast Utah to hear local concerns about federal lands. Jewell is traveling with a delegation of high ranking federal officials. Wednesday she met with Governor Herbert, toured the San Rafael Swell with Emery County officials, and attended a meeting in Moab, where she was greeted with a sea of T-shirts and signs supporting the Bears Ears as a new national monument. "This is democracy," she said. "I mean, this is how our country works, and, you know, listening to each other in a respectful way. Having a large group of people that have different points of view by the shirts they're wearing and the signs they're carrying, and being very respectful of each other, I appreciate."

[The Latest: House bill blocking monuments faces veto threat]

AP // July 14

House Republicans have passed a spending bill that could block a new national monument in southeastern Utah. But the effort faces a White House veto threat. Republican Rep. Chris Stewart of Utah added a provision to an Interior Department spending bill that blocks money for any new monuments in portions of eight states, including 17 Utah counties. The House passed the bill Thursday, but the measure is expected to run into a filibuster from Senate Democrats and the White House veto threat. The vote comes as U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting Utah to meet with supporters and opponents of the Bears Ears monument.

[GOP Lawmakers Unveil Utah Land Use Plan]

WSJ // Jim Carlton // July 14

Two Utah Republicans unveiled a long-awaited bill aimed at protecting vast parts of the state's spectacular canyon country, while allowing development in other areas. The bill's backers say it is a compromise that could serve as a model for brokering disputes over federal land ownership in the West, while potentially lowering the temperature on a legal feud between Utah and the U.S. The Obama administration hasn't

taken a stand on the monument. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is set to host a community meeting Saturday in Bluff, Utah, on the dueling proposals.

Interior Secretary Jewell meets with Grand County Council

Moab Sun News // Eric Trenbeath // July 14

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell heard comments from the Grand County Council on Rep. Rob Bishop's Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and the Bureau of Land Management's Master Leasing Plan (MLP) at a special meeting held on Wednesday, July 13. More than 50 local citizens attended, many wearing t-shirts, or carrying signs either in support of, or opposed to, the creation of a Bears Ears National Monument. “I am here to listen, that is the primary reason for this visit,” Jewell said. “You have an incredible place here, and I know that it's got lots of different elements to the economy, and things that are important to people of this region.”

Push to create Utah monument marks latest Western land fight

AP // Brady McCombs // July 14

Laminated sheets of paper held in place by rocks rest inside ancient cliff dwellings nestled underneath a spectacular red rock overhang in southeastern Utah. "Don't erase the traces of America's past," the signs read. "Please do not enter interior rooms." The weathered signs and a similar warning at the trailhead are the only protections in place for these easily accessible ruins along a canyon hiking path. The cliff dwellings are part of an estimated 100,000 archaeological sites within a 1.9 million-acre area that a coalition of American Indian tribes wants President Barack Obama to designate a national monument to ensure protections for lands considered sacred. U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is visiting the area this week to meet with proponents and opponents — the latest indication the Obama administration is giving serious consideration to the "Bears Ears" monument proposal.

Public lands bill unveiled without controversial Antiquities Act provision

KSL // Amy Joi O’Donoghue // July 14

Utah Republican Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz unveiled the final version of the much awaited Public Lands Initiative Thursday, eliminating a mandate that seven counties in eastern Utah are off-limits for any future monument designation under the Antiquities Act. The elimination of the controversial provision acknowledges it was a deal breaker for environmental groups and recognition that no president would endorse a law that relinquishes such a sweeping executive power. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, a veteran GOP faithful and states’ right defender, released the Public Lands Initiative on the day of the start of Jewell’s three-day, whirlwind tour of Grand and San Juan counties. His bills, and her visits, come as the debate over a potential monument designation of 1.9 million acres in the Bears Ears region reaches a fervent pitch, with certain tribes and environmental groups calling for presidential action.

Bishop, Chaffetz unveil long-awaited lands bill in bid to block a Bears Ears National Monument

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Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz introduced a package of bills Thursday with the immediate hope of preventing President Barack Obama from creating a Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County. But the larger goal of the Public Lands Initiative (PLI) is to end decades of acrimony among environmentalists, ranchers, oil and gas drillers, recreationalists and tribal leaders, with a plan that brings certainty to the seven rural counties that took part in this grueling three-year process. The bill's introduction comes as Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other federal officials are touring southeastern Utah to look at the Bears Ears region, a culturally sensitive area to many tribal nations.

Can a trove of Native American ruins be saved from eBay and 'white people' ideology?

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When I asked Josh Ewing, my tour guide through the countless Native American ruin sites nestled in the remote cliffsides of southeastern Utah, about the coolest thing he'd ever discovered here, he barely paused before answering. "I climbed down from the rim of this cliff dwelling site and found an intact painted bowl, black and white—just perfect. It had been sitting there for about 800 years," he said, as we summited a large rubble pile of what is believed to be a four-story Ancestral Pueblo structure. "One of our big problems is everyone takes a shard of a pot and puts it on their mantle or something. And if everyone takes a piece home with them pretty soon there's nothing left." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will be visiting Utah this weekend to meet with stakeholders involved in the debate and to try and smooth a path forward. This year is the centennial celebration of the National Park Service, and the agency is using the occasion to highlight the important role that it plays in preserving both natural beauty and human history. Jessica Kershaw, spokesperson for the DOI, said that the goal of Jewell's cross-country travels this summer is to find opportunities to ensure "our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans."

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Interior Secretary Jewell meets with Grand County Council

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Interior Secretary Sally Jewell heard comments from the Grand County Council on Rep. Rob Bishop's Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and the Bureau of Land Management's Master Leasing Plan (MLP) at a special meeting held on Wednesday, July 13. More than 50 local citizens attended, many wearing t-shirts, or carrying signs either in support of, or opposed to, the creation of a Bears Ears National Monument.

"I am here to listen, that is the primary reason for this visit," Jewell said. "You have an incredible place here, and I know that it's got lots of different elements to the economy, and things that are important to people of this region."

Jewell introduced herself as a former petroleum engineer, a commercial banker, a CEO, and an avid outdoorsperson. On land-use decisions she said that she is in it for the long game.

"I'm in the forever business," she said. "Am I leaving the world better not just for my grandchildren for the generations that follow. That means a strong economy, and it also means a healthy environment, and a healthy ecosystem."

Council member Chris Baird voiced his support for the MLP and PLI planning scenarios, but said that he could not support the PLI's first draft, and that significant changes would have to be made before he could support it.

As for the MLP Baird said that “in an area like this where there are so many uses conflicting, that are back to back with one another, it helps to have a more detailed planning process.”

Council member Lynn Jackson expressed his dissatisfaction with the MLP, and he cited language in the document that expressed a need “to add further constraints to mineral development.”

“This was never intended to be a balanced plan,” Jackson said.

Jackson said that where he once supported the PLI, he wasn't sure if he would still be able to before seeing the changes that had been made to the draft.

Council member Rory Paxman said that he “agreed with Lynn 100 percent,” while council members Mary McGann and Elizabeth Tubbs said that they supported the MLP and PLI process, but that they still needed to review the final PLI before they could give unequivocal support.

Rep. Bishop released the final draft on Thursday, July 14.

Original Story (below) posted Wednesday, July 13

Interior Secretary Jewell visits; Rep. Bishop reveals PLI strategy

Plan seeks to avert Presidential proclamation of a Bears Ears National Monument

Will a legislative compromise settle federal public land-use issues in eastern Utah, or will President Barack Obama create a new national monument by executive order in San Juan County? This week could be a turning point in the debate.

Utah Republican Rep. Rob Bishop, on Friday, July 8, revealed a legislative timeline for his Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) just ahead of a visit to southeastern Utah by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Jewell is scheduled to attend a town meeting in Bluff, Utah on Saturday, July 16, to hear local ideas on land conservation including a proposal for a 1.9 million acre Bears Ears National Monument.

Jewell also attended a meeting on Wednesday, July 13, with the Grand County Council just as this story was going to press. For more information on that meeting please visit the Moab Sun News online atwww.moabsunnews.com.

In a letter to Sec. Jewell, Bishop outlined his plans for the proposed legislation while urging her to allow time for the legislative process to work. The letter was also signed by fellow Utah Republican senators Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee, and the bill's co-sponsor Rep. Jason Chaffetz.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," the letter said. "The delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

Bishop has touted the PLI as a “grand bargain” that will preserve millions of acres of scenic lands while opening up other areas for development. The years long process has brought together stakeholders representing conservation, recreation, ranching and oil and gas development.

Chaffetz said that the PLI will enhance local land management and provide immediate certainty to eastern Utah communities.

“This locally driven process has allowed stakeholders to come to the table, engage in conversations, and offer solutions that make the land management system work better for eastern Utah,” Chaffetz said. “We've crafted a needed balance between conservation and economic development."

Draft met with criticism

Bishop released a discussion draft of the bill in February, and it was met with quick condemnation from conservation organizations.

“It’s a shame that discussions that held so much promise have ended so badly,” said Scott Groene, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance Executive Director. “There is little chance that what can now be characterized as the Plundered Lands Initiative will pass in this dysfunctional congress with so few legislative days remaining. The real purpose behind the PLI now is to try to run out Obama’s clock on protecting the 1.9 million acre Bears Ears monument.”

A Grand County Council majority also expressed their concerns with the draft PLI, and they wrote a letter to Bishop in March and again in May, saying that they could not support the legislation in its current form.

Bishop sent a representative to Grand County In June to respond to the council's concerns. He has not yet presented a revision of the draft.

Bishop said he will formally introduce the bill to the House of Representatives during the July/August district work period, with a legislative hearing to be held in September before being brought to the House floor for a vote.

Jewell has said that the administration is committed to letting the legislative process play out, but that if Congress fails to pass any protective measures, the President would use his executive authority under the Antiquities Act to set aside more national monuments.

The Bears Ears region is the ancestral homeland to several Native American tribes in the region including the Ute, Hopi and Navajo people. In addition to its scenic landscapes, the area is home to more than 100,000 archaeological sites.

A proposal for a Bears Ears National Monument has the support of an inter-tribal coalition, the National Congress of American Indians, and several environmental organizations who say the designation is needed to protect the region's cultural heritage and archaeological resources.

Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, Ute Mountain Tribal Councilwoman and Bears Ears Inter-tribal Coalition co-chair said that the PLI does not go far enough in providing protection of the region, and that her organization is lobbying for the President to declare a national monument.

Whiteskunk said that in addition to not setting aside enough land for protection, the PLI falls short by not calling for tribal co-management of the land.

“We want to strongly advocate for this as we move forward,” she said.

The coalition pulled out of PLI negotiations in January saying that their proposal hadn't been taken seriously by Bishop or the rest of the delegation.

“What we are seeing now is just a continuation of what we have seen all along,” Lopez-Whiteskunk said. “We've patiently waited and even now he (Bishop) hasn't notified us of his plans.”

Grand County Council member Lynn Jackson told the Moab Sun News that he believed that the PLI process has been a good faith effort on the part of Bishop, and elected county officials.

“I believe it is exactly what compromise looks like in a democratic process, and is exactly the way things should proceed with matters of this importance regarding public lands management,” Jackson said. “That being said, I'm certainly not happy with everything in it, just as I know the conservation community is not happy with it. But again, this is compromise, something I think this county has completely lost touch with.”

Jackson said he would encourage Secretary Jewell to support the PLI, and that it was time to bring the Antiquities Act back to its original intent, which he said was to protect “small discreet areas, taking no more land than is necessary.”

“What it has turned into in the last two or three decades is a draconian method to take huge amounts of public land out of multiple-use opportunities, and limit access, particularly to elderly or disabled individuals who can't back pack into areas,” Jackson said. “I

would say to her that there are multiple methods at BLM's disposal to limit certain types of uses where appropriate to protect the most valuable lands. I would say to her, how much is enough?"

Grand County Council chair Elizabeth Tubbs said that opposition is to be expected from either alternative and that legislative action may be a more politically viable option. But she said that if a community values the assets in a particular area that a monument would certainly provide the protection many are seeking.

"The message that I would like to get across to the Secretary is that local recommendations need to be taken seriously," Tubbs said. "At this point no one is particularly happy with the PLI and if (Bishop) ignores the needs of communities, they may pull out of the process."

Tubbs said that overall she would like to see the PLI process continue.

"I believe it provides a better opportunity to work out our differences than either the status quo or the current status of the legislation," she said.

Lopez-Whiteskunk said that her group is working hard to get people to turn out for the meeting with Secretary Jewell on Saturday. She said that it is important for people to be heard, no matter what their views, and that is the great thing about a democracy.

"The coalition has always taken a spiritual approach to find a solution that will benefit all," she said. "These are public lands and they belong to everyone, not just Native Americans. We need to find that line where we can all exist and use the land respectfully."

On Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 12:54 AM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> **Journal News Editorial: Bears Ears may finally get the protection it so clearly deserves**
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> Cedar Mesa, Dark Canyon, Grand Gulch and Valley of the Gods are all places with names that evoke the almost mythical natural landscape familiar to many residents and visitors of the Four Corners who have hiked, hunted, floated and appreciated the archaeology in them. They are big places with open spaces one can imagine not looking too much different than they did millions of years ago.
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> Bounded to the west by the Green and Colorado rivers, to the east by Highway 191 from Moab to Bluff, and along the southern edge by the San Juan River, the 1.9 million acres of public and ancestral lands known as the Bears Ears may soon receive permanent protection. Some say this is long overdue – by a century or more.
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> In 1906, Congress established the Antiquities Act, largely in response to rampant looting of archaeological sites in the Four Corners, including the Bears Ears region, which continues today. It gives the president the authority to create national monuments from public lands to protect significant natural, cultural or scientific

resources. To date, presidents have used the act over 100 times to establish monuments, including Canyon of the Ancients west of Cortez, but not yet for an area for which it was perfectly designed.

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Robert Bonnie will hold a public meeting on Saturday, July 16, in Bluff, Utah, to receive comments on community visions for the management of Southern Utah's public lands, including Utah Republican Congressmen Rob Bishop's and Jason Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition's proposal to designate a new national monument. Their visit is an important step toward ensuring the Bears Ears region receives the protection it deserves.

Stakeholders, including conservation, off-highway vehicle and recreation groups, have spent the past three years working with tribal leaders and Utah's congressional delegation on legislation that would protect this area, but to date, no legislation has been introduced in Congress. The draft legislation to be released this week is anticipated to be much improved but may still not be acceptable to stakeholders and tribes. Time is running out.

Frustrated by legislative inaction, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition came together to conserve the Bears Ears cultural landscape and requested that President Obama proclaim it a national monument. The historic consortium of sovereign nations includes leaders of the Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Utes, Zuni and Ute Indian Tribe of northeastern Utah. It is also the first time the conservation community is following the lead of and supporting a proposal developed by Native Americans.

Dozens of conservation and recreation groups and a total of 26 tribes have expressed support and are united in their vision for protecting the Bears Ears region. The Bears Ears National Monument proposal presents an extraordinary opportunity to protect a scenically spectacular and archaeologically rich landscape and to do something that has never been done before by creating a national monument that protects Native American ancestral homelands and provides the tribes a meaningful role in their management.

To add your voice to those seeking to do what is right for the land and the people that trace their heritage to it, take a drive to Bluff on Saturday.

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> Deseret News: Bears Ears controversy ramps up with Jewell's visit, Bishop's planned legislation

By Amy Joi O'Donoghue, Deseret News

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The Bears Ears area is seen on Thursday, June 2, 2016. The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses. (Scott G Winterton, Deseret News)

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SALT LAKE CITY — The proposed 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region contained in a massive public lands bill being unveiled this week would actually be split in two, with the southern portion set aside for traditional Native American uses.

Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, and chief architect of the measure, said the region on federal lands in southeastern Utah will come with a new management structure that includes a tribal committee to ensure traditional access for wood gathering, ceremonies and gathering of plants.

"We spell out what the management practices will be and the purpose of those," Bishop said. "The lower half is strictly for conservation. … They will be able to continue those traditional activities in a way that would not be guaranteed under a monument designation."

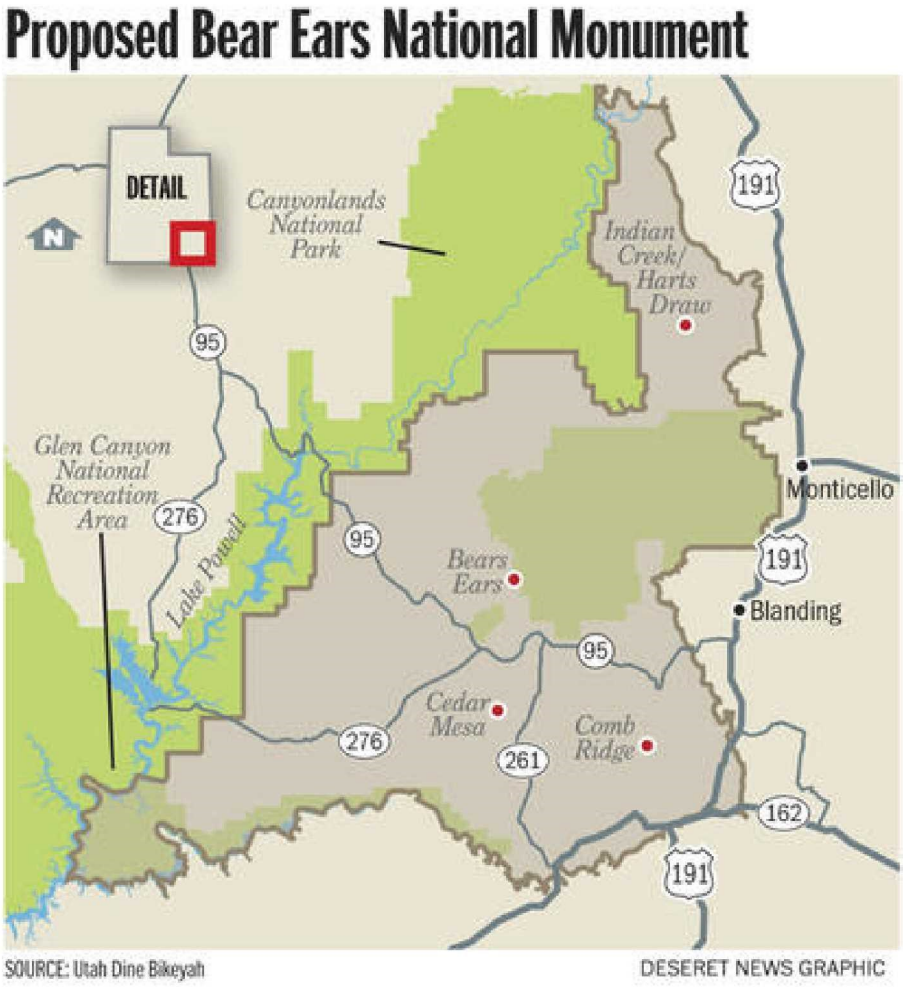
The final version of Bishop's bill is due to be released late this week, coinciding with a three-day, packed tour of San Juan and Grand counties by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Jewell will meet with tribal leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, visit with San Juan County commissioners and hear from congressional staffers from Bishop's and Rep. Jason Chaffetz's offices.

Cody Stewart, Gov. Gary Herbert's policy adviser, will also be at the talks, with Herbert already committed to attend a meeting of the National Governors' Association.

As the tempo accelerates around the Bears Ears controversy — the coalition is pushing President Barack Obama to declare 1.9 million acres a national monument — all sides in the issue are scrambling for the ear of Jewell, who has promised no designation will be made without local input.

To that end, beyond the intense slate of meetings, tours and hikes, Jewell will host a three-hour community meeting in Bluff to hear from residents on the issue.



Bishop mapped out some of his plans for the Bears Ears region, saying no one disputes the need for federal conservation area protections. The 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region would be divided into two roughly equal portions and managed as separate national conservation areas.

While the southern portion would be managed strictly with Native American uses and traditions in mind, the northern half would come under an administrative approach that recognizes existing outdoor recreation uses such as rock climbing in the Indian Creek corridor. The footprint also includes the Mancos Wilderness Area.

The divided conservation area model came at the request of The Nature Conservancy, which owns the 5,200-acre working Dugout Ranch that is also home to scientific research and ancestral Puebloan rock art and dwellings. The concept was pursued in consultation with San Juan County and some tribal representatives.

"This is a dramatic change from January," said Fred Ferguson, Chaffetz's chief of staff. "If you don't recognize the different conditions on the ground, management will be extremely difficult."

The northern region is already heavily used for outdoor recreation and includes some grazing, Ferguson said. Under the new management structure envisioned to protect cultural resources, the tribes will have a co-management position, elevated to cooperating partners in land-use planning, he said, and not simply consulted.

"They will have a seat at the table," Ferguson said. "Candidly, that is very difficult to be created through a monument designation."

The delegation asked the leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to sit down and review the changes in late June, but the offer was rebuffed.

"We are satisfied that a Bears Ears National Monument proclaimed by President Obama under his authority granted by the Antiquities Act presents the best opportunity to protect the Bears Ears landscape and assure a strong Native American voice in monument management," the coalition's letter said.

Coalition leaders bowed out of talks in December, accusing Bishop and Chaffetz of ignoring their input, leaving them out of the public lands initiative process and continually missing deadlines.

Bishop said the latest reaction was disappointing but not surprising.

"I think that is more indicative of the entire issue at hand," he said. "This was an organization whose first priority may not have been trying to sit down and work something out."

Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a nonprofit advocacy organization for indigenous people, said the group long supported a national conservation area for Bears Ears because of the ability to write more language into that approach rather than a proclamation. The group, however, is deferring decisions to the coalition and supporting its position for a monument.

The public lands bill will be the subject of a formal hearing in August by the committee Bishop heads, the House Committee on Natural Resources, which will also hold a markup session on the bill in September.

Bishop's public lands bill, dubbed the "Grand Bargain," has been in the making for more than three years. It was released in draft form in January amid a swell of criticism from environmental groups who say it favored industry over conservation.

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Updated AP short story on this week's public meeting:

Top Obama officials head to Bluff for Bears Ears meeting

Associated Press

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

By Jim Mimiaga Journal staff writer

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

The meeting will be from 1–4 p.m at the Bluff Community Center at the corner of Third Street and Mulberry Avenue.

According according to a July 12 Department of Interior announcement, the meeting is "regarding community visions for management of southern Utah's public lands, members of the public are invited to attend and comment."

Participating federal agency representatives will also attend the meeting, including Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze, National Parks Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts. U.S. Forest Chief Tom Tidwell has also been invited.

The protection of cultural and natural resources of the vast area of public lands in southeast Utah has been a hot topic for the last few years.

Conservation groups and Native American tribes — including the Ute Mountain Utes, Navajos, Uintah-Ouray Utes, Hopi, and Zuni — have been advocating that President Barack Obama declare a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument under the Antiquities Act.

Utah legislators are pushing for a federal bill to form the Bears Ears National Conservation Area on 1.1 million acres.

"We're excited that D.C. officials are coming out to hear different viewpoints and what the issues are for protecting this area," said Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the Bears Ears Coalition of five tribes.

The Bears Ears area contains more than 100,000 archaeological sites with cultural ties to Native American tribes in the American Southwest.

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Interior chief headed to Utah amid divisions over proposed monument

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Interior Secretary **Sally Jewell** is traveling to Utah this week amid divisions over a proposal for a new national monument to protect land in the state.

Jewell's meeting, planned for Saturday, comes after years of calls from American Indian tribes and environmentalists to create the Bear's Ears National Monument, which would protect nearly 2 million acres in southwestern Utah that tribes believe to be sacred and historic.

The meeting is far from an endorsement of the proposed land protections, however.

It's part of Jewell's effort on the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service to hear from local residents around the country about

their visions for public lands for the next century.

"The goal of her travel is to find and highlight opportunities where we can make progress in ensuring our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans," Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said.

The Utah travel is meant for Jewell "to meet with and listen to community members, local leaders and stakeholders about a range of conservation proposals... to further protect Utah public lands," she added.

Congressional Republicans, the oil and gas industry and business interests oppose the national monument designation, which President Obama can do unilaterally. They say such a designation would unnecessarily restrict various uses of the land, including energy production.

A bill from Utah Reps. **Rob Bishop** and **Jason Chaffetz**, both Republicans, proposes various land protections around Utah, including 1 million acres in the Bear's Ears area, in part as an attempt to push back at a potential monument. But the monument's supporters say the GOP bill would allow too much development and wouldn't go far enough in protecting the land.

Bishop, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, plans to unveil a revised version of the legislation this week, The Salt Lake Tribune **reported**.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," Bishop and Chaffetz wrote Friday to Jewell. Utah Sens. **Mike Lee** and **Orrin Hatch**, also Republicans, signed on to that letter as well.

"The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

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> **Salt Lake Tribune: Next week could be turning point in Bears Ears debate: Bishop to unveil bill; Interior Secretary Jewell to visit Utah**
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Washington • Rep. Rob Bishop plans to unveil long-awaited legislation next week to preserve some areas of the Bears Ears region in southeastern Utah just ahead of a visit by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

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Bishop also plans to fast-track his much-anticipated Public Lands Initiative (PLI) — which critics worry won't go far enough to protect Bears Ears — by holding hearings in August and September and put it before the House by the end of the latter month.

The Utah Republican — joined by Utah's senators, Mike Lee and Orrin Hatch, and Rep. Jason Chaffetz — hopes the measure will blunt any attempt by President Barack Obama's administration to use the 1908 Antiquities Act to unilaterally create a national monument as several tribal leaders have called for to safeguard nearly 2 million acres.

"As we have repeatedly stated, legislation ensures local participation and guarantees a balanced product," the four Utah members of Congress wrote Friday to Jewell. "The [Utah federal] delegation, local elected officials and many local tribal organizations remain unified in our opposition to the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act in Utah."

Jewell's July 16 visit, which will include a public meeting in the Bears Ears area, is aimed at allowing the secretary to hear the various proposals, including the PLI and a push for a national monument, and see the area in person, her spokeswoman, Jessica Kershaw, said Friday.

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The meeting shouldn't be read as the administration ramping up any move to name a monument, Kershaw cautioned. A visit by the interior secretary to an area under consideration for a monument had previewed action by Obama in recent years, but Kershaw said this Utah trip will be a listening tour.

"This is an opportunity to hear form the community from a variety of stakeholders — land managers, representatives, local officials — about their concerns and desires to protect places that hold special meaning to them," Kershaw said. "It is not an indication of an imminent monument decision."

Bishop has been working on the PLI for years, saying at the start he wanted to bring together all the parties — from environmentalists to oil and gas leaders to local officials and residents — to find a solution to preserving areas that need protection and opening up other mineral-rich spots for development.

He released a draft plan in January, though several conservation groups said it didn't go far enough and offered too much for development. Utah's members of Congress noted in their letter to Jewell that they appreciated suggested changes to the draft PLI from the administration as well as nongovernmental organizations.

Several tribal leaders have withdrawn from Bishop's effort and said they supported Obama naming a new monument. The president, who has designated several monuments during his seven years in office, has said he will move to preserve areas that are in need, though he has not publicly mentioned the Utah area.

Josh Ewing, executive director of Friends of Cedar Mesa, which seeks to set aside the Bears Ears area, said his group is excited to see the legislation. It is an important step to inform the debate about what should be preserved, he said, and whether it should be through congressional or presidential action.

Ewing added that he does not expect any monument designation to be forthcoming while the Utah delegation pursues a legislative solution.

"I hope that [Jewell's] visit signals the administration's serious consideration for considering a monument if the Public Lands Initiative can't protect this area," Ewing said. "I do not think a monument is imminent. I think they are going to allow the Public Lands Initiative to succeed or fail."

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AP: Secretary Jewell to visit Utah to discuss conservation plans

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SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will visit Utah on July 16 for a public meeting to discuss conservation proposals that include a plan backed by a Tribal coalition and environmentalist to create a new national monument.

Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said Friday by email that Jewell will meet with community members and local leaders about how to ensure public lands are "benefiting all Americans."

She said the time and location will be announced next week.

Proponents of the proposed 1.9-million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah say ancient artifacts and sacred lands need protection from looting and development.

Utah's top Republican leaders oppose the designation and back a plan set to be introduced in Congress next week that would protect parts of the Bears Ears area and other lands while opening up some lands for recreation and oil and gas development.

Read more at http://www.wral.com/secretary-jewell-to-visit-utah-to-discuss-conservation-plans/15838975/#m5zvgysVTQrM2Q0p.99

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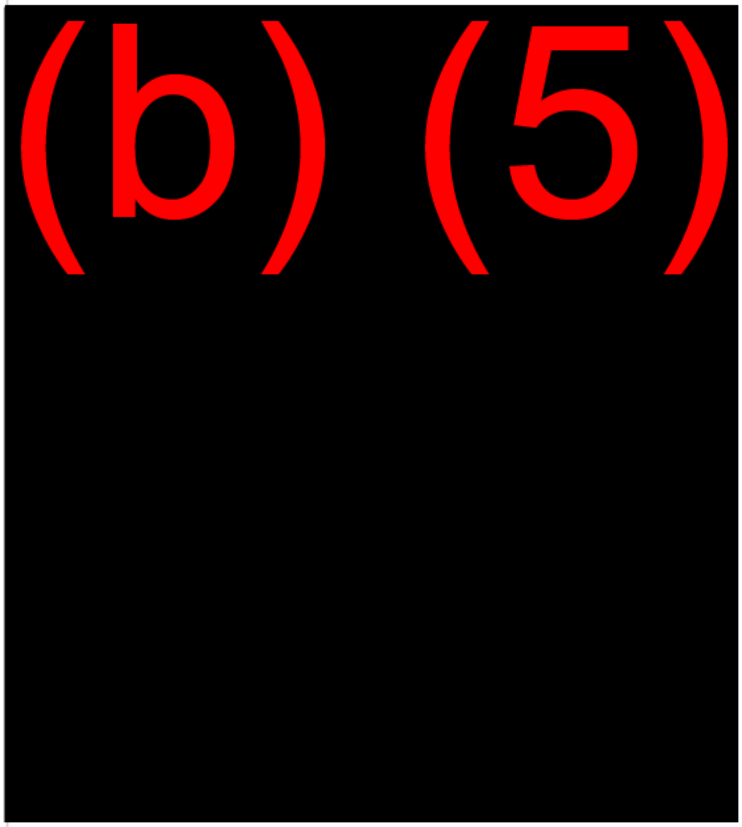

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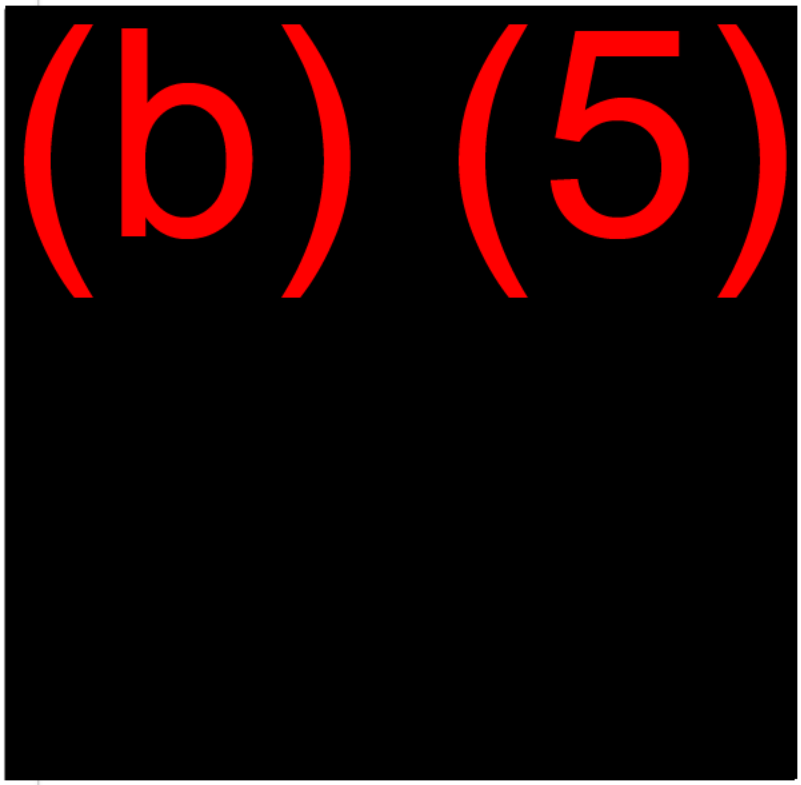

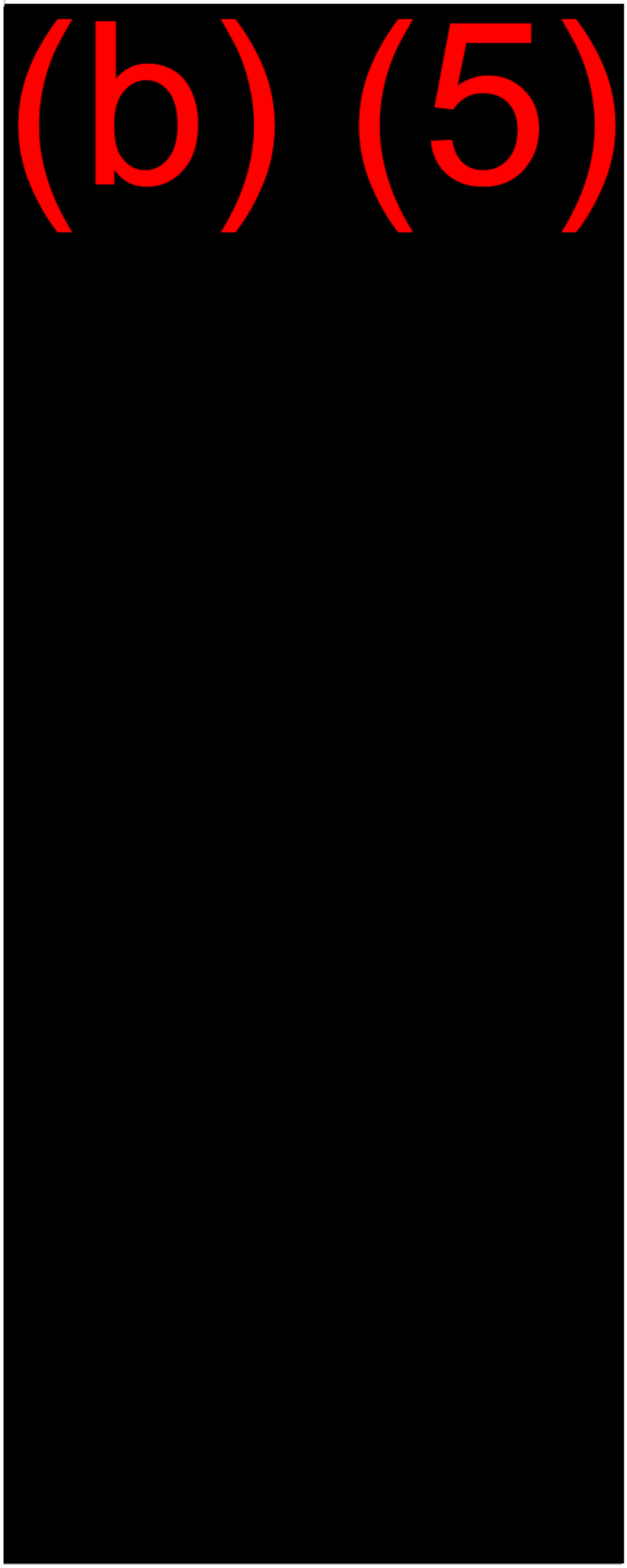
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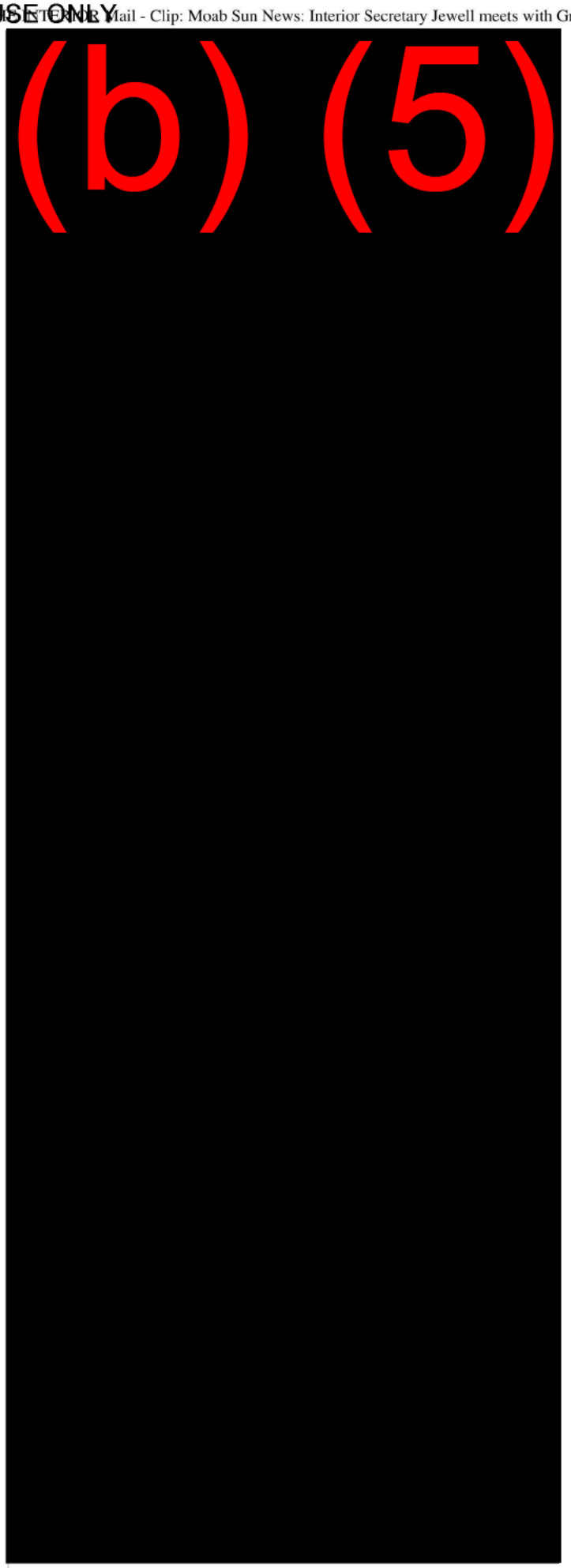
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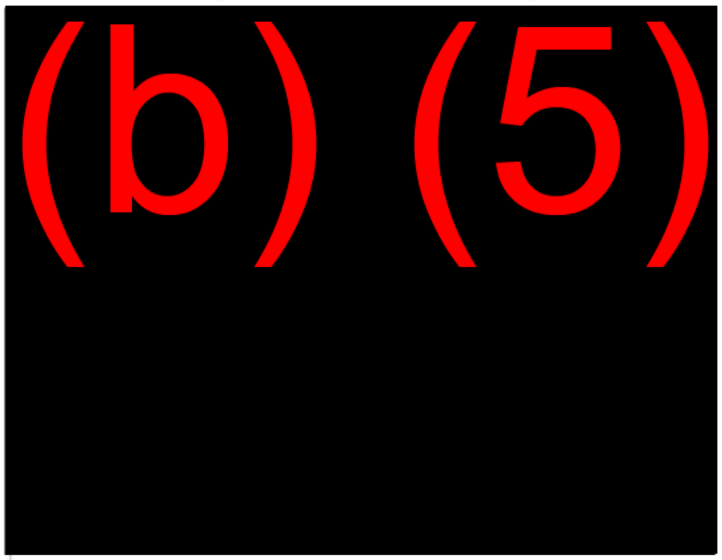

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Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, and chief architect of the measure, said the region on federal lands in southeastern Utah will come with a new management structure that includes a tribal committee to ensure traditional access for wood gathering, ceremonies and gathering of plants.

"We spell out what the management practices will be and the purpose of those," Bishop said. "The lower half is strictly for conservation. … They will be able to continue those traditional activities in a way that would not be guaranteed under a monument designation."

The final version of Bishop's bill is due to be released late this week, coinciding with a three-day, packed tour of San Juan and Grand counties by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Jewell will meet with tribal leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, visit with San Juan County commissioners and hear from congressional staffers from Bishop's and Rep. Jason Chaffetz's offices.

Cody Stewart, Gov. Gary Herbert's policy adviser, will also be at the talks, with Herbert already committed to attend a meeting of the National Governors' Association.

As the tempo accelerates around the Bears Ears controversy — the coalition is pushing President Barack Obama to declare 1.9 million acres a national monument — all sides in the issue are scrambling for the ear of Jewell, who has promised no designation will be made without local input.

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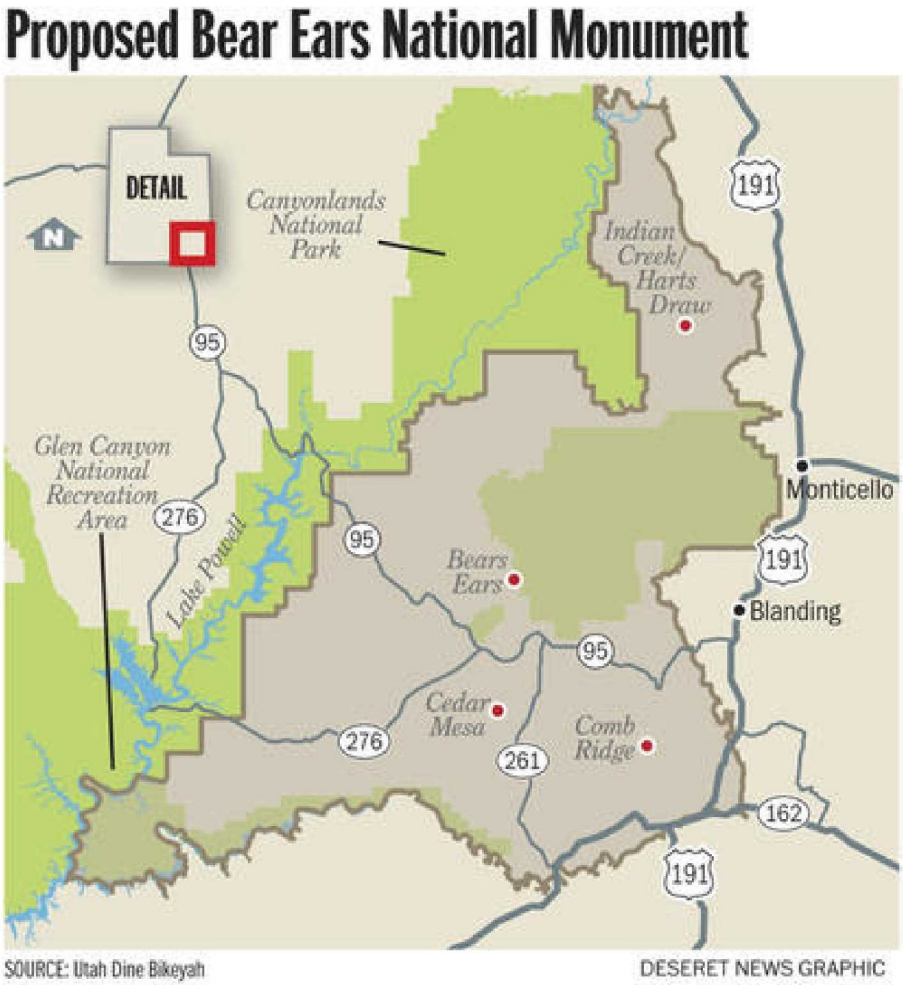

Bishop mapped out some of his plans for the Bears Ears region, saying no one disputes the need for federal conservation area protections. The 1.4 million acres of the Bears Ears region would be divided into two roughly equal portions and managed as separate national conservation areas.

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The divided conservation area model came at the request of The Nature Conservancy, which owns the 5,200-acre working Dugout Ranch that is also home to scientific research and ancestral Puebloan rock art and dwellings. The concept was pursued in consultation with San Juan County and some tribal representatives.

"This is a dramatic change from January," said Fred Ferguson, Chaffetz's chief of staff. "If you don't recognize the different conditions on the ground, management will be extremely difficult."

The northern region is already heavily used for outdoor recreation and includes some grazing, Ferguson said. Under the new management structure envisioned to protect cultural resources, the tribes will have a co-management position, elevated to cooperating partners in land-use planning, he said, and not simply consulted.

"They will have a seat at the table," Ferguson said. "Candidly, that is very difficult to be created through a monument designation."

The delegation asked the leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to sit down and review the changes in late June, but the offer was rebuffed.

"We are satisfied that a Bears Ears National Monument proclaimed by President Obama under his authority granted by the Antiquities Act presents the best opportunity to protect the Bears Ears landscape and assure a strong Native American voice in monument management," the coalition's letter said.

Coalition leaders bowed out of talks in December, accusing Bishop and Chaffetz of ignoring their input, leaving them out of the public lands initiative process and continually missing deadlines.

Bishop said the latest reaction was disappointing but not surprising.

"I think that is more indicative of the entire issue at hand," he said. "This was an organization whose first priority may not have been trying to sit down and work something out."

Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a nonprofit advocacy organization for indigenous people, said the group long supported a national conservation area for Bears Ears because of the ability to write more language into that approach rather than a proclamation. The group, however, is deferring decisions to the coalition and supporting its position for a monument.

The public lands bill will be the subject of a formal hearing in August by the committee Bishop heads, the House Committee on Natural Resources, which will also hold a markup session on the bill in September.

Bishop's public lands bill, dubbed the "Grand Bargain," has been in the making for more than three years. It was released in draft form in January amid a swell of criticism from environmental groups who say it favored industry over conservation.

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Updated AP short story on this week's public meeting:

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Participating federal agency representatives will also attend the meeting, including Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze, National Parks Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts. U.S. Forest Chief Tom Tidwell has also been invited.

The protection of cultural and natural resources of the vast area of public lands in southeast Utah has been a hot topic for the last few years.

Conservation groups and Native American tribes — including the Ute Mountain Utes, Navajos, Uintah-Ouray Utes, Hopi, and Zuni — have been advocating that President Barack Obama declare a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument under the Antiquities Act.

Utah legislators are pushing for a federal bill to form the Bears Ears National Conservation Area on 1.1 million acres.

"We're excited that D.C. officials are coming out to hear different viewpoints and what the issues are for protecting this area," said Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the Bears Ears Coalition of five tribes.

The Bears Ears area contains more than 100,000 archaeological sites with cultural ties to Native American tribes in the American Southwest.

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Several tribal leaders have withdrawn from Bishop's effort and said they supported Obama naming a new monument. The president, who has designated several monuments during his seven years in office, has said he will move to preserve areas that are in need, though he has not publicly mentioned the Utah area.

Josh Ewing, executive director of Friends of Cedar Mesa, which seeks to set aside the Bears Ears area, said his group is excited to see the legislation. It is an important step to inform the debate about what should be preserved, he said, and whether it should be through congressional or presidential action.

Ewing added that he does not expect any monument designation to be forthcoming while the Utah delegation pursues a legislative solution.

"I hope that [Jewell's] visit signals the administration's serious consideration for considering a monument if the Public Lands Initiative can't protect this area," Ewing said. "I do not think a

monument is imminent. I think they are going to allow the Public Lands Initiative to succeed or fail."

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She said the time and location will be announced next week.

Proponents of the proposed 1.9-million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah say ancient artifacts and sacred lands need protection from looting and development.

Utah's top Republican leaders oppose the designation and back a plan set to be introduced in Congress next week that would protect parts of the Bears Ears area and other lands while opening up some lands for recreation and oil and gas development.

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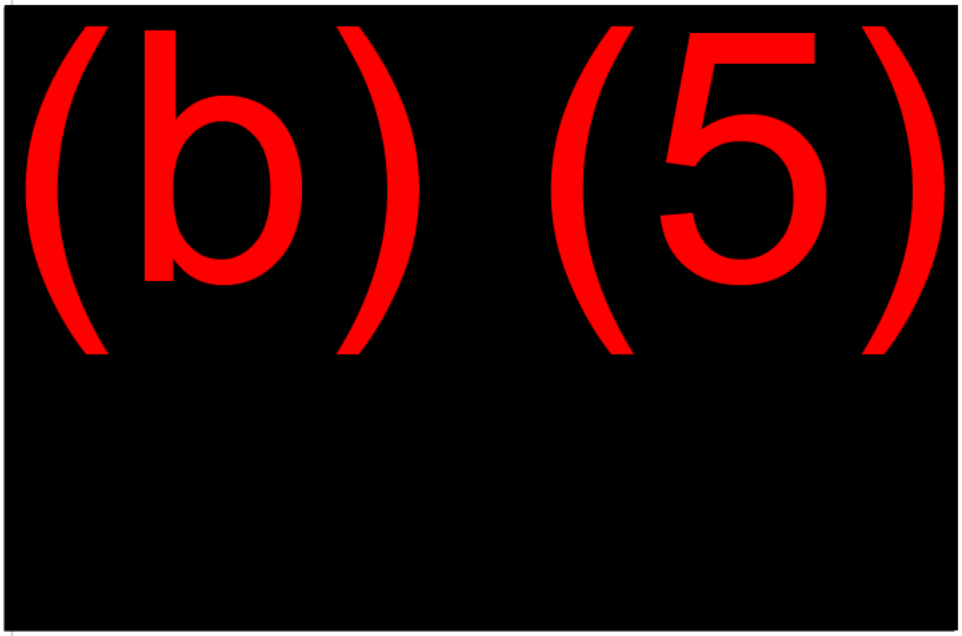

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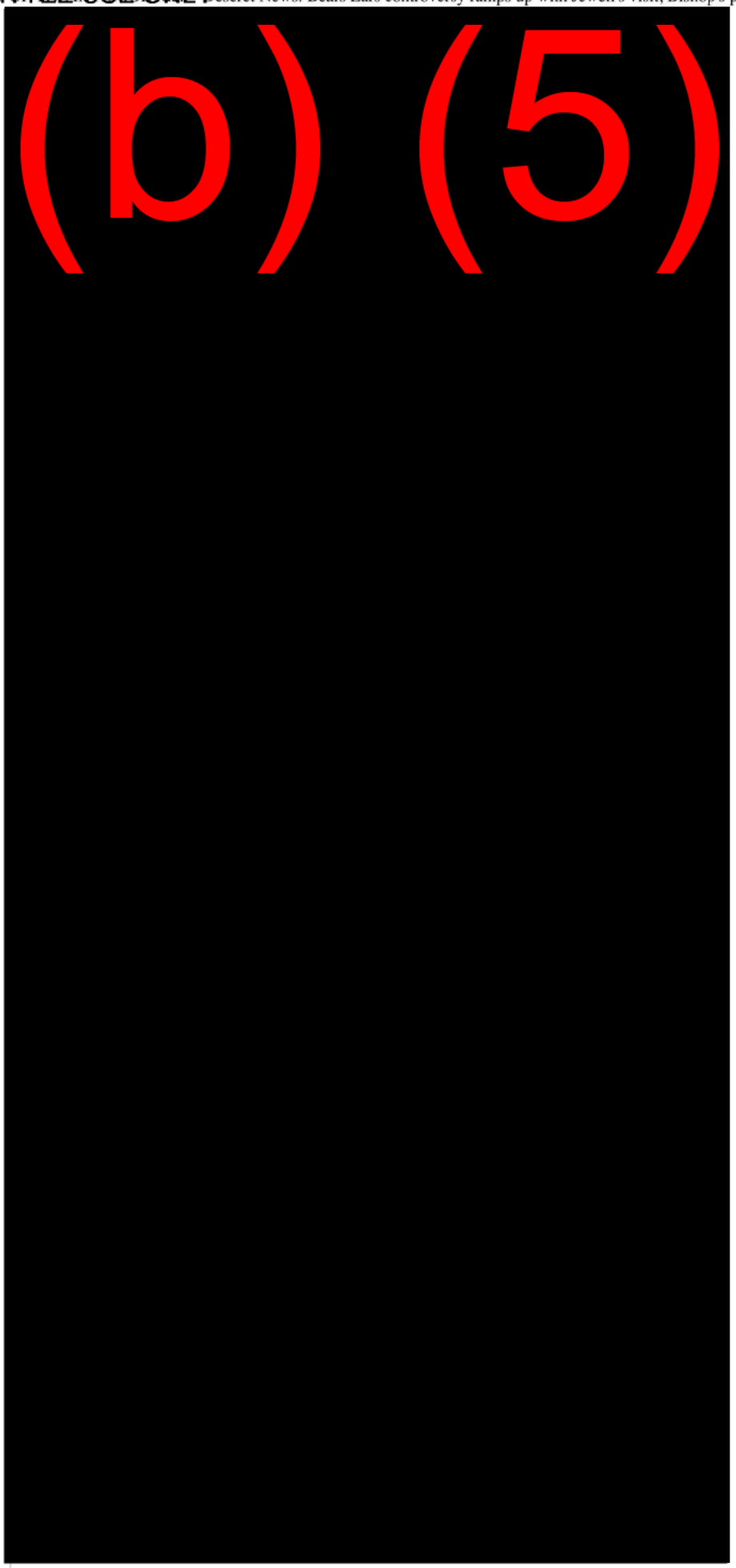
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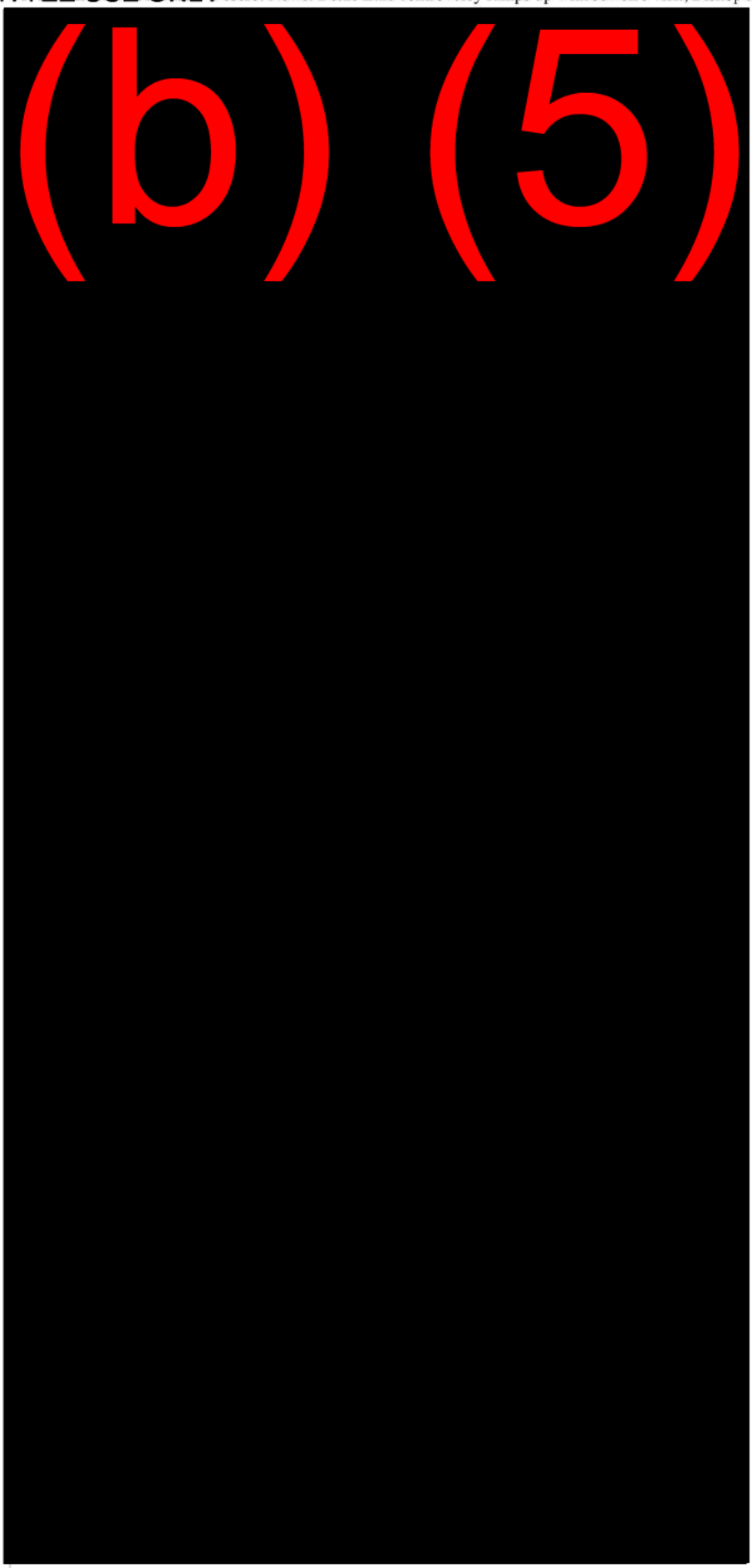
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Several tribal leaders have withdrawn from Bishop's effort and said they supported Obama naming a new monument. The president, who has designated several monuments during his seven years in office, has said he will move to preserve areas that are in need, though he has not publicly mentioned the Utah area.

Josh Ewing, executive director of Friends of Cedar Mesa, which seeks to set aside the Bears Ears area, said his group is excited to see the legislation. It is an important step to inform the debate about what should be preserved, he said, and whether it should be through congressional or presidential action.

Ewing added that he does not expect any monument designation to be forthcoming while the Utah delegation pursues a legislative solution.

"I hope that [Jewell's] visit signals the administration's serious consideration for considering a monument if the Public Lands Initiative can't protect this area," Ewing said. "I do not think a monument is imminent. I think they are going to allow the Public Lands Initiative to succeed or fail."

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On Jul 8, 2016, at 7:46 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

AP: Secretary Jewell to visit Utah to discuss conservation plans

Posted 6:10 p.m. today

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SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will visit Utah on July 16 for a public meeting to discuss conservation proposals that include a plan backed by a Tribal coalition and environmentalist to create a new national monument.

Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said Friday by email that Jewell will meet with community members and local leaders about how to ensure public lands are "benefiting all Americans."

She said the time and location will be announced next week.

Proponents of the proposed 1.9-million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah say ancient artifacts and sacred lands need protection from looting and development.

Utah's top Republican leaders oppose the designation and back a plan set to be introduced in Congress next week that would protect parts of the Bears Ears area and other lands while opening up some lands for recreation and oil and gas development.

Read more at http://www.wral.com/secretary-jewell-to-visit-utah-to-discuss-conservation-plans/15838975/#m5zvgysVTQrM2Q0p.99

On Thu, Jul 7, 2016 at 7:08 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

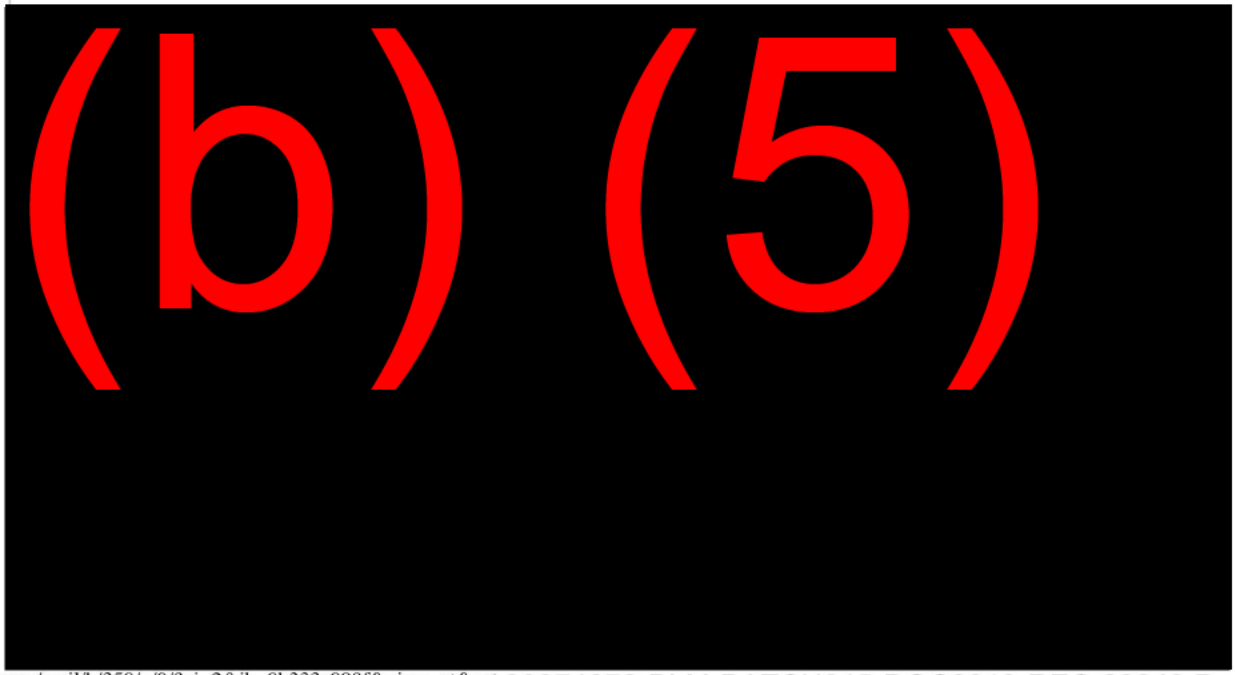
Hi folks -

Below/attached is a draft joint DOI/USDA media advisory for release *on Monday*.

Please let me know what edits/concerns you might have here before 4pm tomorrow (Friday).

In addition, this is the if-asked statement DOI comms will use over the weekend, if-asked, since public invitations will go out tomorrow/Sat.

-Jessica



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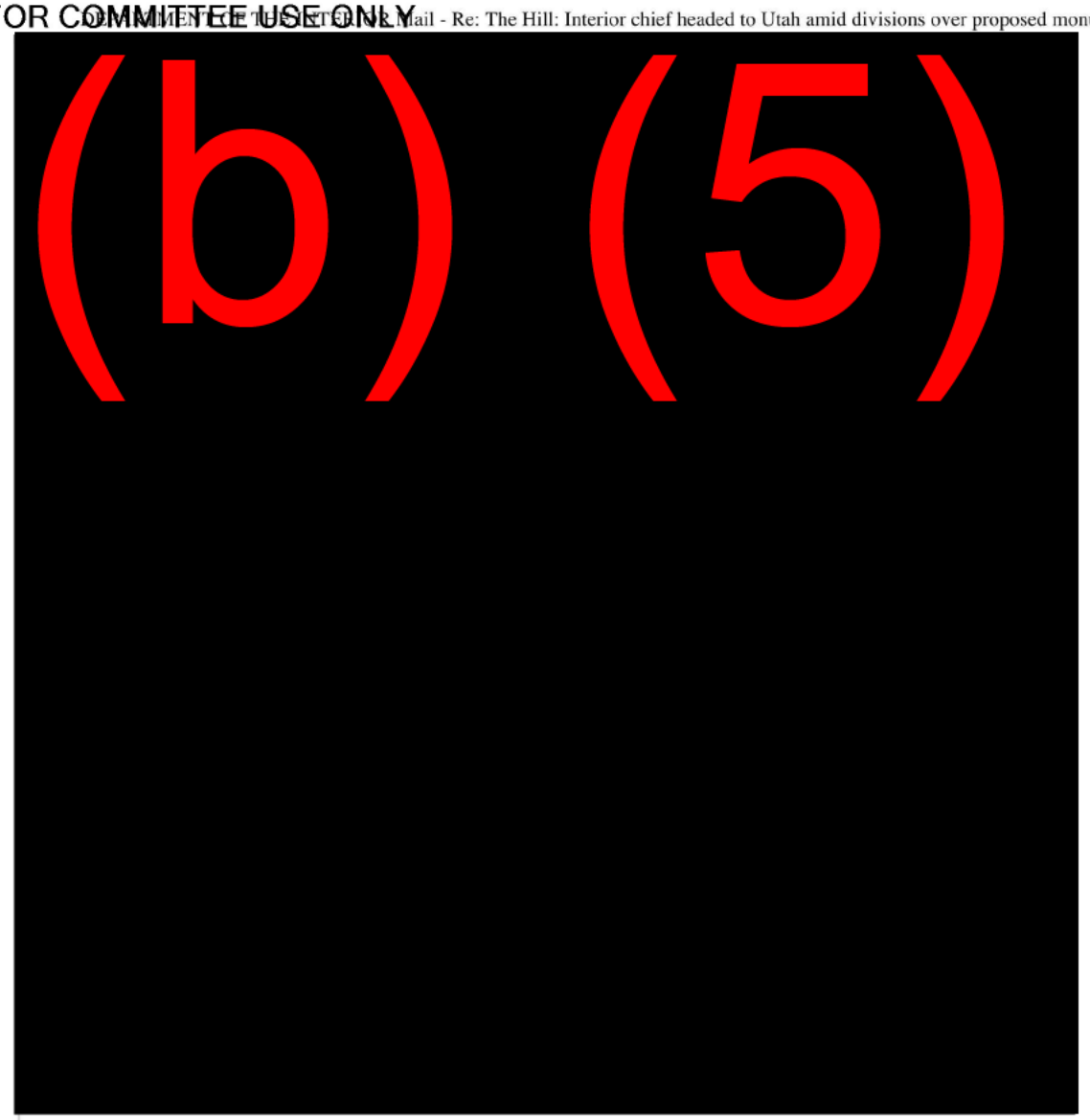

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Updated AP short story on this week's public meeting:

Top Obama officials head to Bluff for Bears Ears meeting

Associated Press

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

By Jim Mimiaga Journal staff writer

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday, July 16 to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.

The meeting will be from 1–4 p.m at the Bluff Community Center at the corner of Third Street and Mulberry Avenue.

According according to a July 12 Department of Interior announcement, the meeting is “regarding community visions for management of southern Utah’s public lands, members of the public are invited to attend and comment.”

Participating federal agency representatives will also attend the meeting, including Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze, National Parks Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts. U.S. Forest Chief Tom Tidwell has also been invited.

The protection of cultural and natural resources of the vast area of public lands in southeast Utah has been a hot topic for the last few years.

Conservation groups and Native American tribes — including the Ute Mountain Utes, Navajos, Uintah-Ouray Utes, Hopi, and Zuni — have been advocating that President Barack Obama declare a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument under the Antiquities Act.

Utah legislators are pushing for a federal bill to form the Bears Ears National Conservation Area on 1.1 million acres.

"We're excited that D.C. officials are coming out to hear different viewpoints and what the issues are for protecting this area," said Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the Bears Ears Coalition of five tribes.

The Bears Ears area contains more than 100,000 archaeological sites with cultural ties to Native American tribes in the American Southwest.

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Check out the Patagonia vid on Bears Ears, and also their post on Gold Butte:

https://www.facebook.com/PATAGONIA/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED

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THANKS OBAMA: Statement in response to Bears Ears and Gold Butte monument designations

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DECEMBER 28, 2016

THANKS OBAMA: Statement in response to Bears Ears and Gold Butte monument designations

DENVER—In response to reports that President Obama has declared two new national monuments in Utah and Nevada, the Center for Western Priorities released the following statement from **Executive Director Jennifer Rokala**:

> "By protecting Bears Ears and Gold Butte, President Obama has secured his legacy as one of America's great conservation presidents. These spectacular landscapes, with their archaeological sites threatened by looting and vandalism, are in dire need of protection.
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> "President Obama's use of the Antiquities Act confirms why it is just as important today as it was when Teddy Roosevelt signed the act into law 110 years ago—when a dysfunctional Congress fails to do its job, the president must have the authority to protect America's natural and cultural treasures for future generations."

Plans to protect Bears Ears have been in the works for 80 years, dating back to the proposed Escalante National Monument in 1936. Utah's congressional delegation, led by House Natural

Resources Committee Chairman Rob Bishop, chose not to pass the long-promised Public Lands Initiative this session, leaving a national monument designation as the only remaining option for protecting Bears Ears.

Gold Butte contains ancient petroglyphs, caves, and archaeological sites important to the Paiute and Moapa tribes. The region also includes Spanish and pioneer sites from the 1700s. In recent years, illegal activities, including grazing and irrigation, have caused major damage to the landscape and cultural sites.

Jennifer Rokala is available for video and audio interviews about the Gold Butte and Bears Ears National Monuments. To arrange an interview, contact Aaron Weiss at 720-279-0019 or aaron@westernpriorities.org.

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June 9, 2016

Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20500

Re: "Parks for All: A Vision for the Second Century of Conservation"

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your work to protect an invaluable and unique American asset – our national public lands. As we celebrate the centennial of the National Park System this year, you have a unique opportunity to set the course for the second century of conservation. Our public lands are a place which should reflect and include all the country's faces, respect all cultures and engage all voices.

Representing 28 percent of the U.S. land mass, the 640 million acres of national public lands provide countless benefits, yet, they are threatened more than ever. Some state and federal legislators and special interests seek to seize them for private profit. Mining and drilling scar their plains and forests. Roads fragment their habitat. Sadly, a football field of natural area in the West disappears every two and a half minutes. Public lands provide a refuge -- even they are being chipped away by commercial development.

Our public lands are our common ground. They are a place for us to unite and connect. In them, we can reflect and honor the diverse heritage and cultures that make this nation great. Last month, a diverse coalition of over 30 civil rights, environmental justice, conservation and community organizations announced a set of policy recommendations including for a Presidential Memorandum that would move us toward an inclusive system of national parks and other public lands. As organizations committed to making ourselves more inclusive and diverse, we applaud this coalition's efforts and urge you to embrace the recommendations outlined in the report and act in the near term on the recommendation for a Presidential Memorandum.

We thank you for your leadership in protecting many new parks and monuments that reflect, honor and engage all Americans. Without your continued leadership and action now, we risk losing the historic, cultural, natural, spiritual, economic and recreational resources that our public lands can provide to all our nation's communities and families.

Sincerely,

Michael Brune
Executive Director
Sierra Club

Gene Karpinski
President
League of Conservation Voters

Jamie Williams
President
The Wilderness Society

Brian O'Donnell
Executive Director
Conservation Lands Foundation

Collin O'Mara
President & CEO
National Wildlife Federation

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Will Rogers
President and CEO
The Trust for Public Land

Robert Wendelgass
President
Clean Water Action

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President and CEO
American Rivers

Sharon Buccino
Director, Land & Wildlife
Natural Resources Defense Council

Cc: Christy Goldfuss, Manager, White House Council on Environmental Quality
Cecelia Muñoz, Director, White House Domestic Policy Council
Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior
Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture

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U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) and 23 other senators have sent a letter to President Barack Obama asking him to issue a Presidential Memorandum to promote diversity at federal land management agencies like the National Park Service, which celebrates its centennial this August. A renewed focus on diversity will more fully reflect and celebrate the numerous cultures, communities and people that have contributed to America's rich history.

"Americans represent an array of cultures, ethnicities and traditions. These differences have shaped our nation's identity and should be reflected within our national parks' leadership, workforce and educational outreach. When visiting America's public lands our youth—who grow increasingly diverse every year—should feel inspired when seeing someone of their same ethnicity, gender or cultural background represented in the history of the stories they hear and the people from whom they learn," the senators said.

"America's public lands, including national parks, forests, monuments and wildlife refuges are resources that belong to all of us and require our combined efforts to protect. These lands provide opportunities to enjoy nature, observe wildlife in its natural habitat and learn about the critical need to preserve them. We ask that you provide more opportunities for federal land management agencies to reflect, honor and collaborate with diverse communities in order to create a more inclusive environment for all Americans to engage with our natural and cultural treasures," the senators conclude.

Co-signers include: Sens. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.), Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Benjamin L. Cardin (D-Md.), Bernard Sanders (I-Vt.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Tom Udall (D-N.M.), Mark R. Warner (D-Va.), Jeffrey A. Merkley (D-Ore.), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Al Franken (D-Minn.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), Mazie K. Hirono (D-Hawaii), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Tim Kaine (D-Va.), Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) and Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.).

Organizations supporting this effort include the Asian Pacific Policy &

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Planning Council, Creation Justice Ministries, Hispanic Access Foundation and National Urban League.

Full text of the letter follows:

July 18, 2016
The Honorable Barack Obama
President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With the upcoming centennial of the National Park Service in August 2016, we write to ask you to consider issuing a Presidential Memorandum directing federal land management agencies to broaden the diversity in the sites protected, stories told, communities engaged, and people considered as stewards of our public lands. We appreciate the significant steps you have already taken to promote diversity, including at historic sites and beautiful places protected in our system of public lands, and we encourage you to continue these efforts.

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As we enter a second century of the National Park system, we must advance a plan for our public lands that reflects our multi-cultural identities. The Administration has already taken steps to honor underrepresented communities. We encourage you to continue to build on these efforts and help connect our diverse youth with the richness of their histories.

Permalink: http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2016/7/cantwell-booker-menendez-bennet-and-23-other-senators-request-obama-issue-presidential-memo-to-promote-diversity-at-federal-land-management-

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Gold Butte Op-Ed Published in Reno Gazette Journal

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Subject:	Gold Butte Op-Ed Published in Reno Gazette Journal

The Honorable Officials of the Administration, You may recall that on July 8, 2016 I sent you a pre-copy of the Op-Ed I intended to send to the Reno Gazette Journal in Reno, NV. I am now happy to inform you that the Op-Ed ran in the July 14, 2016 edition of the RGJ. I am including the link below: http://www.rgj.com/story/opinion/voices/2016/07/14/one-view-obama-must-act-protect-nevadas-gold-butte/87101268/ We continue to respectfully encourage the President to establish a National Monument at Gold Butte, using the Antiquities Act to protect this location of National significance. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sincerely, Dr. Bonnie Eberhardt Bobb Exec. Dir., WSAWG PO Box 223 Austin, NV 89310 702-497-1979

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Please let us know if any of these times work on your end. The meeting will be in S-221 in the Capitol.

Thanks,
Krysta

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To:	"Juris, Krysta (Reid)" <Krysta_Juris@reid.senate.gov>, Romen Borsellino <romen_borsellino@ios.doi.gov>
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Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>

From:	Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>
Sent:	Tue Jul 12 2016 10:31:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: meeting next week

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To:	Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>
CC:	Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: meeting next week

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To:	"O'Leary, Kathleen" <kathleen_oleary@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	RE: meeting next week

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"Dr. Bonnie Eberhardt Bobb" <drbonnie2002@yahoo.com>

From:	"Dr. Bonnie Eberhardt Bobb" <drbonnie2002@yahoo.com>
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To:	<President@whitehouse.gov>
Subject:	Gold Butte National Monument and Agriculture
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Dear Mr. President and Honorable Officials of the Administration, As a resident of rural Austin, Nevada, I have been tracking the illegal activities at Gold Butte with great interest. As Executive Director of the Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group. I have pulled together my thoughts on the matter in the attached two pieces. I hope you find them helpful as you work on this important public lands issue. The first is a letter to the President respectfully encouraging him to establish a National Monument at Gold Butte, using the Antiquities Act. Many members of my network across the West see this place as nationally significant and are worried about the land, the starving cattle, and the Native American artifacts being destroyed. The second document is a copy of an opinion piece I just submitted to the Reno Gazette Journal in the hopes that our perspective is communicated to the general public. I don't believe I am alone in my thoughts; I just may be one of the few bold enough to express them publicly! Thank you very much for your hard work in DC. I look forward to hearing any of your thoughts on our perspective. Sincerely, Dr. Bonnie Eberhardt Bobb, Director Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (WSAWG) P.O. Box 223 Austin, NV 89310 Cell: 702-497-1979 drbonnie2002@yahoo.com http://westernsawg.com/

July 8, 2016

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In honor of our nation's birthday this week, I write to you in regard to one of the things that sets our country apart from others and makes it the great – our shared public lands.

I live in central Nevada, proud to be surrounded by vast stunning federal lands. Across Nevada, farmers, ranchers, agricultural equipment, supply and service providers benefit from public lands. They are good for the agricultural economy in the West. Some portions of our nation's lands must be provided permanent protection for future generations and to maintain our agricultural heritage and rural lifestyle.

I am Executive Director of the Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (WSAWG). WSAWG is the only regional organization that connects grassroots promoters of sustainable agriculture in the west to each other and to the nation. WSAWG works with ranchers who respect Indigenous rights. Our ranchers understand that some federal lands are not suitable for grazing.

There is a special place 80 miles Northeast of Las Vegas called **Gold Butte,** a 350,000-acre landscape as stunning as the area surrounding the Grand Canyon, as well as equally valuable wildlife and cultural history. It's separated from the Grand Canyon National Park by an arbitrary state line between Nevada and Arizona.

Native Americans have used the Gold Butte area for over 3,000 years. In April, members of Nevada's Paiute tribes embarked on a "culture walk" through Gold Butte. The found petroglyphs peppered with bullet holes and ancient burial and campsite artifacts destroyed or stolen. This is not unlike the desecration of artifacts that took place at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon. These two sites not only have in common the destruction of Native American history, but they also share a notorious name: Bundy.

Remember the cows that made headlines because Cliven Bundy was grazing them illegally on public land? Those same cows are withering away on our public lands at Gold Butte. Cattle have been seen starving or dead from lack of vegetation in this desert landscape. For more than 20 years, Cliven Bundy has given Nevada ranchers a black eye by refusing to pay the same fees other ranchers do. While Bundy proclaims that he doesn't recognize the existence of the US government, many other Western ranchers are proud to have the federal label "USDA Prime Beef" or "USDA Choice" labels, adding value to their meat.

Listed as "abnormally dry" right now, Clark County where Gold Butte is located is one of the numerous counties in Nevada that has been declared in the recent past by USDA as a natural

disaster area due to lingering drought. The desert's arid conditions mean that soils take a long time to recover when they are disturbed. This lack of water makes desert landscapes vulnerable. The drought in the West provides even more reason to protect these sensitive lands now.

President Obama, you have the solution in your hands. You have the authority through the Antiquities Act to protect this place for future generations. Permanent protection as a national monument will safeguard Gold Butte's history. Without protection, Gold Butte is left vulnerable to vandalism, unregulated tourism, and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. National monument status will help the public learn about Gold Butte's historical resources, including pioneer mining camps dating back to the 1700s. The Antiquities Act is a valuable tool for protecting Nevada's rural way of life.

On behalf of the WSAWG, I hope you will take action under the Antiquities Act to protect Gold Butte before you leave office. Thank you for your leadership to conserve the West's natural legacy.

Sincerely,

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cc. Secretary Sally Jewell, Department of Interior
Secretary Thomas Vilsack, Department of Agriculture
Managing Director Christy Goldfuss, White House Council on Environmental Quality
Director Neil Kornze, Bureau of Land Management

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Dear Editor,

Nevada has a deep history of using our desert landscapes for development purposes. Austin, where I live, is considered a "living ghost town" with our well-preserved mining history from the 1860's. About 80 miles northeast of Las Vegas, the area "Gold Butte" is named for a ghost town where miners prospected for gold, mica, magnesite, copper and zinc in the early 1900s.

Today, Nevada's economy is more diverse, with agriculture playing a valuable role in addition to mining and tourism. I am with the Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (WSAWG), and we connect grassroots promoters of sustainable agriculture in the West to each other and to the nation. For example, WSAWG works with ranchers who respect Indigenous rights and who recognize that some federal lands are not suitable for grazing.

Some have said that protecting our public lands is bad for ranching. I support using public lands to graze cattle if the cows stay out of sensitive areas, don't damage the land, and are able to find enough to eat to stay healthy. The recently designated Basin and Range National Monument protects grazing rights, however grazing is not appropriate in a place like Gold Butte. Generally, cattle are just fine to be left to graze across the West without having regular human contact; I have friends who let their cattle roam and don't know exactly where they are at all times. What concerns me though is that the cows roaming illegally on Gold Butte are scrounging for food and water. Gold Butte's landscape just is not suited to support a herd of cows. And that leaves the herds struggling and less productive.

What also concerns me deeply is the vulnerability of Gold Butte's Native American artifacts. In April, members of Nevada's Paiute tribes embarked on a "culture walk" through Gold Butte. They found petroglyphs peppered with bullet holes and ancient burial and campsite artifacts destroyed or stolen.

In order to safeguard Gold Butte's unique cultural history, the area needs to be permanently protected as a national monument. Such a designation would help preserve archaeological resources dating back at least 3000 years, including rock art, caves, and camp sites. Creating a national monument will also help the public learn about Gold Butte's more recent history, including pioneer mining camps dating back to the 1700s. Without protection, Gold Butte is left vulnerable to vandalism and unregulated tourism.

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> Thank you,
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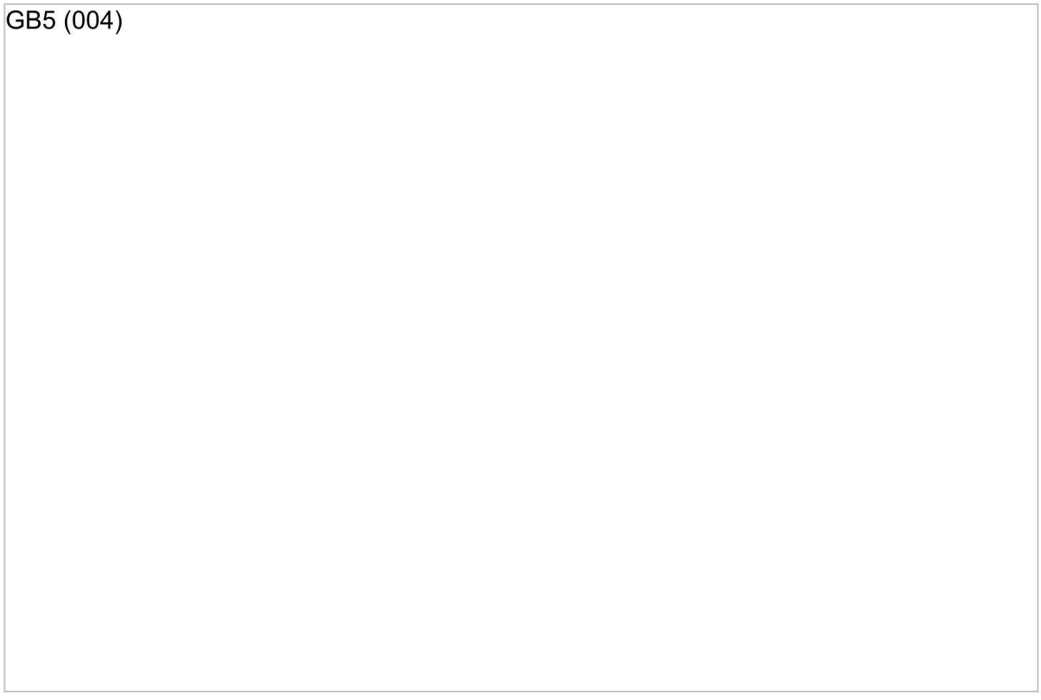

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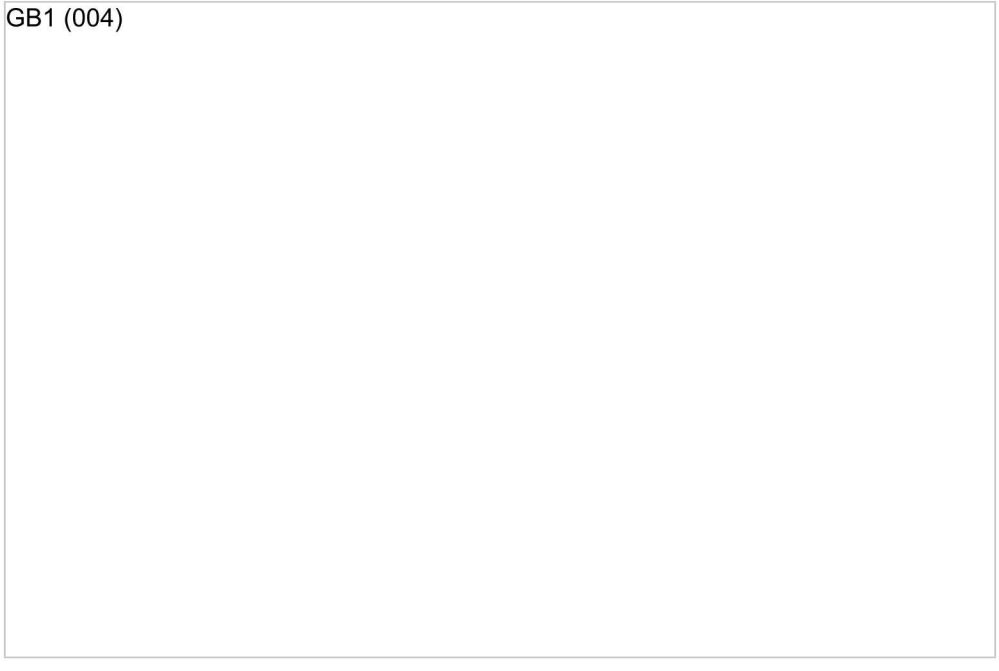

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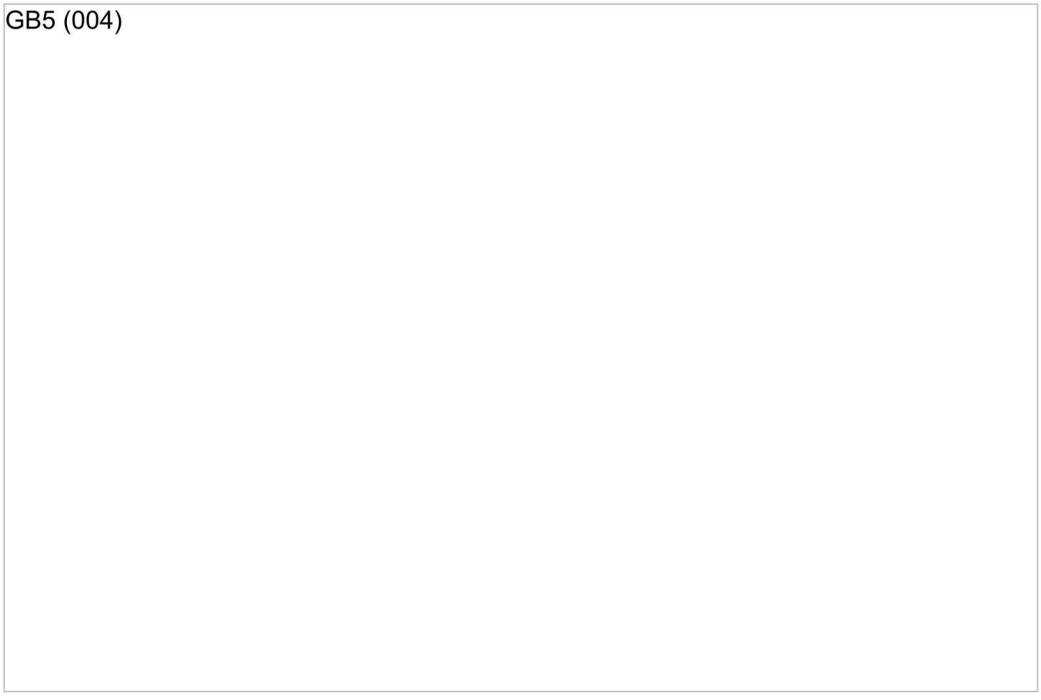

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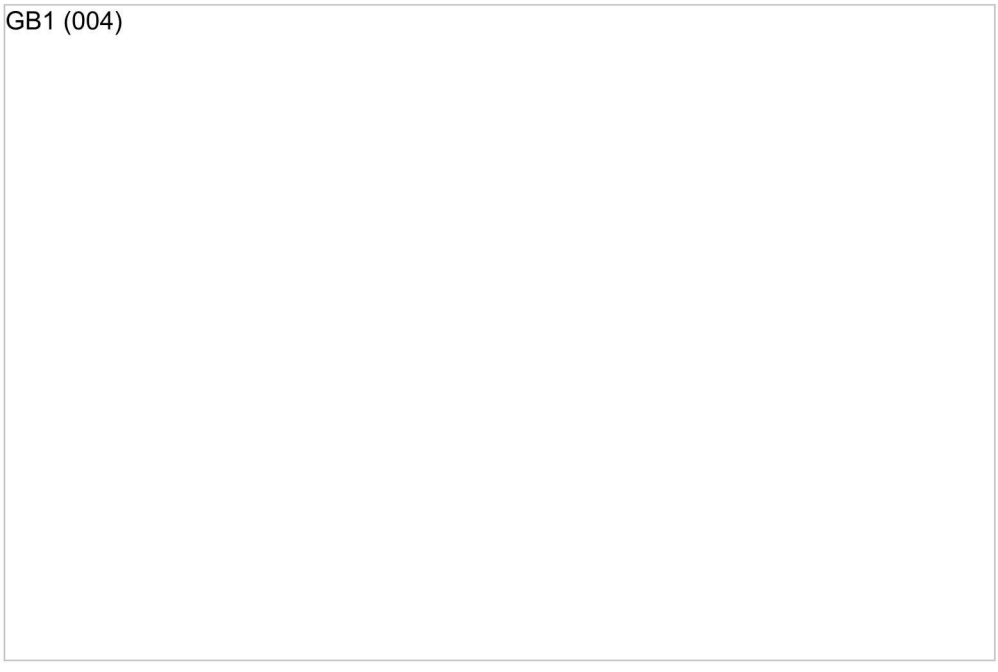

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December 21, 2015

Honorable Barack Obama
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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

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The rare and wonderful landscape of Gold Butte lies in the red rock outcroppings of the southern Nevada desert where the Great Basin, Mojave Desert and Colorado Plateau ecosystems converge. Like its rich mixture of natural systems, the region's complex story of human history is still preserved in the open spaces and canyon walls of Gold Butte.

The evidence of the human story of Gold Butte begins as early as 10,000 B.C. with the stone spear points of Paleoindian big-game hunters. Cave walls and ceilings still show the stains of black smoke from many of the early people's fires, and roasting pits for agave—long a staple food here—dot the landscape. Perhaps most compelling, however, is the rock art, created by people of diverse time periods. One of the largest panels, at 90 feet long, is tucked away in one of Gold Butte's many sandstone canyons.

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While the beautiful red rock areas of Gold Butte have the highest concentration of many of these cultural resources they also have the most visitors. The lack of permanent protection leaves these irreplaceable resources vulnerable to inadvertent and, unfortunately at times, even purposeful damage. National monument designation would increase protection, management and interpretation of Gold Butte's long and rich history for visitors now and in the future.

Stephanie K. Meeks | PRESIDENT

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The National Trust is deeply committed to ensuring the protection of historic sites that tell the stories of all Americans. We have been proud to support your use of the Antiquities Act to protect nationally significant and culturally diverse sites at such places as Fort Monroe National Monument, Pullman, Chimney Rock, Harriet Tubman, Chavez and Organ Mountains Desert Peaks. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with your Administration to expand and enhance the protection of our national treasures.

With warmest regards,

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Hey folks,

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Thanks so much and let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Ani

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NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

18 November 2015

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RE: PROTECTED PUBLIC LANDS BENEFIT NEVADA'S ECONOMY

Dear President Obama,

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Permanent protection of this area, with proposed management by the Bureau of Land Management, recognizes the important natural and cultural resources of the area. Moreover, safeguarding this area will assist the National Park Service in managing resources within Lake Mead and Grand Canyon Parashant boundaries by protecting the larger connected landscape. Threats within that landscape are imminent and ongoing, and include willful destruction of wildlife habitats, native petroglyphs and pioneer heritage sites, thereby calling for improved protection of the region.

Designation of Gold Butte through presidential privilege would mirror the longstanding legislation from Senator Reid and Congresswoman Dina Titus (S.199 and H.R. 856) to protect this area. Certainly, our relevant experience in working with community leaders to create Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument has provided a helpful perspective for the value of both local support for designations of special places, as well as the significance of protections to local communities. A national monument will no doubt enhance Nevada's tourism-based economy and assure economic, community and conservation benefits now and in future generations.

Thank you for your consideration. NPCA stands ready to support your efforts to permanently protect Gold Butte, enhancing your legacy of protecting public lands,

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historic and cultural sites, and capturing all parts of the American story through the Antiquities Act.

Sincerely,

Theresa Pierno, President and CEO
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cc. Senator Harry Reid
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Ms. Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director,
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Mark Singleton <mark@americanwhitewater.org>

From:	Mark Singleton <mark@americanwhitewater.org>
Sent:	Fri Sep 25 2015 07:40:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<nkornze@blm.gov>
Subject:	KEEN “Live Monumental" reception
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From:	Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>
Sent:	Sat Sep 26 2015 12:31:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Mark Singleton <mark@americanwhitewater.org>
Subject:	Re: KEEN “Live Monumental" reception

Mark:

Thank you for sharing the invitation. I will endeavor to get over to Tuesday's gathering and I look forward to meeting you.

Neil

On Sep 25, 2015, at 9:42 AM, Mark Singleton <mark@americanwhitewater.org> wrote:

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From:	Mark Singleton <mark@americanwhitewater.org>
Sent:	Mon Sep 28 2015 09:23:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>
Subject:	Re: KEEN “Live Monumental" reception

Great, I’ll look for you at the reception.

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From:	Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>
Sent:	Sat Sep 26 2015 12:29:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Claudia B Walker <cbwalker@blm.gov>, Maritiza T Harris <mtharris@blm.gov>
CC:	Anita Bilbao <abilbao@blm.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: KEEN “Live Monumental" reception
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Please run this thru the system first thing on Monday. I'd like to attend.

Begin forwarded message:

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Thank you for designating three new national monuments

[redacted] [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sat Jul 11 2015 11:10:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <nkornze@blm.gov>
Subject: Thank you for designating three new national monuments

Dear President Barack Obama, I am writing to thank you and your administration for recently designating three national monuments, and especially for protecting the incredible public lands of Nevada's Basin and Range and California's Berryessa Snow Mountain regions. The Basin and Range National Monument will preserve a region that is rich in historic, cultural, and natural resources—a treasure for Nevadans and all Americans. This designation will help safeguard irreplaceable Native American rock art and sacred tribal lands, shield habitat for at least two dozen threatened and endangered wildlife species, protect rare and sensitive plants, and preserve the area surrounding the expansive land artwork by Michael Heizer known as City. It is a place where old and new art come together for the appreciation and inspiration of future generations. The Berryessa Snow Mountain region is the crown jewel of Northern California's wild Inner Coast Range but until now lacked the protection it deserves. It is one of the most biologically diverse yet least known regions of the state. Safeguarding Berryessa Snow Mountain as a national monument will provide well-managed recreational opportunities and visitor education and will conserve the region's natural beauty, sensitive areas, wildlife, and rare plants for the enjoyment of future generations. Additionally, the Waco Mammoth National Monument will preserve prehistoric paleontological sites, allowing future generations to learn from the past. Thank you for listening to local residents, business owners, community and tourism leaders, elected officials, and citizens throughout the country who have asked you to protect more of our shared natural and cultural heritage. I applaud your action today and hope that we as a nation can work toward conserving even more of our most cherished wild landscapes during the remainder of your term. Thank you again and let's make Gold Butte the next one! It is time for Nevada's piece of the Grand Canyon to be protected and no longer held hostage to an outlaw Rancher. Sincerely, Carrie Sandstedt [redacted] [redacted] cc: Secretary Sally Jewell cc: Director Neil Kornze cc: The Honorable Tom Vilsack

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"Alan O'Neill" <oneillalan02@gmail.com>

From:	"Alan O'Neill" <oneillalan02@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tue Jun 23 2015 16:39:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>
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Alan

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Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>

From:	Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>
Sent:	Tue Jun 23 2015 17:19:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Alan O'Neill" <oneillalan02@gmail.com>
Subject:	Re: Photo from Las Vegas event

Alan:

I love that you're getting behind a new, great group and getting them (and us) moving. Sloan is a special resource. I see a lot of potential.

It was wonderful to see you today. Thank you for the pictures!

Neil

On Jun 23, 2015, at 3:40 PM, Alan O'Neill <oneillalan02@gmail.com> wrote:

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Protect Gold Butte and the Basin and Range region in Nevada

"dreammagus@hotmail.com" <dreammagus@hotmail.com>

From:	"dreammagus@hotmail.com" <dreammagus@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Wed Mar 11 2015 11:19:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<nkornze@blm.gov>
Subject:	Protect Gold Butte and the Basin and Range region in Nevada

Dear President Obama, Sen. Reid, and Rep. Titus: Permanent protection of the Basin and Range region would preserve the undeveloped valleys and towering mountain ranges of the Great Basin Desert, and the sensitive species and rare cultural resources found there. Protection for Gold Butte would conserve world-class cultural and historic treasures, as well as breathtaking geology and rare plants and wildlife. Inaction would lead to further landscape degradation and vandalism to important archeological resources that offer a window into our past. Sincerely, Richard Gorringe 3574 NE Stanton St Portland OR 972122747 United States

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Thank you from U.S. Public Lands at Pew

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Mike Matz <MMatz@pewtrusts.org>

From:	Mike Matz <MMatz@pewtrusts.org>
Sent:	Fri Feb 27 2015 13:28:03 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"nkornze@blm.gov" <nkornze@blm.gov>
Subject:	Thank you from U.S. Public Lands at Pew
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Dear Director Kornze:

Please see the attached letter which I am sending along on behalf of Mike Matz, Director, U.S. Public Lands at The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Mercury

Suzanne Mercury
Administrative Assistant, U.S. Public Lands
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February 27, 2015

The Honorable Neil Kornze
Director, Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Kornze:

On behalf of The Pew Charitable Trusts, I write to express our gratitude for the special attention you have given to Southern Nevada's public lands. These lands are some of the most spectacular in the nation, containing countless mountain ranges, unspoiled valleys, and unlimited recreational opportunities. Thank you for your participation in the recent public conversation on the future of the Gold Butte and Basin & Range landscapes. Your involvement reflects the type of commitment necessary to protect these special places for future generations.

As you know, Gold Butte is Nevada's piece of the Grand Canyon. It features geographic wonders, unique wildlife habitat, multiple-use recreational opportunities, and prehistoric sites and petroglyphs. Unfortunately, recent events in the area have caused not only an uptick in degradation of the landscape, but also a reduction in land management operations due to threatening circumstances. Basin & Range is an area framed by six mountain ranges, distinguished by its remoteness and pristine condition. As a part of America's Great Basin, these valleys are home to some of Nevada's best archeological sites, and provide critical habitat for plants and animals found nowhere else on this planet.

Pew is appreciative of your leadership on behalf of Gold Butte and Basin & Range, and we thank you for the time you gave to advance and inform the recent conversation. Your ongoing commitment to protecting the natural and cultural heritage of our nation's remarkable resources is commendable, and we look forward to working with you to safeguard these and other special landscapes in Nevada.

Sincerely,

Mike Matz
Director, U.S. Public Lands
The Pew Charitable Trusts

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Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed Feb 25 2015 06:58:13 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: A letter for Valerie Jarrett
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-----Original Message-----
From: Cruz, Adelle (Reid) [mailto:Adelle_Cruz@reid.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 3:10 PM
To: Kissinger, Alexa
Cc: Carnegie, Ruth (Reid)
Subject: FW: A letter for Valerie Jarrett

Hi Alexa,

Please see attached a letter for Ms. Jarrett.

Thank you!

Adelle

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February 20, 2015

Ms. Valerie Jarrett
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms Jarrett,

You and I had lunch together a year ago with a group of my colleagues at my restaurant La Cave at Wynn Resort. The purpose of the lunch was to discuss economic opportunity for Las Vegas and Nevada. I am writing you today on behalf of some of those who attended lunch, and also many Nevada conservationists and art lovers, including the Elaine P. Wynn Family Foundation.

Two days ago, Senator Reid and Congresswoman Dina Titus arranged a meeting allowing for public comment on efforts to preserve two pristine natural areas in Nevada. One is Gold Butte with its stunning unusual rock formations carved by water and wind over millennia. The other is the Nevada's basin and range area including the Coal and Garden Valleys that frame contemporary artist Michael Heizer's *'City'* project.

The meeting was attended by: Senator Reid (remotely); Congresswoman Titus; former Congressman Steven Horsford; Michael Gowan, Director of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Virginia Valentine, representing the Las Vegas visitors and Convention Authority; and many other elected officials. Most importantly, the Department of Interior Undersecretary Mike Connor attended after having visited both sites in a whirlwind tour the day before.

I had the privilege of opening for the meeting. We had expected perhaps a few dozen people, which seems to be the norm for public comment sessions in Las Vegas. I was thrilled to speak to a room packed and overflowing. Nearly 300 people attended and 250 were able to comment in the time allowed, all in support of preservation. Mrs. Wynn and I thought you should hear from us about the enthusiasm in Nevada for preservation, particularly of the region that is home to *City.*

I know that President Obama has received many letters from various members of the arts community, including several museum directors, collectors and foundations, urging the recognition of the site and its locale. They have done so because Michael Heizer's *City* is one of the most awe-inspiring works of uniquely American art of our time. Its scale, at a mile-and-a-half long, is only matched by its remarkable mathematical precision. Crafted over a span of forty years, it is cradled by the profound solitude of the region, which is, itself, a distinct part of the work.

As the daughter of an archaeologist, I join in their entreaty because I have been raised to be all too aware of the challenge of reconstructing the story of our forbears from mere shards. I know what it is like to mourn the destruction of artifacts that, even in ruins, still inspire. We have an opportunity right now to pass on the story told by *City*—intact—for our children's children.

Even as Wednesday's meeting was attended by dignitaries from the worlds of politics and art, it was overwhelmingly populated by average Americans who believe in the legacy housed in our public lands both for posterity and also, in part, for the inherent potential economic opportunity preservation could provide. On their behalf, I write in the hope that, given the opportunity, you will share their feelings with the president. We believe that the best opportunity for the preservation of the Coal and Garden Valleys and *City* lies with President Obama.

I truly appreciate your time and all you do to support our country. Next time you come to Nevada perhaps we can arrange for a visit to *City,* a rare occurance.

Sincerely,

Jenna Morton

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