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Council members.

Thank you for the email. We are preparing a response and hope to share with the Council in the coming days.

All the best, Fred

Fred Ferguson

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Dear Congressman Bishop, Representative Chaffetz, et al:

The Grand County Council would like to thank you again for undertaking the Public Lands Initiative. We understand that this is not an easy task. We also understand that Congressional legislation comes with long lasting effects and consequences. We therefore feel that it is important that any Congressional lands bill relating to Grand County be well drafted and that all major concerns have been vetted and rectified.

On March 1, 2016 Grand County sent a letter outlining several concerns regarding Congressman Bishop's draft legislation. This letter entailed several very substantive concerns that we feel must be addressed. To date Grand County has not received any response to our concerns. We've attached a copy of this letter.

Additionally, on March 11, 2016 a press release regarding the Public Lands Initiative was issued that erroneously included Grand County as a signatory. We would like to make it clear that Grand County was not a signatory to this press release.

Grand County remains a partner in good faith with the Public Lands Initiative process; however, we do not support the current draft legislation. We understand that this is an iterative process, and we look forward to receiving a response to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Tubbs, Chair
Grand County Council

Encl.



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March 1, 2016

Honorable Congressman Rob Bishop c/o Fred Ferguson and Casey Snider Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov Casey.Sneider@mail.house.gov

Dear Congressman Bishop;

Thank you again for providing an opportunity for Grand County to participate in the Public Lands Initiative. Grand County took the charge to develop public land designation recommendations very seriously. From the outset this was billed as a "local, bottom-up, stakeholder driven process". Over the period of more than 2 years, two different County Councils devoted substantial blocks of time to hold public workshops during which stakeholders and various interest groups had opportunities to formally present their recommendations to the Council. We held public meetings and hearings where the citizens of Grand County could express their ideas and concerns. The Council members took "straw votes" at each workshop which were then voted on in the final documents submitted to your office in March of 2015, for inclusion in the Draft Bill. As the duly elected representatives of the citizens of Grand County, we believe that this is a fair representation of compromise for our community.

There are numerous areas where the Draft Bill departs from the recommendations forwarded to you. In General, Grand County stands by the recommendations as originally presented. We respectfully request that these be re-instated in the legislation. Insofar as these were developed with the input of a variety of stakeholders, partners, and citizens, we feel the knowledge and interest of the entities and individuals on the ground should carry the greatest weight. Enclosed you will find the document which lists all of the priorities and recommendations as originally submitted, annotated with a comparison between these and the Draft Bill.

There are parts of the Draft Bill which are a major departure from our submission that we feel require special mention. These are as follows:

- Land Conveyance to the State of Utah for the Seep Ridge Utility Corridor. Grand County expressly voted against this.
- Land Conveyance to Grand County of the Sand Flats Recreation Area (SFRA). This was evaluated by the SFRA Stewardship Committee who does not support the conveyance, and the County Council expressly voted against this.
- Granstaff wilderness boundary must be amended to allow for the lower portion of "The Whole Enchilada" mountain biking trail.
- 4. The wilderness boundary NE of Green River at the mouth of Floy Canyon was drafted by Grand County to allow for a potential mountain biking trail at the request of the City of Green River. The Discussion Draft boundaries would eliminate this possibility.

- 5. The County Council voted against including Antiquities Act exemptions.
- 6. The County Council has officially expressed their support for the Master Leasing Plan.
- Grand County did not designate any "Energy Planning Areas" and intended that lands within Grand County not specifically designated otherwise would be managed according to the BLM's resource management plan.
- 8. The "Colorado River NCA" does not include watershed management/protection as a purpose.
- Several SITLA trade-ins are located outside of the area Grand County designated for such. And, the trade-ins around the side canyons of Labyrinth Canyon were especially addressed as being unfavorable.

There are numerous other areas which, in many cases adversely affect current use and, in some cases restrict economic opportunity. Please refer to the "comparison" notes under each section of the management objectives submitted with our original recommendations.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on developing a bill that honors the work of the many stakeholders and ultimately produces a bill which Grand County can fully support.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth A. Tubbs, Chair

Grand County Council

cc: Congressman Chaffetz, c/o Wade Garrett, <u>Wade.Garrett@mail.house.gov</u> Grand County Council

Enclosures

GRAND COUNTY'S RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES for Congressman Bishop's Public Lands Initiative March 31, 2015

Bookcliffs Area North of I-70

- 1. Wilderness and Roads
 - · Keep all Bookcliffs roads cherry stemmed as identified on the map (leave as is)
 - · Remainder of Bookcliffs roads will be closed
 - Designate wilderness as indicated on attached map
 - Establish a right of way sufficient for maintenance and repairs of cherry stemmed roads to handle safety issues

Comparison:

- There have been some subtractions and additions made to the wilderness boundaries. Of
 note is the subtraction of wilderness between Hay Canyon and East Canyon, some additions and
 subtractions around Danish Flats and Thompson Springs, and an addition near Green River
 (which was left out of the County recommendation at the request of the City of Green River for
 recreational purposes). See attached map. Grand County's recommendations is green with black
 dots, Congressmen's recommendations are in solid green.
- There is the addition of the "Seep Ridge Utility Corridor" as a public purpose conveyance to the State of Utah. The Council expressly voted against this.
- There is the creation of the "Book Cliffs Sportsmens NCA". This is also an exchange proposal
 roughly bounded by east and west Willow Creeks and Steer Ridge.
- Cherry Stemmed roads appear to be the same in both proposals.

Watershed and East Arches Area

- 1. Wilderness and Roads
 - Keep all Westwater/Big Triangle/Beaver Creek roads cherry stemmed as identified on the map (leave as is)
 - Remainder of Westwater/Big Triangle/Beaver Creek roads will be evaluated in coordination with the BLM using a "no net loss" kind for kind exchange policy
 - Designate wilderness as indicated on attached map
 - Establish a right of way sufficient for maintenance and repairs of cherry stemmed roads to handle safety issues
 - Negro Bill Wilderness designation was amended from the Wilderness Study Area boundaries to accommodate a mountain biking trail
 - Mill Creek wilderness boundary was amended to include parcels that were exchanged from SITLA to BLM

Comparison:

- Some wilderness was subtracted from the Westwater/Beaver Creek County proposal.
 Wilderness was added in the Granite Creek area and the Beaver Creek wilderness was extended south into the Forest Service. See map.
- 2. There is the addition of wilderness in Professor Valley/Mary Jane Canyon/Fisher Valley. This doesn't appear to encapsulate the Fisher Towers or any filming locations. See map.
- 3. There are some wilderness additions and subtractions in the Grandstaff and Millcreek area.

 Of particular note is that the lower portion of the Whole Enchilada mountain bike trail is within the Congressmens' wilderness proposal. Grand County made certain to clip this wilderness area to facilitate this trail. Also of note is that a significant amount of wilderness is proposed within the Sand Flats SRMA (some areas of the SRMA are currently managed for natural character). There is also a public purpose conveyance of the Sand Flats SRMA, which is incompatible with a simultaneous wilderness designation. More on that below See Map.
- 4. It's not clear what will happen with the roads within proposed wilderness in this area. The draft proposal maintains our color coding (red for cherry-stemmed, and blue for 'to be evaluated').
- 5. The congressional draft includes a conveyance of the Sand Flats SRMA to the County. It also proposes wilderness within the same. Not sure how that is supposed to work. The Sand Flats Advisory Committee doesn't support conveying Sand Flats to County ownership, and the Council voted against it.
- 2. "Castle Valley National Conservation Area" designation
 - Watershed protection applies to the USGS designated Castle Valley and Moab City watershed; within the watershed there will be elimination of large point sources of pollution and best management of vegetation and soil fertility
 - No road or trail closures
 - Allow filming
 - Allow hunting
 - No new mineral claims or leasing
 - Viewshed protection for Delicate Arch
 - Continued grazing
 - Continued fire mitigation activities
 - Allow consideration of new roads & trails
 - Keep current SRMAs
 - Wood gathering permits remain
 - Local Advisory Committee with a request that the committee members be appointed by the Grand County Council
 - Local Manager

Comparison:

- 1. This NCA's boundaries were amended and parts of the County's proposal were split out into a separate Arches Park Expansion and a "Castle Valley Special Management" area. Additionally the name was changed to "Colorado River" NCA.
- 2. Watershed protection is specifically listed as a purpose of the "Castle Valley Special Management Area". However, watershed management is not listed as a purpose for the "Colorado River NCA".

The Moab area watershed is within the boundaries of the NCA, but not the special management area. This has the effect of providing watershed management as a purpose for the Castle Valley watershed, but not the Moab watershed (Colorado River NCA.)

- 3. The NCA's boundaries were amended to remove protection from the peaks of the Northern Range of the La Sal's (this area is, however, partly within the special management area); the boundaries were amended such that the NW side of the Colorado river is no longer protected (the County's NCA proposal uses the existing boundary of the 3 rivers withdrawl); the NCA proposal for the east side of Arches was converted into a park expansion (however, again, the NW side of the river was removed for some reason). A significant portion of the NCA was removed south of the Dolores/Colorado confluence.
- 4. The NCA and Special Management Areas remove new mineral claims, however, it is unclear if it applies to oil/gas. The area around Manns Peak/Burro Ridge appears to fall outside any congressional designation.
- 5. The Colorado River NCA and Castle Valley Special Management area overlap to a significant degree. I'm not sure how that is supposed to work.
- 6. Grazing is maintained, however, in an unorthodox manner. Current grazing flexibility is being limited by the congressional draft, levels can be increased, but not decreased. Grazing levels typically fluctuate depending on the conditions of the range.
- Expand Utah Rims SRMA as per attached map
 The boundaries appear to be the same as the County's.
- 4. Expand Arches National Park as per attached map

The NCA on the eastern portion of Arches was converted over to a park expansion. The boundaries are identical except that the NW side of the Colorado river is left out. The boundaries on the NW park expansion were extended north. Also of note is that land currently patented to Grand County near the boat docks are included as part of the park expansion. The current park is also proposed for wilderness (not the expansion however). Even though the map shows solid wilderness, I assume the draft really only intends wilderness as per the NPS proposal and what is currently being managed as wilderness. See map.

Greater Big Flat Area and the Labyrinth Canyon Region

- 1. Wilderness
 - Designate Behind the Rocks wilderness as per the attached map
 - Close the mountain biking trail

Done. Our proposal and the draft are the same.

- 2. "Labyrinth Canyon Special Management Area" designation
 - Ten Mile Canyon
 - Leave the Ten Mile Road open from Dripping Springs to the Midway road
 - Close Ten Mile Road from Midway to the Green River

Appears similar on the draft map. No specifics though in the draft.

Establish an unconditional No Surface Occupancy area as indicated on attached map
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 Unconditional NSO to apply to: oil & gas, hard rock mining, potash, and any kind of extractive industry. Ineligible for exemption or waiver.

Converted to the Labyrinth Canyon NCA. Boundaries are mostly the same excepting some state parcels and proposed state trade-ins.

 Establish an area along the Green River as mineral withdrawal and no new leasing as per attached map

This is proposed as Labyrinth Canyon wilderness in the draft. Boundaries are identical.

- All routes along the Green River in the Labyrinth Canyon Special Management Area to be open to OHV from the first of October through Easter Sunday, and closed from after Easter Sunday through the last day of September
 - The road down Spring Canyon will remain open to the river year-round for boating access
 - The B Road portion of Mineral Bottom Road will remain open year-round

The details seem to appear on the map, however the contextual details are not in the draft. See map.

"Moab Recreation Area" designation comprised of the following six recreation zones, with management objectives as follows:

There are general provisions, and also area specific provisions. Again, there is the unorthodox grazing provision, which allows grazing levels to go up but never down.

- a. White Wash/Dee Pass
 - Purpose:
 - o OHV recreation
 - Mineral development
 - Allow new motorized and non-motorized trails
 - Allow all other types of recreation
 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
 - White Wash area open for cross country travel per BLM RMP

The boundaries were expanded to include upper ten mile. Otherwise seems to be the same. This area and the Utah Rims area are consolidated in the draft proposal.

- b. Monitor/Merrimac
 - Purpose:
 - Recreation: Motorized, non-motorized, climbing
 - Viewshed
 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
 - Allow new motorized and non-motorized trails
 - Provide protection for rare plants
 - Allow existing county borrow pits
 - · Trade two northern SITLA parcels out
 - Honor valid existing lease rights
 - No new mineral claims or leasing

Boundaries appear to be retracted to the cliff line on the eastern edge. Includes prohibition of new mineral and energy leasing as a management principle, however, doesn't include withdrawl language as in the NCAs.

- c. Gemini Bridges South
 - Purpose:
 - o Recreation: Motorized and non-motorized
 - o Energy development
 - · Allow new non-motorized routes
 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
 - Honor valid existing lease rights
 - · Allow future leasing with a No Surface Occupancy stipulation
 - No lease retirement
 - Create a management area Advisory Committee, committee to be appointed by the County Council: Purpose to provide coordination with federal, state and county management of area
 - Representative from the oil lessees/operators
 - o Representative from the motorized recreation
 - Representative from the non-motorized recreation
 - Representative from SITLA
 - Representative from the County Council
 - Representative from BLM
 - o Representative from conservation community

Renamed 'Big Flat Recreation Zone'. SW boundary was considerably retracted. Advisory Committee is missing.

- d. Amasa Back/Goldbar
 - Purpose
 - Recreation: Motorized and non-motorized
 - Viewshed
 - Allow new non-motorized routes
 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
 - Consider biological resources in recreation management
 - No new mineral claims or leasing
 - · Lease and claim retirement
 - · Trade out State lands

Boundaries appear to be the same. Management principles appear similar.

- e. Bar M/Klondike (Arches West)
 - Purpose:
 - o Recreation Mountain biking and climbing
 - Viewshed protection for Arches National Park
 - · No new mineral claims or leasing

- Trade out SITLA parcels
- Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
- Sovereign trail system remains open for OHV use
- · Allow new non-motorized trails

Two large State sections appear to be retained and the boundaries are adjusted as such.

Boundaries were expanded on the north end, however they conflict with the Park expansion and a SITLA trade-in on the west side of 191. Management principles are similar.

- f. Mineral Canyon
 - Purpose
 - Recreation: non-motorized focus
 - Viewshed
 - Boating access
 - · No new mineral claims or leasing
 - Lease and claim retirement area
 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
 - Allow new non-motorized trails
 - Trade out SITLA lands
 - Keep airstrip open
 - Keep county borrow areas open

The boundary appears to be retracted to facilitate a State trade-in. Management principles are similar.

- 4. SITLA Trade-in Area
 - Grand County approves SITLA trade-ins as per attached map

Significant trades are exhibited in the draft, both inside and outside of the designated area. Grand County should consider asking about royalty sharing agreements so that a major loss of mineral lease funds doesn't occur with future development.

Other Grand County Areas

- Wild & Scenic River Management Objectives
 - Designate Wild & Scenic Rivers as per the BLM's suitability inventory (see attached maps)
 for the Colorado, Dolores, and Green Rivers

Appears to be the same.

- 2. Rights of Ways & Roads in Wilderness
 - Establish a right of way sufficient for maintenance and repairs of cherry stemmed roads to handle safety issues
 - "No net loss" policy for roads in Grand County consistent with the 2008 Travel Management Plan; that losses and gains are kind for kind trade outs; and will utilize the BLM's process for Travel Plan evaluation

· Valid and existing rights will be given access

There is no net-loss policy per-se. However, Title XII would grant title to all class B and D roads currently designated in the current BLM RMP travel plan. Title XII also prescribes that Grand County's travel designations will be partially honored in the Labyrinth area. It's also worth noting that not all roads in the current BLM travel plan are rs2477 claims, and not all rs2477 claims are approved in the Travel Plan.

- 3. Canyonlands Field Airport
 - Grand County requests an area immediately adjacent to the airport, subject to a map to be prepared by the Airport Manager/Board, for a transfer of federal lands to Grand County for airport expansion purposes

Present in the draft.

Other:

In general there are several provisions in 'Title I: Wilderness' that are unorthodox or contradicted by the Wilderness Act.

The Master Leasing Plan would be nullified.

<u>Title XI stipulates that all lands within the PLI planning area owned by the BLM and being open to extractive leasing will become 'Energy Planning Areas' with several provisions designed to expedite leasing and development. There is a small inexplicable polygon near 313/191 labeled as "Energy Plan".</u>

Grazing provisions are not status-quo.

<u>Title IX Red Rock Country Off-Highway Vehicle Trail is included in the draft. Not considered by the County.</u>

Some kind of Antiquities Act restriction is anticipated.

RESOLUTION NO. 3046

A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE COUNCIL'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS, AS AMENDED,
AS THE FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR DESIGNATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES
FOR CONGRESSMAN ROB BISHOP'S
PROPOSED PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2015, the Grand County Council voted to approve the Council's preliminary recommendations from the open, public County Council Workshops of February 23rd, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th, and March 31st, 2015, as amended on March 31st, 2015, as the formal recommendations for designations and management objectives to submit to Congressman Rob Bishop for the proposed Public Lands Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A is the cover letter and regional map sent to Congressman Bishop on April 9, 2015, such letter having been ratified by the County Council in an open public meeting of April 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit B details Grand County's recommended designations and management objectives submitted to Congressman Bishop; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit C illustrates in map form Grand County's recommended proposal that has been submitted to Congressman Bishop.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on April 21, 2015 the Grand County Council ratified a letter sent to Congressman Bishop April 9, 2015 (Exhibit A), and that on March 31, 2015 the Grand County Council formally approved the Council's preliminary recommendations from several open, public County Council workshops in 2015, as amended, as the formal recommendations for designations and management objectives (Exhibit B), with mapped boundaries (Exhibit C), representing Grand County's recommended proposal for Congressman Rob Bishop's proposed Public Lands Initiative.

RESOLUTION PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Grand County Council in open session this 5th day of May 2015, by the following vote:

Those voting aye: <u>Tubbs, Hawks, Baird,</u>	
Those voting nay: <u>Ballantyne</u> , <u>Jackson</u> , <u>F</u>	Paxman
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EXHIBIT A
Cover Letter and Regional Map



GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS Elizabeth Tubbs (Chair) · Chris Baird (Vice Chair) Ken Ballantyne · Jaylyn Hawks · A. Lynn Jackson Mary McGann · Rory Paxman

April 9, 2015

Honorable Rob Bishop e/o Fred Ferguson and Casey Snider Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov

Dear Congressman Bishop:

Thank you once again for the opportunity to resolve several long-standing public land use issues via your willingness to act as our congressional sponsor for a public lands bill.

On March 31st of this year the Grand County Council met in a Special Meeting to vote on the final recommendations for inclusion in your bill. The meeting was the culmination of many months of work by two different councils, public input, public hearings and an extensive public comment period. Over the past several weeks Grand County has submitted preliminary recommendations, based on outcomes and "straw" votes during our on-going workshops, so that our recommendations could be included in your draft map. Since your time-frame to publish the draft map has somewhat changed, we would now like you to consider only our final recommendations, approved by a majority vote of the council, for inclusion in the draft map. Note that our final vote included some amendments to previous "straw" votes. Grand County's final overall map and specific shape files are downloadable from http://grandcountyutali.net/866-Public-Lands-Recommendation-Mar-3). And the final recommended management objectives, including designations outlined below, are attached (and also available online).

You may recall that, for purposes of efficiency, we divided the County into three regional areas (Bookeliffs Area North of 1-70. Watershed and East Arches Area, and Greater Big Flat Area & Labyrinth Canyon Region). We have also established "Other Grand County Areas" that cross these regional areas. The regional map is again provided, and the recommended management objectives reference these regions.

Attached are management objectives (as illustrated on the map for the following:

- Bookeliff's Area North of I-70
 - Wilderness and roads
- Watershed and East Arches Area
 - Wilderness and roads
 - "Castle Valley" NCA designation
 - 5 "Utah Rims" OHV SRMA expansion ...
 - 3 Arches National Park expansion
- Greater Big Flat Area and Labyrinth Canyon Region
 - Wilderness
 - "Labyrinth Canyon" Special Management Area designation

- "Moab" Recreation Area designation to include six management zones (White Wash/Dee Pass; Monitor/Merrimac; Gemini Bridges South; Amasa Back/Gold Bar; Bar M/ Klondike (Arches West); and Mineral Canyon)
- o SITLA trade-in area
- Other Grand County Areas
 - o Wild & Scenic River management objectives
 - o Rights of ways & roads in wilderness
 - o Canyonlands Field Airport expansion/request of federal lands

I would like to add that much of the work that went into developing the management objectives for the areas/designations listed above was accomplished by a multi-stakeholder group loosely referred to as the Big Flats Workgroup. This group, led by two Council Members during 2014, met numerous times to hash out solutions to issues in an area where many interests compete. The road to forwarding these recommendations would have been a lot longer and more difficult to navigate without that foundation. The newly seated Council involved in this process has participated in many meetings and has had to quickly become familiar with many complex issues to bring this to a conclusion. Although the Council and the community have not reached consensus, we hope that everyone will find the resulting compromise acceptable.

It is important to note that, at the beginning of this process in 2013, a Council study committee was designated who developed three alternatives initially to be considered for inclusion in the public lands bill. All three alternatives included a recommendation to set aside a swath of land for a potential "transportation corridor" through the Bookcliffs. from Uinta County/Grand County border to 1-70. During subsequent workshops, however, this concept was not supported by a majority of the Council and, you will note, it is not a recommendation forwarded by Grand County. Likewise, language relating to the Antiquities Act was also not supported by a majority of the Grand County Council and is not included in our proposal, though we recognize that this may be incorporated regardless.

It is also important to note that the accuracy of the shape files are intended only to be illustrative of our intentions. However, where existing landmarks (such as roads, trails, property boundaries, political boundaries, etc.) exist it will be necessary to seek more authoritative data. While most of our boundaries will likely be self-evident, some may come from data that you may not have (local trail systems, watershed boundaries, etc.). Feel free to contact us with any questions as we would be happy to clarify.

Once again, thank you for championing a locally derived solution to federally owned land management in Grand County. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely.

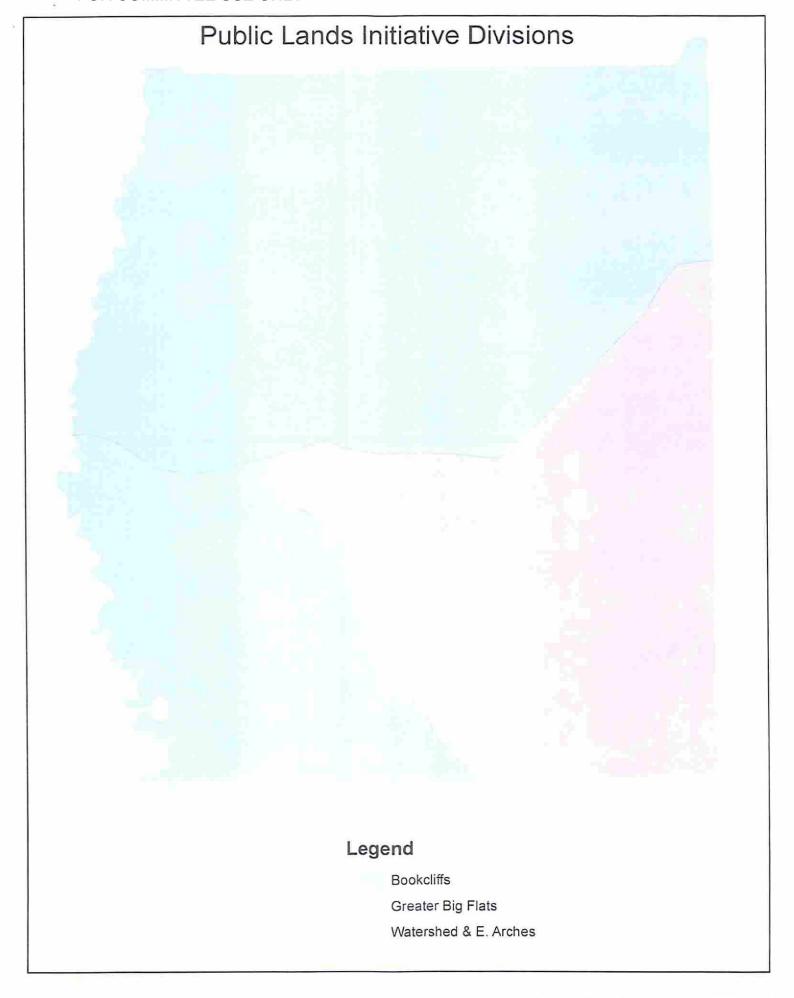
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Attachments: Recommended management objectives: map & .shp files (online)

EXHIBIT B Recommended Designations and Management Objectives



GRAND COUNTY'S RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES for Congressman Bishop's Public Lands Initiative March 31, 2015

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- 1. Wilderness and Roads
 - Keep all Westwater/Big Triangle/Beaver Creek roads cherry stemmed as identified on the map (leave as is)
 - Remainder of Westwater/Big Triangle/Beaver Creek roads will be evaluated in coordination with the BLM using a "no net loss" kind for kind exchange policy
 - Designate wilderness as Indicated on attached map
 - Establish a right of way sufficient for maintenance and repairs of cherry stemmed roads to handle safety issues
 - Negro Bill Wilderness designation was amended from the Wilderness Study Area boundaries to accommodate a mountain biking trail
 - Mill Creek wilderness boundary was amended to include parcels that were exchanged from SITLA to BLM
- 2. "Castle Valley National Conservation Area" designation
 - Watershed protection applies to the USGS designated Castle Valley and Moab City watershed; within the watershed there will be elimination of large point sources of pollution and best management of vegetation and soil fertility
 - No road or trail closures
 - Allow filming
 - Allow hunting
 - No new mineral claims or leasing
 - Viewshed protection for Delicate Arch
 - Continued grazing
 - Continued fire mitigation activities
 - Allow consideration of new roads & trails
 - Keep current SRMAs
 - Wood gathering permits remain
 - Local Advisory Committee with a request that the committee members be appointed by the Grand County Council

- Local Manager
- 3. Expand Utah Rims SRMA as per attached map
- 4. Expand Arches National Park as per attached map

Greater Blg Flat Area and the Labyrinth Canyon Region

- 1. Wilderness
 - Designate Behind the Rocks wilderness as per the attached map
 - Close the mountain biking trail
- 2. "Labyrinth Canyon Special Management Area" designation
 - Ten Mile Canyon
 - Leave the Ten Mile Road open from Dripping Springs to the Midway road
 - Close Ten Mile Road from Midway to the Green River
 - Establish an unconditional No Surface Occupancy area as indicated on attached map
 - Unconditional NSO to apply to: oil & gas, hard rock mining, potash, and any kind of extractive industry. Ineligible for exemption or waiver.
 - Establish an area along the Green River as mineral withdrawal and no new leasing as per attached map
 - All routes along the Green River in the Labyrinth Canyon Special Management Area to be open to OHV from the first of October through Easter Sunday, and closed from after Easter Sunday through the last day of September
 - The road down Spring Canyon will remain open to the river yearround for boating access
 - The B Road portion of Mineral Bottom Road will remain open yearround
- 3. "Moab Recreation Area" designation comprised of the following six recreation zones, with management objectives as follows:
 - a. White Wash/Dee Pass
 - · Purpose:
 - o OHV recreation
 - Mineral development
 - Allow new motorized and non-motorized trails
 - · Allow all other types of recreation
 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
 - White Wash area open for cross country travel per BLM RMP
 - b. Monitor/Merrimac
 - Purpose:

- Recreation: Motorized, non-motorized, climbing
- o Viewshed
- Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
- Allow new motorized and non-motorized trails
- Provide protection for rare plants
- Allow existing county borrow pits
- Trade two northern SITLA parcels out
- Honor valid existing lease rights
- No new mineral claims or leasing

c. Gemini Bridges South

- Purpose:
 - Recreation: Motorized and non-motorized
 - Energy development
- Allow new non-motorized routes
- Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
- Honor valid existing lease rights
- Allow future leasing with a No Surface Occupancy stipulation
- No lease retirement
- Create a management area Advisory Committee, committee to be appointed by the County Council: Purpose to provide coordination with federal, state and county management of area
 - Representative from the oil lessees/operators
 - Representative from the motorized recreation
 - Representative from the non-motorized recreation
 - Representative from SITLA
 - Representative from the County Council
 - Representative from BLM
 - Representative from conservation community

d. Amasa Back/Goldbar

- Purpose
 - Recreation: Motorized and non-motorized
 - Viewshed
- Allow new non-motorized routes
- Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
- Consider biological resources in recreation management
- · No new mineral claims or leasing
- Lease and claim retirement
- Trade out State lands

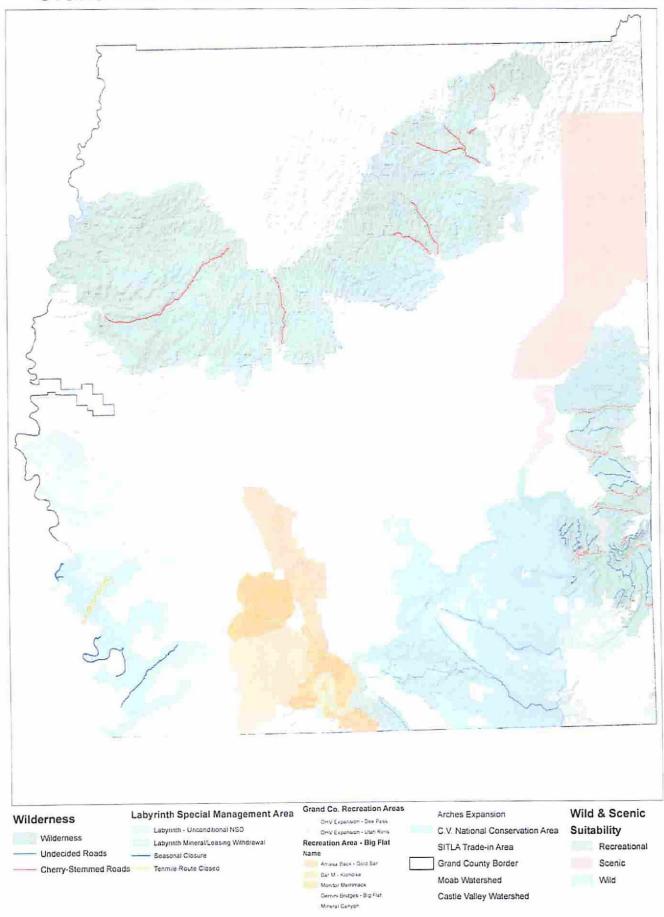
- e. Bar M/Klondike (Arches West)
 - Purpose:
 - o Recreation Mountain biking and climbing
 - Viewshed protection for Arches National Park
 - No new mineral claims or leasing
 - · Trade out SITLA parcels
 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
 - Sovereign trail system remains open for OHV use
 - · Allow new non-motorized trails
- f. Mineral Canyon
 - Purpose
 - o Recreation: non-motorized focus
 - Viewshed
 - Boating access
 - No new mineral claims or leasing
 - Lease and claim retirement area
 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
 - Allow new non-motorized trails
 - Trade out SITLA lands
 - Keep airstrip open
 - Keep county borrow areas open
- 4. SITLA Trade-in Area
 - Grand County approves SITLA trade-ins as per attached map

Other Grand County Areas

- 1. Wild & Scenic River Management Objectives
 - Designate Wild & Scenic Rivers as per the BLM's suitability inventory (see attached maps) for the Colorado, Dolores, and Green Rivers
- 2. Rights of Ways & Roads in Wilderness
 - Establish a right of way sufficient for maintenance and repairs of cherry stemmed roads to handle safety issues
 - "No net loss" policy for roads in Grand County consistent with the 2008 Travel Management Plan; that losses and gains are kind for kind trade outs; and will utilize the BLM's process for Travel Plan evaluation
 - Valid and existing rights will be given access
- 3. Canyonlands Field Airport
 - Grand County requests an area immediately adjacent to the airport for a transfer of federal lands to Grand County for airport expansion purposes

EXHIBIT C
Map of Grand County's Recommended Proposal

Grand Co. Public Lands Initiative Recommendations



Mapping Data and PLI

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Subject: Re: Mapping Data and PLI

Yep, thanks

From: Nikki Buffa < nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov > Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 17:57 PM

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Subject: Video on Utah Native Americans

Hey Tommy and Nikki,

I wanted to pass along a video that was just forwarded to me. This tells a different side of the Bears Ears story.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h56Zb3uLUSM&sns=em

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Nikki's out of the office Re: Land Exchanges and PLI

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I will be on work travel until Wednesday, May 18th, with limited access to email. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Tommy Beaudreau (tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov) or Ben Milakofsky (at benjamin_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov).

Thank you, Nikki

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Tommy and Nikki,

It was great spending time together last week. I had a successful meeting with Pew and they are submitting final edits to me by COB.

In the meantime, I would like to get the ball rolling on land exchanges. Below I've pasted updated land exchange language for your review and comment.

Also, I believe I mentioned this last week, but we would like to initiate a process in which SITLA and senior DOI officials can hammer out land exchange details. This is a complex, yet critical piece of our initiative. We believe that the sooner the experts within SITLA and DOI can work together, the sooner we can resolve this piece of the puzzle.

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Title I – School Trust Land Consolidations

- (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that the land exchange authorized and directed by this Act furthers public objectives referenced in section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716) including
 - (A) Promoting better management of federal conservation areas by removing inheld state trust land sections;
 - (B) Securing Federal ownership and protection of land with significant wildlife, recreational, scenic, cultural and other public values;
 - (C) Assisting the State of Utah and local governments in economic development and

- community expansion through the consolidation of state trust lands in manageable blocks near several Utah communities; and
- (D) Advancing public education through increased opportunity for economic development of Utah school trust lands, in furtherance of the land grants made under the Utah Enabling Act, Act of July 16, 1894 (28 Stat. 107, chapter 138).
- (b) PURPOSE It is the purpose of this title to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the exchange of land between the State of Utah and the United States.

SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

- (1) MAPS.—The term "Maps" means the following maps prepared by the Bureau of Land Management:
 - (a) Land Conveyances Carbon County dated [date]
 - (b) Land Conveyances Duchesne County dated [date]
 - (c) Land Conveyances Emery County dated [date]
 - (d) Land Conveyances Grand County dated [date]
 - (e) Land Conveyances San Juan County dated [date]
 - (f) Land Conveyances Uintah County dated [date]
- (2) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term "non-Federal land" means the lands identified on the Maps as "State Trust Land Proposed for Transfer to United States", "State Trust Lands Surface Only Proposed for Transfer to United States" and "State Trust Lands -- Minerals Only Proposed for Transfer to United States" located in Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, San Juan and Uintah counties, Utah, as generally depicted on the Maps.
- (3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.
- (4) STATE.—The term "State" means the State of Utah, acting as trustee under the Utah State School and Institutional Trust Lands Management Act (Utah Code Ann. 53C–1–101 et seq) through the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

SEC. 103. EXCHANGE OF LAND; RESERVATION OF INTERESTS.

- (a) In General.--If the State offers to convey to the United States title to the non-Federal land, the Secretary shall, subject to the provisions of this title--
 - (1) accept the offer; and
 - (2) on receipt of the right, title, and interest of the State in and to the non-Federal land, convey to the State all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal land.
- (b) Valid Existing Rights.--The exchange authorized under subsection (a) shall be subject to valid existing rights.
- (c) Costs Costs of the land exchange shall be allocated in accordance with section 206(f)(2)(B) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1716(f)(2)(B)).
- (d) Title Approval.--Title to the Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under this section shall be in a format acceptable to the Secretary and the State.
- (e) Reservation of Interest in Potash.--
 - (1) In general.--With respect to Federal land that contains potash resources, the Secretary shall reserve an interest in all potash resources.
 - (2) Extent of interest.--The interest reserved by the United States under paragraph 1 shall consist of--

- (A) 50 percent of any bonus bid or other payment received by the State as consideration for securing any lease or authorization to develop potash resources;
- (B) 50 percent of the amount that would have been received by the Federal Government under the royalty rate applicable on July 1, 2015 if the potash resources had been retained in Federal ownership; and
- (C) 50 percent of any other payment received by the State pursuant to any lease or authorization to develop the potash resources.
- (3) Upon receipt of any funds from potash leasing and development on lands in which the Secretary has reserved an interest, the State shall pay the Secretary amounts attributable to the reserved interest of the United States in accordance with paragraph (4).
- (4) Payment.—
 - (A) Any amounts due under paragraph (3) shall be paid by the State to the United States not less than quarterly.
 - (B) The State may deduct an administrative fee of three per cent from all payments due to the United States under paragraph (2).
- (5) No obligation to lease.--The State shall not be obligated to lease or otherwise develop potash resources in which the United States retains an interest under this subsection.
- (f) Reservation of Wellbore Interest in Oil and Gas
 - (1) In general.—The Secretary shall reserve a wellbore interest in each oil and gas well on Federal land that has been determined by the Secretary to be capable of production in paying quantities as of the date of conveyance.
 - (2) Extent of interest.—The wellbore interest reserved to the United States under paragraph (1) shall consist of all royalties attributable to any zones or horizons that are being produced from an oil and gas well located on Federal land as of the date of conveyance.
 - (3) Upon receipt of any funds attributable to the reserve wellbore interest of the United States, the State shall pay the Secretary all such amounts in accordance with paragraph (4).(4) Payment.—
 - (A) Any amounts due under paragraph (2) shall be paid by the State to the United States not less than quarterly.
 - (B) The State may deduct an administrative fee of three per cent from all payments due to the United States under paragraph (2)
 - (5) Termination of Reserved Interest.—The reserved wellbore interests of the United States in oil and gas shall automatically terminate on the date that is ten years after the enactment of this Act.
 - (6) Sharing of Revenue. The United States shall share all revenue received with respect to its reserved wellbore mineral interest in oil and gas with the State of Utah in accordance with 30 U.S.C. 191(a).
- (g) Appurtenant Water Rights.--Any conveyance of a parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land under this Act shall include the conveyance of water rights appurtenant to the parcel conveyed.

SEC. 104. APPRAISALS

- (a) Equal Value Exchange.—
 - (1) In general.--The value of the Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under this Act—
 - (A) shall be equal; or
 - (B) shall be made equal in accordance with section 5.

- (b) Appraisals.--The value of the Federal land and the non-Federal land shall be determined by appraisals conducted by 1 or more independent appraisers retained by the State, with the consent of the Secretary.
- (c) Applicable law.--The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) ---
 - (A) shall be conducted in accordance with section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716); and
 - (b) shall utilize nationally recognized appraisal standards, including, to the extent appropriate, the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.
- (d) Approval.--The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) shall be submitted to the Secretary and the State for approval.
- (e) Adjustment.--
 - (1) In general.--If value is attributed to any parcel of Federal land because of the presence of minerals subject to leasing under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), the value of the parcel (as otherwise established under this subsection) shall be reduced by the estimated value of the payments that would have been made to the State of Utah from bonuses, rentals, and royalties that the United States would have received if such minerals were leased pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).
 - (2) Limitation.--An adjustment under subparagraph (A) shall not be considered as a property right of the State.
- (f) Valuation of Lands with Reserved Minerals.--Federal land in which the Secretary reserves an interest under subsections 103(3)3(e) and 103(3)(f) shall be appraised—
 - (1) without regard to the presence of potash; and
 - (2) taking into account the reserved wellbore interest of the United States, if any.
- (g) Duration.—The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) shall remain valid until the date of the completion of the exchange authorized under this title.
- (h) Availability of appraisals.—
 - (1) In general.--All final appraisals, appraisal reviews, and determinations of value for land to be exchanged under this section shall be available for public review at the Utah State Office of the Bureau of Land Management at least 30 days before the conveyance of the applicable parcels.
 - (2) Publication.--The Secretary or the State, as applicable, shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in Salt Lake County, Utah, a notice that the appraisals are available for public inspection.
- (i) Dispute resolution.—
 - (1) If, by the date that is 90 days after the date of submission of an appraisal for review and approval under this subsection, the Secretary or State do not agree to accept the findings of the appraisals with respect to any parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with section 206(d)(2) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1716(d)(2)).
 - (2) If agreement has not been reached with respect to the exchange of an individual parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land, the Secretary and the State may agree to set aside the individual parcel to allow the exchange of the other parcels of Federal land and non-Federal land to proceed.
- (j) Conveyance of Parcels in Phases.—
 - (1) In General.—Notwithstanding that appraisals for all of the parcels of Federal land and non-Federal land may not have been approved, parcels of the Federal land and non-Federal land may be exchanged in phases as may be mutually determined by the Secretary and the State.
 - (2) Ledger. -- The Secretary and the State may agree to utilize a ledger account to make

equal the value of lands conveyed by each party in one or more phases, provided that the overall exchange shall be made equal as provided in section 105.

(3) Authority.— It is the intent of Congress that the Secretary may exercise broad discretionary authority in the processing of the land exchange to expedite the final conveyance of the Federal and non-Federal land.

SEC. 105. – EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.

(a) Surplus of federal land.—

If the value of the Federal land exceeds the value of the non-Federal land, the value of the Federal land and non-Federal land shall be equalized by –

- (1) the State conveying to the United States State trust land located within any of the wilderness areas or national conservation areas in Washington County, Utah, established under subtitle O of title I of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1075) that has an appraised value equal to the difference between the value of the Federal land; and the value of the non-Federal land;
- (2) the reduction in acreage of the Federal land as the State and the Secretary may agree;
- (3) the State making a cash payment to the United States; or
- (4) any combination of the methods described in paragraphs (1)-(3) as the State and the Secretary may mutually agree.
- (b) Surplus of non-federal land.—If the value of the non-Federal land exceeds the value of the Federal land, the value of the Federal land and the non-Federal land shall be equalized by
 - (1) the reduction in acreage of the non-Federal land as the State and the Secretary may mutually agree.

SEC. 106. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LANDS PRIOR TO EXCHANGE

Subject to valid existing rights, during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the earlier of the date that the Federal land is removed from the exchange or the date on which the Federal land is conveyed, the Federal land is withdrawn from mineral location, entry or patent under the mining laws, from leasing and entry under the mineral leasing laws, and from mineral material disposal.

SEC. 107. NEPA AND FLPMA COMPLIANCE.

- (1) Public Interest. -- The land exchange authorized and directed by this title is in the public interest.
- (2) Scoping and Analysis. -- Notwithstanding any other law, in preparing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement required under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) with respect to the land exchange contemplated by this Act:
 - (A) the Secretary is not required to identify any actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative; and
 - (B) the Secretary is not required to analyze the environmental effects of alternative conveyances or actions other than the offer submitted by the State under subsection 103(a).
- (3) Presumption of Plan Adequacy.—Conveyances of Federal land to the State in accordance with this Act are presumed to comply with any land use plan enacted under section 202 of FLPMA

(43 U.S.C. 1712).

SEC. 108. STATUS AND MANAGEMENT OF LAND AFTER EXCHANGE.

(a) ADMINISTRATION OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2) and in accordance with section 206(c) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1716(c)), the non-Federal land acquired by the United States under this Act shall become part of, and be managed as part of, the Federal administrative unit or area in which the land is located.

(b) GRAZING PERMITS.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—If land acquired under this Act is subject to a lease, permit, or contract for the grazing of domestic livestock in effect on the date of acquisition, the entity acquiring the land shall allow the grazing to continue for the remainder of the term of the lease, permit, or contract, subject to the related terms and conditions of user agreements, including permitted stocking rates, grazing fee levels, access rights, and ownership and use of range improvements.
- (2) RENEWAL.—To the extent allowed by Federal or State law, on expiration of any grazing lease, permit, or contract described in paragraph (1), the holder of the lease, permit, or contract shall be entitled to a preference right to renew the lease, permit, or contract.
- (3) BASE PROPERTIES.—If land conveyed by the State under this Act is used by a grazing permittee or lessee to meet the base property requirements for a Federal grazing permit or lease, the land shall continue to qualify as a base property for the remaining term of the lease or permit and the term of any renewal or extension of the lease or permit.

(c) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.—

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Sent: Thu May 12 2016 10:15:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)

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Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 1:34 PM

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Subject: FW: Secretary Jewell to announce upcoming Utah travel

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To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>

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Thanks, it was good talking to you too. And of course. I'm sorry you ever thought we would move

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Like I mentioned, Tommy wants to talk with you so I'm going to loop you with his scheduler.

Thanks, Nikki

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Nikki,

Here is the email I referenced. This is the most recent notification we've received from the Dept of Interior regarding land planning in Utah. And knowing that the Secretary has traveled to other sites prior to their receiving an Antiquities Act designation, this notification fueled speculation that her stop in Utah was the first step towards a national monument.

Also – the Secretary's recent op-ed where she referenced "conservation proposals – legislative and **otherwise**", further fueled speculation that the Utah visit would support the Administration's national monument planning process.

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Regardless, it was nice chatting and reassuring to hear you say that you would contact me if/when things start moving forward.

Best, Fred

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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Thu Feb 18 2016 11:59:08 GMT-0700 (MST) To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

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Sent: Thu Feb 18 2016 12:18:29 GMT-0700 (MST)

To: "Ferguson, Fred" < Fred. Ferguson@mail.house.gov>

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Sent: Wed May 11 2016 16:17:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)

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Sent: Wed May 11 2016 16:26:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)

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Sent: Wed Mar 30 2016 07:58:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: ed_cox@hatch.senate.gov, john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov

Subject: Thank you!

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"Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>

From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" < John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>

Sent: Thu Mar 31 2016 08:24:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, "Cox, Ed

(Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>

Subject: Re: Thank you!

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John

From: "Buffa, Nicole" < nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov > Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 9:58 AM

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Attachments:

*I*267. Grand Canyon Trust's comment letter on the Utah Public Lands Initiative discussion draft/1.1 GCT_Bishop_PLI_Comment_Letter_2-12-14_final.pdf

Tim Peterson tpeterson@grandcanyontrust.org>

Sent: Fri Feb 12 2016 11:47:33 GMT-0700 (MST)

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Subject: Grand Canyon Trust's comment letter on the Utah Public

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Greetings All,

You are being provided the attached carbon copy of a letter that Grand Canyon Trust sent today to Congressmen Bishop and Chaffetz regarding the Utah Public Lands Initiative discussion draft, released January 20th, 2016.

Thank you,

Tim

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Greetings all,

Please find The Grand Canyon Trust's official comment on the PLI discussion draft attached.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best,

Tim

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February 12, 2016

The Honorable Rob Bishop and The Honorable Jason Chaffetz U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Bishop and Chaffetz:

The Grand Canyon Trust thanks you for the opportunity to comment on your Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) discussion draft, released January 20th, 2016. We further commend both of you and your staffs for the hard work, long hours, many miles on the road, and dedication you have shown to producing draft legislation. We regret, however, that we cannot support and must oppose the PLI in its current form.

Our opposition is rooted in the fact that the PLI does not represent a positive, solution-oriented step toward resolving land use and land tenure matters in eastern Utah. Chief among the harms contained in PLI are: management language not found elsewhere in law that undermines new wilderness and national conservation areas; special management areas and canyon country recreation zones that weaken existing protections; release and hard release of millions of acres of deserving potential wilderness; disposal of lands far in excess of standards set forth by the Public Purposes and Recreation Act; a wildly unbalanced and unfair SITLA state land exchange; creation of "energy zones" in excess of 2.5 million acres where multiple-use land management principles are cast aside and the reality of climate change is unacknowledged; excessive grants of RS 2477 road claims and a Book Cliffs Highway corridor to the State of Utah; hobbling of livestock management necessary to conserve ecosystems and species; inadequate provisions respecting sovereign Native American tribes with regard to protection and management of the Bears Ears cultural landscape; and the stated goal of the authors of PLI to place limitations on the President's authority to use the Antiquities Act of 1906.

Bold Ambitions

In creating the PLI in 2013, you embarked on an ambitious journey with the stated goal of "breaking the stalemate" over permanent land protection in eastern Utah. You wrote of a "window of opportunity" and "a paradigm shift" "moving away from the tired arguments of the past," promising that "a more reasonable, balanced use of the public land can be achieved in Utah." It seemed as if a new day had dawned, and all sides of the contentious public lands debate stretched themselves to envision concessions and compromise none of us had previously thought possible.

The PLI promised to enact a bold vision: "to build consensus among stakeholders" over which areas in seven eastern Utah counties should be preserved and which should be developed. Unfortunately, consensus has not been achieved in the PLI, and this discussion draft doesn't present a starting position from which consensus can be reached through compromise.

Aspirations Unmet

Compromise cannot be had when one set of interests is presented with a resolution that undermines the very foundation of the concessions that are offered. Because this bill would fundamentally degrade the meaning of wilderness and national conservation areas in law while granting the state, industry, and counties nearly everything they asked for and more, the draft PLI cannot be viewed as compromise from our perspective.

Throughout 2013 and 2014, we made solid progress. We reached negotiated agreements with all parties in two counties - Daggett and Summit - striking a delicate balance that ensured conservation interests were met alongside the interests of other stakeholders. Things began to sour in 2015, as Daggett County was allowed to break from our negotiated agreement. San Juan County excluded *everyone* living outside the county when crafting its proposal and entirely dismissed local concerns by rejecting a home-grown proposal to fully protect the Bears Ears cultural landscape - one that garnered support from 64% of local commenters. Other counties retreated to their "tired arguments of the past," and discussions deteriorated over too little wilderness and too much fossil fuel development. Despite our best efforts toward reaching durable compromise over dozens of field trips and mapping work sessions, it is now clear that no "paradigm shift" has taken place.

The single county where we maintain a durable negotiated agreement - Summit County - did not see our agreement honored in the PLI draft. We agreed, and the Summit County Council resolved, that new wilderness areas would be managed according to the Wilderness Act of 1964, and that special management areas would be managed per our resolution. Unfortunately, the draft PLI does neither, striking a blow to the only piece of true "consensus" possible in PLI.

Agreement is Possible

Setting aside the PLI as it has been drafted; we know that consensus and compromise are possible in a subset of the counties at issue. We strongly urge you, if you truly desire legislation that can pass both houses of Congress and be signed by the president, to set aside this seven-county PLI and re-enter discussions over areas of mutual agreement among stakeholders. There are many such areas of agreement, and with the right kind of leadership, durable, long-lasting compromise that truly breaks the stalemate over land management and land tenure can be achieved.

In order to do so, the following provisions found in the PLI draft cannot be used as sideboards for reaching agreement in future legislation.

Dramatic Departure from Standard Management Language

The PLI's proposed language for the management of wilderness is troubling on a number of fronts. The PLI draft seeks to change the accepted definition of wilderness as set forth in the Wilderness Act of 1964 by carving out special exemptions for water development, use of motorized vehicles and equipment, recreational and target shooting, livestock grazing, and wildlife management. Further, the national conservation areas, special management areas, and recreation zones envisioned by the PLI lack true conservation value based on the legislative language proposed.

We cannot agree to legislative language that would:

- Explicitly allow the motorized maintenance of existing and construction of new "water resource facilities" in all new wilderness, national conservation areas, special management areas, and recreation zones designated by the bill "which may be necessary in the future;"
- Prohibit the reservation of any federal water rights for all wilderness, national conservation areas, special management areas, and recreation zones designated by the bill;
- Prohibit permanent road and motorized route closures in all new wilderness, national conservation areas, special management areas, and recreation zones designated by the bill;
- Allow commercial timber harvest inside Forest Service Inventoried Roadless Areas covered by 95,000 acres of lands designated as special management areas;
- Mandate permanent snowmobile use on 95,000 acres of designated special management areas on National Forest System lands on just six inches of snow; and
- Ban any restriction on recreational or target shooting in all wilderness, national conservation areas, special management areas, and recreation zones designated by the bill.

Objectionable Grazing Management Language

We cannot agree to legislative language that would:

- Lock in or increase livestock numbers in all new wilderness, national conservation and special management areas regardless of drought, market conditions, or ecological damage. These conditions are unprecedented in law;
- Allow the use of motorized vehicles in all new wilderness, national conservation areas, and special management areas to "rescue sick animals" or for "the placement of feed." This provision is unprecedented in law;

- Eliminate the species viability requirements of Part 219, 36 CFR as they relate to livestock grazing in all new wilderness, national conservation areas, and special management areas designated by the bill;
- Allow the state of Utah exclusive jurisdiction for predator control in all new wilderness areas, including the use of helicopters for aerial gunning; and
- Give "priority consideration" to data provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture to establish "historic grazing areas, locations or use" in all new wilderness, national conservation areas, and special management areas should a dispute arise among permittees and federal land managers.

These provisions take the "Congressional Grazing Guidelines" (House Reports 96-1126 and 101-405) for wilderness several steps further, and are unprecedented in law.

RS 2477 Rights of Way

We cannot agree to legislative language that would:

- Grant in perpetuity to the State of Utah ownership of RS 2477 road claims (over 9,000 miles in the case of the PLI) with no survey for cultural resource damage, or demonstrated transportation or recreational need;
- Grant ownership of roads to the State of Utah inside national parks and on national forest lands; and
- Allow for litigation to continue on RS 2477 claims in national parks, inside new wilderness and on national forests not granted by legislation.

SITLA Land Exchange

We cannot agree to legislative language that would:

- Exchange state lands out of protected areas on a rough acre-for-acre basis instead of a value-for-value basis;
- Mandate that loss be incurred by the U.S. taxpayer by giving greater acreage of handselected consolidated parcels with far greater mineral value than those exchanged; and
- Establish an unreasonable time limit on a land exchange, such as this draft envisions.

Other Provisions

We cannot agree to legislative language that would:

• Release or hard release millions of acres of deserving wilderness in eastern Utah including the Uinta Mountains, Diamond Mountain, Desolation Canyon, the Book Cliffs,

- Wasatch Plateau, Hatch Point, the La Sal Mountains, the canyons of Elk Ridge, White Canyon, and the San Juan River corridor;
- Disregard the need for protections to and inter-tribal collaborative management of the Bears Ears cultural landscape, instead giving veto power to state and county appointees over management recommendations made by sovereign Native American tribes;
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- Roll back BLM's oil and gas leasing reforms and cancelling Master Leasing Plans for the seven PLI counties;
- Transfer excessive acreage from the United States to counties and the State of Utah and its entities inconsistent with size and use requirements as outlined in the Recreation and Public Purposes Act;
- Mandate the designation (including new construction) of a "Red Rock Country Off-Highway Vehicle Trail" from Moab, UT to Grand Junction, CO, where thousands of miles of designated routes already exist without preparing a NEPA Environmental Impact Statement;
- Grant almost 10,000 acres of BLM lands to the State of Utah to expand Goblin Valley State Park, and require that the BLM cooperatively manage an additional 157,000 acres (including wilderness and NCA lands) jointly with the State of Utah, in part to promote motorized recreation;
- Allow "donation only" for acquisition of private lands inside wilderness, national conservation areas, and special management areas, effectively cancelling the Land and Water Conservation Fund and other purchases of private lands in eastern Utah from willing sellers; and
- Place any limitations on or exemptions from the Antiquities Act, forever barring the ability of a president to designate new national monuments in Utah.

A Path Forward

We sincerely thank you for your consideration of our comments. We have enjoyed working with, and have even formed lasting friendships among your staffs. We believe we can still set a model for how land management issues are resolved in the West, but to do that we must stand down from the agenda and position-driven rhetoric that pervades the language of the draft PLI. Change is incremental, progress is slow, and though new approaches can be meritorious, when we stray too far from established precedent regarding public lands, our chances of success in Congress are greatly diminished.

Far from being merchants of conflict, The Grand Canyon Trust has a solid 30-year track record of collaboration and compromise to reach durable agreements that advance both conservation

and sustainable development. We are Utahns too, deeply rooted in this place, and we truly and earnestly seek genuine resolution that betters the future for all Utahns and all Americans. We are also patient, and we know that the future holds this promise: to progress beyond hyperbole and rancor around public lands so that we can set about making our communities more livable for future generations.

Sincerely,

Bill Hedden

Executive Director

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Just a heads-up that we've just given this to a few reporters who have asked. Happy to talk through how we go to here - let me know if you'd like to. Thanks!

Statement from Jessica Kershaw, Interior Spokeswoman

There's no doubt that southeastern Utah's incredible natural and cultural resources are deserving of real protection and recognition, and we appreciate Congressmen Bishop and Chaffetz's work to lead a conversation on this topic. Given the real risks these resources face, we share a sense of urgency to protect these special places for current and future generations.

It's important that any proposal include meaningful conservation – both in name and practice – and that the land management provisions do not roll back critical stewardship tools and authorities, such as the Antiquities Act. We remain concerned by the assertion from Tribes that their voices are not reflected in this proposal regarding their ancestral lands.

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Sent: Wed Jan 20 2016 13:23:24 GMT-0700 (MST)

To: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Utah PLI Update

FYI

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From: Ferguson, Fred < Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov >

Date: Wed, Jan 20, 2016 at 3:15 PM

Subject: Re: Utah PLI Update

To: "Buffa, Nicole" < nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov >

Cc: "Snider, Casey" < Casey. Snider@mail.house.gov >

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And No surprise, but the tribal coalition opposes the draft. Main concern is what you and I have discussed (tribal council management). Their words are below as an FYI.

The PLI does not elevate the voice of Native Americans as co-equals alongside federal land managers in the management of the Bears Ears NCA. Instead, the PLI offers Tribes only a consultative role in advising on the area's management;

Fred Ferguson

Chief of Staff Rep. Chaffetz (UT-03) 202-631-0560 cell

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Statement from Jessica Kershaw, Interior Spokeswoman

There's no doubt that southeastern Utah's incredible natural and cultural resources are deserving of real protection and recognition, and we appreciate Congressmen Bishop and Chaffetz's work to lead a conversation on this topic. Given the real risks these resources face, we share a sense of urgency to protect these special places for current and future generations.

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Sent: Thu Jan 14 2016 15:38:24 GMT-0700 (MST)

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To: Fred Ferguson < Fred. Ferguson@mail.house.gov >

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Attachments: PLI - Nikki.pdf

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Sent: Mon Jan 04 2016 15:32:07 GMT-0700 (MST)

To: "Neimeyer, Sarah" <sarah neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>

CC: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>,

Nicole Buffa <nikki buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: Re: Bears Ears Comment

Thanks, SN.

On Jan 4, 2016, at 4:43 PM, Neimeyer, Sarah <sarah neimeyer@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

FYI

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From: Ferguson, Fred < Fred. Ferguson@mail.house.gov >

Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2016 at 3:17 PM Subject: Bears Ears Comment

To: Sarah Neimeyer < sarah neimeyer@ios.doi.gov >

Hey Sarah,

It was good speaking with you today. Again, please keep us posted on Oregon.

For background purposes only, I wanted to share a statement that we've sent to various outlets in response to news that the Bears Ears Coalition has pulled out of the PLI. The letter referenced was received on Dec. 31 (b) (6) It was obviously very frustrating to receive this letter over the holiday and (b) (6)

I'd also like to share this with Stephenne. So if you could, please share her email when you can. Please pass along to Tommy or others that should see this email.

Finally, Rob has made edits to PLI Draft #9. I'm told this should be final. I'm hoping to have a proposal in the coming days to begin sharing. Stand by.

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Eric Descheenie <ericdescheenie@navajo-nsn.gov>

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Sent: Wed Aug 05 2015 16:00:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)

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From: "Natasha K. Hale" <njohnson@grandcanyontrust.org>

Sent: Wed Aug 05 2015 16:02:34 GMT-0600 (MDT) **To:** "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Bears Ears Inter Tribal Coalition Letter to Utah

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Let me know how I can be helpful.

Best,

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Natasha Kaye Hale, Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition Executive Staff Assistant

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Fwd: Bears Ears Coalition Letter

Attachments:

1273. Fwd: Bears Ears Coalition Letter/1.1 Ltr to Congressman Bishop 5-5-15.pdf

Gavin Noyes <gavin@xmission.com>

From: Gavin Noyes <gavin@xmission.com>

 Sent:
 Wed May 06 2015 10:13:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)

 To:
 "Buffa, Nicole" <Nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Bears Ears Coalition Letter

Attachments: Ltr to Congressman Bishop 5-5-15.pdf

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Subject: Bears Ears Coalition Letter Date: May 6, 2015 at 10:02:33 AM MDT

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Cc: Willie Grayeyes (b) (6)

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Sent: Wed May 06 2015 17:45:53 GMT-0600 (MDT)

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Utah Diné BikéyahMay 5, 2015

Hon. Rob Bishop Hon. Jason Chaffetz U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Bishop and Chaffetz:

Thank you for working to bring stakeholders together on public land legislation for eastern Utah. As you know, tribes, archaeologists, conservationists, recreationists, historic preservationists, and local and national citizens have previously proposed a variety of conservation plans for the Bears Ears cultural landscape in southeastern Utah. Several groups are now working together as the Bears Ears Coalition to advance one proposal to safeguard cultural resources in San Juan County.

The Bears Ears Coalition, made up of <u>Utah Diné Bikéyah</u> (in partnership with the Navajo Nation), <u>Conservation Lands Foundation</u>, <u>Crow Canyon Archaeological Center</u>, <u>Friends of Cedar Mesa</u>, <u>Grand Canyon Trust</u>, and the <u>National Trust for Historic Preservation</u>, have jointly proposed a National Conservation Area or National Monument for the region. While many of these organizations had individual conservation proposals in the past, we have united around a common vision that we hope you will help us implement. Details of the proposal are included on the coalition's website (<u>www.protectbearsears.org</u>). Native American Tribes in the southwest have been engaged in these discussions over the years and while we cannot speak for their specific desires; the intention of this coalition is to support Tribes in seeing this region protected as a National Conservation Area or National Monument.

In addition to 24 Tribal governments, the overwhelming majority of citizens in San Juan County, Utah who provided official comments to county leaders formally supported the designation of one or more large-scale National Conservation Area(s) on public lands.

To date, we have not seen any formal legislative maps or legislative language regarding the conservation measures in your proposed legislation. We eagerly await this information and feel that it is appropriate that we share with you the criteria we will be using to evaluate whether or not the legislation adequately achieves our collective conservation objectives in the region:

1) **The Boundaries** of the Bears Ears National Conservation Area/National Monument - Does the legislation provide landscape-scale protection, ensure holistic management, and safeguard enough of the areas containing nationally significant sacred, historic, archeological, recreational, ecological and scenic resources? Does the proposal protect

areas deserving of Wilderness designation, including areas outside of current Wilderness Study Area boundaries, and units outside the Bears Ears NCA boundary?

- 2) **Management Language** of the National Conservation Area/National Monument. Does the legislation include management language that a) elevates the role of Native American tribes in management and interpretation of the area; b) defines the purposes of the National Conservation Area to make conservation of the cultural and natural resources of the area the overarching objective; c) withdraw the area from disposal, new energy/mineral leases, and transmission lines; d) limit vehicles to roads and trails designated for their use, with an appropriate road network that ensures access while not undermining conservation; e) prohibit uses inconsistent with conservation; f) maintains access for tribal visitation of sacred sites, firewood and herb gathering, hunting and other traditional uses?
- 3) **Respect for Fundamental Conservation Laws** The legislation should not include provisions that weaken or set new precedents for our nation's bedrock conservation laws such as: limitations on the Antiquities Act, weakening of the Wilderness Act or longestablished precedents in wilderness designations and management, or provisions that would weaken the National Environmental Policy Act.
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The Bears Ears coalition is hopeful that a strong conservation proposal will be introduced soon. We look forward to continuing to work with you, other stakeholders and the Obama Administration to protect this magnificent and threatened landscape.

Sincerely,

Willie Grayeyes, Board Chair

On Behalf of Utah Diné Bikéyah and the Bears Ears Coalition

cc: Hon. Gary Herbert, Hon. Orrin Hatch, Hon. Mike Lee, Hon. Sally Jewell, Hon. Tom Vilsack

Fwd: Public Lands Initiative

Attachments:

1274. Fwd: Public Lands Initiative/1.1 UDB to Congressman Bishop 2-23-

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Dine Bikeyah <utahdinebikeyah@gmail.com>

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Sent: Tue Feb 24 2015 09:46:33 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <Nicole buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Public Lands Initiative

Attachments: UDB to Congressman Bishop 2-23-15Final.pdf

Hi Nikki,

The below letter and email was sent to Congressman Bishop yesterday that describes our current request for participation in the Public Lands Initiative. Other updates are that we are having good success in securing support from other Tribes in the region. An official Ute Mtn Ute representative joined our organization's Board of Director's last week (incidentally I hear all of the Utes and San Juan County Commissioner Benally are all in DC this week). Additionally, the Hualapai Tribe passed a resolution of support two weeks ago and we are hosting a field trip and scenic over-flight on April 10-11th for Tribal officials throughout the region.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions. Sincerely,

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From: Dine Bikeyah <utahdinebikeyah@gmail.com>

Subject: Public Lands Initiative

Date: February 23, 2015 at 2:04:43 PM MST

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Cc: Willie Grayeyes (6) (6) , Mark Maryboy

<mmaryboy1@gmail.com>

Dear Fred and Casey,

Please find a letter attached below from Willie Grayeyes regarding the Public Lands Initiative. We would like to set up a meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss the Bear's Ears proposal and understand the timeline for providing additional proposal details to your office.

Thanks for all your work on this important initiative and please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Sincerely,

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Utah Diné Bikéyah February 23, 2015

The Honorable Rob Bishop United States House of Representatives 123 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Bear's Ears Proposal and Public Lands Initiative

Dear Congressman Bishop,

On February 12th, President Shelley of the Navajo Nation asked Governor Herbert for support in advancing the Bear's Ears proposal during the Native American caucus in Salt Lake City. The governor's advice was to get our proposal to you and Congressman Chaffetz as soon as possible.

As you are aware, planning around the Public Lands Initiative has been moving at a fast pace in San Juan County for the past several weeks. Based on recommendations of your staff, Utah Diné Bikéyah (UDB) has been trying in earnest to re-engage with the San Juan County Commission and understand the path forward for advancing the Navajo proposal through these channels. This process remains uncertain. The Navajo Nation and UDB's main concerns at this point are that we still have no clarity on the path forward despite a rapidly approaching deadline of March 27th. We still have no understanding of the level of support we have from Commissioners for the Bear's Ears proposal, nor do we know when they might take a position. As a result, we would like to work directly with your office to ensure that Navajo needs are understood and included in the draft map and legislation you are preparing.

Toward this goal we want to meet to discuss key elements of the Navajo proposal and provide you details that are currently under development.

Items we are prepared to discuss now and deliver to you in the coming weeks include:

- 1) Draft Collaborative Management legislative language
- 2) Definition of "Nahodishgish" and Wilderness recommendation boundaries within NCA
- 3) Amendment of the NCA boundary to accommodate Ute Mtn Ute Tribe request in Cottonwood Wash

Thank you for your consideration of the Bear's Ears proposal and please let us know when you are available to meet.

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Willie Grayeyes

Chairman, Utah Dine Bikeyah

Cc: Congressman Jason Chaffetz, Senator Orrin Hatch, Senator Mike Lee, Secretary Sally Jewell, and Governor Gary Herbert

Invitation: Call with Fred Ferguson @ Thu Aug 7, 2014 3:30pm - 3:45pm (Nicole Buffa)

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When Thu Aug 7, 2014 3:30pm – 3:45pm Eastern Time

Where Mr. Ferguson to call Nikki at (202) 219-3861 (map)

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· fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov

Going? Yes - Maybe - No more options »

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From: Marcia Argust <margust@pewtrusts.org>

Sent: Tue Aug 05 2014 08:54:29 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Sent: Tue Aug 05 2014 09:41:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: Marcia Argust <margust@pewtrusts.org>

cc: fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov, Gisella Ojeda-dodds

<gisella ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: RE: email introduction with Rep. Chaffetz chief of staff

Thanks for the e-introduction, Marcia! Hi Fred - It would be great to talk with you and catch-up on a few things. Maybe Gisella can set-up some time for us to talk by phone? All my best, Nikki -----Original Message----- From: Marcia Argust [mailto:margust@pewtrusts.org] Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 10:54 AM To: nicole buffa@ios.doi.gov Cc: fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov; Ojeda-dodds, Gisella (gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov) Subject: email introduction with Rep. Chaffetz chief of staff Nikki- Following up on our meeting last week regarding several issues, including the Eastern Utah Public Lands Initiative being led by Reps. Bishop and Chaffetz, I thought it would be a good idea to connect you to Fred Ferguson, Rep. Chaffetz's new Chief of Staff. Fred comes to Rep. Chaffetz' staff from Rep. Bishop's office, where he started the groundwork on the Public Lands Initiative almost two years ago. He's since kept an amazingly diverse group of stakeholders together (including groups that have often litigated against one another) through open communication and bold land protection and development ideas. A collaborative the size and scope of the Utah effort has inherent risks, but Pew feels Reps. Chaffetz and Bishop, their staff, and Governor Herbert's office are operating sincerely and in good faith. As the Public Lands Initiative moves closer to draft legislation this Fall, I hope you two will be able to get together soon. Thanks to you both for bearing with a cyber-introduction! marcia Marcia Argust U.S. Public Lands Program, Pew Charitable Trusts 202-329-0793 901 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004 www.pewtrusts.org

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From: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" < gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>

Sent: Tue Aug 05 2014 10:58:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: Marcia Argust <margust@pewtrusts.org>,

fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov

BCC: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: email introduction with Rep. Chaffetz chief of staff

Good Afternoon,

Nikki is available tomorrow at 9:30AM, 10:00AM or 10:30AM if you are available then? I would be happy to send out the invite with the call-in information.

Sincerely,

Gisella

On Tue, Aug 5, 2014 at 11:41 AM, Nicole Buffa < <u>nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov</u>> wrote: Thanks for the e-introduction, Marcia!

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An unbearable solution

Janet Wilcox <42janetkw@gmail.com>

From: Janet Wilcox <42janetkw@gmail.com>

Sent: Fri Dec 09 2016 13:03:23 GMT-0700 (MST)

To: <nkornze@blm.gov>

Subject: An unbearable solution

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Bears Ears Monument

Liz Adams (b) (6)

From: Liz Adams (b) (6)

Sent: Thu Dec 08 2016 15:19:09 GMT-0700 (MST)

To: <nkornze@blm.gov>
Subject: Bears Ears Monument

Dear Mr. Kornze,

This was written by a friend, but I agree wholeheartedly!! Couldn't have said it any better. Please read and try to understand our position here in San Juan County concerning the proposed Bears Ears Monument. I am in STRONG opposition to our whole county being locked up as a monument.

"Said I, in response to someone who asked what better use would I propose for the land, if not a national monument (regarding the proposed Bears Ears National Monument):

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Fwd: Bears Ears National Monument Proposal

Jeremy Lyman (b) (6)

From: Jeremy Lyman (b) (6)

Sent: Thu Dec 08 2016 11:50:45 GMT-0700 (MST)

To: undisclosed-recipients;

Subject: Fwd: Bears Ears National Monument Proposal

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For more detailed information see:

http://sanjuancounty.org/documents/Advisability%20of%20Designating%20the%20Bears%20Ears.pdf

Best Regards,

Jeremy Lyman Blanding (San Juan County), Utah

Bears Ears brokerage ill designed

Janet Wilcox <42janetkw@gmail.com>

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Sent: Thu Dec 08 2016 10:17:08 GMT-0700 (MST)

To: <nkornze@blm.gov>

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Copy of letter sent to Mike Matz:

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Kornze, Neil <nkornze@blm.gov>

No Bears Ears Monument

1 message

Ted Powell (b) (6)

Fri, Dec 2, 2016 at 9:05 AM

To: "Director@blm.gov" < Director@blm.gov>, "nkornze@blm.gov" < nkornze@blm.gov>

Dear Mr. Kornze:

I will keep it simple and short. Please do not support making Bear Ears in San Juan County Utah a national monument. 1) A large group of Native Americans do not more restrictions placed on the Bears Ears area. 2) Many of the Environmentalist that want Bear Ears to become a monument don't even live in the area, and only want it because they are environmentalist, no other reason they care nothing about the people that live and work here. They just want to control all public lands rather it is good for the country or not. 3) Making Bears Ears a monument will kill the second largest industry in San Juan County Utah, killing the cattle industry will put a lot of people out of work. 4) The existing National Parks and National Monuments have over 11 billion dollars in deferred maintenance expenses they will have to come up with to repair the parks and monuments, I am guessing using US tax dollars to pay for the deferred maintenance, adding 1.9 million acres will only add to the expenses that parks and monument can't pay for now. 5) Making Bears Ears a monument will kill San Juan County and the towns in San Juan County. Take a look what Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument has done to Garfield County. It has killed jobs, people out of work had to leave Garfield County, the high school that once had 160 kids now only has around 50 kids in it. I even had an environmentalist tell me he would love to live in Garfield County but he could not find a job.

Please do not support making Bears Ears a National Monument, Please ask President not to make Bear Ears a monument, please tell President Obama people that live in San Juan County do not want the proposed Bear Ears monument.

Thank you,

Ted Powell





Kornze, Neil <nkornze@blm.gov>

Bears Ears

1 message

Liz Adams (b) (6)
To: "nkornze@blm.gov" <nkornze@blm.gov>

Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 2:14 PM

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter because I am opposed to the Bears Ears monument proposal and we need your help. My ancestors settled in this area as some of the first pioneers over 120 years ago. I have lived here for over 50 years and never have I been so worried about the future of my beloved home. As near as I can tell, supporters of this monument are supporting it to protect Anasazi ruins and sacred Native American sites found here. They have promised that in doing so they will not take away our ability to camp, hunt, gather wood, etc. and that the monument will actually help our economy grow because of tourism. I do not believe any of these outcomes will happen.

First, by developing roads and trails to see these ruins, and bringing the area to the attention of thousands of more visitors, the potential for vandalism will increase exponentially. As we have seen with other National Parks around our State, it is simply impossible to police these sites with that many visitors. The only option, and I do not think it would work because of the immense size of the area, is to close them down. That would be defeating the purpose of public lands. Everyone would like to see these sites preserved and protected. There are already very strict laws regarding damaging sites or taking artifacts. The incidences of vandalism have decreased dramatically with the enforcement of these laws. They are working.

Another concern I have is the scope and breadth of this proposal. To my knowledge, there are not many, if any, ruins on the Abajo mountain. I am also not aware of any significant sacred sites there. So why has it been included into this proposal? I can only assume because they want to completely connect all of the national parks. Do they realize that the watershed for two communities is on this mountain? There is a tunnel, reservoirs, and canals. We simply won't survive here if this is compromised in any way. There are no other sources of water. We are fasting and praying for water about every 3-5 years. I don't believe our town could even handle much more growth with the water situation we have. How are we going to handle an influx of tourists?

Many people, including Native Americans, use these mountains for gathering wood as their only source of heat. They gather pinion nuts to sell, herbs and plants for ceremonies, graze their cattle and depend upon the deer and elk for meat in the winter. This has not changed much for hundreds of years. If this proposal goes through, many of these activities will either be slowly phased out, confined to just a few designated areas that will not be sufficient, or will cost too much for many to afford.

1/6/2017

Please!! Do not let this monument change our very lives. Please! Consider the Public Land Initiative that our county was involved in drafting. We are a poor county, and while others merely want to come and visit, we are the ones that will be here every day, trying to make a living without resources available and only low-paying seasonal jobs. A few will get wealthy and most will struggle to make ends meet or ever own a home. I have seen it happen to other communities such as Escalante and Moab. This will affect our economy, our schools, our way of life, and our very existence!! We are all pulling together: Navajo, Ute, Anglo, and Latino in trying to preserve a way of life that has brought and kept us here in San Juan County. Please be our voice and help us to be heard! Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/. Liz Adams

Fwd: NYT (Editorial): Monuments Man

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Monuments Man

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When historians get around to measuring President Obama's record of protecting America's public lands from commercial development — its national monuments, parks, forests, wilderness and wildlife refuges — they are likely to rank him high on a list of luminaries that includes both Roosevelts, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. What makes this all the more remarkable is that Mr. Obama came to office as a Chicago urbanite with no obvious passion for environmental stewardship, had no help from Congress and, for his first four years, made little use of his executive authority to protect the federal estate from commercial encroachment. Indeed, his second inaugural address said a great deal about using those lands to produce energy and very little about conservation.

But somewhere along the line, as happened to President Clinton before him, came an epiphany — inspired by conservation-minded members of his White House staff, by past and present secretaries of the interior, and by the liberating knowledge that he was in his final term. The result has been an impressive four-year run of initiatives that have aroused howls about a federal "land grab" from his Republican critics while assuring him of a lofty perch in the environmental pantheon.

The latest of these was his designation on Wednesday of two new national monuments. Both were ardently sought by conservationists but just as ardently opposed by some elected Republicans. The areas in question are mixed-use federal lands that will now receive an extra layer of protection from commercial uses. One monument will protect 1.35 million acres surrounding two distinctive geological formations known as the Bears Ears Buttes, in southeastern Utah, encompassing stunning red-rock landscapes and many Native American sites of incomparable sacred and archaeological importance. A first-of-its-kind tribal commission will be a co-manager of the monument. The other monument will protect nearly 300,000 acres northeast of Las Vegas. It includes critical wildlife habitat and significant cultural

resources.

Mr. Obama acted in both cases under the authority of the Antiquities Act, first used by Theodore Roosevelt in 1906. It allows a president to unilaterally protect areas of great natural or historical value when Congress is unlikely to do so. He has now invoked the act 29 times to create or expand national monuments, resulting in protections for 553 million acres of federal lands and waters — more than any other president, and a good bit of it coming from a fourfold expansion of a huge marine monument off the coast of Hawaii that was first designated by President George W. Bush.

Combined with the Interior Department's efforts to protect sensitive lands from mining and drilling and to preserve areas of Western habitat for threatened species like the sage grouse, Mr. Obama's aggressive environmental record has found few admirers in the oil and gas industry and its numerous Republican friends in Congress.

The Antiquities Act does not explicitly give a new president — Donald Trump, in this case — the authority to overturn a monument designation; legal experts say the matter has not been tested in court. But Congress could cause trouble going forward. One particularly aggrieved member of Congress is Rob Bishop of Utah, the powerful head of the House Natural Resources Committee. Mr. Bishop, who objected strongly to the Bears Ears designation, had earlier engineered House approval of a bill that would have stripped Mr. Obama and any future president of the unilateral authority to create monuments. That bill is certain to resurface in the new Congress, which makes us doubly grateful that Mr. Obama acted when he did.

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