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February 8, 2017

Information Sheet: Bears Ears National Monument, UT-SHPO and the National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106

This package of briefing materials and maps are provided as a factual summary of the archaeological content of the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM). Anticipating a data request in 2016, the UT-SHPO compiled this information during May and June of 2016. As the statewide repository for all archaeological information, the Utah State Historic Preservation Office (UT-SHPO) has the most complete dataset in the state.

UT-SHPO **plays no** role in the designation of National Monuments, **nor does the UT-SHPO take any position on undertakings (land exchanges, road closures, etc.) from an advocacy position**.
Designation of a National Monument by the President of the United States does not specifically warrant a review by the UT-SHPO, as it is largely a land designation of existing federal lands. In this situation the role of UT-SHPO is to **provide advice and guidance**, if requested, to any party in regards to the cultural compliance process and aggregate archaeological and historic building data.

UT-SHPO has records of over **9,000 known archaeological sites and historic buildings** within Bear's Ears National Monument (BENM), many of which are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. There are over 35,000 known archaeological sites within San Juan County as a whole.

This statement and the numbers above **do not directly address or document Native American cultural values**, sites, or sacred landscapes, unless they have a spatially limited physical character that meets the definition of an archaeological site. Sacred and spiritually-related places typically do not fall under the umbrella of review for the UT-SHPO. The number of these types of places and landscapes are undetermined at present.

If there are specific undertakings, then the UT-SHPO would be **consulted by the responsible federal agency on those specific actions** and their effects on cultural resources. The government agency is responsible for fulfilling the applicable cultural resource laws.

Larger public lands issues and debates are **outside the purview of the UT-SHPO**, which is bound by federal and state statute to focus primarily on advising and assisting agencies with their cultural compliance requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Utah Code Annotated 9-8-404.

This information **will be available upon request** as it is public record, with the exception of archaeological site locations, which is protected under federal and state statute.

UT-SHPO provides guidance, advice, and reviews for agencies while also providing the most complete cultural resource data in the state.

Please contact me at 801-245-7248 or by email at bradwestwood@utah.gov if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

P. Bradford Westwood
State Historic Preservation Officer

An Archaeological Perspective on the Bears Ears National Monument

Antiquities Section

February 8, 2017

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The Utah Division of State History's Antiquities Section is the clearinghouse for all archaeological site information in the State of Utah, with the exception of the Navajo Nation and White Mesa Ute. It is hoped that the attached maps and the accompanying captions (below), will provide a basic non-partisan description of archaeological resources in the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM). As a reference, "archaeological sites" are defined as concentrations of cultural material (artifacts) that are over 50 years old, and "inventories" is defined as acreage walked by professional archaeologists. Each of the captions below corresponds directly to the accompanying maps that can be provided in hard copy upon request.

Archaeological Inventory in BENM: Shows areas inventoried for archaeological resources since the 1930s overlain on the proposed BENM. From our data it appears that 8% of Bears Ears has been inventoried previously.

Known Archaeological Sites in BENM: Number and generalized location of archaeological sites within San Juan County and the proposed BENM. There are 8,480 known archaeological sites that fall within the Bears Ears boundary, versus 25,734 county-wide. The overwhelming majority of all sites in the county and BENM are prehistoric (>70%), pre-dating the 1800s.

Archaeological Site Density in BENM: Map shows the archaeological site density in the proposed BENM, with bright reds and oranges showing the densest site accumulations, measured on a 1km grid scale. Dark grey areas are surveyed without finding archaeological sites, and light grey areas have not been surveyed at all.

Comparison of PLI, Original BENM Proposal, and Final BENM: Map shows the three proposals for Bears Ears in San Juan County overlain with known archaeological sites. At the bottom are the number of archaeological sites encompassed within each proposal or final BENM versus the overall number of archaeological sites.

For more information:

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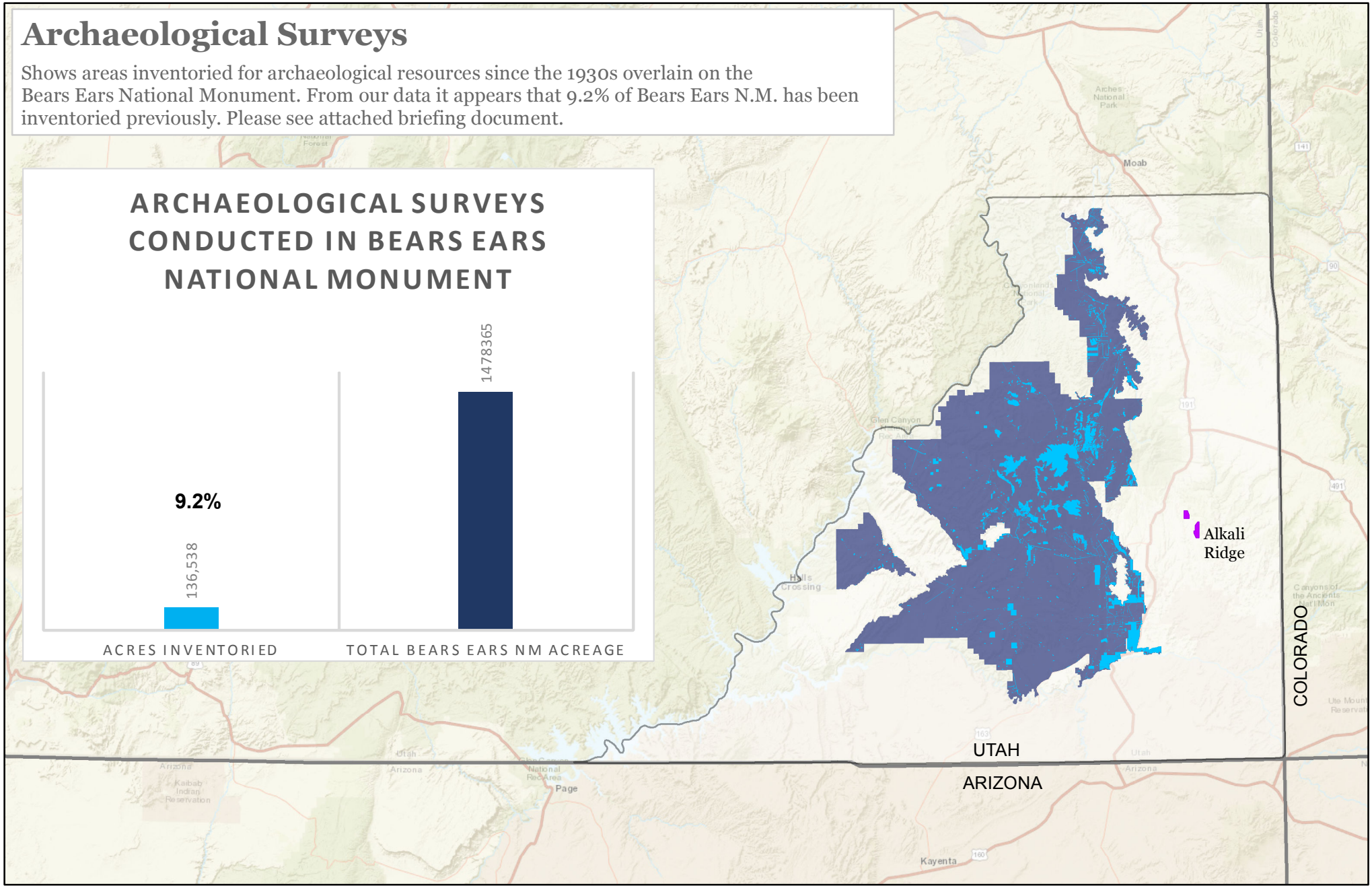
- Christina Epperson, GIS Analyst (christinaepperson@utah.gov)

Archaeological Surveys

Shows areas inventoried for archaeological resources since the 1930s overlain on the Bears Ears National Monument. From our data it appears that 9.2% of Bears Ears N.M. has been inventoried previously. Please see attached briefing document.



Archaeological Surveyed Sites
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National Historic Landmarks
San Juan County

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Please note: Boundary depiction and calculations are approximate. Total acreage encompasses everything within boundary including state, federal and private lands.

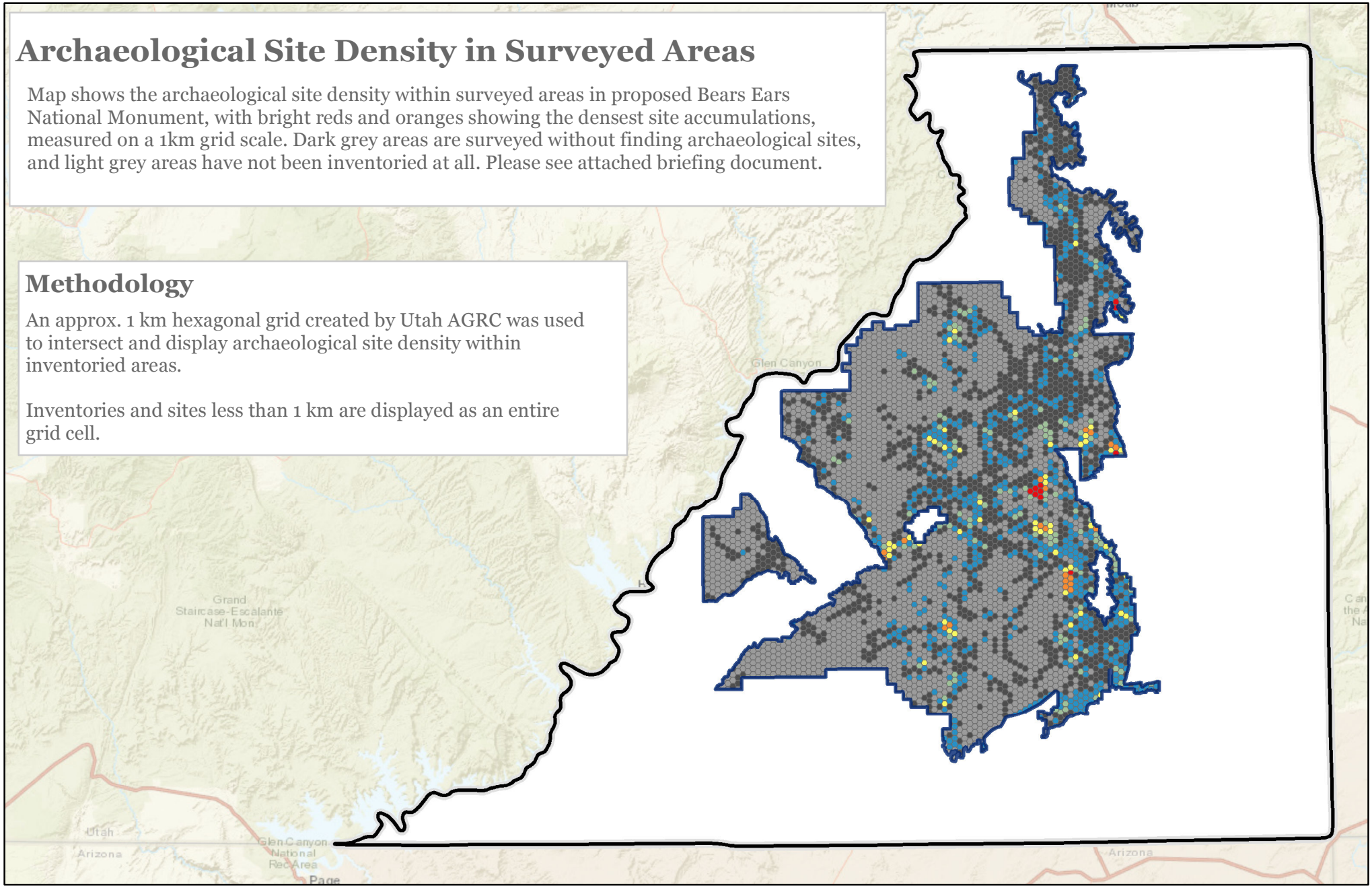
Archaeological Site Density in Surveyed Areas

Map shows the archaeological site density within surveyed areas in proposed Bears Ears National Monument, with bright reds and oranges showing the densest site accumulations, measured on a 1km grid scale. Dark grey areas are surveyed without finding archaeological sites, and light grey areas have not been inventoried at all. Please see attached briefing document.

Methodology

An approx. 1 km hexagonal grid created by Utah AGRC was used to intersect and display archaeological site density within inventoried areas.

Inventories and sites less than 1 km are displayed as an entire grid cell.



Archaeological Site Density per Survey Area

- Area Inventoried - no sites documented
- Area Not Inventoried
- 1 - 4
- 5 - 10
- 11 - 20
- 21 - 36
- 37 - 71
- Bears Ears National Monument
- San Juan County

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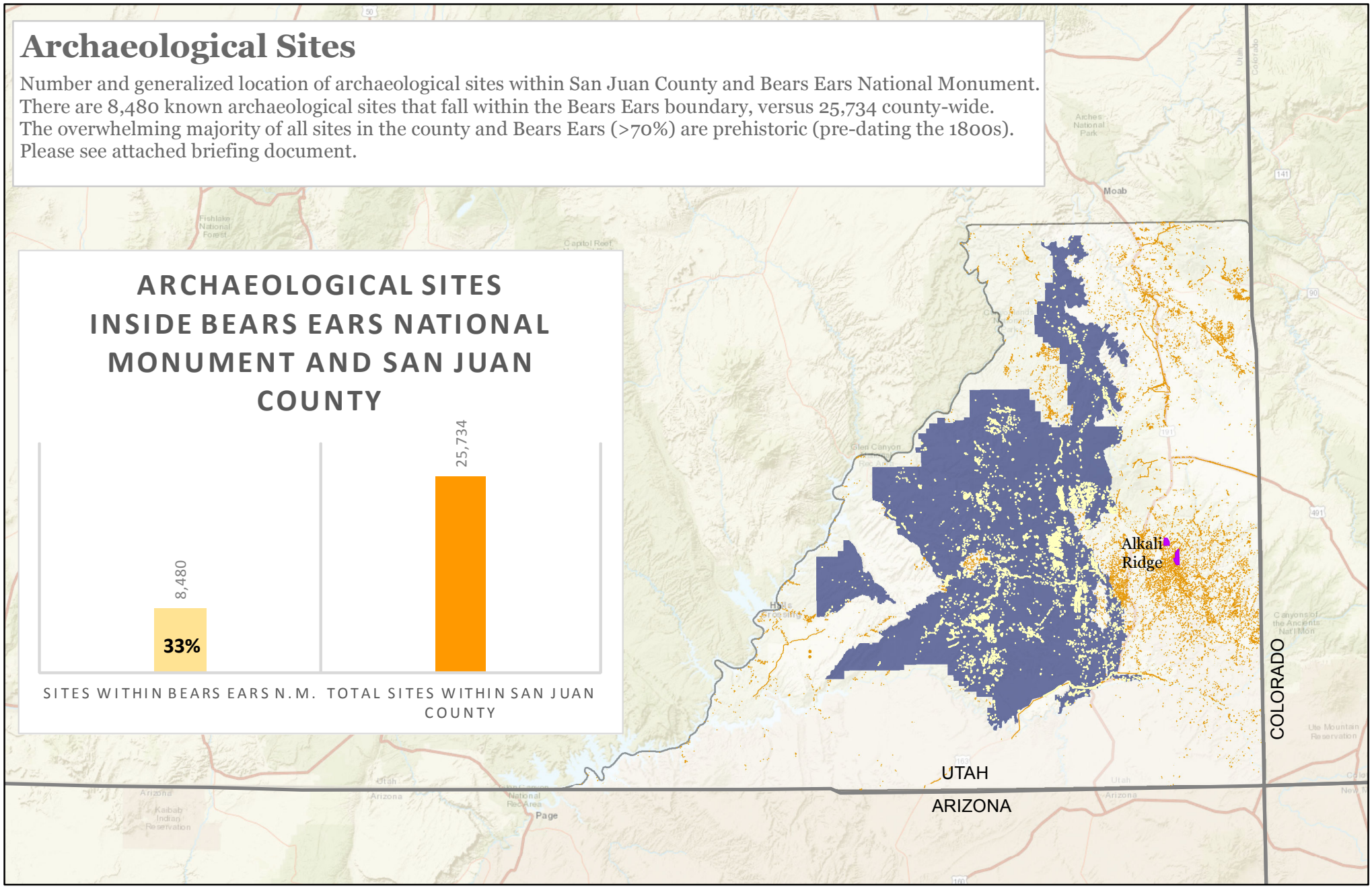

Archaeological Sites in Bears Ears N.M.

Archaeological Sites in San Juan County

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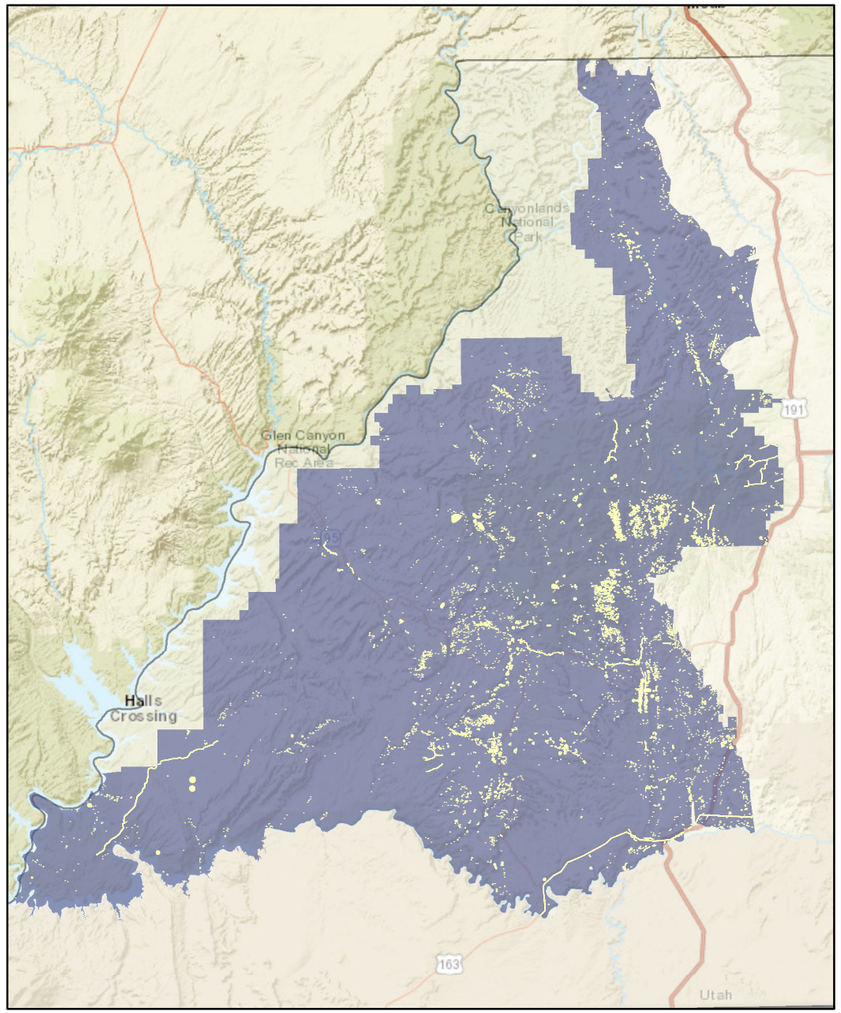
Comparison of Archaeological Sites



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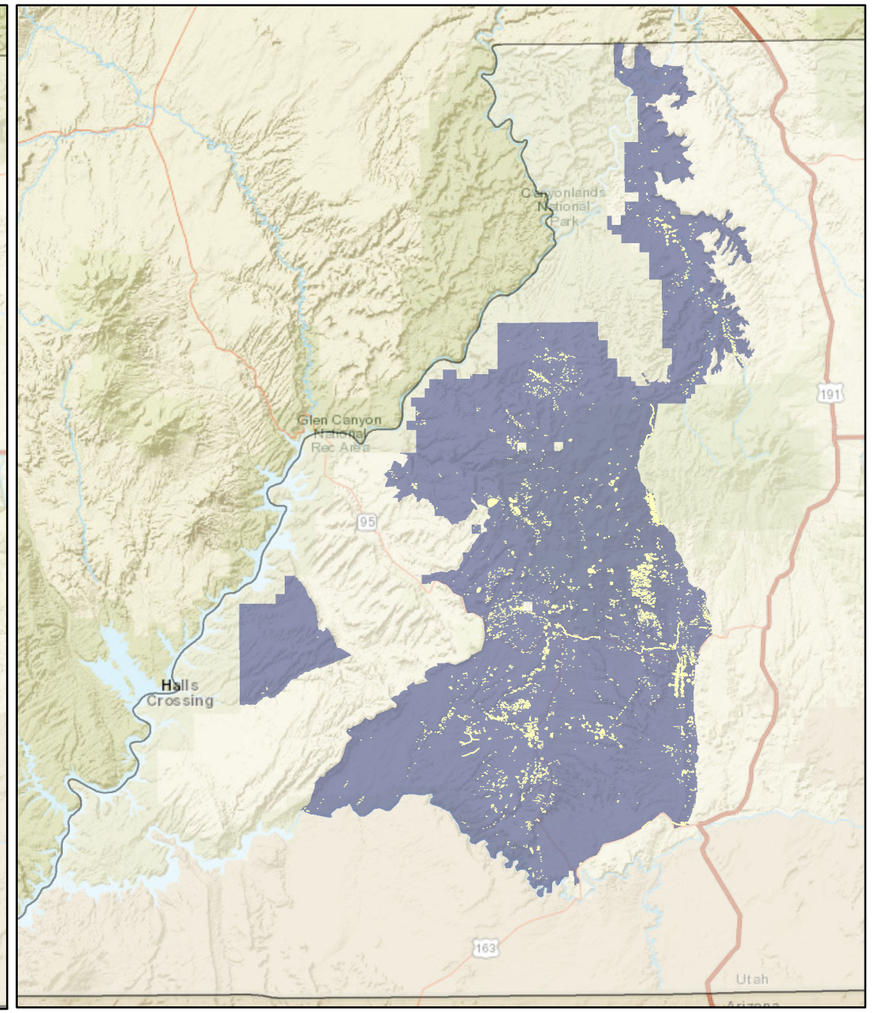

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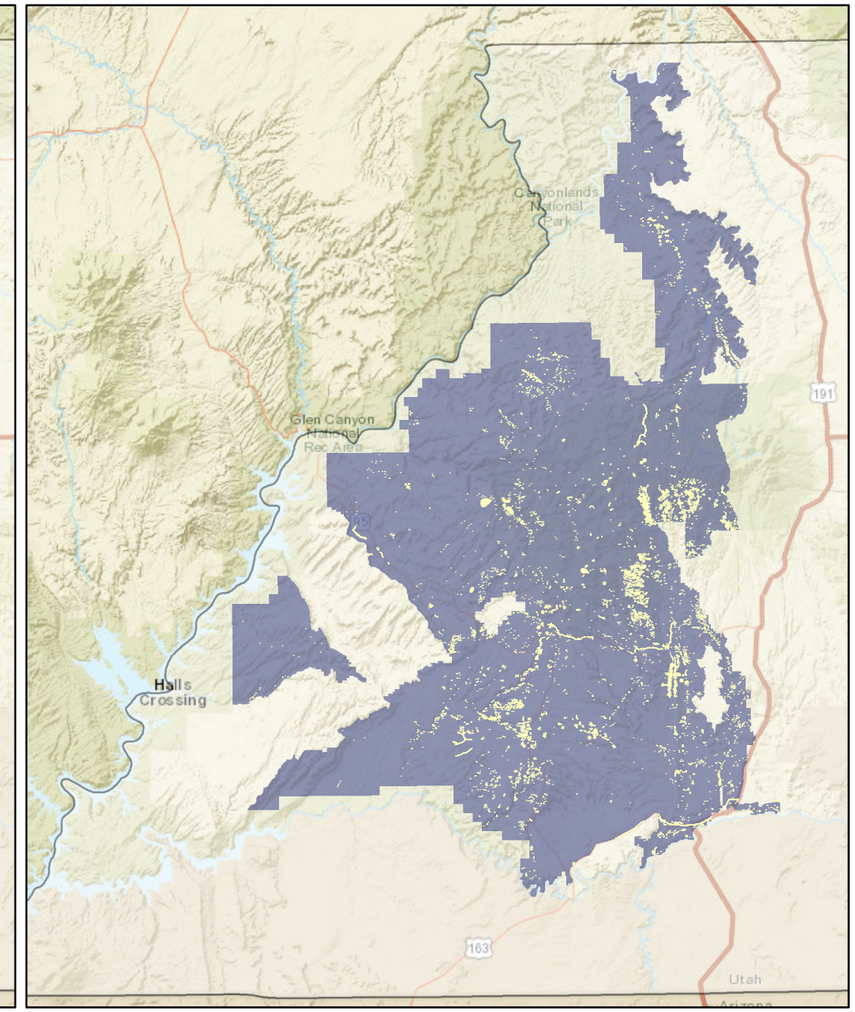

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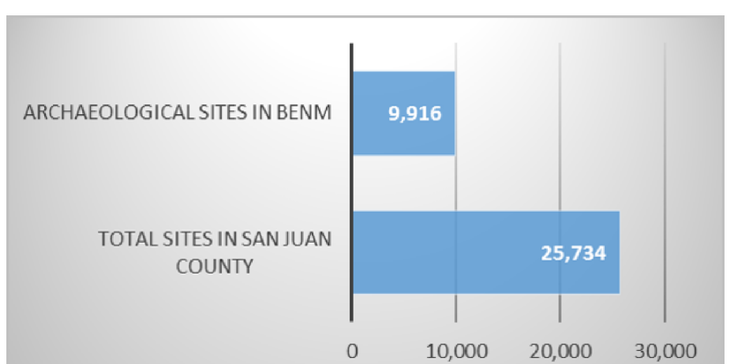

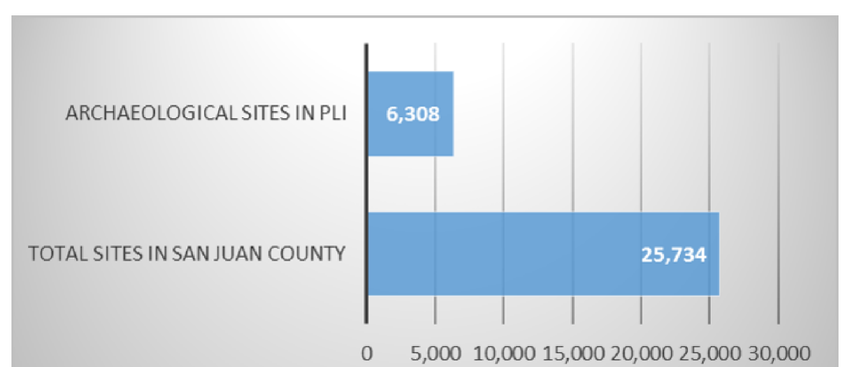

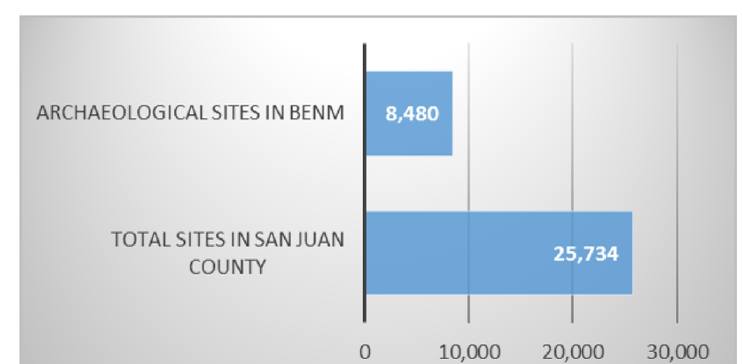

March 17, 2017

Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Department of the Interior
1849 C. Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Honorable Michael Scuse
Acting Secretary of the Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Zinke and Acting Secretary Scuse,

This letter is to inform you that the Bears Ears Commission, which was established in President Obama's Bears Ears National Monument Proclamation, is now fully constituted. The elected Commissioners from the five sovereign Native American Tribes are : Alfred Lomahquahu - the Hopi Nation, Davis Filfred and James Adakai - the Navajo Nation, Terry Knight - the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Shaun Chapoose - the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, and Carleton Bowekaty - the Zuni Tribe. We urge you to meet with the Commission members as soon as possible, and there will be a good opportunity will when Secretary Zinke makes his first visit to Utah as Secretary. This letter sets forth the reasons that such meeting would be beneficial as soon as possible.

Our five Tribes were the driving force in the effort to create the Bears Ears National Monument. Our people were forcibly removed from the Bears Ears area in the mid-1800s but we have always continued to return to this cultural landscape for ceremonies, hunting, gathering of herbs and medicines, and other purposes. Then, beginning in 2010, we turned to formal protection. We conducted a tremendous amount of research into the scientific, historic, and cultural values of the region. Based on that research, we developed boundaries for a protected area. Then, in October 2015, we submitted a comprehensive, formal proposal for protection as a national monument or other designated area and took the lead in meetings with the Obama Administration and the Utah Delegation. This was the first time in history that American Indian Tribes had ever petitioned for a national monument or other such designation. Making the monument a reality required long and hard work by a large number of Indian people, especially our tribal leaders and traditional practitioners.

The purpose of the Proclamation is to honor the Tribes, both historic and contemporary, the land, and the relationship between the Tribes and the land. The proclamation, in many places, emphasizes the importance of incorporating tribal traditional knowledge into all aspects of monument management. To be certain that the Tribes are fully represented in managing the new monument, the Proclamation calls for a regime of collaborative management between the tribes and the federal agencies. Our Commission was established "to *ensure* that management decisions affecting the monument reflect tribal expertise and historical knowledge." (emphasis added).

Among other provisions, your two agencies are directed to “partner" with the Commission, to “meaningfully engage” the Commission in monument management, to “carefully and fully consider" recommendations of the Commission, and to conduct “meaningful engagement" with the Commission. All of these provisions are now fully in force as federal law.

Now that our Commission has been fully constituted, we are most anxious to meet with agency officials in the field and, as mentioned, Secretary Zinke during his Utah visit. These will be opportunities to begin discussions on fulfilling the promise of this historic opportunity to create a unique and highly productive system of collaborative management.

We have heard reports that the Trump Administration may be considering actions to reduce the size of the monument or to eliminate it entirely. If that is correct, we would consider it essential that we are able to have full discussions with you about those possibilities. Of course, from our standpoint, any such actions would be absolute tragedies in terms of impacts on our people today and the eternal values and traditions of our many generations of ancestors. Needless to say, if such actions are not being considered, than the meetings would be extraordinarily productive in terms of starting to put in place a system of collaborative management that would make this monument one of the brightest stars in America's public land system.

We invite you to meet with the Commission when you visit Utah in March so that we may discuss the Bears Ears National Monument, its importance to our Nations, and our management priorities with you. Please contact Commission member Carleton Bowekaty at (505) 879-2826 or Carleton.Bowekaty@ashiwi.org to arrange this meeting.

Respectfully,

Alfred Lomahquahu
Bears Ears Commission Interim Co-Chair

Carleton Bowekaty
Bears Ears Commission Interim Co-Chair

Cc: Ed Roberson, State Director – Utah, Bureau of Land Management
Nora Rasure, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service
Tyler Ashcroft, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management
Michael Diem, Moab/Monticello District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service

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45 days: (June 10) Interim report summarizing the findings of the review with respect to Bears Ears National Monument and such other designations as appropriate. Shall include recommendations for such Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions consistent with law as the Secretary may consider appropriate.

120 days: (Aug 24) Final report shall include recommendations for such Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions consistent with law as the Secretary may consider appropriate.

Considerations

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Outdoor Industry Roundtable

Top Line Points:

There are 13 units of National Parks, National Historic Trails, National Monuments and National Historic Sites in Utah.

These sites attract visitors to hike, camp, explore, and participate in world-class hunting opportunities.

We have to recognize that recreation visitors have increased over the last 16 years in the Grand Staircase and the area around Bears Ears.

So with this in mind, throughout this review period as we get back on track to manage our federal lands in accordance with multiple use, we are going to look at opportunities for expanded recreational and sportsmen access.

Land use planning should always include public input, and we hope to restore that process by giving locals a voice with this review.

Background Data:

There are 13 units of National Parks, National Historic Trails, National Monuments and National Historic Sites in Utah.

In 2016, there were 13,988,000 visitors to National Park units in Utah, which supported $1.1 billion in spending.

The Monticello Field Office, which is right next to Bears Ears, estimates 418,684 recreational visitors to BLM lands in the Monticello footprint in FY16. This is up from 180,233 in FY00.

Total estimated recreational visitors to Grand Staircase in FY16 was 926,236, up from 568,214 in FY00.

Sportsmen activities:

The combined 3.2 Million acres of both Bears Ears and the Grand Staricase are home to deer, elk, pronghorn, desert bighorn sheep, antelope, cougar, mountain lion, black bear, and turkey.

Around 51,007 hunters apply for permits in these areas, and it generates around $29 Million in direct conservation funding and economic activity.

BLM partnered with the Utah DWR to re-introduce pronghorn, bighorn, and wild turkey within the Grand Staircase.

More than $1 Million of private sportsmen funds have invested in the last ten years to grow and expand these herds.

Secretary Ryan Zinke Field Visit to Utah
Sunday, May 7, 2017 to Tuesday, May 9, 2017

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Monday, May 8, 2017:

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Hi Heather,

We are a week from the Outdoor Retailer Summer Show and I just wanted to follow up with you about our approved points on Bears Ears NM and the National Monument Review process. The press release below certainly seems to contain all of the information we need and wondered if we should simply use this for reference and then send any inquiries that want to learn more to the press office, especially from any media at the event.

Also, in checking with the US Forest Service, they indicated that they would defer to the DOI for these points.

Thank you so much,

Janelle

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Subject: RE: National Monument Review Process and Outdoor Retailer Show

Heather,

We expect to engage with OR participants about a range of topics, and Bears Ears and the National Monument Review process are certainly among topics that this audience would be interested. If I can give our team just a few points that they could make and then a point person at DOI to whom we can refer more in depth questions, and certainly for any media inquiries, that is what I am seeking.

I am a comms rep for the Recreation.gov program and serve as the facilitator for this interagency group. Within our team, we have a mix of recreation planners, visitors services and I believe one or two other communications reps.

Thanks for helping us with the information we need to ensure we stay on message on these topics during this show.

Janelle

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Hi Janelle - please direct reporters to Interior. We may have a comms staffer go to the show as well. Do you all have a comms presence?

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Heather Swift

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On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 1:09 PM, Smith, Janelle -FS <janellesmith@fs.fed.us> wrote:

> Hello,
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> As a follow up to these earlier messages, I saw a DOI press release today on this subject and wondered if we should simply refer to this information if we get questions about the status of the Monuments Review Process at the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market in SLC at the end of this month?
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> ## Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's Statement on the End of the Monuments Review Public Comment Period
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> (WASHINGTON) – On Monday, July 10, the formal public comment period closed for the review of national monuments. More than 1.2 million comments were received on Regulations.gov and thousands more were received via traditional mail. Twenty-seven

national monuments designated since January 1, 1996 that are more than 100,000 acres, or that were considered to have inadequate public input are under review in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017, executive order.

"Too often under previous administrations, decisions were made in the Washington, D.C., bubble, far removed from the local residents who actually work the land and have to live with the consequences of D.C.'s actions. This monument review is the exact opposite," **said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke**. "President Trump and I opened the formal public comment period – the first-ever for monuments designated under the Antiquities Act – in order to give local stakeholders a voice in the decision-making process. After hearing some feedback, I'd like to remind and reassure folks that even if a monument is modified, the land will remain under federal ownership. I am strictly opposed to the sale or transfer of our public lands, and nothing in this review changes that policy.

"These comments, in addition to the extensive on-the-ground tours of monuments and meetings with stakeholders, will help inform my recommendations on the monuments," **Zinke said**. "I appreciate everyone who took the time to log-on or write in and participate in our government."

As required by the executive order, Secretary Zinke submitted an interim report to the White House in June with various recommendations and observations on Bears Ears National Monument, which suggested the monument be reduced in size to conform with the intent of the Antiquities Act, that of designating the smallest compatible area. The report also recommended the creation of a national conservation area, and official co-management by the local Tribal governments.

The report came after Zinke spent several days on the ground in Utah touring the monument by air, car, foot, and horseback, speaking with stakeholders from Tribal, local, state and federal government, as well as representatives from the conservation, historic preservation, agriculture, tourism, and education sectors. The Secretary met with the Bears Ears InterTribal Coalition while in Salt Lake City on May 7, and the Acting Deputy Secretary Jim Cason held a four-hour follow-up meeting with the Bears Ears Commission and the InterTribal Coalition on May 25.

The Secretary also traveled to Maine's Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, and to Boston to hold meetings on the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Marine Monument off the coast of New England. The Secretary plans to visit Oregon, New Mexico, and Nevada in the coming weeks.

Regarding the comment period, the executive order stated:

In making the requisite determinations, the Secretary is directed to consider:

(i) the requirements and original objectives of the Act, including the Act's requirement that reservations of land not exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected";

(ii) whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest";

(iii) the effects of a designation on the available uses of designated Federal lands, including consideration of the multiple-use policy of section 102(a)(7) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701(a)(7)), as well as the effects on the available uses of Federal lands beyond the monument boundaries;

(iv) the effects of a designation on the use and enjoyment of non-Federal lands within or beyond monument boundaries;

(v) concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities;

(vi) the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas; and

(vii) such other factors as the Secretary deems appropriate.

82 FR 20429-20430 (May 1, 2017).

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Hi Janelle,

Great to hear from you!

I'm adding Heather Swift, our press secretary, and Tim Williams, who is in charge of external and intergovernmental affairs.

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 2:11 PM, Smith, Janelle -FS <janellesmith@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Hi Rebecca,

I am hoping you can either help me, or point me in the right direction. We are preparing for the Outdoor Retailer Show in Salt Lake City at the end of July (7/25-29). If you are not familiar it is the largest outdoor sports show of its kind where retailers from around the world gather to make deals, learn about what's new in the industry, network and connect with advocates for the outdoors. Our role at Outdoor Retailer is one of awareness and to connect with this community of passionate outdoor visitors, providers and advocates. Their customers are our visitors.

As we interact with participants of the show, we want to be able to answer a range of questions. Of course a topic that could very well come up is the status of the National Monument Review and certainly the recommendations by Secretary Zinke about Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. While we will not invite these conversations, we do want our team to have the best information and the right person to refer to for more details.

Can you help me?

Thanks,

Janelle

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Thanks. I would defer to Heather, although for this audience would suggest emphasis on this part of his statement:

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Hi Heather,

We are a week from the Outdoor Retailer Summer Show and I just wanted to follow up with you about our approved points on Bears Ears NM and the National Monument Review process. The press release below certainly seems to contain all of the information we need and wondered if we should simply use this for reference and then send any inquiries that want to learn more to the press office, especially from any media at the event.

Also, in checking with the US Forest Service, they indicated that they would defer to the DOI for these points.

Thank you so much,

Janelle

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Heather,

We expect to engage with OR participants about a range of topics, and Bears Ears and the National Monument Review process are certainly among topics that this audience would be interested. If I can give our team just a few points that they could make and then a point person at DOI to whom we can refer more in depth questions, and certainly for any media inquiries, that is what I am seeking.

I am a comms rep for the Recreation.gov program and serve as the facilitator for this interagency group. Within our team, we have a mix of recreation planners, visitors services and I believe one or two other communications reps.

Thanks for helping us with the information we need to ensure we stay on message on these topics during this show.

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Hi Janelle - please direct reporters to Interior. We may have a comms staffer go to the show as well. Do you all have a comms presence?

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On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 1:09 PM, Smith, Janelle -FS <janellesmith@fs.fed.us> wrote:

> Hello,
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> As a follow up to these earlier messages, I saw a DOI press release today on this subject and wondered if we should simply refer to this information if we get questions about the status of the Monuments Review Process at the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market in SLC at the end of this month?

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's Statement on the End of the Monuments Review Public Comment Period

(WASHINGTON) – On Monday, July 10, the formal public comment period closed for the review of national monuments. More than 1.2 million comments were received on Regulations.gov and thousands more were received via traditional mail. Twenty-seven national monuments designated since January 1, 1996 that are more than 100,000 acres, or that were considered to have inadequate public input are under review in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017, executive order.

"Too often under previous administrations, decisions were made in the Washington, D.C., bubble, far removed from the local residents who actually work the land and have to live with the consequences of D.C.'s actions. This monument review is the exact opposite," **said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke**. "President Trump and I opened the formal public comment period – the first-ever for monuments designated under the Antiquities Act – in order to give local stakeholders a voice in the decision-making process. After hearing some feedback, I'd like to remind and reassure folks that even if a monument is modified, the land will remain under federal ownership. I am strictly opposed to the sale or transfer of our public lands, and nothing in this review changes that policy.

"These comments, in addition to the extensive on-the-ground tours of monuments and meetings with stakeholders, will help inform my recommendations on the monuments," **Zinke said**. "I appreciate everyone who took the time to log-on or write in and participate in our government."

As required by the executive order, Secretary Zinke submitted an interim report to the White House in June with various recommendations and observations on Bears Ears National Monument, which suggested the monument be reduced in size to conform with the intent of the Antiquities Act, that of designating the smallest compatible area. The report also recommended the creation of a national conservation area, and official co-management by the local Tribal governments.

The report came after Zinke spent several days on the ground in Utah touring the monument by air, car, foot, and horseback, speaking with stakeholders from Tribal, local, state and federal government, as well as representatives from the conservation, historic

preservation, agriculture, tourism, and education sectors. The Secretary met with the Bears Ears InterTribal Coalition while in Salt Lake City on May 7, and the Acting Deputy Secretary Jim Cason held a four-hour follow-up meeting with the Bears Ears Commission and the InterTribal Coalition on May 25.

The Secretary also traveled to Maine's Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, and to Boston to hold meetings on the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Marine Monument off the coast of New England. The Secretary plans to visit Oregon, New Mexico, and Nevada in the coming weeks.

Regarding the comment period, the executive order stated:

In making the requisite determinations, the Secretary is directed to consider:

(i) the requirements and original objectives of the Act, including the Act's requirement that reservations of land not exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected";

(ii) whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest";

(iii) the effects of a designation on the available uses of designated Federal lands, including consideration of the multiple-use policy of section 102(a)(7) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701(a)(7)), as well as the effects on the available uses of Federal lands beyond the monument boundaries;

(iv) the effects of a designation on the use and enjoyment of non-Federal lands within or beyond monument boundaries;

(v) concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities;

(vi) the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas; and

(vii) such other factors as the Secretary deems appropriate.

82 FR 20429-20430 (May 1, 2017).

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Hi Janelle,

Great to hear from you!

I'm adding Heather Swift, our press secretary, and Tim Williams, who is in charge of external and intergovernmental affairs.

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 2:11 PM, Smith, Janelle -FS <janellesmith@fs.fed.us> wrote:

> Hi Rebecca,
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> I am hoping you can either help me, or point me in the right direction. We are preparing for the Outdoor Retailer Show in Salt Lake City at the end of July (7/25-29). If you are not familiar it is the largest outdoor sports show of its kind where retailers from around the world gather to make deals, learn about what's new in the industry, network and connect with advocates for the outdoors. Our role at Outdoor Retailer is one of awareness and to connect with this community of passionate outdoor visitors, providers and advocates. Their customers are our visitors.
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> As we interact with participants of the show, we want to be able to answer a range of questions. Of course a topic that could very well come up is the status of the National Monument Review and certainly the recommendations by Secretary Zinke about Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. While we will not invite these conversations, we do want our team to have the best information and the right person to refer to for more details.
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> Can you help me?

Thanks,

Janelle

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Summary

The Antiquities Act of 1906 (54 U.S.C. §§320301-320303) authorizes the President to proclaim national monuments on federal lands that contain "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest." The President is to reserve "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." From 1906 to date, Presidents have established 157 monuments and have enlarged, diminished, or otherwise modified previously proclaimed monuments. Presidential establishment of monuments has sometimes been contentious, based on the size of the areas and types of resources protected; the effects of monument designation on land uses; and the lack of requirements for public participation, congressional and state approval, and environmental review, among other issues.

On April 26, 2017, President Trump issued an executive order requiring the Secretary of the Interior to review national monuments established or expanded by presidential proclamation since 1996 that meet certain criteria. The review arises in the context of current controversy over the President's monument authority and is to determine conformance of monument designation with a policy set out in the executive order. On May 5, 2017, the Department of the Interior (DOI) identified 27 national monuments that would be reviewed. One of the 27 monuments, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, is under review based on the adequacy of public outreach and coordination with stakeholders in establishing the monument. The other 26 monuments are under review because the size at establishment or after expansion exceeded 100,000 acres. Of these 26 monuments, 5 are marine based and 21 are land based. The Secretary is to issue a final report on the review of monuments within 120 days of the issuance of the executive order—August 24, 2017. In his final report, the Secretary is to include recommendations for presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions. Congress has authority to alter the President's authority to proclaim monuments and to establish, abolish, or amend monuments (including regulating uses of monument lands).

To facilitate congressional decisionmaking and oversight of national monuments, including consideration of uses of monument lands, this report provides a compilation and summary of provisions of proclamations for the 21 land-based monuments with sizes exceeding 100,000 acres. It focuses on provisions related to six topics important in the debate on national monuments: energy, livestock grazing, use of motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicles, timber, hunting and fishing, and tribes. These provisions are summarized to provide an overview of their emphasis and variation, and the verbatim text of the pertinent provisions is provided in six separate tables. An analysis of monument proclamations in the context of other authorities would be necessary to determine the extent to which activities are authorized on particular lands and the effect (if any) on changes in land management on the ground.

The proclamations for the 21 national monuments generally bar new mineral and geothermal leases, mining claims, and prospecting or exploration activities, subject to valid existing rights. For all but one of the 21 monuments—Sand to Snow—the proclamations address livestock grazing. They typically express that legal authorities governing livestock grazing on agency lands also apply to lands within the monument. Most of the proclamations prohibit the use of motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicles off-road except for emergency or administrative purposes. Only four of the monument proclamations address timber on monument lands, directly or possibly as part of language on vegetative management. The proclamations appear to recognize the primary authority of states to manage fish and wildlife, by generally specifying that the proclamations do not enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the relevant state with regard to

fish and wildlife management. The proclamations for 14 of the 21 national monuments expressly state that they do not enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe.

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Introduction

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Presidential establishment of monuments sometimes has been contentious, based on the size of the areas and types of resources protected; the effects of monument designation on land uses; and the lack of requirements for public participation, congressional and state approval, and environmental review, among other issues. Congress continues to face a variety of national monument issues. Whether to establish, amend, or abolish national monuments is of current interest. Congress has broad authority to take these actions,[1] and it has exercised this authority on numerous occasions.[2] In establishing and amending national monuments, questions for Congress include the optimal size of the areas to be protected and the extent to which various land uses and activities will be allowed, barred, or restricted.[3] Congress also oversees presidential exercise of authority to proclaim monuments and has considered measures to alter this authority.

Executive Review of Monuments

On April 26, 2017, President Trump issued an executive order requiring the Secretary of the Interior to review national monuments established or expanded by Presidents since 1996.[4] The order requires review of national monuments where the size at establishment or after expansion exceeded 100,000 acres or where the Secretary determines that the action was taken "without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders." The Antiquities Act does not specifically require public outreach and coordination in monument designations. The executive order sets out a policy with regard to monument designation, including that designations are made "in accordance with the requirements and original objectives" of the Antiquities Act and "appropriately balance the protection of landmarks, structures, and objects against the appropriate use of Federal lands and the effects on surrounding lands and communities." The review is to determine if the establishment or expansion of post-1996 monuments conforms to the policy in the executive order and to develop any recommendation for presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions to carry out the policy.

In a May 5, 2017, press release, the Department of the Interior (DOI) identified 27 national monuments that would be reviewed under the President's executive order.[5] One of the 27 monuments, Katahdin

[1] For a summary of congressional authority, as well as presidential authority with regard to national monuments, see CRS Report R44687, *Antiquities Act: Scope of Authority for Modification of National Monuments*, by Alexandra M. Wyatt.

[2] For information on congressional actions on national monuments, including to establish, redesignate, and abolish monuments, see the website of the National Park Service at https://www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/antiquities/MonumentsList.htm.

[3] For an overview of issues for Congress related to national monument designation, including effects on land uses, see CRS Report R41330, *National Monuments and the Antiquities Act*, by Carol Hardy Vincent.

[4] Executive Order 13792, "Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act," April 26, 2017, at https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/04/26/presidential-executive-order-review-designations-under-antiquities-act.

[5] Department of the Interior (DOI), "Interior Department Releases List of Monuments Under Review, Announces First-Ever Formal Public Comment Period for Antiquities Act Monuments," press release, May 5, 2017, at https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-releases-list-monuments-under-review-announces-first-ever-formal.

Woods and Waters National Monument, is under review based on the adequacy of public outreach and coordination with stakeholders in establishing the monument. The other 26 monuments are under review because the size at establishment or after expansion exceeded 100,000 acres. Five of the 26 monuments are marine based, and the Secretary of Commerce is taking the lead in reviewing these monuments. Twenty-one of the 26 monuments are land based, and the Secretary of the Interior is taking the lead in their review.

The Administration sought public comment on monuments under review through July 10, 2017. A total of 1,410,857 comments were received.[6]

On June 10, 2017, the Secretary of the Interior issued an interim report on one of the land-based monuments—Bears Ears National Monument. This report was due within 45 days of the issuance of the executive order.[7] A final report on the secretarial review of monuments is due within 120 days of the issuance of the executive order—August 24, 2017.

Overview of Land-Based Monument Proclamations

This report provides a compilation and summary of provisions of monument proclamations that could facilitate congressional decisionmaking on monuments and oversight of presidential monument authority. As noted, in establishing and amending monuments, Congress can set the size of monument areas and regulate uses of monument lands. This report covers the 21 land-based national monuments established or expanded since 1996 in which the size exceeded 100,000 acres, which are being reviewed under President Trump's executive order. Monument proclamations provide presidential direction on management of federal lands and resources within the monument boundaries. Although proclamations vary as to the number and type of topics covered, they typically address particular uses and activities on monument lands as well as management planning. This report focuses on provisions of proclamations related to six topics that have been important in the debate on national monuments: energy, livestock grazing, use of motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicles,[8] timber, hunting and fishing, and tribes. The major provisions on each of these topics are summarized to provide an overview of their emphasis and variation. An analysis of the impact (if any) on changes in land management on the ground resulting from the proclamations is beyond the scope of this report.

This report does not reflect more general provisions of the proclamations that may bear on the six topics discussed. As examples of the more general provisions, the proclamations typically "warn" against destroying or removing any "features" of the monument and make the monument the dominant reservation of the land without revoking existing reservations or withdrawals.[9] The proclamations also usually establish the monuments subject to valid existing rights; this report addresses valid existing rights only in the context of the energy-related activities. An examination of the provisions on the six topics in

[6] For information on the process for submitting public comments or to review comments submitted, see https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001.

[7] A press release on the interim report is on the DOI website: DOI, "Secretary Zinke Submits 45-Day Interim Report on Bears Ears National Monument and Extends Public Comment Period," press release, June 12, 2017, at https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-submits-45-day-interim-report-bears-ears-national-monument-and-extends. The interim report is available at Darryl Fears and Juliet Eilperin, "Interior Secretary Recommends Trump Consider Scaling Back Bears Ears National Monument," *Washington Post*, June 12, 2017, at https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/06/12/interior-secretary-recommends-delaying-a-final-decision-on-changing-bears-ears-national-monument/?utm_term=.5a936a8bd9c1.

[8] The term *non-motorized mechanized vehicle* generally refers to a human-powered mechanical device, such as a bicycle.

[9] A reservation dedicates or sets aside federal land for a specific purpose or program.

the context of these more general provisions and the entirety of the proclamations might provide additional insights on monument management.

The summaries of provisions on the six topics are not intended to capture all textual differences (or nuances) in the language of the proclamations. For this purpose, the verbatim text of the pertinent provisions for the 21 monuments is provided in six separate tables. Monuments are listed in the tables in alphabetical order.

A few caveats about the tables deserve note. First, the tables provide the text of the provisions of monument proclamations, as noted, rather than characterizations or legal interpretations of the provisions. Second, although the tables may show differences in the text of provisions on a particular topic, these textual differences may not necessarily reflect differences in meaning. Third, the tables do not reflect other authorities pertaining to monument lands, such as laws, regulations, and agency land management plans. These other authorities govern use and protection of resources on agency lands, the development of land management plans, and public and other participation in agency decisionmaking, among other topics. The authorities vary from agency to agency, with Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service lands generally managed for multiple uses, Fish and Wildlife Service lands managed under a dominant use mission, and National Park Service lands governed by a dual-use mission.[10] An analysis of the monument proclamations in the context of other authorities would be necessary to determine the extent to which activities are authorized on particular lands and the role of the public, states, and tribes in decisionmaking by the four agencies.

Topical Summary of Provisions of Land-Based Monument Proclamations

Energy

The proclamations for the national monuments generally bar new mineral and geothermal leases, mining claims, and prospecting or exploration activities, subject to valid existing rights.[11] This is typically accomplished by language to withdraw the lands within the monuments from entry, location, selection, sale, leasing, or other disposition under public land laws, including mining laws and mineral and geothermal leasing laws. A few of the proclamations contain exceptions. For instance, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument is to remain open for oil and gas leasing and development because most of the lands have already been leased and development is occurring, according to the proclamation. However, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue new leases only for specified purposes. Another example is the proclamation for the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, which allows for the disposal of materials under the Materials Act of 1947.[12]

In addition to the general protections for valid existing rights for land uses, the proclamations for three of the monuments—Canyons of the Ancients, San Gabriel Mountains, and Upper Missouri River Breaks—also specify how energy development or energy-related rights are to be managed. Although

[10] For a brief description of each of the four agencies and the authorities under which they administer their lands, see CRS In Focus IF10585, *The Federal Land Management Agencies*, by Katie Hoover.

[11] Valid existing rights generally are determined with reference to the law under which the rights are alleged to have arisen, such as mining and mineral leasing laws. For example, the term "valid" has been interpreted by the Supreme Court in the context of a mine within a national monument as meaning there were valuable, workable deposits of ore present. Cameron v. United States, 252 U.S. 450 (1920).

[12] 30 U.S.C. §§ 601–604. The act allows for disposal of certain mineral and vegetative materials under specified conditions.

monument proclamations (at least since 1996) typically contain protections for valid existing rights, the extent to which monument designations may affect existing rights is not always clear. A common concern is that monument designation potentially could result in new constraints on development of existing mineral and energy leases, claims, and permits. Some fear that mineral exploration and extraction activities may have to adhere to a higher standard of environmental review, and may have a higher cost of mitigation, to ensure compatibility with the monument designation.

Several of the monument proclamations also contain provisions pertaining to facilities and/or rights-of-way, such as for pipelines, utilities, and other purposes. The extent to which such facilities or rights-of-way pertain to energy-related land uses or other activities, such as telecommunications, has not been analyzed for this report. The provisions vary across monuments. Some contain broad assertions that the proclamations are not to be construed as interfering with these structures and uses. As an example, the proclamation for the Sand to Snow National Monument states that it is not to be construed as interfering with the operation, maintenance, replacement, or modification of existing water resource, flood control, utility, pipeline, or telecommunication facilities; existing facilities may be expanded; and new facilities may be constructed—to the extent consistent with the proper care and management of monument resources. Other proclamations appear more restrictive. For instance, the proclamation for the Basin and Range National Monument states that no new rights-of-way for electric transmission or transportation will be authorized in the monument except as necessary for the care and management of the protected objects or for livestock grazing.[13]

Table 1 provides the energy-related provisions of the proclamations for the 21 national monuments. The table does not identify the extent to which there have been determinations of valid existing rights on monument lands or the status of any rights, such as if there is development activity under such rights or federal government efforts to buy out the rights.

Livestock Grazing

For all but one of the 21 monuments—Sand to Snow—the proclamations address livestock grazing. The most common language among the proclamations provides that legal authorities governing livestock grazing on agency lands also apply to lands within the monument.[14] The precise text on this point varies among monuments. However, the proclamation for Ironwood Forest National Monument is an example: "Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the Bureau of Land Management in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on all lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument." Some of the provisions within proclamations make explicit that the application of livestock grazing authorities is to be consistent with the care and management of objects in the monument that were identified for protection (e.g., Berryessa Snow Mountain).

For a couple of monuments, the proclamations appear to authorize grazing only under existing permits and leases at the time of monument designation. However, further research or analysis, such as of other authorities governing the lands at issue, might be needed to determine if grazing could be authorized under new permits and leases. For example, the proclamation for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument provides that "[n]othing in this proclamation shall be deemed to affect existing permits or

[13] Other rights-of-way may be authorized if consistent with the care and management of objects identified in the proclamation.

[14] The proclamation expanding the Craters of the Moon National Monument identified the expansion area as 661,287 acres. Accompanying documents detailed that approximately 410,000 acres would be managed by the National Park Service (NPS), and 251,000 acres would be managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The proclamation provided that authorities governing livestock grazing on BLM lands would continue to apply to lands within the monument managed by BLM. It did not similarly provide for grazing on lands within the monument to be managed by the NPS. Unlike BLM lands, NPS lands are not generally open to and managed for livestock grazing, although livestock grazing is an authorized use in some NPS units.

leases for, or levels of, livestock grazing on Federal lands within the monument; existing grazing uses shall continue to be governed by applicable laws and regulations other than this proclamation." This proclamation does not expressly ban future permits and leases while affirming that existing permits and leases are unaffected by the proclamation.

Livestock grazing is prohibited in two of the monuments analyzed. It is banned in the Hanford Reach National Monument to protect the objects identified in the proclamation. Hanford Reach is managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Energy. Lands of these agencies are not generally open to and managed for livestock grazing. Livestock grazing is also barred in the Gold Butte National Monument, where livestock grazing has not been permitted since 1998, according to the proclamation.

A couple of monument proclamations condition or restrict livestock grazing. For example, in the Sonoran Desert National Monument, grazing permits in a particular area of the monument cannot be renewed, and grazing in another area could continue only if the managing agency determines grazing to be compatible with the protective purposes of the monument. In another example, the Secretary of the Interior is to study the impacts of livestock grazing on biological objects in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Existing grazing may continue with "appropriate terms and conditions." If existing permit holders and leaseholders relinquish their permits and leases, the Secretary of the Interior can reallocate the forage only under specified conditions. If grazing is determined to be incompatible with protecting the biological objects in the monument, the Secretary of the Interior is to retire the grazing allotments. **Table 2** lists the livestock grazing provisions of the proclamations reviewed for this report.

Use of Motorized and Non-Motorized Mechanized Vehicles

All but one of the monument proclamations—Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument—addresses the use of motorized vehicles on monument lands. All but two of the monument proclamations—Grand Staircase-Escalante and the San Gabriel Mountains—address the use of non-motorized mechanized vehicles on monument lands. Most of the proclamations prohibit the use of motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicles off-road except for emergency or administrative purposes. This is accomplished by either a direct prohibition against using vehicles off-road (with the specified exceptions), or by limiting the use of vehicles to designated roads and/or trails. Some of the proclamations generally limit the use of motorized vehicles to roads existing at the time of monument designation (e.g., Basin and Range, Mojave Trails, and Sand to Snow), or roads designated as open at the time of monument designation (Gold Butte).

Many of the proclamations call for development of transportation or management plans to address motorized and non-motorized mechanized use of vehicles. Some of them require planning to designate roads and trails where motorized and/or non-motorized mechanized vehicles are allowed (e.g., Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Mojave Trails). Several proclamations require plans to address actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect objects in the monuments (e.g., Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade-Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Ironwood Forest, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, and Vermilion Cliffs).

A few proclamations authorize the Secretary to allow off-road areas to be open to motorized use, such as in the Cascade-Siskiyou expansion area (for snowmobiles and non-motorized mechanized use) and San Gabriel Mountains (for off-highway vehicle areas existing on the date of the proclamation). In contrast, a few of the proclamations direct or authorize certain areas to be closed, as for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (for a particular road) and the Giant Sequoia National Monument (for trails after a specified date, prior to issuance of the management plan). **Table 3** identifies the provisions of monument proclamations on use of motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicles for the 21 national monuments.

Timber

Relatively few of the monument proclamations address timber on monument lands. Specifically, the proclamations for the following four monuments address timber directly or possibly as part of language on vegetative management: Cascade-Siskiyou, Giant Sequoia, Grand Canyon-Parashant, and San Gabriel Mountains. The proclamation for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument bars the commercial harvest of timber or other vegetative material except under certain conditions. Further, both Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument and Giant Sequoia National Monument ban the removal of trees, except under specified circumstances, and bar monument lands from being "considered to be suited for timber production" or used in determinations of sustained yield of timber. Giant Sequoia contains additional provisions on completion of timber sales under contract when the monument was proclaimed.

In the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, the Secretary is authorized to carry out vegetative management treatments, with timber harvest and prescribed fire allowed only under certain circumstances. San Gabriel Mountains as well as Grand Canyon-Parashant also allow for the sale of vegetative materials under specified laws or conditions—for instance, if part of a science-based ecological restoration project in the case of Grand Canyon-Parashant.[15] The extent to which vegetative sales might relate to timber versus other types of materials has not been determined for this report. **Table 4** identifies the timber-related provisions of the national monuments examined for this report. **Table 4** does not reflect provisions of several monument proclamations pertaining to the traditional collection of monument resources, such as vegetation, tree and forest products, firewood, seeds, and other natural materials.

Hunting and Fishing

The proclamations for the national monuments appear to recognize the primary authority of states to manage fish and wildlife. Proclamations for 20 of the monuments specify that they do not enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the relevant state with regard to fish and wildlife management, whereas the proclamation for Grand Staircase-Escalante references only "diminish." For several monuments, these provisions on fish and wildlife management are included in broader statements regarding state jurisdiction. For example, the proclamation for Basin and Range National Monument states, "Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Nevada, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management." The proclamations for two of the monuments—Gold Butte and Grand Staircase-Escalante—explicitly say that the state authority regarding fish and wildlife management includes hunting and fishing. For instance, the proclamation for Gold Butte provides that "[n]othing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Nevada, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management, including hunting and fishing." **Table 5** provides the provisions on hunting and fishing as contained in the proclamations for the 21 national monuments.

Tribes

The proclamations for 14 of the 21 national monuments contain provisions pertaining to tribal (or Indian) rights, land uses, or roles in monument management. All 14 proclamations state that they do not enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe; two of the 14 (for Bears Ears and Gold Butte) reference both Indian "rights or jurisdiction." Two of the proclamations, for Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks and Rio Grande del Norte, specify the rights of both Indian tribes and pueblos. Nine of the 14

[15] For the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, this authority stems from provisions of the Materials Act of 1947 on the disposal of materials.

proclamations also include language regarding protection of Indian sites and access to sites by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses,[16] consistent with relevant authorities.[17] The text of these protection provisions differs in a number of ways. For example, eight of the nine proclamations require protection by the relevant Secretary in consultation with Indian tribes, whereas the proclamation for the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument provides for the management plan to protect sites. Among other differences, the nine proclamations highlight different types of sites as protected (e.g., sacred, cultural, and/or religious), and some of them contain additional provisions on traditional collection of materials from monument lands.

The nine proclamations also require the relevant agency or department head to seek public input in the development of the monument management plan, including consultation with tribes (among other governments and entities). The proclamation for Bears Ears National Monument has additional provisions providing for tribal involvement. It establishes a Bears Ears Commission with members from several tribes "to provide guidance and recommendations on the development and implementation of management plans and on management of the monument." The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior are to "meaningfully engage" the commission or a successor entity composed of tribal government officers should the commission cease to exist. If the Secretaries decide not to incorporate recommendations of the commission (or comparable entity) in developing or revising management plans, the Secretaries are to provide a written explanation of their reasoning.

Bears Ears National Monument further directs the Secretaries to establish an advisory committee to provide information and advice on developing the management plan and, "as appropriate, management of the monument." The membership of the advisory committee is to be drawn from tribes and a variety of other stakeholders. **Table 6** reflects the tribal-related provisions of the proclamations for the 21 national monuments.

Summary

The proclamations for the 21 national monuments generally bar new mineral and geothermal leases, mining claims, and prospecting or exploration activities, subject to valid existing rights. For all but one of the 21 monuments—Sand to Snow—the proclamations address livestock grazing. They typically express that legal authorities governing livestock grazing on agency lands also apply to lands within the monument. Most of the proclamations prohibit the use of motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicles off-road except for emergency or administrative purposes. Only four of the monument proclamations address timber on monument lands, directly or possibly as part of language on vegetative management. The proclamations appear to recognize the primary authority of states to manage fish and wildlife. Twenty proclamations specify that they do not enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the relevant state with regard to fish and wildlife management, whereas one proclamation (for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument) references only "diminish." The proclamations for 14 of the 21 national monuments state that they do not enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe. Nine of these 14 proclamations also include language regarding protection of Indian sites and access to sites by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses. This analysis of provisions of monument proclamations pertaining to land uses within monuments may be useful to Congress in establishing, amending, and overseeing national monuments and assessing presidential actions under the Antiquities Act.

[16] The proclamations pertain to the following nine monuments: Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Gold Butte, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, and San Gabriel Mountains.

[17] All nine proclamations cite the authorities as Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites), and all but San Gabriel Mountains also cite the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996).

Table 1. Energy Related Provisions in Selected National Monument Proclamations

National Monuments	Energy Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Basin and Range National Monument (Proc. #9297 – established)	The establishment of the monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument. Except as necessary for the care and management of the objects identified above or for the purpose of permitted livestock grazing, no new rights-of-way for electric transmission or transportation shall be authorized within the monument. Other rights-of-way may be authorized only if consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.
Bears Ears National Monument (Proc. #9558 – established)	The establishment of the monument is subject to valid existing rights.... [a] All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws or laws applicable to the U.S. Forest Service, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to interfere with the operation or maintenance, or the replacement or modification within the current authorization boundary, of existing utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities located within the monument in a manner consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (Proc. #9298 – established)	The establishment of the monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries described on the accompanying map are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws or laws applicable to the U.S. Forest Service, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that facilitates the remediation, monitoring, or reclamation of historic mining operations under applicable law or otherwise furthers the protective purposes of the monument.

National Monuments	Energy Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Proc. #7317 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws, including but not limited to withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument, and except for oil and gas leasing as prescribed herein. Because most of the Federal lands have already been leased for oil and gas, which includes carbon dioxide, and development is already occurring, the monument shall remain open to oil and gas leasing and development; provided, the Secretary of the Interior shall manage the development, subject to valid existing rights, so as not to create any new impacts that interfere with the proper care and management of the objects protected by this proclamation; and provided further, the Secretary may issue new leases only for the purpose of promoting conservation of oil and gas resources in any common reservoir now being produced under existing leases, or to protect against drainage.
Carrizo Plain National Monument (Proc. #7393 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or leasing or other disposition under the public land laws, including but not limited to withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.
Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (Proc. #7318 – established, Proc. #9564 – enlarged)	**#7318:** The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or leasing or other disposition under the public land laws, including but not limited to withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument. **#9564:** The enlargement of the boundary is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries described on the accompanying map are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.

National Monuments	Energy Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Craters of the Moon National Monument (Proc. #7373 – enlarged)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or leasing or other disposition under the public land laws, including but not limited to withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.
Giant Sequoia National Monument (Proc. #7295 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from entry, location, selection, sale, leasing, or other disposition under the public land laws including, but not limited to, withdrawal from locating, entry, and patent under the mining laws and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.
Gold Butte National Monument (Proc. #9559 – established)	The establishment of the monument is subject to valid existing rights.... [a] All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing. Consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above, nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to preclude the renewal or assignment of, or interfere with the operation, maintenance, replacement, modification, or upgrade within the physical authorization boundary of existing flood control, pipeline, and telecommunications facilities, or other water infrastructure, including wildlife water catchments or water district facilities, that are located within the monument. Except as necessary for the care and management of the objects identified above, no new rights-of-way shall be authorized within the monument.
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (Proc. #7265 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or leasing or other disposition under the public land laws, including but not limited to withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.

National Monuments	Energy Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (Proc. #6920 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from entry, location, selection, sale, leasing, or other disposition under the public land laws, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.
Hanford Reach National Monument (Proc. #7319 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or leasing or other disposition under the public land laws, including but not limited to withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument. Nothing in this proclamation shall interfere with the operation and maintenance of existing facilities of the Columbia Basin Reclamation Project, the Federal Columbia River Transmission System, or other existing utility services that are located within the monument. Existing Federal Columbia River Transmission System facilities located within the monument may be replaced, modified and expanded, and new facilities constructed within the monument, as authorized by other applicable law. Such replacement, modification, expansion, or construction of new facilities shall be carried out in a manner consistent with proper care and management of the objects of this proclamation, to be determined in accordance with the management arrangements previously set out in this proclamation.
Ironwood Forest National Monument (Proc. # 7320 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or leasing or other disposition under the public land laws, including but not limited to withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.

National Monuments	Energy Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Mojave Trails National Monument (Proc. #9395 – established)	The establishment of the monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument or disposal for the limited purpose of providing materials for repairing or maintaining roads and bridges within the monument consistent with care and management of the objects identified above. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to preclude the renewal or assignment of, or interfere with the operation or maintenance of, or with the replacement, modification, or upgrade within or adjacent to an existing authorization boundary of, existing flood control, utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities that are located within the monument in a manner consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above. Existing flood control, utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities located within the monument may be expanded, and new facilities may be constructed within the monument, but only to the extent consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (Proc. #9131 – established)	The establishment of the monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, leasing, or other disposition under the public land laws, including withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to preclude the Secretary from renewing or authorizing the upgrading of existing utility line rights-of-way within the physical scope of each such right-of-way that exists on the date of this proclamation. Other rights-of-way shall be authorized only if they are necessary for the care and management of the objects identified above. However, watershed restoration projects and small-scale flood prevention projects may be authorized if they are consistent with the care and management of such objects.

National Monuments	Energy Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Rio Grande del Norte National Monument (Proc. #8946 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, leasing, or other disposition under the public land laws, including withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of this proclamation. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to preclude the Secretary from renewing or authorizing the upgrading of existing utility line rights-of-way within the physical scope of each such right-of-way that exists on the date of this proclamation. Additional utility line rights-of-way or upgrades outside the existing utility line rights-of-way may only be authorized if consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.
San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (Proc. #9194 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights.... To the extent allowed by applicable law, the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior shall manage valid Federal mineral rights existing within the monument as of the date of this proclamation in a manner consistent with the proper care and management of the objects protected by this proclamation. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, leasing, or other disposition under the public land or other Federal laws, including location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument, or disposition of materials under the Materials Act of 1947 in a manner that is consistent with the proper care and management of the objects protected by this proclamation. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to interfere with the operation or maintenance, nor with the replacement or modification within the existing authorization boundary, of existing water resource, flood control, utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities that are located within the monument, subject to the Secretary of Agriculture's special uses authorities and other applicable laws. Existing water resource, flood control, utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities located within the monument may be expanded, and new facilities may be constructed within the monument, to the extent consistent with the proper care and management of the objects protected by this proclamation, subject to the Secretary of Agriculture's special uses authorities and other applicable law.

National Monuments	Energy Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Sand to Snow National Monument (Proc. #9396 – established)	The establishment of the monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws or laws applicable to the U.S. Forest Service, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to interfere with the operation or maintenance, or with the replacement or modification within the existing authorization boundary, of existing water resource, flood control, utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities that are located within the monument. Existing water resource, flood control, utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities located within the monument may be expanded, and new facilities may be constructed within the monument, to the extent consistent with the proper care and management of the objects identified above.
Sonoran Desert National Monument (Proc. #7397 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or leasing or other disposition under the public land laws, including but not limited to withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (Proc. #7398 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. The Secretary of the Interior shall manage development on existing oil and gas leases within the monument, subject to valid existing rights, so as not to create any new impacts that would interfere with the proper care and management of the objects protected by this proclamation. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or leasing or other disposition under the public land laws, including but not limited to withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (Proc. #7374 – established)	The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights. All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or leasing or other disposition under the public land laws, including but not limited to withdrawal from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.

Source: The monuments in this table are identified in the May 5, 2017, press release of the Department of the Interior as exceeding the 100,000-acre threshold for review under the President's April 26, 2017, executive order. The press release also identifies an additional monument not reflected here, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, under review based on the adequacy of public outreach and coordination with stakeholders in establishing the monument.

Notes: The text in this table is taken verbatim from the pertinent proclamations. Consulting the entire text of the proclamations may provide a broader perspective of the provisions identified here.

The proclamations usually establish the monuments subject to valid existing rights. Valid existing rights generally are determined with reference to the law under which the rights are alleged to have arisen, such as mining and mineral leasing laws.

References in tables in this report to "Secretary" refer to the head of the department(s) that manages the monument, to USFS refer to the U.S. Forest Service, to BLM refer to the Bureau of Land Management, and to n/a refer to "not applicable" to indicate that no relevant provision was identified.

a. The use of " ... " reflects the omission here of text as not directly pertinent.

Table 2. Livestock Grazing Related Provisions in Selected National Monument Proclamations

National Monuments	Livestock Grazing Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Basin and Range National Monument (Proc. #9297 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to affect authorizations for livestock grazing, or administration thereof, on Federal lands within the monument. Livestock grazing within the monument shall continue to be governed by laws and regulations other than this proclamation. Except as necessary for the care and management of the objects identified above or for the purpose of permitted livestock grazing, no new rights-of-way for electric transmission or transportation shall be authorized within the monument.
Bears Ears National Monument (Proc. #9558 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by USFS or BLM in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on lands under their jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument to ensure the ongoing consistency with the care and management of the objects identified above.
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (Proc. #9298 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by USFS or BLM in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on lands under their jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument, consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.
Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Proc. #7317 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the Bureau of Land Management in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on all lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument.
Carrizo Plain National Monument (Proc. #7393 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the Bureau of Land Management in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on all lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument.

National Monuments	Livestock Grazing Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (Proc. #7318 – established, Proc. #9564 – enlarged)	**#7318:** The Secretary of the Interior shall study the impacts of livestock grazing on the objects of biological interest in the monument with specific attention to sustaining the natural ecosystem dynamics. Existing authorized permits or leases may continue with appropriate terms and conditions under existing laws and regulations. Should grazing be found incompatible with protecting the objects of biological interest, the Secretary shall retire the grazing allotments pursuant to the processes of applicable law. Should grazing permits or leases be relinquished by existing holders, the Secretary shall not reallocate the forage available under such permits or for livestock grazing purposes unless the Secretary specifically finds, pending the outcome of the study, that such reallocation will advance the purposes of the proclamation. **#9564:** n/a
Craters of the Moon National Monument (Proc. #7373 – enlarged)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the Bureau of Land Management in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on all lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument administered by the Bureau of Land Management.
Giant Sequoia National Monument (Proc. #7295 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to administration by the Department of Agriculture of grazing permits and timber sales under contract as of the date of this proclamation on National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the monument shall continue to apply to lands within the monument.
Gold Butte National Monument (Proc. #9559 – established)	Livestock grazing has not been permitted in the monument area since 1998 and the Secretary shall not issue any new grazing permits or leases on lands within the monument.
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (Proc. #7265 – established)	The Bureau of Land Management shall continue to issue and administer grazing leases within the portion of the monument within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, consistent with the Lake Mead National Recreation Area authorizing legislation. Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the Bureau of Land Management in issuing and administering grazing leases on all lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply to the remaining portion of the monument.
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (Proc. #6920 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to affect existing permits or leases for, or levels of, livestock grazing on Federal lands within the monument; existing grazing uses shall continue to be governed by applicable laws and regulations other than this proclamation.
Hanford Reach National Monument (Proc. #7319 – established)	For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, the Secretary of the Interior shall prohibit livestock grazing.

National Monuments	Livestock Grazing Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Ironwood Forest National Monument (Proc. # 7320 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the Bureau of Land Management in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on all lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument.
Mojave Trails National Monument (Proc. #9395 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the BLM in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on lands under its jurisdiction, including provisions specific to the California Desert Conservation Area, shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument, consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (Proc. #9131 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the BLM in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument, consistent with the protection of the objects identified above.
Rio Grande del Norte National Monument (Proc. #8946 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the BLM in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument, consistent with the purposes of this proclamation.
San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (Proc. #9194 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the United States Forest Service in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on all lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument in a manner consistent with the proper care and management of the objects protected by this proclamation.
Sand to Snow National Monument (Proc. #9396 – established)	n/a
Sonoran Desert National Monument (Proc. #7397 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the Bureau of Land Management in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on all lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument; provided, however, that grazing permits on Federal lands within the monument south of Interstate Highway 8 shall not be renewed at the end of their current term; and provided further, that grazing on Federal lands north of Interstate 8 shall be allowed to continue only to the extent that the Bureau of Land Management determines that grazing is compatible with the paramount purpose of protecting the objects identified in this proclamation.
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (Proc. #7398 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the Bureau of Land Management in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on all lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument.

National Monuments	Livestock Grazing Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (Proc. #7374 – established)	Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the Bureau of Land Management in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on all lands under its jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument.

Source: The monuments in this table are identified in the May 5, 2017, press release of the Department of the Interior as exceeding the 100,000-acre threshold for review under the President's April 26, 2017, executive order. The press release also identifies an additional monument not reflected here, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, under review based on the adequacy of public outreach and coordination with stakeholders in establishing the monument.

Notes: The text in this table is taken verbatim from the pertinent proclamations. Consulting the entire text of the proclamations may provide a broader perspective of the provisions identified here.

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References in tables in this report to "Secretary" refer to the head of the department(s) that manages the monument, to USFS refer to the U.S. Forest Service, to BLM refer to the Bureau of Land Management, and to n/a refer to "not applicable" to indicate that no relevant provision was identified.

Table 3. Motorized and Non-Motorized Mechanized Vehicle Related Provisions in Selected National Monument Proclamations

National Monuments	Motorized and Non-Motorized Mechanized Vehicle Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Basin and Range National Monument (Proc. #9297 – established)	Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, motorized vehicle use in the monument shall be permitted only on roads existing as of the date of this proclamation. Non-motorized mechanized vehicle use shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated for their use consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above. The Secretary shall prepare a transportation plan that designates the roads and trails where motorized or non-motorized mechanized vehicle use will be permitted.
Bears Ears National Monument (Proc. #9558 – established)	For purposes of protecting and restoring the objects identified above, the Secretaries shall prepare a transportation plan that designates the roads and trails where motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicle use will be allowed. Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicle use shall be allowed only on roads and trails designated for such use, consistent with the care and management of such objects. Any additional roads or trails designated for motorized vehicle use must be for the purposes of public safety or protection of such objects.
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (Proc. #9298 – established)	Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, motorized and mechanized vehicle use in the monument shall be allowed only on roads and trails designated for such use, consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.

National Monuments	Motorized and Non-Motorized Mechanized Vehicle Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Proc. #7317 – established)	For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, the Secretary of the Interior shall prohibit all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a transportation plan that addresses the actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect the objects identified in this proclamation.
Carrizo Plain National Monument (Proc. #7393 – established)	For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, the Secretary shall prohibit all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a management plan that addresses the actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect the objects identified in this proclamation.
Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (Proc. #7318 – established, Proc. #9564 – enlarged)	**#7318:** For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, the Secretary of the Interior shall prohibit all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road and shall close the Schoheim Road, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes. The management plan shall include appropriate transportation planning that addresses the actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect the objects identified in this proclamation. **#9564:** The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) shall manage the area being added to the monument through the Bureau of Land Management as a unit of the National Landscape Conservation System, under the same laws and regulations that apply to the rest of the monument, except that the Secretary may issue a travel management plan that authorizes snowmobile and non-motorized mechanized use off of roads in the area being added by this proclamation, so long as such use is consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.
Craters of the Moon National Monument (Proc. #7373 – enlarged)	For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, the Secretary shall prohibit all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a transportation plan that addresses the actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect the objects identified in this proclamation.

National Monuments	Motorized and Non-Motorized Mechanized Vehicle Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Giant Sequoia National Monument (Proc. #7295 – established)	The management plan shall contain a transportation plan for the monument that provides for visitor enjoyment and understanding about the scientific and historic objects in the monument, consistent with their protection. For the purposes of protecting the objects included in the monument, motorized vehicle use will be permitted only on designated roads, and non-motorized mechanized vehicle use will be permitted only on designated roads and trails, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes or to provide access for persons with disabilities. No new roads or trails will be authorized within the monument except to further the purposes of the monument. Prior to the issuance of the management plan, existing roads and trails may be closed or altered to protect the objects of interest in the monument, and motorized vehicle use will be permitted on trails until but not after December 31, 2000.
Gold Butte National Monument (Proc. #9559 – established)	Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, motorized vehicle use in the monument shall be permitted only on roads designated as open to such use as of the date of this proclamation, unless the Secretary decides to reroute roads for public safety purposes or to enhance protection of the objects identified above. Non-motorized mechanized vehicle use shall be permitted only on roads and trails, consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (Proc. #7265 – established)	For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road will be prohibited, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes.
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (Proc. #6920 – established)	n/a
Hanford Reach National Monument (Proc. #7319 – established)	For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Energy shall prohibit all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road, except for emergency or other federally authorized purposes, including remediation purposes.
Ironwood Forest National Monument (Proc. # 7320 – established)	For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, the Secretary of the Interior shall prohibit all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a transportation plan that addresses the actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect the objects identified in this proclamation.
Mojave Trails National Monument (Proc. #9395 – established)	Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, motorized vehicle use in the monument shall be permitted only on roads existing as of the date of this proclamation. Non-motorized mechanized vehicle use shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated for their use consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above. The Secretary shall prepare a transportation plan that designates the roads and trails where motorized or non-motorized mechanized vehicle use will be permitted.

National Monuments	Motorized and Non-Motorized Mechanized Vehicle Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (Proc. #9131 – established)	Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, motorized vehicle use in the monument shall be permitted only on designated roads, and non-motorized mechanized vehicle use shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated for their use; provided, however, that nothing in this provision shall be construed to restrict the use of motorized vehicles in wilderness study areas beyond the requirements of section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. No additional roads or trails shall be established for motorized vehicle or non-motorized mechanized vehicle use unless necessary for public safety or protection of the objects identified above.
Rio Grande del Norte National Monument (Proc. #8946 – established)	Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, motorized vehicle use in the monument shall be permitted only on designated roads and non-motorized mechanized vehicle use shall be permitted only on designated roads and trails.
San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (Proc. #9194 – established)	The Secretary shall prepare a transportation plan that specifies and implements such actions necessary to protect the objects identified in this proclamation, including road closures and travel restrictions. For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, the Secretary shall limit all motor vehicle use to designated roads, trails, and, in the Secretary's discretion, those authorized off-highway vehicular use areas existing as of the date of this proclamation.
Sand to Snow National Monument (Proc. #9396 – established)	Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, motorized vehicle use in the monument shall be permitted only on roads existing as of the date of this proclamation. Non-motorized mechanized vehicle use shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated for their use consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.
Sonoran Desert National Monument (Proc. #7397 – established)	For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road will be prohibited, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a management plan that addresses the actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect the objects identified in this proclamation.
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (Proc. #7398 – established)	For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, the Secretary shall prohibit all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a transportation plan that addresses the actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect the objects identified in this proclamation.

National Monuments	Motorized and Non-Motorized Mechanized Vehicle Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (Proc. #7374 – established)	For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, the Secretary shall prohibit all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a transportation plan that addresses the actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect the objects identified in this proclamation.

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Table 4. Timber Related Provisions in Selected National Monument Proclamations

National Monuments	Timber Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Basin and Range National Monument (Proc. #9297 – established)	n/a
Bears Ears National Monument (Proc. #9558 – established)	n/a
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (Proc. #9298 – established)	n/a
Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Proc. #7317 – established)	n/a

National Monuments	Timber Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Carrizo Plain National Monument (Proc. #7393 – established)	n/a
Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (Proc. #7318 – established, Proc. #9564 – enlarged)	#7318: The commercial harvest of timber or other vegetative material is prohibited, except when part of an authorized science-based ecological restoration project aimed at meeting protection and old growth enhancement objectives. Any such project must be consistent with the purposes of this proclamation. No portion of the monument shall be considered to be suited for timber production, and no part of the monument shall be used in a calculation or provision of a sustained yield of timber. Removal of trees from within the monument area may take place only if clearly needed for ecological restoration and maintenance or public safety. #9564: n/a
Craters of the Moon National Monument (Proc. #7373 – enlarged)	n/a
Giant Sequoia National Monument (Proc. #7295 – established)	Timber sales under contract as of the date of the proclamation and timber sales with a decision notice signed after January 1, 1999, but prior to December 31, 1999, may be completed consistent with the terms of the decision notice and contract. No portion of the monument shall be considered to be suited for timber production, and no part of the monument shall be used in a calculation or provision of a sustained yield of timber from the Sequoia National Forest. Removal of trees, except for personal use fuel wood, from within the monument area may take place only if clearly needed for ecological restoration and maintenance or public safety. Laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to administration by the Department of Agriculture of grazing permits and timber sales under contract as of the date of this proclamation on National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the monument shall continue to apply to lands within the monument.
Gold Butte National Monument (Proc. #9559 – established)	n/a
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (Proc. #7265 – established)	Sale of vegetative material is permitted only if part of an authorized science-based ecological restoration project.

National Monuments	Timber Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (Proc. #6920 – established)	n/a
Hanford Reach National Monument (Proc. #7319 – established)	n/a
Ironwood Forest National Monument (Proc. # 7320 – established)	n/a
Mojave Trails National Monument (Proc. #9395 – established)	n/a
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (Proc. #9131 – established)	n/a
Rio Grande del Norte National Monument (Proc. #8946 – established)	n/a
San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (Proc. #9194 – established)	All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, leasing, or other disposition under the public land or other Federal laws, including location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument, or disposition of materials under the Materials Act of 1947 in a manner that is consistent with the proper care and management of the objects protected by this proclamation. The Secretary may carry out vegetative management treatments within the monument, except that timber harvest and prescribed fire may only be used when the Secretary determines it appropriate to address the risk of wildfire, insect infestation, or disease that would endanger the objects identified above or imperil public safety.

National Monuments	Timber Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Sand to Snow National Monument (Proc. #9396 – established)	n/a
Sonoran Desert National Monument (Proc. #7397 – established)	n/a
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (Proc. #7398 – established)	n/a
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (Proc. #7374 – established)	n/a

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References in tables in this report to "Secretary" refer to the head of the department(s) that manages the monument, to USFS refer to the U.S. Forest Service, to BLM refer to the Bureau of Land Management, and to n/a refer to "not applicable" to indicate that no relevant provision was identified.

Table 5. Hunting and Fishing Related Provisions in Selected National Monument Proclamations

National Monuments	Hunting and Fishing Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Basin and Range National Monument (Proc. #9297 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Nevada, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Bears Ears National Monument (Proc. #9558 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Utah, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (Proc. #9298 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of California, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Proc. #7317 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Colorado with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Carrizo Plain National Monument (Proc. #7393 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of California with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (Proc. #7318 – established, Proc. #9564 – enlarged)	**#7318:** Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Oregon with respect to fish and wildlife management. **#9564:** Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Oregon or the State of California with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Craters of the Moon National Monument (Proc. #7373 – enlarged)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Idaho with respect to fish and wildlife management.

National Monuments	Hunting and Fishing Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Giant Sequoia National Monument (Proc. #7295 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to diminish or enlarge the jurisdiction of the State of California with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Gold Butte National Monument (Proc. #9559 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Nevada, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management, including hunting and fishing.
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (Proc. #7265 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Arizona with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (Proc. #6920 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to diminish the responsibility and authority of the State of Utah for management of fish and wildlife, including regulation of hunting and fishing, on Federal lands within the monument.
Hanford Reach National Monument (Proc. #7319 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Washington with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Ironwood Forest National Monument (Proc. # 7320 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Arizona with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Mojave Trails National Monument (Proc. #9395 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of California, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (Proc. #9131 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of New Mexico, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management.

National Monuments	Hunting and Fishing Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Rio Grande del Norte National Monument (Proc. #8946 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of New Mexico with respect to fish and wildlife management.
San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (Proc. #9194 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of California with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Sand to Snow National Monument (Proc. #9396 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of California, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Sonoran Desert National Monument (Proc. #7397 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Arizona with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (Proc. #7398 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Montana with respect to fish and wildlife management.
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (Proc. #7374 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Arizona with respect to fish and wildlife management.

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References in tables in this report to "Secretary" refer to the head of the department(s) that manages the monument, to USFS refer to the U.S. Forest Service, to BLM refer to the Bureau of Land Management, and to n/a refer to "not applicable" to indicate that no relevant provision was identified.

Table 6. Tribal Related Provisions in Selected National Monument Proclamations

National Monuments	Tribal Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Basin and Range National Monument (Proc. #9297 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe. The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law and in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of Indian sacred sites and cultural sites in the monument and provide access to the sites by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites). For purposes of the care and management of the objects identified above, the Secretary, through BLM, shall within 3 years of the date of this proclamation prepare and maintain a management plan for the monument and shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited to, consultation with State, tribal, and local governments.
Bears Ears National Monument (Proc. #9558 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights or jurisdiction of any Indian tribe. The Secretaries shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law and in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of Indian sacred sites and traditional cultural properties in the monument and provide access by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites), including collection of medicines, berries and other vegetation, forest products, and firewood for personal noncommercial use in a manner consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above. The Secretaries shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that [management] plan including, but not limited to, consultation with federally recognized tribes and State and local governments. In recognition of the importance of tribal participation to the care and management of the objects identified above, and to ensure that management decisions affecting the monument reflect tribal expertise and traditional and historical knowledge, a Bears Ears Commission (Commission) is hereby established to provide guidance and recommendations on the development and implementation of management plans and on management of the monument. The Commission shall consist of one elected officer each from the Hopi Nation, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, and Zuni Tribe, designated by the officers' respective tribes. The Commission may adopt such procedures as it deems necessary to govern its activities, so that it may effectively partner with the Federal agencies by making continuing contributions to inform decisions regarding the management of the monument. The Secretaries shall meaningfully engage the Commission or, should the Commission no longer exist, the tribal governments through some other entity composed of elected tribal government officers (comparable entity), in the development of the management plan and to inform subsequent management of the monument. To that end, in developing or revising the management plan, the Secretaries shall carefully and fully consider integrating the traditional and historical knowledge and special expertise of the Commission or comparable entity. If the Secretaries decide not to incorporate specific recommendations submitted to them in writing by the Commission or comparable entity, they will provide the Commission or comparable entity with a written explanation of their reasoning. The management plan shall also set forth parameters for continued meaningful engagement with the Commission or comparable entity in implementation of the management plan. The Secretaries, through the BLM and USFS, shall establish an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) to provide information and advice regarding the development of the management plan and, as appropriate, management of the monument. This advisory committee shall consist of a fair and balanced representation of interested stakeholders, including State and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners.

National Monuments	Tribal Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (Proc. #9298 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe. The Secretaries shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law and in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of Indian sacred sites and traditional cultural properties in the monument and provide access by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites). The Secretaries shall provide for public involvement in the development of the management plan including, but not limited to, consultation with tribal, State, and local governments.
Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Proc. #7317 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe.
Carrizo Plain National Monument (Proc. #7393 – established)	n/a
Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (Proc. #7318 – established, Proc. #9564 – enlarged)	**#7318:** n/a **#9564:** n/a
Craters of the Moon National Monument (Proc. #7373 – enlarged)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe.
Giant Sequoia National Monument (Proc. #7295 – established)	n/a

National Monuments	Tribal Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Gold Butte National Monument (Proc. #9559 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights or jurisdiction of any Indian tribe. The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law and in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of Indian sacred sites and traditional cultural properties in the monument and provide for access by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites). Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to preclude the traditional tribal collection of seeds, natural materials, salt, or materials for stone tools in the monument for personal noncommercial use consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above. For purposes of protecting and restoring the objects identified above, the Secretary, through the BLM, shall prepare and maintain a management plan for the monument and shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited to, consultation with State, tribal, and local governments.
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (Proc. #7265 – established)	n/a
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (Proc. #6920 – established)	n/a
Hanford Reach National Monument (Proc. #7319 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe.
Ironwood Forest National Monument (Proc. # 7320 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe.

National Monuments	Tribal Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
Mojave Trails National Monument (Proc. #9395 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe. The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law and in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of Indian sacred sites and cultural sites in the monument and provide access to the sites by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites). For purposes of the care and management of the objects identified above, the Secretary, through the BLM, shall within 3 years of the date of this proclamation prepare and maintain a management plan for the monument and shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited to, consultation with tribal, State, and local governments.
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (Proc. #9131 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe or pueblo. The Secretary shall, in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of religious and cultural sites in the monument and provide access to the sites by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (92 Stat. 469, 42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites). For purposes of protecting and restoring the objects identified above, the Secretary, through the BLM, shall prepare and maintain a management plan for the monument and shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited to, consultation with tribal, State, and local governments.
Rio Grande del Norte National Monument (Proc. #8946 – established)	Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe or pueblo. The Secretary shall, in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of religious and cultural sites in the monument and provide access to the sites by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (92 Stat. 469, 42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites). Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to preclude the traditional collection of firewood and pinon nuts in the monument for personal noncommercial use consistent with the purposes of this proclamation. For purposes of protecting and restoring the objects identified above, the Secretary, through the BLM, shall prepare and maintain a management plan for the monument and shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited to, consultation with tribal, State, and local governments as well as community land grant and acequia associations.

National Monuments	Tribal Related Provisions (Taken Directly from Proclamations)
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Subject:	Re: FY17 Challenge Cost Share - REMAINING PROJECTS

Agreed

On Jul 14, 2017, at 12:28 PM, Domenech, Douglas <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

As long as we all remember these lands are mos ly (all?) public already.

Doug Domenech
Senior Advisor
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On Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 2:17 PM, Amy Roberts <aroberts@outdoorindustry.org> wrote:

Hi Doug:

Thanks for taking a look at the letter. Yes- our preference would have been that the monuments' review did not occur. Specific to Bears Ears, OIA and Jess specifically worked with Congressman Bishop on the PLI for close to two years and we hoped that the Bears Ears protections would have been successful through the legislative process but Congressman Bishop did not get his bill passed and so a monument was declared.

Our board-approved statement always favors legislation because the management plans are included so we know how recreation assets will be treated.

Like most businesses our companies are looking for certainty in government policy so we can plan. The monuments review reopens the question of what the designations will be for the monuments under review and it seems will lead to legal action – extending the uncertainty because these questions as well as the Antiquities Act itself may end up in extended court action.

Our brands and retailers see these places to recreate as the infrastructure of our industry and of course- guides and outfitters have to apply for permits in these areas etc.

All that being said- we understand the process initiated by President Trump and are participating in it.

We hope to continue to work with you, Downey and Secretary Zinke on other issues as well because we know Secretary Zinke also has other agenda items specific to getting more Americans outside and enjoying public lands.

I appreciate the continued dialogue.

Amy

From: "Domenech, Douglas" <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov>
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And on the CEO letter...am I clear that these CEOs are saying that there should not be ANY changes to ANY monument? They are perfect as they are.

Doug

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On Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 11:03 AM, Jessica Wahl <jwahl@outdoorindustry.org> wrote:

Doug and Downey, I echo Amy's thanks for the meetings and have attached soft copies of the permitting document, letter on the Energy EO and letter from 214 business executives on the National Monuments review.

Thank you again for your time and see you next week,
Jess

From: Amy Roberts <aroberts@outdoorindustry.org>
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Dear Doug and Downey:

Thank you very much for making time to meet with Jess and I today.

We appreciated the opportunity to cover so much ground with you, including the challenge cost share grants, our efforts on permitting and next week's Made in America event.

I am attaching the project information on the challenge cost share programs that are funded through Outdoor Foundation.

Our company members and the recipient organization match the government dollars approx. 5:1.

Here are the 2017 projects that have received partial funding and are expecting the second half payment since it was included in the budget.

Gateway National Recreation Area	Bringing the Appalachian Mountain Club's Youth Opportunities Program to Gateway National Recreation Area's Ecology Village	Staten Island
Buffalo National River	Explore Austin Paddles the Buffalo River	Harrison
Ford's Theatre	Ford's Theatre Youth Oratory Programs	WASHINGTON
Independence National Historical Park	Neighborhood Links: A 1-Mile Historic Connection for Urban Youth	PHILADELPHIA
Anacostia Park	Urban Tree House (UTH) Program	Washington
River Raisin National Battlefield Park	NPS Career Exploration and Summer Kayak Program: Engaging Urban Youth	Monroe
North Cascades National Park Service Complex	Vamos Para La Montañas! Latino Outdoors Collaboration with Washington National Parks	Sedro Woolley
Petroglyph National Monument	Barrio Corps'NPS Ambassadors	Albuquerque
Voyageurs National Park	National Park Teen Ambassador Program	International Falls
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument	NPS Youth Ambassadors for Southwest Cultures	Coolidge

The remaining dollars are $198,500.

Please let me know whether you have any questions about this program. We publicize these projects and would be pleased to see Sec. Zinke speak to them as well.

Jess- will also send a soft copy of our recommendations on permitting.

We hope you can attend Outdoor Retailer soon. Our next show is the last week of January 2018 and then again in July 2018.

Finally- we feel confident we can get product to the showcase next week.

Best regards-

Amy

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NPS Region
Northeast
Midwest
NCR
Northeast
NCR
Midwest
Pacific West
Intermountain
Midwest
Intermountain

NPS Park, Trail or River Name	NPS Challenge Cost Share Funding Request
Gateway National Recreation Area	$25,000.00
Buffalo National River	$9,000.00
Ford's Theatre	$25,000.00
Independence National Historical Park	$25,000.00
Anacostia Park	$25,000.00
River Raisin National Battlefield Park	$25,000.00
North Cascades National Park Service Complex	$10,000.00
Petroglyph National Monument	$20,400.00
Voyageurs National Park	$14,500.00
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument	$19,600.00
Total to Fund=	**$198,500.00**

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Project Title
Bringing the Appalachian Mountain Club’s Youth Opportunities
Explore Austin Paddles the Buffalo River
Ford’s Theatre Youth Oratory Programs
Neighborhood Links: A 1-Mile Historic Connection for Urban Yo
Urban Tree House (UTH) Program
NPS Career Exploration and Summer Kayak Program: Engaging
Vamos Para La Montañas! Latino Outdoors Collaboration with
Barrio Corps'NPS Ambassadors
National Park Teen Ambassador Program
NPS Youth Ambassadors for Southwest Cultures

Park City
Staten Island
Harrison
WASHINGTON
PHILADELPHIA
Washington
Monroe
Sedro Woolley
Albuquerque
International Falls
Coolidge

Park State
NY
AR
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PA
DC
MI
WA
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AZ

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10305
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Challenge Cost Share Project Abstract
The Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) aims to provide overn
Through a partnership with the Buffalo National River, Arkansa
Ford’s Theatre Society offers two oratory residency programs,
The “Neighborhood Links,” program, would connect 10 (or mo
The Urban Tree House, a partnership between the Student Cor
The River Raisin National Battlefield Park will partner with The
Through the NPS Cost Share Challenge Program, Latino Outdo
Albuquerque's South Valley Youth are among some of the high
The National Park Teen Ambassador program introduces low ir
The National Park Service tells the stories of American people.

Project Description
Since 1968, YOP has employed a “train-the-trainer” model to p
Explore Austin will connect two teams (15 urban youth , 5 Men
Ford’s Theatre Society offers two oratory programs annually, w
Many urban youth in Philadelphia aren’t aware of the historica
The Urban Tree House (UTH) is the Student Conservation Asso
The program includes both winter and summer components. Y
In Washington, the LO volunteer team has successfully plannec
PETR will work with partners to complete much needed recrea
National parks make great outdoor classrooms, yet many kids l
NPS is a national leader in the art of interpretation - sharing sto

Project Outcomes
The partnership between Gateway and YOP addresses the Urba
Urban Outreach Ninety percent of youth served by Explore Aus
Through Ford's Theatre oratory programs, students will be able
Through the Neighborhood Links project, LGO is addressing all
We expect to engage 2,000 youth from the communities surrou
Both winter and summer components address Urban Outreach
Outcomes for individuals The individuals participating in this pr
URBAN OUTREACH: PETR is completely surrounded by urban A
The National Park Teen Ambassador Program will introduce a r
Youth Ambassadors for Southwest Cultures addresses all three

Number of Participants
332
46
1830
700
2000
1400
300
212
600
60

Number of Youth Participants
300
30
1800
600
2000
1200
1000
212
600
30

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NPS Challenge Cost Share Lead Project Partner ORGANIZATION
Appalachian Mountain Club
Explore Austin
Ford's Theatre Society
Let's Go Outdoors
Student Conservation Association
The Youth Connection, Inc.
Latino Outdoors
Southwest Conservation Corp.Charles Robles, Ancestral Lands
Voyageurs National Park Association
Youth Outdoor Experience doing business as Ironwood Tree Ex

How will you use the Challenge Cost Share funding?
The expenses from the inaugural year of “Bringing the AMC’s Y
The cost of one trip (15 urban youth, 5 Mentors, and 3 Trip Lea
The National Park Service cost share of $25,000 would fund the
Project costs for personnel, supplies, materials, transportation
The Challenge Cost Share funding will directly support: 12 wee
Grant monies would be used to fund a project coordinator who
Latino Outdoors’ match for the program will be both in-kind ge
Much of the funding will go to provide living stipends for the B
Of the $14,500 provided by the Outdoor Foundation, $10,500
$19,670 is requested to cover Ironwood Tree Experience’s esse

Who will be involved in executing the work?
YOP is thrilled to partner with the Gateway National Recreatior
Explore Austin Program Manager James Faerber oversees the p
The National Park Service is integral to the operation of the ora
The Neighborhood Links project is a partnership between Let's
SCA and the National Park Service have partnered to deliver th
Who will be involved in executing the work?The Youth Connect
The National Park Service at Mt. Rainier and the North Cascade
Primary Partners include: Petroglyph National Monument(PETF
Voyageurs National Park engages several key stakeholders in th
•Ironwood Tree Experience - youth recruitment; plan, schedule

Number of Partners
1
1
1
3
3
1
1
2
4
11

Challenge Cost Share Partner Contribution(s)
The expenses from the inaugural year of the partnership betwe
Explore Austin will match the cost of the second trip ($9,000).P
Ford’s Theatre Society will contribute $47,558 towards the mat
Let's Go Outdoors will contribute $31,672 in cash and in-kind s
_$41,044.80_ Value of Volunteer Hours of SCA Interns: $20,0
Time of Youth Connection staff allocated to the project to assis
Volunteer Services - Latino Outdoors will assumed responsibilit
•La Plazita Institute is providing $9,500 in cash•Southwest Con
Voyageurs National Park Association is committed to matching
•Youth Outdoor Experience dba Ironwood Tree Experience will

Dollar Match
12,500.00
9,000.00
25,000.00
17,272.00
15,000.00
13,200.00
0.00
9,500.00
0.00
8,000.00

In-Kind Match
18,500.00
0.00
14,400.00
20,000.00
30,776.00
10,000.00
10,835.00
14,500.00
11,900.00

Project Start Date
10/01/2016
06/01/2017
10/01/2016
10/01/2016
06/19/2017
10/01/2016
09/24/2016
09/01/2016
04/01/2017
10/05/2016

Project End Date
09/30/2017
07/31/2017
09/30/2017
08/31/2017
08/31/2016
09/30/2017
06/30/2017
10/15/2016
09/30/2017
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Policy Recommendations for Increasing National Park Access

Most Americans agree that it is good for people to get outside. Thankfully, there are thousands of organizations and businesses, large and small, whose mission is to take people outdoors and provide them with exciting and educational outdoor experiences in a safe, social and fun manner. Outfitters, guides and nonprofit organizations provide a valuable service to the public by offering them an opportunity to connect with America's public lands. By making these connections, these outdoor leaders help the agencies fulfill their missions.

To provide outdoor recreation and education opportunities, outdoor leaders need access to our nation's public lands. Unfortunately, our current system for managing access has become complex and cumbersome, and frequently serves as a barrier that prevents organizations and businesses from taking people outside.

The Coalition for Outdoor Access (COA) is a broad alliance of stakeholders with an interest in the management of guided recreation on public lands. COA believes there needs to be a cultural change in the way this use is managed. In 2016, COA developed a comprehensive set of recommendations for improving the management of the recreational permitting systems of the land management agencies. Below, we highlight those recommendations that will improve access to National Park Service lands and waters. Adopting these recommendations will help the Park Service connect more people to America's public lands.

Recommendations

Impose Reasonable Terms on Permit Holders

NPS should review the terms and conditions it imposes on permit holders, and ensure that the terms of concessions contracts, special park use permits, and Commercial Use Authorizations (CUAs) are reasonable and attainable so that outdoor leaders of all sizes can continue to provide backcountry services to the public at affordable prices. Terms and conditions should better align with NPS educational and recreational objectives and with the objectives of permit holders. Onerous requirements such as restrictive group sizes, guide requirements for familiarity with non-technical terrain, and required use of designated campsites in remote locations shut out potential outdoor leaders because they prevent leaders from meeting the shared experiential and educational goals of leaders and NPS.

Continue to Issue Commercial Use Authorizations to Small Operators

Larger iconic parks appear to have consolidated some commercial use authorizations into their large concession agreements. This decreases the number of available CUAs, which in turn reduces the number of small businesses and nonprofits able to operate in the parks. It can also have the effect of creating a monopoly concession in certain activity categories in favor the "big five" concessionaires. NPS should continue to provide CUAs to small businesses and nonprofits so that they can continue to meet public demand for specialized outdoor recreation and education services on park units.

Increase Transparency in the Permitting Process

NPS online resources often do not provide clear information about the outfitter-guide permitting system. Operators who are learning the system often struggle to identify parks that have permit availability, and are intimidated by an elaborate and complex permitting process. COA held several focus groups with outfitters and guides around the country and developed the following recommendations:

1. Create a centralized, comprehensive web portal for the agencies' permitting websites to make permit information easier to find for organizations and companies that need to apply and manage outfitter-guide permits.
2. Create a simplified permit application form that can be used by multiple agencies and across different units of the same agency.
3. Require land managers to develop a system for proactively notifying the public when and where outfitter-guide permits are available.
4. Establish and adhere to a reasonable response time for acknowledging permit applications, ideally thirty to sixty days after submission, and provide clear steps on how to obtain a permit if an application is denied.

Increase Consistency in the Permitting Process

NPS should increase consistency in the permitting process by:

1. Identifying and eliminating unnecessary differences between the NPS permitting systems and the systems used by other agencies. NPS should adopt the simplest, user-friendly permitting procedures whenever possible.
2. Creating consistency in timelines, particularly for CUAs and the permits offered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Permits should be issued, operating plans should be set, and agency changes to use projections should be provided at least nine months before the start of an activity, or within a timeframe suitable to both the NPS and the permittee. This will provide permittees with the certainty they need to promote and sell their programs, and would address issues that have arisen in several parks where group campsites and user days are not assigned until 3 months before the activity. This late assignment disrupts the planning and scheduling cycle of permittees, and limits their ability to carefully plan and execute trips with the lead time necessary to meet their risk management obligations.

Increase Flexibility in the Permitting Process

We recommend the following actions to increase flexibility in the permitting system:

1. NPS should develop a flexible permit system with a larger CUA pool open to all operators. These CUAs should offer opportunities for new types of use, more user days and lead to qualification for longer term agreements.
2. All land management agencies should develop a system that allows permit holders to share unused service days without loss of future use.
3. The NPS should consider dynamic permitting strategies that allow for more use during under-utilized periods (*e.g*. mid-week trips), increasing the overall use of an area without increasing crowding on peak days.

Reduce Barriers to Recreational Access Created by Agency Risk Management Requirements

A few targeted actions by the agencies will reduce barriers to recreational access created by agency risk management requirements:

1. NPS should waive the requirement to indemnify the U.S. government for entities that are prohibited from providing indemnification by state or local law. The current indemnification requirement prevents many state-chartered universities from taking students into NPS units because state schools are prohibited from indemnifying the U.S. government under state law.
2. NPS should modify its policy to allow the use of liability release forms between participants and permittees. Current NPS policy prohibits permittees from requiring participants to sign a release of liability for activities on NPS lands. This prohibition is unique to NPS. BLM and USFS allow outdoor leaders to use liability release forms. This prohibition complicates efforts of outfitters and guides to manage their operations, especially when they offer activities that use lands of more than one agency. In place of a liability release, NPS requires permittees to use a Verification of Assumption of Risk (VAR) form that provides much less protection to the permittee. The NPS VAR form is based on an obsolete park rule, provides no protection from frivolous litigation, and inadequately addresses the vast array of guided recreational opportunities that take place on public lands.
3. NPS should maintain reasonable minimum insurance requirements for permit holders. Insurance requirements in some NPS units have been increased beyond the financial capacity of many small outfitters, guides and nonprofits. In recent concession prospectus offerings, specific insurance requirements did not align with the activity and lacked clarity regarding the scope of the requirements.

Conclusion

COA is committed to working with the National Park Service to identify ways in which outdoor leaders can assist with improvement of the NPS permitting system

OUTDOOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

June 30, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
1849 C Street, NW
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RE: Secretarial Order 3359 "American Energy Independence" and Executive Order "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth."

Dear Secretary Zinke:

Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) is the national trade association for suppliers, manufacturers and retailers in the $887 billion outdoor recreation industry. I write to you today on behalf of OIA and the more than 7.6 million Americans who are employed our industry.

Through recent Executive and Secretarial Orders, you are seeking input from entities that are "significantly affected" by federal policies governing energy development on America's shared public lands and we thank you for this opportunity to provide comment. OIA is such an entity as our businesses rely on access to recreation on public lands and waters. We trust, therefore, that you will fully consider our views and perspectives on their behalf as you conduct your review. In particular, we wanted to highlight ways that the outdoor industry benefits from the current commonsense policies that balance development with outdoor recreation and other multiple uses of our public lands. These policies also ensure the involvement of local recreation users more fully in decision-making processes and ensure that industries such as ours have a "seat at the table" on these important issues alongside energy companies and other stakeholders.

You mentioned in your statement regarding the president's Executive Order on energy independence that energy production accounts for 6.4 million jobs. In contrast, outdoor recreation accounts for 7.6 million American jobs. In many of the the same states that produce coal, like West Virginia and Colorado, recreation must also be looked at as an economic driver that annually contributes $887 billion to the U.S. economy. Much of this is possible because our public lands offer unparalleled opportunities for outdoor recreation to millions of Americans and millions of international tourists alike.

We believe in a balanced approach to land management and encourage multiple uses. These beliefs reflect the values of our industry, given the diversity of activities that our members cater to – from backcountry skiing to fly-fishing to hunting and off-highway vehicle use – and we understand that energy development is a valid and important use of our public lands. After all, we use fuel to get to these backcountry experiences. However, given the growth of outdoor

recreation in western communities, energy development must increasingly be balanced with other activities, supplementing and not supplanting economic development in rural and gateway economies.

We have seen firsthand the challenges that unplanned and uncontrolled development can create for our public lands and the toll it can take on communities that rely on those lands not just for development, but also for tourism and recreation.

We also know firsthand how conflicts can be avoided through “smart-from-the-start” planning that balances the needs of energy development with the needs of other uses and sustainable activities. This approach has been enormously successful in places such as Moab, Utah, where the BLM recently completed a collaborative, locally-supported process that is allowing energy development to move forward, while protecting the national parks and world-class recreation resources that are the foundation of the area’s local economy. When policies exist that create opportunities for stakeholders to sit down together and work through conflicts ahead of time, it results in a win-win for all parties.

This example is merely one of the well-established policies that benefits our industry and ensures that we are provided the opportunity to inform the management of our public lands. We again ask that you please take the benefits of these policies into consideration during the course of your review. Balancing multiple-use is what makes our public lands so great and our economy stronger. Because energy development is but one use, it is incumbent upon you and your team to be responsive to all uses and stakeholders. We hope you will consider the outdoor industry a partner in finding new and innovative ways to balance energy development with the necessity of protecting these public lands for recreation and to diversify local economies through a stable, proven and powerful economic driver in the outdoor recreation economy.

Regarding the royalty program, we appreciate your review and agree with you that, "It's important that taxpayers get the full value of traditional and renewable energy produced on public lands and that we ensure companies conduct environmental reviews under NEPA and have reclamation plans." Therefore, we urge you to implement the final rule entitled, "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation," 81 Fed. Reg. 83008 (January 17, 2017), without delay as it is consistent with the policy set forth in Section 1 of the March 28, 2017 E.O. because on-the-shelf technologies are available to implement this rule and it will help capture and bring to market natural gas generating jobs and additional energy resources as well as ensuring clean air for the growing recreation economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these important issues and our views on how we can balance the multiple uses of America’s public lands. Please keep us informed and engaged as

you proceed with your review and let us know how we can continue to provide comment and ideas on how to ensure the growth and success of healthy communities and healthy economies.

Sincerely,

Jessica Wahl
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Outdoor Industry Association

Outdoor Businesses: National Monuments Keep the Economy and Our Industry Healthy

RE: DOI-2017-0002

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We are leaders of more than 200 businesses operating and employing Americans across the United States. We represent the outdoor industry, which has emerged as one of the nation's largest economic drivers over recent decades and continues to grow year over year. We are entrepreneurs, innovators, manufacturers and Main Street businesses. As employers, we support 7.6 million good, American jobs in a variety of professions and in communities both rural and urban -- jobs that are rooted in a love for our public lands and waters.

You have asked for comment on 27 national monuments created since 1996. We share your view that the monument-making process, and the Antiquities Act in particular, "…has preserved some of our finest treasures. And the Antiquities Act overall has been nothing short of an American success." Past Presidents who protected these places should be proud of their investments in the outdoor culture of this country – a uniquely American value – and celebrated for their contributions to the public's enjoyment of our outdoor spaces.

We are concerned with your June 10th interim report calling for revisions to the Bears Ears National Monument. Your recommendation to reduce and potentially break up the monument and the protection it provides into sub-divisions would, we believe, violate the goal of the Antiquities Act. Any such resizing would potentially leave unprotected the recreational assets -- the outdoor places that families across America love.

Our customers use public lands as infrastructure for activities ranging from hiking to hunting and camping to off-roading. As we announced with you in April, collectively, the outdoor sector contributes $887 billion annually to the economy and generates $125 billion in state, local and federal taxes. The bulk of this economic activity and our jobs are tied to iconic outdoor places and experiences. These places and experiences can't be exported or commoditized. They are a national competitive advantage. We ask you to not erode that potential but create certainty for our businesses and for the communities that often need it most.

As many of us noted before, it's an American right to roam in our public lands. The people of the United States, today and tomorrow, share equally in the ownership of our public lands and these monuments. This powerful idea transcends party lines. It sets our country apart from the rest of the world. As business leaders, we simply ask that your final report remain true to the Teddy Roosevelt values we share with you -- to maintain the national treasures Presidents of both parties have protected, to defend the integrity of the monument-making process and to assure these majestic places remain accessible for all Americans, sustaining healthy communities and a healthy economy.

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Vincent Devito has accepted this invitation.

Meeting with Energy Fuels Resources (USA) Inc.

To discuss the Bear Ears National Monument and Monticello Field Office.

With DOI:
- Downey Magallanes, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
- Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy

Others:
-Honorable Mary Bono, Principal, Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting
-Andrew Wheeler of Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting
-Paul Goranson of Energy Fuels

When	Mon Jul 17, 2017 1pm – 1:30pm Eastern Time
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Hi Downey. I believe it was determined that you and Vincent DeVito would take this meeting for the Secretary, if possible. I know you have that red-eye flight that arrives at 7am on Monday. Could you please let me know if you're planning on coming in to the office that day? If so, would you prefer to schedule meetings in the morning or the afternoon? We're moving today's scheduling review meeting (1pm) to Monday, and I was told that you need to be in it. Thank you.

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Subject:	FYI

Interior Secretary Zinke Says He'll Tour Nevada National Monuments In July.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (6/26, Brean) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "didn't stop at any national monuments during his first official visit to Nevada, but he promised to return for a tour of Gold Butte and Basin and Range before the end of July." During an event in Pahrump on Monday, Zinke "said he wants to see the two Nevada monuments from the ground and talk to stakeholders before he decides whether the designations should be reduced or rescinded." Zinke "said he doesn't have any 'preconceived ideas' about Gold Butte or Basin and Range, though he indicated that his recent recommendations on Bears Ears National Monument in Utah provide a blueprint for what might happen here."

Doug Domenech
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Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 7/12/17

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 7/12/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

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NOTE: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has scheduled hearings for two Interior nominees on Thursday, July 20.

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Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is in Washington, DC. He will:

Attend Cully Stimson Confirmation Hearing.

Meet with Pat Soon Shiong.

Call with Rep. Duncan Hunter.

Meet with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Call with Senator Merkley.

NEC Infrastructure Principals Meeting.

THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY: OMB Reporter Breakfast Briefing.

FRIDAY: Meeting with the International Conservation Caucus Foundation, travel to Salt Lake City UT.

SATURDAY: Travel to Medford, OR. Tour monument.

SUNDAY: Meetings on monuments. Travel back to Washington.

NEXT WEEK:

Monday/Tuesday/Wed: office

Thursday: Travel to CO, NM, NV.

NOTE: the Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country.

Media TODAY

Nothing planned unless the White House nominates a new person for DOI. (Expected).

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DOI Comms Report

(Sent yesterday to the WH.)

Press Inquiries:

· Santa Barbara Independent: REQUEST-- Now that the public comment period for public comment on national monument designation has expired, can you outline what happens next and in what time frame? Is there a deadline by which z. needs to respond or is totally discretionary as to when or if he responds at all? I am hearing from Salud Carbajal's office that no response has yet been made to his requests to meet with R. Zinke to discuss the matter. Is that still accurate? –RESPONSE-- As is outlined in the Executive Order, the review period ends on August 24th. The comments will be reviewed and the Secretary will continue to have meetings with various stakeholders in the coming weeks. At this time, the Department does not have any further announcements on monuments.

Top Stories:

· E&E News: Interior considering 3 Beaufort Sea Projects

· Bismarck Tribune: Fort Berthold environmental organization files suit over methane rule pause

· Flathead Beacon: Under Pressure, Glacier Park Loosens Boating Restrictions

· American-Statesman: President Trump taps Susan Combs for Interior Department post

Top Issues and Accomplishments:

· Today, the Secretary spoke at the Farm Bureau meeting in D.C. Zinke discussed the Department's work in the agriculture sector and being a good neighbor to local landowners.

· The Department of the Interior is announcing key appointments. Press releases are being issued on a case-by-case basis.

· On Wednesday, Secretary Zinke will testify before the SASC in support of the nomination of Cully Stimson for DoD. Zinke and Cully are longtime friends from the Navy.

· On Friday, Secretary Zinke will travel to Oregon to continue his review of national monuments under the President's April 26 executive order.

National Park Service

July 12: Public scoping meeting for the site of the proposed National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial. Two sites are under consideration: the area near Memorial Circle at George Washington Memorial Parkway on Columbia Island, and the Constitution Avenue Terminus Area near 23rd Street NW. The public comment period for the Environmental Assessment (EA) is open through July 24.

July 15: Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg will visit Glacier National Park. He will tour the park in a historic red bus with Superintendent Mow and USGS scientist Dan Fagre (Director of the Climate Change in Mountain Ecosystems Project). He will also visit with Gracie the Bark Ranger and official park partners. Zuckerberg will do a Facebook post immediately following his visit to his 92 million followers.

June 23-July 24: NPS Local release: The NPS is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) and is seeking public comments regarding the site of the proposed National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial. Two sites are under consideration: the area near Memorial Circle at George Washington Memorial Parkway on Columbia Island, and the Constitution Avenue Terminus Area near 23rd Street NW. The EApublic scoping period is June 23-July 24, 2017, with an initial scoping meeting on July 12.

Fish and Wildlife Services

July 14: FWS Local release: 6-month extension to the final determination on listing the Sand

Fernando Valley Spineflower and reopening of the comment period.

Bureau of Land Management

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<u>Federal Register Listings</u>

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WOLF TRAP

Tickets in the Secretary's box available. Please share with WH staff.

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Media TODAY
Nothing planned unless the White House nominates a new person for DOI. (Expected).

DOI Comms Report
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Press Inquiries:
· Santa Barbara Independent: REQUEST-- Now that the public comment period for public comment on national monument designation has expired, can you outline what happens next and in what time frame? Is there a deadline by which z. needs to respond or is totally discretionary as to when or if he responds at all? I am hearing from Salud Carbajal's office that no response has yet been made to his requests to meet with R. Zinke to discuss the matter. Is that still accurate? –RESPONSE-- As is outlined in the Executive Order, the review period ends on August 24th. The comments will be reviewed and the Secretary will continue to have meetings with various stakeholders in the coming weeks. At this time, the Department does not have any further announcements on monuments.

Top Stories:
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Items cleared for the FR on Tuesday.

REG0007147 BIA Indian Gaming; Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Amendment Taking Effect in the State of Wisconsin. This Notice announces that the Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Amendment entered into between the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin is taking effect on the date of publication of this Notice in the Federal Register. Notice 07/11/2017.

REG0007154 BIA Land Acquisitions; The Chickasaw Nation 30.03 Willis Site. The BIA provides public notice that the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs proclaimed approximately 30.03 acres of land near the Town of Willis, Marshall County, Oklahoma in trust for the Chickasaw Nation for gaming and other purposes on January 19, 2017. Notice 07/11/2017.

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Re: Supplemental Comments Addressing The Secretary Of Interior's Interim Report On Bears Ears National Monument And Related Statements

Dear Secretary Zinke:

The Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Tribe of Indians, and Zuni Pueblo submit these comments in response to your Interim Report Pursuant to Executive Order 13792 of June 10, 2017 ("Interim Report"). Each of our Nations has historic and prehistoric ties to the land that is now protected as the Bears Ears National Monument (the "Monument"), and we have each formally selected elected or appointed officials of our respective governments to the Bears Ears Commission. Previously, through the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (the "Coalition"), our Nations worked tirelessly with the Obama administration to identify the lands and management structure for, and eventually to establish, the Monument. Our five Nations previously submitted comments in support of the Monument (see attached) pursuant to the request for comments set forth in 82 Fed. Reg. 22016 (May 11, 2017). We stand by those comments, which call for preserving the Monument in the form described in Proclamation 9558 (the "Proclamation"). Some of us supplemented our collective comments with comments specific to our individual Nations, copies of which are also attached here. We now feel it necessary to provide additional supplemental comments because our Nations take issue with the recommendations you propose regarding the Monument in your Interim Report, and we have great concerns with several of the statements you have made to Congress about our Nations' attitudes and interests regarding the Monument.

1. We Are Not "Happy" With The Interim Report, And Any Diminishment Will Be A Slap In The Face To Our Nations

In your June 20, 2017 testimony before the United States Senate, you stated that our Nations are "happy" with your Interim Report. None of our five Nations – the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Tribe of Indians, and Zuni Pueblo – are happy with

your Interim Report, or any advances towards reduction or revocation of the Monument that we worked so hard to establish in its current, compromise form. Extinguishing or diminishing the Monument would indeed, as Senator Franken noted, be "a slap in the face" to our Nations as well as all Indian Nations in this country. *See* National Monuments Review, *Comments of the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, and Zuni Pueblo* at 2, (May 25, 2017) ("The radical idea of breaking up Bears Ears National Monument would be a slap in the face to the members of our Tribes and an affront to Indian people all across the country."). Our position has not changed.

2. The Monument Cannot Be Diminished Without Imperiling The Objects, Structures, and Other Objects of Historic And Scientific Interest Protected By Monument Designation

The nonprofit, grassroots Utah Navajo organization Utah Diné Bikéyah ("UDB"), which did much of the on-the-ground work for the Coalition, conducted an extensive ethnographic study documenting a vast array of "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic and scientific interest" that have special significance to our Nations and our ancestors within the Monument. That study, which serves as one of the bases for the Monument boundary, showed that 1.9 million acres within southern Utah was the "smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected," and required protection under the Antiquities Act. The previous Administration utilized that study, among others, to identify the boundaries for what became the 1.35 million acre Monument. The methods used and objects inventoried are described in great detail in our May 25 comments. The current boundaries were selected specifically to encompass hundreds of thousands of cultural, historic, and spiritual sites and features. There are no unimportant areas here; in fact, Bears Ears is so rich, and the resources there so densely situated, that one cannot go more than one-eighth of a mile without encountering the next site or "object." Our Nations contributed significant resources, time, and support to the UDB study, and continue to stand by the importance of maintaining the existing boundary of the Monument in order to protect the precious and copious resources contained therein. If you remove *any part* of Bears Ears from protection, it will necessarily damage cultural, spiritual, archaeological and/or paleontological sites of paramount significance.

3. We Are Happy With The Collaborative Management Regime Made Law By The Monument Proclamation

You indicated in both your report and subsequent testimony that our Nations are unhappy with the collaborative management approach established through the Proclamation, and

would prefer a different model. Quite to the contrary, we are quite pleased with the deep involvement in monument management the collaborative management model provides for our Nations. Indeed, we played a significant role in advocating for and developing the collaborative management model described in the Proclamation, and our Nations are determined to engage in collaborative management of this Monument in close cooperation with the federal agencies. To that end, our five Nations have appointed Commissioners, who have now met many times, to move forward collaborative management as expeditiously as possible. The designation of the Monument has contributed to an increased volume of visitors to Monument lands, and the need to protect the resources sought to be preserved under the Proclamation has become even more urgent. Accordingly, our Commission has been working closely with our federal partners to put in place a management plan suitable to ensure that the Monument will be managed in a manner respectful of our histories and cultures, and protective of our cultural, historic, and spiritual patrimony in a manner beneficial to all citizens of this country and of the world. The Monument Proclamation is law, and we are thankful for the protections it gives us in moving forward with collaborative management. In the event Congress were to pass legislation authorizing an even more robust regime for tribal management than collaborative management, we would certainly support that, but no such model exists and no such discussions are occurring. Meanwhile, the collaborative management system established in the Proclamation is greatly needed, is excellent, and recognizes our Nations' role in Monument management.

4. The Only Officials Representative Of Indian Nations Are Those Elected Or Appointed By Our Nations And Our Enrolled Membership

Finally, in both your report and your testimony, you have criticized the Commission because it does not include any representation from Rebecca Benally or other representatives of San Juan County. The Bears Ears Commission, with representatives from each of our five Nations, was formed in order to further the government-to-government and special trust relationship that exists between the United States and our federally-recognized sovereign Nations. State and local government representatives elected by San Juan County residents at large, even in majority-Navajo or Native American districts, do not represent the sovereign Navajo Nation government, or any other Indian Nation's government. The Navajo Nation, and all of the Coalition Tribes, are pre-constitutional sovereigns with electoral systems and government processes that serve and further the sovereign activities of our Nations irrespective of State and local government processes and political boundaries. To suggest that a representative of a State or local government should have a seat on the Commission or any other entity that represents the interests of a sovereign Indian Nation is an affront to Tribal sovereignty. Only elected and appointed officials of our Nations may speak on our behalf, not just any Native person with whom you speak.

We submit these comments with the hope that you will hear the voices of our Nations, and work to protect Bears Ears National Monument in its current form. We will continue to stand in defense of the Monument to the fullest extent, and to voice our clear opposition to any contemplated diminishment of the Monument's protections or boundaries.

spectfully.

Alfred Lomahquahu, Vice Chairman
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COMMENTS OF

THE HOPI TRIBE, NAVAJO NATION,

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UTE INDIAN TRIBE, AND ZUNI PUEBLO

May 25, 2017

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Introduction

The creation of the Bears Ears National Monument represents a landmark in the long history of the American public lands system. It is also a notable event in our Tribal histories. Together, we five Tribes took the lead in making this Monument a reality. We conceived of this Monument, helped build overwhelming support for it locally and nationally, and carried the many justifications for it to Washington, DC. We earned this Monument every step of the way. It was well worth it, but it required a huge amount of work.

For us, Bears Ears is a homeland. It always has been and still is. The culture is everywhere. The canyons and forests hold many of our stories. Family gatherings, dances, and ceremonies are held at special places within Bears Ears. People go to Bears Ears to gather roots, berries, piñon nuts, weaving materials, and medicines. We go for healing. Stone cliff-dwellings and trails, testaments to the Old People, have survived thousands of years of wear and weather. Our ancestors are buried there, and we can hear their songs and prayers on every mesa and in every canyon.

Attempting to eliminate or reduce the boundaries of this Monument would be wrong on every count. Such action would be illegal, beyond the reach of presidential authority. Bears Ears enjoys overwhelming popularity nationally—and extensive and passionate support in the State of Utah as well. It would be a travesty to leave this landscape vulnerable to uranium and fossil-fuel mining, and excessive off-road vehicle use. Additionally, there has been ghastly looting and grave robbing that continues to this day. This was a major impetus for the Monument status. Citizens of America and the world would lose the opportunity to enjoy the wonders of one of the most remote and wondrous landscapes found anywhere. They would lose, as well, the opportunity for Bears Ears to become home to a world-class institute on indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

The radical idea of breaking up Bears Ears National Monument would be a slap in the face to the members of our Tribes and an affront to Indian people all across the country. We did not bring forth grievances. We brought a solution: the permanent protection of a great natural and cultural landscape. When the President of the United States created the Monument, he accepted our solution and promised that the lands within the Monument would be protected for us and the generations that come after us. Bears Ears is too precious a place, and our cultures and values too dignified and worthy, to backtrack on the promises made in the Presidential Proclamation.

The Nature and Validity of This Review of Monument Designations

On April 26, 2017, President Trump called for an unprecedented review of national monument designations made since January 1, 1996, where the designation covers more than 100,000 acres, or where the Secretary of Interior determines that the designation or expansion was made without adequate public outreach or coordination with relevant stakeholders. The review is purportedly to determine whether the designations conform to the objectives of the Antiquities Act. However, there is no statute authorizing any such review of monuments, nor statutory authority for any public comment period, and certainly no authority—statutory or otherwise—to diminish or revoke any monument. Any such presidential action would be ultra vires and unconstitutional. Therefore, although we have no choice but to respond, the public process created by this order is unauthorized and void.

Pursuant to President Trump's executive order, the Department of the Interior is reviewing monument designations and seeking comments as part of the review. 82 Fed. Reg. 22016 (May 11, 2017). The Secretary is purportedly considering several factors in his review. *See* 82 Fed. Reg. 20429-20430 (May 1, 2017). We are confused by the inclusion of factors outside of the statutory text of the Antiquities Act, as they are irrelevant to whether or not Bears Ears was properly

designated. As such, any recommendation by the Secretary to the President that is based on information outside the scope or authority of the Secretary or President under the Antiquities Act would be improper. The President has authority to designate national monuments, but does not have authority to eliminate, shrink, or move the boundaries of them.

As will be seen below, Bears Ears easily fits within the objectives of the Antiquities Act, and was the product of extensive public outreach, coordination with relevant stakeholders, and substantive research.

Bears Ears: A Tribal Homeland Since Time Immemorial

Our Tribes came to the Bears Ears landscape at different times. Some of us have been there forever, and some came later. We inhabited, hunted, gathered, prayed, and built civilizations. Our presence, much in evidence today, covered the whole region and is manifested in migration routes, ancient roads, great houses, villages, granaries, hogans, wickiups, sweat lodges, corrals, petroglyphs and pictographs, tipi rings, and shade houses. Bears Ears holds more than 100,000 Native American cultural sites and is widely recognized as one of the world's premier areas for archaeological resources.

By the mid-19th century, the United States became determined to open the American Southwest to homesteading. This meant moving Indian people off many traditional lands, including Bears Ears. Utes and Navajos were force-marched to reservations. For the Navajo, this was the Long Walk to Bosque Redondo in New Mexico. In particular, the White Canyon region of Bears Ears remains a significant historical site because of its many *Nahonidzho*, or escaping places, used by Navajos to protect themselves from the soldiers. The Zuni and Hopi were spared the violence of the forced removal because they had by this time relocated to their current pueblos to the south and southeast.

For generations, federal policy required Indian people to remain on their reservations and pueblos. The sense of homeland and the ancestors, however, was too strong. People avoided their federal overseers and found ways to return to Bears Ears for hunting, gathering, and ceremonies. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as federal policy relented, the non-Indian residents of San Juan County regularly forced Native Americans out of Bears Ears, sometimes violently. Yet our people continued to find ways to return.

As Tribes became more active after World War II, we began talking about Bears Ears. The looting and grave robbing had been intensifying ever since the 1890s, causing widespread destruction. In 1968, Robert Kennedy came to the Navajo reservation during his presidential campaign. He held a meeting in Bluff and Navajo people urged him to protect the Ancient Puebloan villages and other archaeological resources. Given the importance of this area to us and the nation, it is imperative that it be protected.

The Origins of the Monument: Defining the Boundaries of the Cultural Landscape

The push for Bears Ears began in earnest in 2010 with the creation of the grassroots non-profit organization, Utah Diné Bikéyah (UDB). UDB was formed with a primary objective of protecting Bears Ears. Looking back, we can see that the formation of UDB was an important step on the road to the Bears Ears National Monument.

Early on, UDB set out on a project that was ambitious in the extreme. People were already discussing the possibility of creating a wilderness area, national park, national monument, or other appropriate classification. UDB defined its goal as establishing conclusively the proper boundaries, defined scientifically, culturally, and historically, necessary to protect the Bears Ears homeland. After much deliberation, it settled upon a methodology, one which would require a prodigious amount of work. The interdisciplinary effort was based on thorough ethnographic

research featuring an intensive interviewing regime; research by academic experts in ecology, biology, anthropology, archaeology, and public policy; Traditional Knowledge; extensive data on wildlife species obtained from Utah state wildlife officials; and data analysis.

The ethnographic data resulted in sophisticated and highly reliable cultural mapping. *See* generally Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, *Protecting the Whole Bears Ears Landscape: A Call to Honor the Full Cultural and Ecological Boundaries* (2016). Seventy cultural interviews were conducted by a Navajo traditionalist fluent in English and the Diné languages and possessing ethnographic training. The resulting ethnographic data was captured and organized on a fine scale. Maps were then prepared using that information to show why 1.9 million acres should be set aside as a cultural landscape.

This ethnographic mapping process benefited from Traditional Knowledge, which is increasingly recognized by western sciences and scholarship and used by federal agencies in land management and planning. Traditional Knowledge is derived from keen observation carried out and passed down over hundreds or thousands of years. It represents another way of knowing the social and ecological landscape. It is invaluable to scientists in places where it remains intact—places such as Bears Ears. The Presidential Proclamation rightly refers to Traditional Knowledge several times and emphasizes its critical place in future land management at the Bears Ears National Monument.

This intensive work began in 2010 and continued for several years. It was a joined enterprise of Traditional Knowledge and western sciences. It reflected the careful, dedicated, and knowledgeable work of hundreds of Native people and dozens of academics. Their work shows that the Bears Ears landscape is one discrete unit, bound together in numerous ways, and it blends perfectly with other protected federal and Tribal lands.

UDB released its Bears Ears proposal in April, 2013. The Proposal called for a 1.9 million acre protected area that could be designated as a national monument, wilderness area, national recreation area, or other classification under federal law. The carefully-considered, data-driven boundaries developed by UDB quickly became accepted as a serious proposal that deserved serious attention. While Utah public officials were generally noncommittal or negative, the boundaries were praised by conservation groups and many federal officials. Our Tribes were inspired by the Proposal and the hard work that went into it, especially the cultural mapping that UDB developed that so fully represented Native American values.

For its part, UDB was disappointed and frustrated by the opposition or disinterest of Utah federal, state, and county politicians. In 2014, UDB turned to the Tribes to support and carry the Proposal. This was only logical. Federal Indian policy is based on the federal-tribal relationship and the Tribes would be the appropriate advocates to carry the Proposal forward. As a result, protecting Bears Ears increasingly became a major subject in the minds of the Tribes of the Southwest during 2014 and 2015.

The Tribal Proposal

We held many meetings, large and small, and made conference calls to discuss the alternatives. It became clear to us that there were two broad considerations. As a legal matter, what were the pros and cons of the different land classifications—wilderness, national monument, national recreation area, and others? At least as important, though, was the question of which would be the best forum—legislation controlled by the Utah delegation or a national monument proclamation developed by the administration and signed by President Obama?

In 2013, the Utah delegation was developing the so-called Public Lands Initiative (PLI). This was an initiative, led by Congressmen Bishop and Chaffetz, with the professed goal of

reaching a consensus agreement among all stakeholders over the public lands of Eastern and Southern Utah, an area of great cultural value, beauty, and mineral potential. The general idea was that an agreement would lead to congressional legislation putting some federal lands in wilderness and other protected status and allowing multiple-use development to proceed on most of the other lands. We wanted to develop an agreement through the PLI process, but also wanted to ensure that Bears Ears was properly protected. As a result, we analyzed the options of PLI and national monument status, among others.

We were very apprehensive about the PLI process. Up to that time, the Utah leaders had never taken us seriously. This was in spite of the fact that we worked tirelessly on the PLI process, putting in as much or more effort than any party involved in the process. We made at least 25 presentations at PLI meetings, complete with maps, a two-page summary of the UDB proposal (the precursor to the later and more comprehensive Coalition Proposal), and substantial oral presentations. Congressional staff were present at approximately a dozen of these meetings. We also made four separate trips to Washington DC to meet with the Utah delegation; at each of those meetings, we made extensive statements complete with maps and a summary of the Proposal. At all of these meetings, both in the field and in Washington DC, we asked for comments on our proposal. It was to no avail.

In spite of our extensive and unwavering efforts, in no instance did anyone from the Utah delegation or the PLI make a single substantive comment, positively or negatively, on our proposal. Our painful experience with attempting to make an inroad into the PLI process was epitomized by our dealings with the San Juan County Commission. Although the proponents of the PLI described the process as “open” and “ground-up,” PLI leaders said that they were relying

heavily on the county commission. Indeed, we were told to present our proposal to the San Juan County Commission.

As part of the PLI process, the San Juan County Commission conducted a public comment survey on PLI in 2014 to gauge support for various land use proposals for Bears Ears. The UDB proposal was initially identified as "Alternative D" and the County Commission staff agreed to include Alternative D in the list of alternatives on the survey. Then, the staff broke that promise and refused to include Alternative D on the list for the formal comment process.

Supporters of Alternative D (Bears Ears) waged a write-in campaign. Despite being omitted from the list, the Bears Ears proposal received 300 positive comments, 64% of the 467 total comments received in the County. The Commission then completely rejected the results of its own survey—and the wishes of the Indian people who constitute nearly 60% of the population of San Juan County—and selected the heavy-development, low conservation "Alternative B." Alternative B had received just two comments, one half of 1% of the total.

In spite of the extraordinary unfairness of this proceeding—the kind of raw, heavy-handed political overreaching rarely seen in America today—at no time has San Juan County, the PLI, or the Utah delegation ever seen fit to acknowledge it, much less apologize and disown it.

In 2015, the Tribes decided to hold a special meeting to decide what the strategy should be. The meeting was held in Towaoc at the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation on July 15-17, 2015. The third day, Friday, was reserved for a meeting with federal officials from Washington, D.C. The day before, at the Thursday meeting in Towaoc, Tribal leaders had made a series of critical decisions that energized the already enthusiastic Bears Ears movement.

UDB and the Navajo Nation had always wanted this effort to be headed up by a multi-Tribal organization comprised of the Tribes that used the Bears Ears area the most. Thus, on that

day at Towaoc, to unite formally in furtherance of protecting the sacred Bears Ears landscape, Tribal leaders from Hopi, Navajo, the Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute, and the Zuni Tribe agreed to create the historic Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to protect and preserve the homeland area they all care so deeply about. All of the Tribes passed resolutions on the subject before the meeting or shortly after it. The five Tribes then adopted an MOU setting forth the mission, function, and procedures for the Coalition. (The Coalition continues to exist and is dedicated to grassroots organizing and public outreach. The Bears Ears Tribal Commission, was created by the Presidential Proclamation as a land management entity for the National Monument.)

The then newly-formed Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, recognizing the significance of the creation and management of a Bears Ears National Monument, decided to craft a comprehensive, detailed proposal, to be submitted to the President by a self-imposed deadline of October 15, 2015. Submission by this date would allow the President ample time to consider, and hopefully sign, a proclamation under the Antiquities Act, before the end of his term. This would also allow time for the Bishop-Chaffetz PLI process to review our proposal and include all or part of it in its proposed legislation, if so inclined.

During the late summer of 2015, the Tribes held four more well-attended, intensive day-long meetings, hosted at the reservations of the Coalition members, to review draft proposals in depth. These meetings, combined with UDB's work since 2010, allowed us to become well-informed in all of the issues related to achieving and carrying out a complex federal land management program.

The Proposal had many aspects to it, but two were the most fundamental to the Tribes. We strongly recommended the 1.9 million acre national monument with the boundaries developed by UDB's comprehensive, in-depth research and analysis. In addition, we discussed Collaborative

Management often and in-depth, and unanimously put forth a strong version of Collaborative Management between our Tribes and the federal agencies in which Traditional Knowledge would play an essential role.

Our Proposal reflects our intimate connection with Bears Ears, a cultural landscape densely inhabited by the stories, histories, prayers, and practices of people and place over millennia. Tucked among the canyons, folds, meadows, and promontories of Bears Ears rest an estimated 100,000 archaeological sites, regarded by researchers as world-class objects of scientific inquiry. Kivas, granaries, hogans, rock art panels, graves, and many more historic and prehistoric markers—all the work of our ancestors—are found throughout this area, preserved relatively undisturbed for centuries by the Colorado Plateau's arid climate and rugged terrain.

The supplemental report, Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, Protecting *the Whole Bears Ears Landscape: A Call to Honor the Full Cultural and Ecological Boundaries* October 18, 2016, includes both maps and narrative descriptions of the importance and significance of the five geographic regions that comprise the whole of the Bears Ears National Monument: The Confluence, White Canyon, Indian Creek, Headwaters, and Cedar Mesa. *Id*. Each of the Bears Ears regions stand as significant historic and cultural landscapes deserving of a national monument designation in its own right. Taken as a whole, these five regions interlace to tell a compelling story of ancient cultures—even reaching into the present day with dwellings established as recently as the 1920s.

In all, our proposal represented the true voice of these Tribes and our determination to present to the United States a program that is workable in the real world of land management. We believed then and now that our proposal, as now mostly embodied in the Presidential Proclamation,

will add even more luster to the proud American system of conservation lands and, as well, bring justice to Tribes and this sacred landscape.

The Coalition submitted its comprehensive proposal to the Obama Administration on October 15, 2015, and its supplemental report on October 18, 2016. *See* Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, *Proposal to President Barack Obama for the Creation of Bears Ears National Monument* 18 (Oct. 15, 2015), http://www.bearsearscoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Bears-Ears-Inter-Tribal-Coalition-Proposal-10-15-15.pdf; Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, Protecting *the Whole Bears Ears Landscape: A Call to Honor the Full Cultural and Ecological Boundaries.*

The Administration's Extensive Public Outreach and Thorough Analysis of Legal Requirements

The Obama Administration put in an inordinate amount of time and expertise in conducting comprehensive research, reaching out to the public, and developing its position on Bears Ears. It was a big issue. Opposition was small in numbers but very loud—although there was a magnificent outpouring of public support for the Monument, the Utah congressional delegation and various state officials all were extremely active in pressing their positions with administration officials. But, from top to bottom, the administration developed and analyzed a tremendous amount of scientific, historical, economic, cultural, and legal material. On our trips back to Washington, we never failed to be amazed by the number of dedicated administration people who actively responded to the public and were deeply familiar with all or some of the issues.

For our part, beginning with the presentation of our Proposal, we began a 14-month period in which we had numerous meetings and conference calls with officials in the Interior Department, Forest Service, and Council on Environmental Quality. Most of our people live in remote areas in

the Southwest, and travel to the East Coast is grueling, but we made many, many trips to Washington DC.

We established a substantial public relations program and reached out locally and nationally through public meetings, op-ed articles, and television and radio presentations. Gradually, support for Bears Ears and our proposed collaborative management regime rose across the country. The only place where there was opposition was in the state of Utah, but public opinion polls showed that the Utah citizenry supported Bears Ears. Opponents blithely stated that "the people of San Juan County" oppose Bears Ears, ignoring the fact that the Native American population in the county is nearly 60%.

Virtually every major newspaper in the country supported the national monument. Especially notable is the *Salt Lake Tribune*, with the largest circulation in Utah. The *Tribune* editorialized in favor of the Monument several times and often exposed misinformation being released by the Utah delegation.

The Obama Administration welcomed and received the views of the public. The Antiquities Act does not require any specific procedures, other than the entry of a proclamation by the President. But the President directed that this be an open process. The administration received all manner of written opinions by letters and email. Meetings were arranged with countless organizations and individuals. Utah public officials, for example, had ongoing meetings and communications with the President, high White House officials, the two secretaries, heads of agencies, and career staff. As late as December 21, 2016, just one week before the Proclamation was signed, the Governor of Utah's office complimented the staff to the Department of the Interior on the time and attention that they devoted to this issue.

In an exceptional display of reaching out to the public, Secretary Sally Jewell, accompanied by top Interior and Agriculture officials, traveled to Bluff, Utah and held a day-long open public hearing in which more than one hundred citizens, drawn by lot, made two-minute statements. *See* http://bluffutah.org/secretary-jewell-to-discuss-protection-of-bears-ears at-public-meeting/. Every perspective was represented. The overflow crowd was estimated at approximately 2,000; the largest gathering ever held in Bluff.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform documented the timeline of events that led up to the Bears Ears Proclamation. The timeline and the documentation reveal repeated contacts, meetings, coordination, and outreach by the Obama Administration with the Utah delegation, governor, and local communities prior to the Monument Proclamation. *See Documents Obtained by Oversight Committee Refute Republican Claims That Obama Administration Did Not Consult on Bears Ears Monument Designation*, Committee On Oversight and Government Reform (April 13, 2017), https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/documents-obtained-by-oversight-committee-refute-republican-claims-that-obama. To show the extensive public outreach and coordination in the creation of the Bears Ears National Monument, we incorporate by reference the timeline and documentation of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

In addition to attending to public outreach, the President and the administration gave long and careful attention to two provisions in the Antiquities Act that were especially relevant to the creation of this Monument. The statute allows presidents to create national monuments to protect "objects" of historic or scientific interest. While the legal definition of "objects" is very broad and calls for extensive discretion by presidents, the designation of such objects is critical to the creation of any monument. In this case, administration officials gave the matter continuing consideration.

The result can be seen in the Proclamation, which identifies a great many objects and places them in context.

The other provision is that, under the Antiquities Act, national monuments "shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." While uniform case law gives very broad authority to presidents—Congress delegated authority to create national monuments to the President, "in his discretion" in the Antiquities Act—agency officials scrutinized this issue at length. State of Utah and mining company executives pressed for reducing the acreage. Finally, the Proclamation made a major reduction from the Tribes' proposal of 1.9 million acres down to 1.35 million acres, a cut of nearly 30%. This action, which we strenuously opposed, was a compromise for extraction industries and brought the size of the Monument down nearly to the acreage allocated for protection under the Bishop-Chaffetz proposal in the PLI. While we believe that the size of the Monument should be expanded to include more precious resources, the current acreage is easily supported as "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected."

The Presidential Proclamation

The Presidential Proclamation of December 28, 2016 reflects the long and hard work that the administration put into it. The new Monument is tailor-made for coverage under the Antiquities Act of 1906, which Congress passed in response to the destruction of the kind of exquisite Southwestern archaeological resources that are so abundant at Bears Ears. Every part of the Monument holds "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic and scientific interest," the core requirement of the Antiquities Act and the evocative Proclamation identifies such archaeological objects in great detail. The Proclamation is equally expansive with objects that are historical, geological, anthropological, paleontological, ecological,

hydrological, botanical, and biological. Proclamation No. 9558, 82 Fed. Reg. 1139-43 (Dec. 28, 2016). *These objects exist everywhere within the Monument.*

It is also worth pointing out that the outdoor recreation economy generates $887 billion annually in consumer spending, creates 7.6 million jobs, provides for $65.3 billion in federal tax revenue, and provides for $59.2 billion in state and local revenue. https://outdoorindustry.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/OIA_RecEconomy_FINAL_Single.pdf Likewise, National parks, wildlife refuges, national monuments and other public lands and waters account for $35 billion in economic output and 396,000 jobs in the U.S. *Id*. After Utah representatives came out against Bears Ears, the twice-yearly Outdoor Retailer gathering, which brought the state $45 million in annual direct spending, began looking for another host city. https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/nation-now/2017/04/25/amid-public-land-battle-outdoor-industry-boasts-887-billion-impact/100883702/. Thus, the economic impact of Bears Ears on local, state, and federal economies should not be underestimated and supports maintaining the Monument. Indeed, fiscal responsibility demands that it be maintained.

The Proclamation recognizes the "[a]bundant rock art, ancient cliff dwellings, ceremonial sites, and countless other artifacts [that] provide an extraordinary archaeological and cultural record." While the area is important to all Americans, the Proclamation recognizes that "the land is profoundly sacred to many Native American Tribes, including the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, Hopi Nation, and [Pueblo of] Zuni."

The Proclamation notes that the earliest Native people—from the Clovis to the Ancestral Puebloans—utilized the Bears Ears region for millennia. *Id.* "The remains of single family dwellings, granaries, kivas, towers, and large villages, and roads linking them together, reveal a complex cultural history. 'Moki steps,' hand and toe holds carved into steep canyon walls by the

Ancestral Puebloans, illustrate the early people's ingenuity and perseverance and are still used today to access dwellings along cliff walls."

The "petroglyphs and pictographs capture the imagination with images dating back at least 5,000 years and spanning a range of styles and traditions. From life-size ghostlike figures that defy categorization, to the more literal depictions of bighorn sheep, birds, and lizards, these drawings enable us to feel the humanity of these ancient artists."

We were disappointed by the Obama Administration's reduction of the Monument from our proposal of 1.9 million acres down to 1.35 million acres. Virtually all of the changes were made to accommodate mining interests. We were saddened because those areas are all culturally important to us and now may well be developed in disruptive ways that detract from the values of the Monument lands themselves. While we disagree with this review process as stated above, any review of the Monument should consider its expansion to the originally proposed 1.9 million to protect these cultural resources.

Even still, the Proclamation achieved our goals and the goals of the Antiquities Act. The provisions for collaborative management vary somewhat from our proposal but the end result is truly exciting in that it calls for deep involvement—not just "consultation" or "advice"—of our tribal Commission as a "partner" in management of the Monument. The Proclamation leaves no doubt about the central importance of our Traditional Knowledge in management of this Monument: "The traditional ecological knowledge amassed by the Native Americans whose ancestors inhabited this region, passed down from generation to generation, offers critical insight into the historic and scientific significance of the area. Such knowledge is, itself, a resource to be protected and used in understanding and managing this landscape sustainably for generations to come." 82 Fed Reg. at 1140.

As an overarching matter, the Proclamation alludes to, and honors, Native people in the in a respectful manner. It describes our cultural practices in terms that are accurate, neither demeaning nor romantic. The Proclamation is not locked in the past: it acknowledges contributions of both our ancestors and Native Americans today. Traditional Knowledge, for example, is correctly recognized as being possessed by us both historically and contemporarily. In the past, monument proclamations made only passing references to Native Americans. In this case, about one-quarter of the text is dedicated to our people and our relationship to all that is the Bears Ears landscape. In reading the Proclamation, one can see—and it means a great deal to us—that President Obama created the Bears Ears National Monument to honor Indian Tribes (both past and present), the land, and the relationship between the Tribes and the land.

Conclusion

As can be seen from these comments, there was extensive public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders and the Bears Ears National Monument easily conforms to the objectives of the Antiquities Act. Under the Antiquities Act, presidents have authority to create new national monuments, but not to extinguish or diminish existing monuments. An attempt to do either one would be struck down by the courts as executive overreaching. We are attaching a short, recent article in which distinguished scholars address this matter entitled *Presidents Lack the Authority to Abolish or Diminish National Monuments*. Mark Stephen Squillace, Eric Biber, Nicholas S. Bryner and Sean B. Hecht, *Presidents Lack the Authority to Abolish or Diminish National Monuments*, 103 Va. L. Rev. Online (2017), https://ssrn.com/abstract=2967807.

Leaving the Monument fully intact is also the correct result as a matter of right and wrong. The wonderful Bears Ears National Monument is a gift to the citizens of the United States and the world. Once experienced, the physical beauty of the red-rock terrain and the cultural power of the

Old People stay with visitors forever. As for us, we personally have received a great gift also, but most of all we think of our ancestors. They gave us everything we have and this Monument honors them, their wisdom, and their way of life. As President Theodore Roosevelt said in proclaiming the 800,000-acre Grand Canyon National Monument under the Antiquities Act, "Leave it just as it is. You cannot improve upon it."

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ATTACHMENT 2

THE NAVAJO NATION

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Re: Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996

I. The History and significance of the Bears Ears National Monument to the Navajo Nation

The Bears Ears National Monument lies immediately adjacent to the Navajo Nation's northern boundary in San Juan County, Utah. The lands protected by the Monument hold special cultural and historical significance for the Navajo people, who believe that the towering spires in the Valley of the Gods are ancient Navajo warriors frozen in stone, and that the Bears Ears peaks are the top of the dismembered head of a bear that stands guard to culturally important Changing Bear Woman.

Additionally, the origin narratives of certain Navajo healing ceremonies make special mention of geographic sites located in present-day Bear's Ears National Monument, including the Bears Ears buttes themselves, Elk Ridge, Comb Ridge, the Abajo Mountains, and zones around crossings of the San Juan River at Cottonwood Wash, Comb Wash, and Mexican Hat. At least five types of Navajo ceremonies are associated with these places. The prominence of these sites in our ceremonies' origin narratives underscores those sites' cultural, spiritual, and historical significance to the Navajo people. Some of these sites were created when our deities first put the earth's surface in order, including what was to become a homeland for the Navajo people and our ancestors. Other sites in the Monument were where our deities and our people stopped amid travels and gained bits of knowledge that became incorporated into some of our most significant ceremonies. The influence of that knowledge continues to ordain the manner by which those ceremonies are practiced even today.

The lands that fall within the Bears Ears National Monument also have great significance to the human history of the Navajo people. By no later than 1800, specific, genealogically-identified Navajo forebears dwelt, herded, farmed, hunted, gathered, and performed ceremonial activities in the present-day Bears Ears National Monument. In 1864, U.S. troops marched several groups of Navajos—totaling over 9,000 individuals—in succession and at gunpoint 350 miles to Fort Sumner in east central New Mexico as the finale to Colonel Kit Carson's scorched earth campaign against the Navajo. Many Navajos escaped this removal by remaining in or fleeing to the stronghold of what is now the Bears Ears National Monument. The Monument is also the home of important figures in Navajo history, including Headman *K'aayélii*, and Navajo Chief Manuelito (one of the negotiators of and signatories to the Navajo Treaty of 1868 with the United States).

The ties of the Navajo to the region extend from "pre-historic" times to the present. Ethnographic studies and oral traditions describe the Navajo ethno-genesis as an assimilation of various ethnic groups, including the Anasazi and Puebloan peoples from Canyon de Chelly and elsewhere, who the Navajo acknowledge as their relatives by referring to them as *Nihinaazází'*(the ancestors who lived around us). Today the Navajo people continue to make offerings and prayers to these relatives in the Bears Ears region. Until recently, the Navajo people resided in areas now within the Monument's boundaries. They

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lived there in hogans and wikiups, herded sheep, and hunted on the land. They also foraged, created rock art, and buried ancestors there. Many hogans remain in the region today, standing as a tribute to the deep cultural and historical ties the Navajo people retain to the Monument lands.

Indeed, Navajo people continue to make extensive use of the Monument lands. Traditional Navajo ceremonies, practiced since time immemorial, continue to take place in the Monument, and draw on plants, soils, and other items that can only be harvested from the Monument. The Navajo people have a demonstrated, enduring, and strong interest in the preservation of the Monument as designated by President Obama because this specific designation provides significant protection for the preservation of Navajo culture and traditions into the future.

II. The Establishment of Bears Ears National Monument Was Proper

The lands now protected within the Bears Ears National Monument are archaeologically rich, in part because of the strong human presence of the Navajo people and our forebears on that land. This richness did not go unnoticed. Vandalism and looting of those lands has long been an issue of concern for the region, and for the Navajo people and the Navajo Nation. In 2009 a federal raid resulted in the arrest and sentencing of 19 San Juan County residents for violations of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. It was perhaps this recent and egregious incident that prompted a more than six years long robust public process that engaged the citizens of San Juan County and elsewhere in Utah in a discussion on how Bears Ears and other public lands in Utah might be better protected. This process was initiated by former Utah Senator Ben Bennett, and included specific outreach to the Utah Navajo Chapters.

As a people whose culture is derived from a deep connection to the Monument lands, and to the animals that share that land, the Navajo people have remained dedicated participants in this public process and ultimately in the protection of those land through designation of the Monument. As part of the larger public process underway, Utah Diné Bikéyah, a Navajo citizens group, was directed to undertake an ethnographic study. They spent two and a half years researching and analyzing the specific lands in the Bears Ears region to identify those lands with the strongest cultural ties to the Navajo and other tribes. Then-Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly officially called on the U.S. Department of Interior to designate the Bears Ears region as a National Monument in 2011. That same year, the Navajo Nation and Utah Diné Bikéyah signed an MOU with San Juan County to engage in a joint public lands planning process. Between 2011 and 2015, Navajo Nation and Utah Diné Bikéyah continued to engage in outreach to local and federal representatives and officials, publish information about the proposed monument, and host public meetings. In 2014, six out of seven Utah Navajo Chapters passed resolutions in support of the Monument, and four other tribes joined the Navajo Nation in forming the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition ("Coalition") to advocate for the protection of the Monument lands. The other member tribes to the Coalition include the Hopi Tribe, the Zuni Tribe, the Ute Indian Tribe, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

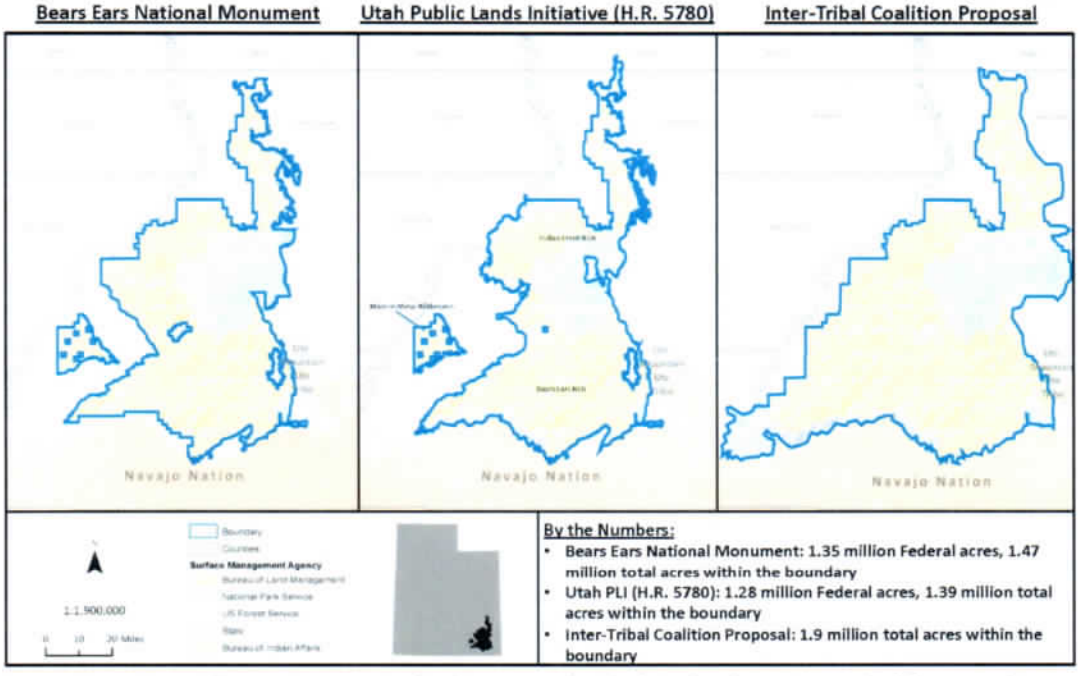
The ethnographic research and data analysis conducted by Utah Diné Bikéyah was used by the Coalition in making its recommendation for first a National Conservation Area and—when it became clear Congress would not act to adequately protect the Monument lands—then a monument designation. Utah Diné Bikéyah identified hundreds of thousands of historic landmarks, structures, and historic and scientific objects located within the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument. These included migration routes, ancient roads, great houses, villages, granaries, hogans, wikiups, sweat lodges, corrals, tipi rings, shade houses, pueblos, kivas, rock paintings, petroglyphs, pictographs, and cliff dwellings in addition to the rich paleontological and ecological resources the Monument protects. This research demonstrates that all lands within the Monument boundary (and many thousand acres more) are necessary for the proper care and management of important cultural and historic resources. The original map the Coalition presented to the Obama administration for protection included 1.9 million acres of land defined

by the ethnographic research conducted by Utah Diné Bikéyah. This same map was presented to the people of San Juan County in December of 2014 and received the approval of 64 percent of respondents.

When the MOU between the Navajo Nation, Utah Diné Bikéyah, and San Juan County expired in 2013, the County chose not to renew it. Instead, the County collaborated with the Utah Congressional delegation to develop an alternative proposal they called the Public Lands Initiative. The Public Lands Initiative proposed protections in the form of two National Conservation Areas (NCAs): the Bears Ears NCA and the Indian Creek NCA. The Public Lands Initiative bill would have provided for management advice through two bodies: one composed of tribal members, and a second composed of citizens of San Juan County. The Bears Ears NCA section of the bill did not address mineral or land disposal withdrawals, livestock grazing, wildlife management, vehicle use, or water rights. The Indian Creek NCA section of the bill would not have provided for management advisors, but would have withdrawn the area from mineral development and disposal under applicable public lands laws, and limited vehicle use to designated routes. This proposal was also presented to the people of San Juan County in December 2014, but received the support of less than 1 percent of respondents.

The Navajo Nation and other Coalition tribes spent extensive time and resources on developing the evidence and working with the federal government on the creation of Bears Ears National Monument in order to protect ongoing use of the region by Native and non-Native people. When the Monument was designated, the Obama administration created the boundary based on a compromise between the tribes' proposed boundary (which was based on cultural resource protection), and the Utah Delegation's Public Lands Initiative bill (which was based on facilitating natural resource extraction). The map below comparing both proposals with the current Monument forcefully makes this point. While this compromise did not afford the extent of protection that the Coalition tribes sought, the Navajo Nation believes that the compromise was well-reasoned, and allows for an appropriate balance between protection of cultural and historic sites within the Monument and extraction in the most appropriate locations along the boundaries of the Monument.

Bears Ears National Monument and other proposals for protecting the Bears Ears area



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III. Threats to Monument Lands Remain Imminent and Warrant Protection

Throughout the public engagement process, vandalism and looting of the archaeologically rich Bears Ears region continued to threaten even the most remote areas of Bears Ears. The BLM Field Office in Monticello, Utah reports that it investigated 25 instances of looting, vandalism, and disturbance of grave sites in San Juan County between 2011 and 2016, and has continued to receive increasing numbers of similar reports in 2017. Other threats to the Bears Ears region and its fragile archaeological and paleontological resources prior to Monument designation included irresponsible off-road vehicle use, visitors who caused damage due to lack of knowledge about the nature and fragility of archaeological and paleontological resources, and mining and energy development. Oil, gas, and uranium can be found in and around the Monument, and in March 2015 the Utah legislature passed HB 0393, which designated the majority of the Monument lands as an "Energy Zone." The bill aimed to streamline development and declared grazing, energy and mineral development to be the "highest and best use" of public lands. All of these uses threaten the integrity of the archaeological and cultural resources now protected by Monument status.

IV. Continued Use and Enjoyment of Bears Ears National Monument

The collaborative role the Coalition tribes will play in providing guidance and recommendations on the development and implementation of management plans and on management of the Monument, will ensure that Monument management will acknowledge and protect the living and dynamic nature of Navajo culture, as well as the resources of the Monument. Our tribal members will thus be able to continue age-old cultural practices on Monument lands—such as the harvesting of plants, firewood, and minerals, hunting, and ceremonial practices—even while we preserve invaluable cultural and historic structures that provide unparalleled scientific and recreational opportunities to the general public.

The Coalition tribes worked hard to ensure the designation of Bears Ears National Monument in a manner that would both protect the lands and their historical, archaeological, cultural, and spiritual resources and also ensure ongoing traditional use of those lands by the membership of all five tribes. The Monument has the broad and enthusiastic support of tribal members, including the majority of Navajos living in San Juan County. The Nation stands ready to support and defend the Monument alongside the other Coalition tribes for as long as necessary to ensure that the Monument remains protected for tribal people and all people who wish to visit its lands. One of the key drivers in the Coalition seeking to protect these lands was to protect their healing powers, which extend beyond Indian country and offer a benefit to all humanity. The region has already seen a marked increase in use of these lands, as visitors from around the world learn about the wonders of the Bears Ears region. This increased visitation has begun, and will continue to benefit the local economy in San Juan County, Utah.

V. Management of the Monument

The Coalition tribes have all appointed representatives to the Bears Ears Commission, which was established by the Bears Ears Monument declaration. Although a Monument Manager has not yet been appointed by the Bureau of Land Management, the Commission is currently developing governing documents and management recommendations. The Coalition tribes are deeply committed to supporting the successful management of Bears Ears National Monument, and with the help of a group of non-profits, have begun work even without federal funding. The Commission's work is vital at this time, in light of the increased visitation to the Monument. The majority of visitors are new to the region, and many do not have the knowledge about how to responsibly visit fragile archaeological sites without causing damage to manmade objects and fragile desert ecosystems. The Navajo Nation and other Coalition tribes will continue to support and work for the successful management of the Monument, and

stand ready to assist the federal land management agencies with visitation and management planning by bringing additional personnel, knowledge, and some grant funding resources to the process.

VI. Bears Ears Was Properly Designated and Should Remain a Monument

The area protected by Bears Ears National Monument is deeply significant to the Navajo people and other Coalition tribes, and is replete with paleontological, archaeological, historic, and scientific resources. These resources extend outside of the Monument boundaries, but the dimension of Bears Ears National Monument were carefully crafted to protect the most important objects while allowing for continued natural resource extraction in other parts of San Juan County. The area protected is the "smallest area compatible with the proper care and management" of the area's most important objects and ecosystems, while allowing for appropriate multiple uses both within and outside the Monument's boundaries. The Navajo Nation, including a majority of its members in San Juan County, supports the Monument designation. The Nation looks forward to the economic growth through tourism that the Monument will bring to the region, as well as the protections to significant cultural and historic landmarks that it affords. The Navajo Nation stands ready to continue to provide expertise and resources in the management and protection of the Monument.

Sincerely,

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Re: Comment on Review of National Monuments

Department of the Interior:

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (UMUT) submits the following comments in connection with the Office of the Secretary's Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment concerning the Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996, namely the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM). As detailed below, the UMUT has significant interests in the BENM, particularly with the historic uses and the ancestral and cultural ties to the lands.

The UMUT provides these comments to inform the Department of the Interior, as a fiduciary to tribal government interests, in evaluating and understanding the value that the BENM provides to the UMUT and to the public.

I. Introduction

The UMUT is a federally-recognized Indian tribe with reservation lands in Utah, New Mexico and Colorado. Within Utah, the White Mesa portion of the UMUT reservation is home to several hundred tribal members. Along the Allen Canyon corridor of San Juan County, Utah, the UMUT also has thousands of acres of allotted lands held in trust, for the Tribe and individual tribal members, by the federal government. Some tracts of these trust allotments are located within the exterior boundaries of the BENM. In addition, like other ranching interests, the UMUT has grazing permits on lands within the monument boundaries. Accordingly, the UMUT consistently advocated for their interests and the various rights associated with these lands in discussions leading up to the establishment of the BENM.

As a principal stakeholder to the Bears Ears cultural landscape, the UMUT advocates for the present protections that the national monument designation provides to the living landscape. With over 100,000 archeological and cultural resources sites in the area, the identity, well-being, and worldviews of the UMUT are intricately tied to these lands. For tribal members, it is not only a place to regularly harvest game, firewood, or to gather medicinal plants, food, and herbs,

but it is a spiritual place of ceremony, prayer and healing. In our view, the lands take care of us and nourishes our spiritual and physical well-being. In return, we are obligated to protect her from further desecration that looting, pot hunting, oil and gas drilling, and rampant uranium mining has brought to these sacred lands.

As a steward and protector of ancestral lands, the UMUT, along with the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Indian Tribe and the Pueblo of Zuni, took part in the creation of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (BEITC) with the common goal of seeking permanent protections for the lands. Recognizing that tribal consultation processes, afforded by federal laws, were inadequate to provide the necessary protection the lands deserve, we rather sought a more meaningful avenue for Tribes to collaborate in land management. Over the course of several meetings, we explored different mechanisms to protect 1.9 million acres of our ancestral lands and calculated that a national monument designation, by way of the Antiquities Act of 1906, met our pressing concerns. In passing the Antiquities Act, we recognize that Congress granted the President unilateral authority to designate national monuments to respond in a timely manner to threats to archaeological sites and cultural resources. The Bears Ears cultural landscape is precisely what Congress had in mind when the law was enacted.

On December 28, 2016, our efforts to protect and collaborate in management of the land were realized in the presidential proclamation establishing the BENM. That day ushered in an indigenous perspective to land management. The BENM also offered Tribes the ability to share their story and truly convey their relationship to the lands.

However, the recent events by the Trump administration have put the BENM back into peril. As a federally-recognized Indian Tribe with a government-to-government relationship with the federal agencies, the UMUT reminds the Department of the Interior, as our trustee, that to relax protections or to reduce monument boundaries is not only tantamount to further destruction of our lifeways, but is a blatant disregard for our country's collective past, present and future generations.

II. Executive Order 13792 - the Review of Certain National Monuments

On April 26, 2017, President Trump issued Executive Order 13792 (EO). Without a citation to statutory authority, the EO called for the unprecedented review of certain national monuments designated since January 1, 1996. The EO purports to determine whether the designations conform to the objectives of the Antiquities Act of 1906.

Pursuant to the Antiquities Act, the President certainly has the authority to designate national monuments, but lacks the authority to rescind, reduce or move boundaries of a prior designation. That authority was not expressly nor implicitly delegated to the President. Unless or until clearly and unequivocally delegated, the Property Clause of the U.S. Constitution reserves that authority to reside solely with Congress. U.S. CONST. art. IV, § 3. Any action by the President to rescind or reduce the BENM would be ultra vires and in violation of separation of powers principles. U.S. CONST. art. I, § 1. Accordingly, the process created by the EO is merely commentary and inconsequential.

Despite the noted limitations, the Department of the Interior is reviewing national monument designations and seeking comments pursuant to the EO. 82 Fed. Reg. 22016 (May 11,

2017). As part of the review, the Secretary is directed to consider a number of extraneous factors that are beyond the statutory text of the Antiquities Act. For instance, the effects of a designation on the use and enjoyment of non-Federal lands outside monument boundaries, the economic and fiscal conditions of governments, and the availability of Federal resources, all of which are not criteria for a proper designation. Rather, the Antiquities Act only speaks to the size of a designation and the subject matter that is to be protected by a designation, both of which the BENM satisfies.

Any recommendations on the BENM by the Secretary of the Interior that are based on factors beyond the scope of the Antiquities Act is improper. It also follows that, without statutory authorization, any subsequent action by the President to revoke or diminish the BENM is unconstitutional.

III. The BENM Boundaries are the Smallest Area Compatible With the Proper Care and Management of the Objects to be Protected

The establishment of the BENM did not occur overnight as suggested by opponents of the monument. Years of concerted effort by native-led grassroots organization, namely Utah Dine Bikeyah (UDB), provided the groundwork supplying cultural resource data, wildlife information and other analysis that enabled the UMUT and the BEITC to carefully consider national monument boundaries.

Over the course of six years, UDB conducted comprehensive ethnographic research that included opinions from experts in archaeology, anthropology, ecology, biology and public policy. UDB also conducted over seventy cultural interviews with Native American traditionalists. Using the ethnographic data and traditional knowledge from elders, cultural maps were prepared in detail, showing that a boundary of 1.9 million acres, as delineated in the BEITC's proclamation proposal, was needed to protect the cultural resources and an estimated 100,000 archaeological sites.

Although our 1.9 million acre proposal was not fully realized, we encourage you to respect the current BENM boundaries. We also urge you to consider the ethnographic data and resulting report. *See* generally Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, Protecting the Whole Bears Ears Landscape: A Call to Honor the Full Cultural and Ecological Boundaries (2016).

The UMUT appreciates your time and attention to these comments.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT 4

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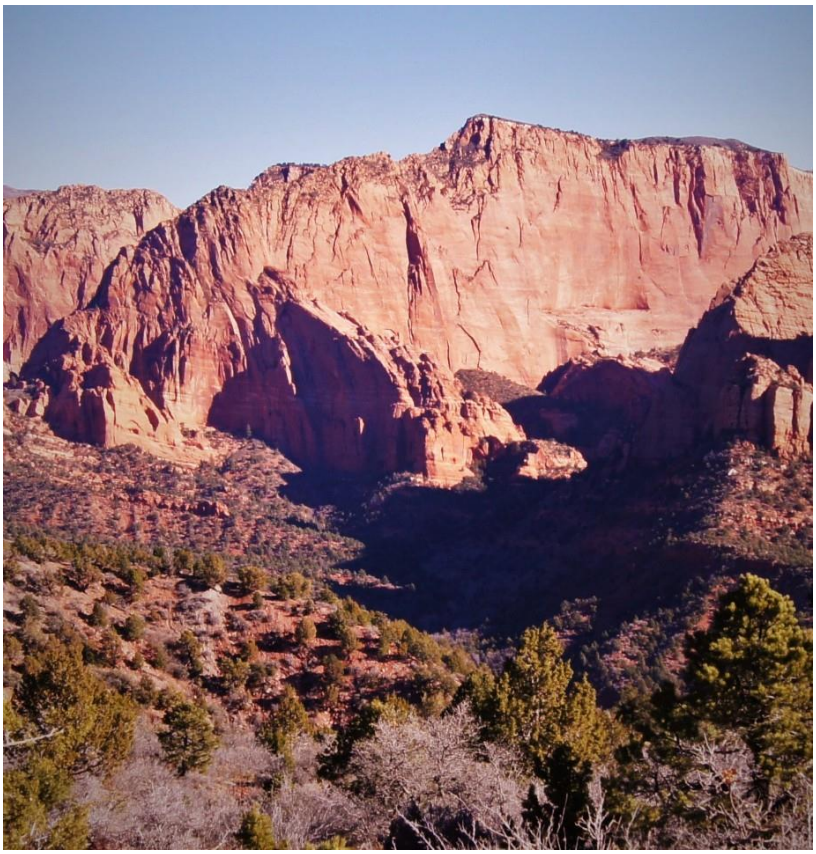

PRESIDENTS LACK THE AUTHORITY TO ABOLISH OR DIMINISH NATIONAL MONUMENTS

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Introduction

By any measure, the Antiquities Act of 1906 has a remarkable legacy. Under the Act, 16 presidents have proclaimed 157 national monuments, protecting a diverse range of historic, archaeological, cultural, and geologic resources.[1] Many of these monuments, including such iconic places as the Grand Canyon, Zion, Olympic, and Acadia, have been expanded and redesignated by Congress as national parks.

While the designation of national monuments is often celebrated, it has on occasion sparked local opposition, and led to calls for a President to abolish or shrink a national monument that was proclaimed by a predecessor.[2] This article examines the Antiquities Act and other statutes, concluding that the President lacks the legal authority to abolish or diminish national monuments. Instead, these powers are reserved to Congress.

The Authority to Abolish National Monuments

The Property Clause of the Constitution vests in Congress the "power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting [public property]."[3] The U.S. Supreme Court has frequently reviewed this power in the context of public lands management and found it to be "without limitations."[4] Congress can, however, delegate power to the President or other members of the executive branch so long as it sets out an intelligible principle to guide the exercise of executive discretion.[5]

Congress did exactly this when it enacted the Antiquities Act and delegated to the President the power to "declare by public proclamation" national monuments.[6] At the same time, Congress did not, in the Antiquities Act or otherwise, delegate to the President the authority to modify or revoke the designation of monuments. Further, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) makes it clear that the President does not have any implied authority to do so, but rather that Congress reserved for itself the power to modify or revoke monument designations.

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[1] *See* National Parks Conservation Association, *Monuments Protected Under the Antiquities Act*, Jan. 13, 2017, https://www.npca.org/resources/2658-monuments-protected-under-the-antiquities-act.

[2] On April 26, 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order calling for the Secretary of the Interior to review certain national monument designations made since 1996. *Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act*, Apr. 26, 2017, *available at* https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/04/26/presidential-executive-order-review-designations-under-antiquities-act. The Order encompasses Antiquities Act designations since 1996 over 100,000 acres in size or "where the Secretary determines that the designation or expansion was made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders[.]" *Id*. § 2(a). The Order asks the Secretary to make "recommendations for . . . Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions consistent with law as the Secretary may consider appropriate to carry out" the policy described in the Order. *Id.* § 2(d)-(e).

[3] U.S. Constitution, Art. IV, § 3, cl. 2.

[4] *See Kleppe v. New Mexico*, 426 U.S. 529 (1976); *United States v. San Francisco*, 310 U.S. 16, 29 (1940).

[5] *J. W. Hampton, Jr. & Co. v. United States,* 276 U.S. 394 (1928). The Supreme Court has also made clear that any delegation of legislative power must be construed narrowly to avoid constitutional problems. *Mistretta v. United States*, 488 U.S. 361, 373, n.7 (1989).

[6] 54 U.S.C. § 320301(a).

The Antiquities Act does not grant authority to revoke a monument designation

The United States owns about one third of our nation's lands.[7] These lands, which exist throughout the country but are concentrated in the western United States, are managed by federal agencies for a wide range of purposes such as preservation, outdoor recreation, mineral and timber extraction, and ranching. Homestead, mining, and other laws transferred ownership rights over large areas of federal lands to private parties. At the same time, vast tracts of land remain in public ownership, and these lands contain a rich assortment of natural, historical, and cultural resources.

Over its long history, Congress has "withdrawn," or exempted, some federal public lands from statutes that allow for resource extraction and development, and "reserved" them for particular uses, including for preservation and resource conservation. Congress has also, in several instances, delegated to the executive branch the authority to set aside lands for particular types of protection. The Antiquities Act of 1906 is one such delegation.

The core of the Antiquities Act is both simple and narrow. It reads, in part:

> [T]he President of the United States is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be national monuments, and may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected . . . .[8]

This narrow authority granted to the President to *reserve* land[9] under the Antiquities Act stands in marked contrast to contemporaneous laws that delegated much broader executive authority to designate, repeal, or modify other types of federal reservations of public lands. For example, the Pickett Act of 1910 allowed the President to withdraw public lands from "settlement, location, sale, or entry" and reserve these lands for a wide range of specified purposes "*until revoked by him or an Act of Congress*."[10] Likewise, the Forest Service Organic Administration Act of 1897 authorized the President "to modify any Executive order that has been or may hereafter be made establishing any forest reserve, and by such modification *may reduce the area or change the boundary lines of such reserve, or may vacate altogether any order creating such reserve*."[11]

Unlike the Pickett Act and the Forest Service Organic Administration Act, the Antiquities Act withholds authority from the President to change or revoke a national monument designation. That authority remains with Congress under the Property Clause.

This interpretation of the President's authority finds support in the single

[7] *See* PUBLIC LAND LAW REVIEW COMMISSION, ONE THIRD OF THE NATION'S LAND (1970).

[8] As in the original. 34 Stat. 225 (1906). The language of the Act was edited and re-codified in 2014 at 54 U.S.C. § 320301(a)-(b) with the stated intent of "conform[ing] to the understood policy, intent, and purpose of Congress in the original enactments[.]" Pub. L. 113-287, §§ 2-3, 128 Stat. 3093, 3094, 3259 (2014).

[9] In an opinion dated September 15, 2000, the Office of Legal Counsel in the Department of Justice found that the authority to reserve federal land under the Antiquities Act encompassed the authority to proclaim a national monument in the territorial sea, 3-12 nautical miles from the shore, or the exclusive economic zone, 12-200 nautical miles from the shore. *Administration of Coral Reef Resources in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands*, 24 Op. O.L.C. 183 (2000), *available at* https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/olc/opinions/2000/09/31/op-olc-v024-p0183_0.pdf.

[10] 36 Stat. 847 (1910) (emphasis added).

[11] 30 Stat. 36 (1897) (emphasis added).

authoritative executive branch source interpreting the scope of Presidential power to revoke monuments designated under the Act: a 1938 opinion by Attorney General Homer Cummings. President Franklin D. Roosevelt had specifically asked Cummings whether the Antiquities Act authorized the President to revoke the Castle Pinckney National Monument. In his opinion, Cummings compared the language noted above from the Pickett Act and the Forest Service Organic Act with the language in the Antiquities Act, and concluded unequivocally that the Antiquities Act "does not authorize [the President] to abolish [national monuments] after they have been established."[12]

FLPMA clarifies that only Congress can revoke or downsize a national monument

In 1976, Congress enacted the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA).[13] FLPMA governs the management of federal public lands lacking any specific designation as a national park, national forest, national wildlife refuge, or other specialized unit. The text, structure, and legislative history of FLPMA confirm the conclusion of Attorney General Cummings and leave no doubt that the President does not possess the authority to revoke or downsize a monument designation.

FLPMA codified federal policy to retain, rather than dispose of, the remaining federal public lands, provided for specific procedures for land-use planning on those lands, and consolidated the wide-ranging legal authorities relating to the uses of those lands. Prior to FLPMA's enactment, delegations of executive authority to withdraw public lands from development or resource extraction were dispersed among federal statutes including the Pickett Act and the Forest Service Organic Act. Moreover, in *United States v. Midwest Oil Co.,* the Supreme Court held that the President enjoyed an implied power to withdraw public lands as might be necessary to protect the public interest, at least in the absence of direct statutory authority or prohibition.[14]

FLPMA consolidated and streamlined the President's withdrawal power. It repealed the Pickett Act,[15] along with most other executive authority for withdrawing lands—with the notable exception of the Antiquities Act. In place of these prior withdrawal authorities, FLPMA included a new provision – section 204 – that authorizes the Secretary of the Interior "*to make, modify, extend, or revoke withdrawals* but only in accordance with the provisions and limitations of this section."[16]

Subsection 204(j) of FLPMA somewhat curiously states that "[t]he Secretary [of Interior] shall not . . . modify, or revoke any withdrawal creating national monuments under [the Antiquities Act] . . . ."[17] Because

[12] 39 Op. Att'y Gen. 185, 185 (1938).

[13] Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 [hereinafter "FLPMA"], Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2743 (1976).

[14] 236 U.S. 459 (1915). *Midwest Oil* involved withdrawals by President Taft of certain public lands from the operation of federal laws that allowed private parties to locate mining claims on public lands and thereby acquire vested rights to the minerals found there. The withdrawals were made on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior who had received a report from the Director the Geological Survey describing the alarming rate at which federal oil lands were being claimed by private parties. Noting the government's own need for petroleum resources to support its military, the report lamented that "the Government will be obliged to repurchase the very oil that it has practically given away…." *Id*. at 466-67.

[15] FLPMA, § 704(a), 90 Stat. 2792 (1976). The authority to create or modify forest reserves was repealed in 1907 for six specific states before its repeal was extended to all states in FLPMA Section 704(a). 34 Stat. 1269 (1907).

[16] 43 U.S.C. § 1714(a) (emphasis added).

[17] 43 U.S.C. § 1714(j). The provision reads in its entirety as follows, with emphasis on the part relating to the Antiquities Act:

> The Secretary shall not make, modify, or revoke any withdrawal created by Act of Congress; make a withdrawal which can be made only by Act of Congress; *modify or revoke any withdrawal creating national monuments under [the Antiquities Act]*; or modify, or revoke any withdrawal which

only the *President*, and not the Secretary of the Interior, has authority to proclaim national monuments, Congress's reference to the *Secretary*'s authority under the Antiquities Act is anomalous and, as explained further below, may be the result of a drafting error. Nonetheless, this language does reinforce the most plausible reading of the text of the Antiquities Act: that it deliberately provides for one-way designation authority. The President may act to create a national monument, but only Congress can modify or revoke that action.

An examination of FLPMA's legislative history removes any doubt that section 204(j) was intended to reserve to Congress the exclusive authority to modify or revoke national monuments. FLPMA's restriction of executive withdrawal powers originated in the House version of the legislation.[18] Skepticism in the House towards executive withdrawal authority dated back to the 1970 report of the Public Lands Law Review Commission (PLLRC), a Congressionally-created special committee tasked with recommending a complete overhaul of the public land laws. The PLLRC report called on Congress to repeal all existing withdrawal powers, including the power to create national monuments under the Antiquities Act.[19] The Commission suggested replacing this authority with a comprehensive withdrawal process run by the Secretary of the Interior and closely supervised by Congress.[20]

The House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs' Subcommittee on Public Lands largely followed this recommendation by including Section 204 in its draft of FLPMA. Complementing this section, the bill presented to and passed by the House included a provision – ultimately enacted as Section 704(a) of FLPMA – that repealed the Pickett Act and other extant laws allowing executive withdrawals, as well as the implied executive authority to withdraw public lands that the Supreme Court had recognized in *United States v. Midwest Oil Co*.[21]

Consistent with this approach, the Subcommittee on Public Lands drafted Section 204(j) in order to constrain Executive Branch discretion in the context of national monuments. The Subcommittee frequently discussed the issue during its detailed markup sessions in 1975 and early 1976 on its version of the bill that would eventually become FLPMA.[22]

At an early markup session in May 1975, some subcommittee members, under the mistaken impression that the Secretary of the Interior created national monuments, expressed concerns that some future Secretary might modify or revoke them.[23] The

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> added lands to the National Wildlife Refuge System prior to October 21, 1976, or which thereafter adds lands to that System under the terms of this Act. Nothing in this Act is intended to modify or change any provision of the Act of February 27, 1976, 90 Stat. 199.

The reference in the first clause prohibiting the Secretary from "mak[ing]" a withdrawal "created by an Act of Congress" does not make sense because the Secretary cannot logically "make" a withdrawal already created by Congress. But it also is not relevant to the Antiquities Act since national monuments are created by the President, not Congress. The second clause likewise addresses withdrawals made by Congress. The third clause is the only one that specifically addresses the Antiquities Act and it makes clear that the Secretary cannot modify or revoke national monuments. The final operative clause likewise prohibits the Secretary from revoking or modifying withdrawals, in that case involving National Wildlife Refuges.

[18] The Senate bill, S. 507 (94th Cong.), contained no restrictions on executive withdrawal power.

[19] See PUBLIC LAND LAW REVIEW COMMISSION, *supra* note 7, at 2, 54-57.

[20] *Id.*

[21] 236 U.S. 459 (1915).

[22] The subcommittee's hearings and markups focused on H.R. 5224, which eventually passed the full Committee in May 1976. The amended version was reintroduced as a clean bill, H.R. 13777, which was approved by the House and set to the conference committee.

[23] *See* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, Executive Session, H.R. 5224, et al., Public Land Policy and Management Act of 1975, at 88-93 (May 6, 1975). Later statements by subcommittee members indicate that their understanding was that the Secretary had delegated authority to propose the creation of monuments, but that they were ultimately proclaimed by the President. Subcommittee on Public

Subcommittee therefore began shaping the bill to eliminate any possibility of unilateral executive power to modify or revoke monuments, while maintaining the existing power to create monuments.[24]

Once the Subcommittee's misunderstanding about Secretarial authority to designate monuments was corrected, the Subcommittee also proposed shifting the authority to create national monuments from the President to the Secretary, in the pattern of consolidating withdrawal authority in Section 204.[25] It was after this discussion that the first version of what later became Section 204(j) of FLPMA was drafted, paired with a provision that would have amended the Antiquities Act to transfer designation authority from the President to the Secretary of the Interior.[26] The Ford Administration objected generally to taking away the President's power to withdraw public lands.[27] As part of the subsequent changes to the draft legislation, the Subcommittee dropped the provision that would have transferred monument designation authority from the President to the Secretary.[28]

Section 204(j), however, was retained. Pairing Section 204(j) with the proposed transfer of monument designation power strongly suggests that the language of Section 204(j) was not an effort to constrain (non-existent) Secretarial authority to modify or revoke national monuments, while retaining Presidential authority to do so. Instead, it was part of an overall plan to constrain and systematize all Executive Branch withdrawal power, and reserve to Congress the powers to modify or rescind monument designations. The House Committee's Report on the bill makes clear that this provision was designed to prevent *any* unilateral executive modification or revocation of national monuments. In describing Section 204 of the bill as it was presented for debate on the House floor, the Report explains:

> With certain exceptions, [the bill] will repeal all existing law relating to executive authority to create, modify, and terminate withdrawals and reservations. It would reserve to the Congress the authority to create, modify, and terminate withdrawals for national parks, national forests, the Wilderness System, Indian reservations, certain defense withdrawals, and withdrawals for National Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Trails, and for other "national" recreation units, such as National Recreation Areas and

Lands, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, Executive Session, H.R. 5224 & H.R. 5622, at 184 (June 6, 1975).

[24] *See* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, Executive Session, H.R. 5224, et al., Public Land Policy and Management Act of 1975, at 91 (May 6, 1975) (statement of Rep. Melcher) ("I would say that it would be better for us if, in presenting this bill to the House, for that matter in full committee, if we made it clear that the Secretary and perhaps also make it part of the bill somewhere, that he can not revoke a national monument."); *id.* at 93 (statement of committee staff member Irving Senzel) ("So we could put in here that—we can put in the statement that he cannot revoke national monuments once created."); *see also* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, Executive Session, H.R. 5224 & H.R. 5622, at 176 (June 6, 1975) (statement of Irving Senzel) ("In accordance with the decision made the last time, there is a section added in there that provides that no modification or revocation of national monuments can be made except by act of Congress.")

[25] *Id.* at 183-85.

[26] See Subcommittee on Public Lands, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, Markup Public Land Policy and Management Act of 1975 Print No. 2, § 204(a), at 23-24 (Sept. 8, 1975) (prohibiting the Secretary from modifying or revoking a national monument); *id.* § 604(c), at 92 (amending the Antiquities Act by substituting "Secretary for the Interior" for "President of the United States").

[27] *See* H.R. REP. 94-1163, at 52 (May 15, 1976) (comments from Secretary of the Interior on Subcommittee Print No. 2 stating that under it, "the proposed . . . Act would be the only basis for withdrawal authority").

[28] See Subcommittee on Public Lands, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, Public Land Policy and Management Act of 1975 Print No. 4 (March 16, 1976).

> National Seashores. *It would also specifically reserve to the Congress the authority to modify and revoke withdrawals for national monuments created under the Antiquities Act* and for modification and revocation of withdrawals adding lands to the National Wildlife Refuge System. These provisions will insure that the integrity of the great national resource management systems will remain under the control of the Congress.[29]

Thus, notwithstanding the anomalous reference to the Secretary in Section 204(j), Congress explicitly stated its intention to reserve for itself the authority to modify or revoke national monuments.[30] The plain language of this report, combined with other statements in the legislative history and the process by which Section 204(j) was created, makes clear that Congress' intent was to constrain all Executive Branch power to modify or revoke national monuments, not just Secretarial authority.

In light of the text of the Antiquities Act, the contrasting language in other statutes at the turn of the 20th century, and the changes to federal land management law in FLPMA, the Antiquities Act must be construed to limit the President's authority to proclaiming national monuments on federal lands. Only Congress can modify or revoke such proclamations.

Authority for Shrinking National Monuments or Removing Restrictive Terms

If the President cannot abolish a national monument because Congress did not delegate that authority to the President, it follows that the President also lacks the power to downsize or loosen the protections afforded to a monument. This conclusion is reinforced by the use of the phrase "modify and revoke" in Section 204(j) of FLPMA to describe prohibited actions . Moreover, while the Antiquities Act limits national monuments to "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected,"[31] that language does not grant the President the authority to second-guess the judgments made by previous Presidents regarding what area or level of protection is needed to protect the objects identified in an Antiquities Act proclamation.

Presidents lack legal authority to shrink national monuments

Over the first several decades of the law's existence, various Presidents reduced the size of various monuments that had been designated by their predecessors. Most of these actions were relatively minor, although the decision by President Woodrow Wilson to dramatically reduce the size of the Mount Olympus National Monument, which is

[29] H.R. REP. 94-1163, at 9 (emphasis added). Floor debates in the House do not contain any record of discussing this particular issue, and the Conference Report on FLPMA, later in 1976, did not specifically address it.

[30] The most plausible interpretation of the reference to the Secretary in the text is therefore a drafting error on the part of the Subcommittee in failing to update the reference in Section 204(j) when it dropped the parallel language transferring monument designation authority from the President to the Secretary. The only other plausible interpretation of Section 204(j) is that the provision was designed to make clear that Section 204(a), which authorizes the Secretary to modify or revoke withdrawals, was not intended to grant new authority to the Secretary over national monuments. Under this reading, the reference to the Secretary in Section 204(j) would not be anomalous but would serve the specific purpose of restricting the scope of Section 204(a). But whether the reference to the Secretary in Section 204(j) was a drafting error, or simply a clarification about the limits of the Secretary's power under Section 204(a) does not really matter because either interpretation is consistent with the conclusion that Congress intended to reserve for itself the power to modify or revoke national monuments. FLPMA's legislative history strongly reinforces this point.

[31] 54 U.S.C. § 320301(b).

described briefly below, was both significant and controversial.[32] Importantly though, no Presidential decision to reduce the size of a national monument has ever been tested in court, and so no court has ever passed on the legality of such an action. Moreover, all such actions occurred before 1976 when FLPMA became law. As the language and legislative history of FLPMA make clear, Congress has quite intentionally reserved to itself "the authority to *modify* and revoke withdrawals for national monuments created under the Antiquities Act."[33]

In his 1938 opinion, Attorney General Cummings acknowledged the history of modifications to national monuments, noting that "the President from time to time has diminished the area of national monuments established under the Antiquities Act by removing or excluding lands therefrom[.]"[34] The opinion, however, does not directly address whether these actions were legal, and does not analyze this issue, other than to reference the language from the Act that the limits monuments to "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected,"

The Interior Department's Solicitor did review several presidential attempts to shrink monuments, but reached inconsistent conclusions. In 1915, the Solicitor examined President Woodrow Wilson's proposal to shrink the Mt. Olympus National Monument, which President Theodore Roosevelt had designated in 1909.[35] Without addressing the core legal issue of whether the President had authority to change the monument status of lands designated by a prior President, the Solicitor expressed the opinion that lands removed from the monument would revert to national forest (rather than unreserved public domain) because they had previously been national forest lands.[36]

In the end, President Wilson did downsize the Mt. Olympus National Monument by more than 313,000 acres, nearly cutting it in half.[37] Despite an outcry from the conservation community, Wilson's decision was not challenged in court and so was allowed to stand.[38]

In 1924, for the first time, the Solicitor squarely confronted the issue of whether a President has the authority to reduce the size of a national monument, concluding that the President lacked this authority. The Solicitor considered whether the President could reduce the size of the Gran Quivira[39] and Chaco Canyon National Monuments.[40] Relying on a 1921 Attorney General's opinion involving military withdrawals, the Solicitor concluded that the President was not authorized to restore lands to the public domain that had been previously set aside as part of a national monument.[41] The Solicitor confirmed this position in a subsequent decision issued in 1932.[42]

Subsequently, in 1935, the Interior Solicitor reversed the agency's position, but this time on somewhat narrow grounds.[43]

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[32] *See* Squillace, *supra* note at 561-564

[33] H.R. REP. 94-1163, at 9 (emphasis added); 43 U.S.C. 1714(j) ("The Secretary shall not . . . *modify* or revoke any withdrawal creating national monuments under [the Antiquities Act] . . . .") (emphasis added).

[34] 39 Op. Att'y Gen. 185, 188 (1938).

[35] Proclamation No. 869, 35 Stat. 2247 (1909); *see also* Mark Squillace, *The Monumental Legacy of the Antiquities Act of 1906*, 37 GA. L. REV. 473, 562-63 (2003).

[36] Solicitor's Opinion of April 20, 1915, at 5-6 (on file with authors).

[37] Proclamation No. 1293, 39 Stat. 1726 (1915).

[38] *See* Squillace, *supra* note 35, at 563-64.

[39] Proclamation No. 959, 36 Stat. 2503 (1909).

[40] Proclamation No. 740, 35 Stat. 2119 (1907).

[41] Solicitor's Opinion of June 3, 1924, M-12501. In language that anticipated the later 1938 opinion, this 1921 Attorney General's opinion concluded that "[t]he power to thus reserve public lands and appropriate them . . . does not necessarily include the power to either restore them to the general public domain or transfer them to another department." 32 Op. Att'y Gen. 488, 488-491 (1921). The Solicitor's 1924 opinion might be distinguished from the 1915 opinion on the grounds that the earlier opinion had specifically supported the modification of the monument because the lands would not be restored to the public domain, but would rather be reclassified as national forests. The legal argument against the modification of monument proclamations, however, has never rested on whether the lands would be restored to the public domain or revert to another reservation or designation.

[42] Solicitor's Opinion of May 16, 1932, M-27025.

[43] Solicitor's Opinion of January 30, 1935, M-27657.

This opinion relied heavily on the implied authority of the President to make and modify withdrawals that had been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in *United States v. Midwest Oil Co*.[44] The argument that *Midwest Oil* imbues the President with implied authority to modify or abolish national monuments is problematic, however, for at least three reasons. First, as described previously, it is Congress that enjoys plenary authority over our public lands under the constitution, and the President's authority to proclaim a national monument derives solely from the delegation of that power to the President under the Antiquities Act. But the Antiquities Act grants the President only the power to reserve land, not to modify or revoke such reservations. Such actions, therefore, are beyond the scope of Congress' delegation. Second, the *Midwest Oil* decision relied heavily on the perception that Presidential action was necessary to protect the public interest by preventing public lands from being exploited for private gain. No such interest is being protected if the law is construed to allow a President to open lands to private exploitation. Finally, and as noted previously, Congress expressly overruled *Midwest Oil* when it enacted FLPMA in 1976.[45] Thus, even if those earlier, pre-FLPMA monument modifications might arguably have been supported by implied presidential authority, that implied authority is no longer available to justify the shrinking of national monuments following the passage of FLPMA.[46]

Some critics of national monument designations have argued that a President can downsize a national monument by demonstrating that the area reserved does not represent the "smallest area compatible" with the protection of the resources and sites identified in the monument proclamation.[47] But allowing a President to second-guess the judgment of a predecessor as to the amount of land needed to protect the objects identified in a proclamation is fraught with peril because it essentially denies the first President the power that Congress granted to proclaim monuments. If that were the law, then nothing would stop a President from deciding that the objects identified by a prior President were themselves not worthy of protection. The one-way power to reserve lands as national monuments was obviously intended to avoid this danger. Moreover, the fact that national monuments often encompass large landscapes, which are themselves denoted as the objects warranting protection, is not a cause for concern because the courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court have consistently upheld the use of the Antiquities Act to protect such landscapes as "objects of historic or scientific interest." The Grand Canyon,[48] designated less than two

[44] 236 U.S. 459 (1915).

[45] FLPMA, § 704(a), 90 Stat. 2792 (1976). While the text of Section 704(a) specifically mentions the power of the President "to make withdrawals," given the clear intent of Congress in FLPMA to reduce executive withdrawal power, the section is best understood as also repealing any inherent Presidential power recognized in *Midwest Oil* to modify or revoke withdrawals as well.

[46] This repeal removes any presumption of inherent Presidential authority to withdraw public lands or modify past withdrawals. As noted above, such authority, if any, must derive from an express delegation from the Congress. In this way, the power of the President or any executive branch agency over public lands is unlike the inherent power of the President to issue, amend, or repeal executive orders or the inherent power of the Congress to promulgate, amend or repeal laws. It is arguably akin to the power of administrative agencies to issue, amend, or repeal rules but, unlike the Antiquities Act, each of these powers has been expressly delegated to agencies by the Administrative Procedure Act. See 5 U.S.C. §551(5) (definition of "rulemaking").

[47] *See, e.g.*, John Yoo & Todd Gaziano, *Presidential Authority to Revoke or Reduce National Monument Designations* 14-18 (American Enterprise Institute 2017). The Interior Solicitor's 1935 opinion, and a subsequent one in 1947, addressed this issue in reviewing and supporting the validity of the decision by Woodrow Wilson to shrink the Mt. Olympus National Monument. According to that opinion, both the Interior and Agriculture Departments thought the area was "larger than necessary." However, there is no legal basis for determining that the opinions of cabinet officials should overturn a prior presidential determination as to the management requirements of a protected monument. *See* Squillace, *supra* note 35, at 561-62; *National Monuments*, 60 *Interior* Dec. 9 (July 21, 1947).

[48] Cameron v. United States, 252 U.S. 450, 455-56

years after the Act's passage, and the Giant Sequoia National Monument, created in 2000,[49] are two prominent examples of landscape level monuments that have been upheld by the courts.

It is conceivable, of course, that a revised proclamation might be needed to correct a mistake or to clarify a legal description in the original proclamation, as occurred very early on when President Taft proclaimed the Navajo National Monument and subsequently issued a second proclamation clarifying what had been an extremely ambiguous legal description.[50] But the clear restriction on modifying or revoking a national monument designation—cemented by FLPMA—indicates that a President cannot simply revisit a predecessor's decision about how much public land should be protected.

Removing protections that apply on national monuments would be an unlawful modification

A related issue is whether a President can modify a national monument proclamation by removing some or all of the protections applied to the monument area, such as limitations on livestock grazing, mineral leasing, or mining claims location. Plainly, these are types of "modifications." As discussed above, Congress's use of the phrase "modify and revoke" to describe prohibited actions demonstrates that the same legal principles apply here as would apply to an attempt to abolish a monument. More generally, if a President lacks the authority to abolish or downsize a monument, it would also suggest a lack of presidential authority to remove any restrictions imposed by a predecessor. Moreover, to the extent that presidential authority is premised on an argument that the President can shrink a monument to conform to the "smallest area compatible" language of the Antiquities Act, that argument would be inapplicable to an effort to remove restrictive language from a predecessor's national monument proclamation.[51]

Aside from these legal arguments, construing the Antiquities Act as providing one-way Presidential designation authority is consistent with the fundamental goal of the

(1920). (The Court dismissed the plaintiff's objection to the establishment of this 808,120 acre monument with these words:

> It is the greatest eroded canyon in the United States, if not in the world, is over a mile in depth, has attracted wide attention among explorers and scientists, affords an unexampled field for geologic study, is regarded as one of the great natural wonders, and annually draws to its borders thousands of visitors.)

Id. at 456.

[49] Tulare County v. Bush, 306 F.3d 1138, 1140-41 (D.C. Cir. 2002). Additional Supreme Court cases that address Antiquities Act designations support this broad interpretation of what may constitute an "object of historic or scientific interest." *See* United States v. California, 436 U.S. 32, 34 (1978); Cappaert v. United States, 426 U.S. 128, 131-32 (1976).

[50] Taft's original proclamation for the Navajo National Monument in Arizona protected "all prehistoric cliff dwellings, pueblo and other ruins and relics of prehistoric people, situated on the Navajo Indian Reservation, Arizona between the parallels of latitude 36 degrees thirty minutes North, and thirty seven degrees North, and between longitude one hundred and ten degrees West and one hundred and ten degrees forty five minutes West … together with forty acres of land upon which each ruin is located, in square form, the side lines running north and south and east and west, equidistance from the centers of said ruins." Proclamation No. 873, 36 Stat. 2491 (1909). The map accompanying the proclamation states that it is "[e]mbracing all cliff dwelling and pueblo ruins between the parallel of latitude 36o 30' North and 37 North and longitude 110o West and 110o 45' West … with 40 acres of land in square form around each of said ruins." *Id.* Thus, the original proclamation was ambiguous. It plainly was not intended to include all of the lands within the latitude and longitude description but only 40 acres around the ruins in that area. The map specifically identified at least 7 sites as "ruins" and appeared to denote a handful of other sites that might have been intended for protection under the original proclamation, although the map is a little unclear on this point. The revised proclamation issued three years later, also by Taft, clarified the ambiguous references in the original proclamation. It included a survey done after the original proclamation and protects two, 160 tracts of land and one, 40 acre tract. Proclamation No.1186, 37 Stat. 1738 (1912).

[51] For further discussion of this issue, *see* Squillace, *supra* note 35, at 566-68.

statute. Faced with a concern that historical, archaeological, and natural or scenic resources could be damaged or lost, Congress purposefully devised a delegation to the President to act quickly to ensure that objects of historic and scientific interest on public lands can be preserved before they are looted or compromised by incompatible land uses, such as the location of mining claims. Once the President has determined that these objects are worthy of protection, no future President should be able to undermine that choice. That is a decision that Congress has lawfully reserved for itself under the terms of the Antiquities Act, as reinforced by the text of FLPMA.

Conclusion

Our conclusion, based on analysis of the text, other statutes, and legal opinions, is that the President lacks the authority to rescind, downsize, or otherwise weaken the protections afforded by a national monument proclamation declared by a predecessor. Moreover, while we believe this to be the correct reading of the law from the time that the Antiquities Act was adopted in 1906, the enactment of FLPMA in 1976 removes any doubt as to whether Congress intended to reserve for itself the power to revoke or modify national monument proclamations. Congress stated so explicitly.

Presidents may retain some authority to clarify a proclamation that contains an ambiguous legal description or a mistake of fact.[52] Where expert opinions differ, however, courts should defer to the choices made by the President proclaiming the monument and the relevant objects designated for protection. Otherwise, a future President could undermine the one-way conservation authority afforded the President under the Antiquities Act and the congressional decision to reserve for itself the authority to abolish or modify national monuments.

The remarkable success of the Antiquities Act in preserving many of our nation's most iconic places is perhaps best captured by the fact that Congress has never repealed any significant monument designation.[53] Instead, in many instances, Congress has expanded national monuments and redesignated them as national parks. For more than 100 years, Presidents from Teddy Roosevelt to Barack Obama have used the Antiquities Act to protect our historical, scientific, and cultural heritage, often at the very moment when these resources were at risk of being exploited. That is the enduring legacy of this extraordinary law. And it remains our best hope for preserving our public land resources well into the future.

[52] *See* note 50, *supra*.

[53] About a dozen monuments have been abolished by the Congress. None of these were larger than 10,000 acres, and no monument has been abolished without redesignating the land as part of another national monument or other protected area since 1956. *See* Squillace, *supra* note 35, Appendix.

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Cody- I hope you are enjoying your last month with Governor Herbert's office.

In addition to the comments submitted on May 25th, RwR developed comments (see first attachment) to submit today by 10:00pm Mountain Daylight Time.

Before 10:00pm I went to Regulations.gov and uploaded RwR's comments, which consisted of a 13-megabyte PDF file. After uploading, I got a notice that the files need to be under 10.5 megabytes, so I reduced my file size to under 10 megabytes. The smaller file didn't finish uploading until 10:04pm. When I clicked "submit comment," I got a message that the comment period had closed (see second attachment with time stamp).

Obviously I shouldn't have left it to the last few minutes. However I want the

administration to know the existence and location of four motorized singletrack trails within the current monument boundary. Could you help me get this information to the Department of Interior? Many Thanks -Clif

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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We greatly appreciate your suggestion to scale back the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument so that it is tailored to the archaeological objects of outstanding significance, so it is consistent with the intent of the Antiquities Act, and so it provides a practical scale for Native Americans to take on an even more meaningful role in preserving the cultural resources of their ancestors.

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As the photo's illustrate, these singletracks are beautiful lines across the landscape that motorcyclists enjoy responsibly. They are generally located in a steep forest setting with low potential for archaeological sites. Where impacts do arise, we would be happy to mitigate them through trail tread hardening, realignments, etc. Ride with Respect has maintained these trails' condition, and we greatly hope to maintain access. Doing so would be difficult under national-monument designation, as well-funded wilderness-expansion groups would use the monument status as another lever to prohibit motorized and even mechanized use of any kind.

San Juan County includes areas that are appropriate for national-monument designation, but the Abajo Mountains is not one of them. Please keep this in mind as you carefully refine the boundaries of Bears Ears, and feel free to contact us for details. Thanks for your leadership and evenhandedness on this issue.

Sincerely,

Clif Koontz
Executive Director

Trail 449 from Shay Mesa
to North Cottonwood Creek

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FS ROAD NO 104 4.5
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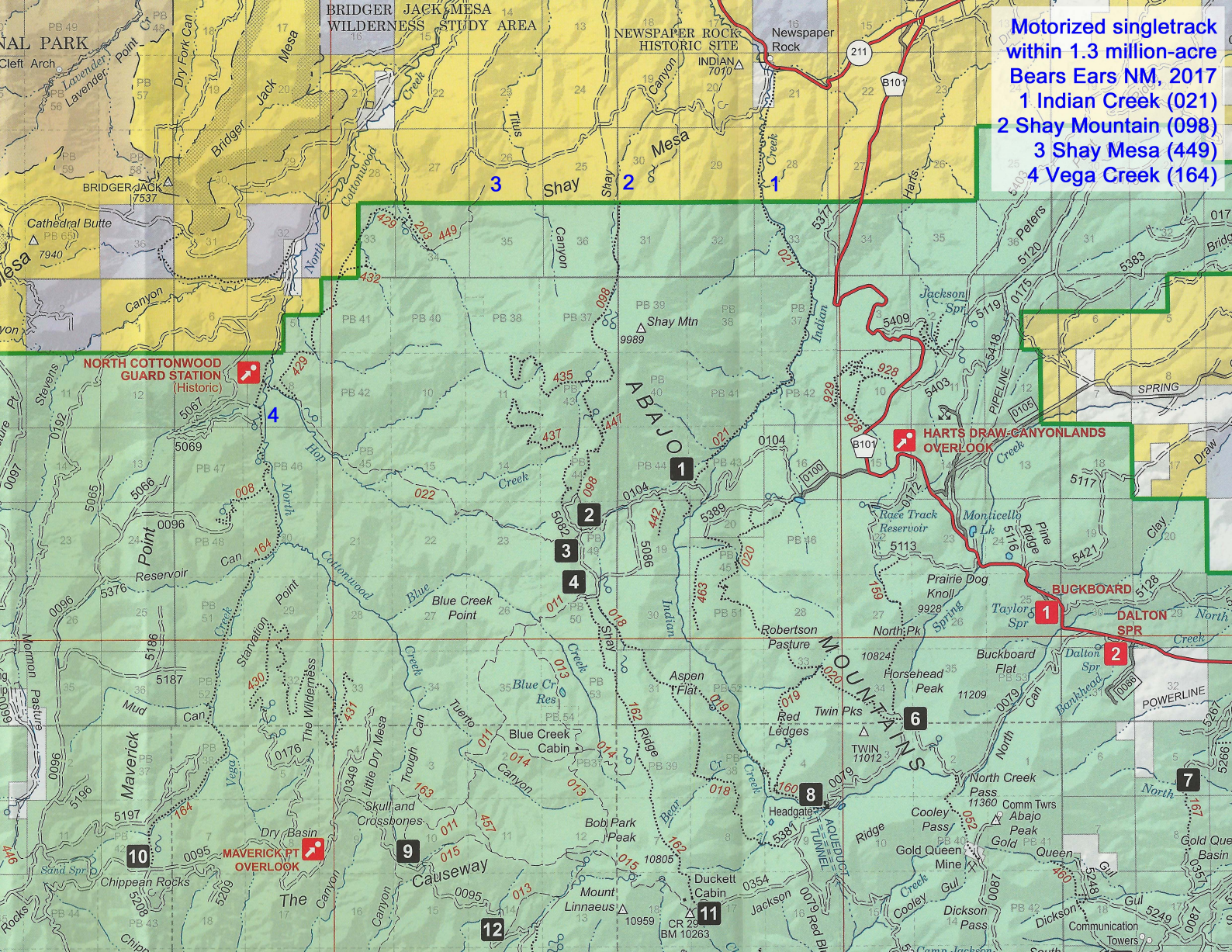
VEGA CREEK TRAIL


Motorized singletrack within 1.3 million-acre Bears Ears NM, 2017
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Chippean Rocks
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Starvation Point
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Subject: Re: FW: Zinke Says Break Up Bears Ears

Alex and team OIA:

Thanks for sending. It is provocative. Although I understand why in some respects.

If you start out with a possible "worse case" scenario where BENM might have been totally eliminated (as some suggested), then the interim report is a huge win for the outdoor industry and recreationists.

The Antiquities Act confines monuments to the “smallest area compatible” to protect the objects. When accounting for State and private lands within the boundaries of Bears Ears, the total area encompassed by the BENM is close to 1,500,000 acres.

The Secretary's recommendation to adjust the boundaries is consistent with the Act.

In addition, the Secretary recommended that Congress authorize tribal co-management of designated cultural areas. When BENM was established, the tribes were given a purely advisory role through the Bears Ears Commission. We heard from tribes that his was a problem and are fixing that.

Further, the Secretary recommended that Congress designate selected areas within the existing Bears Ears as national recreation areas or national conservation areas.

He recognized that much of BENM merits protection, but protection must be done through the type of full public process that accompanies passing legislation- not through the use of the Act, which is supposed to be limited.

The patchwork nature of the designation created confusion and burdensome requirements on the land, and Congress needs to step in to decide the best use of the land.

There is also a serious question as to the need to designate a monument on top of areas largely protected under wilderness designations already.

The last Administration over-reached. And that over-reach is what caused this problem in the first place. Would OIA ever contemplate opposition to any monument designation being “too large” or an “over reach”? I don’t think so.

Please do not misinterpret this comment. I know OIA is walking a fine line. But being provocative does not help our relationship.

Thanks.

Doug

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On Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 11:00 AM, Alex Boian <aboian@outdoorindustry.org> wrote:

> Hi Doug,
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> I hope you are doing well. I wanted to make sure you saw OIA's statement on the Interim Report. It is a bit provocative, as our messages must reflect the outdoor industry's concern and anxiety on BENM and the monuments review generally. But as you know, we try and prioritize the recreation economy messages over hyperbolic rhetoric. We did try and take a measured approach and balance the message with praise for the secretary, the process and for his attention to the outdoor industry.
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> I am hoping at some point we can discuss opportunities for increased collaboration in what has clearly become an intensely emotional issue.
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Zinke recommends reduction, possible breaking apart of Bears Ears

Today, despite overwhelming support to keep the monument as designated, Secretary Zinke issued an Interim Report to President Trump that recommends the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument be “revised through the use of appropriate (presidential) authority, Congress authorize tribal co-management of designated cultural areas, Congress designate selected areas within the existing (Bears Ears National Monument) as national recreation areas or national conservation areas, as defined by law, and (that) Congress clarify the intent of the management practices of wilderness or WSAs within a monument.”

The recommendation would reduce and potentially break up the monument and the protection it provides into sub-divisions that may or may not ensure protections for the recreation assets within the current monument going forward.

Bears Ears will remain intact until a final action by President Trump.

Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) is disappointed by today’s interim recommendations by the Secretary to the President to adjust the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument.

Outdoor companies, user groups and individuals from across the outdoor industry worked tirelessly over the past several years to protect this special place through legislation. When the legislative process failed, OIA endorsed executive action to protect Bears Ears. We are worried that the legislative process would fail again, leaving these important areas unprotected.

We were, however, heartened to hear Secretary Zinke call the Antiquities Act “an American success” that has preserved many national treasures. Actions taken by presidents to protect public lands under the Antiquities Act have long been respected and honored by their successors. This is especially true when, as was the case of Bears Ears National Monument, a long and thorough process, complete with significant local input, preceded a monument designation.

We appreciate Secretary Zinke’s process over these last 45 days, his willingness to listen to OIA and the outdoor industry’s concerns, and we will encourage him to make a final recommendation that keeps the bulk of Bears Ears National Monument intact and

protected.

We are concerned that the recommended boundary revisions and multiple legislative land designations proposed within the current monument may affect important recreation assets throughout the landscape. We will work closely with Interior and the recreation community in the coming months to ensure these assets are protected.

In addition, we will continue to correct misinformed assertions that the protection of public lands hurts local economies. The facts clearly point to the opposite conclusion. Our public lands support the $887 billion outdoor recreation economy and 7.6 million American jobs, but also attract millions of visitors who spend billions of dollars, much of that supporting the surrounding, local economies.

Secretary Zinke also announced that the formal comment period for Bears Ears has been extended through July 10, 2017. Register your comments today at OIA's Advocacy Center (comments are filed directly to www.regulations.gov).

We will impress upon our elected leaders the importance of protecting our shared public lands and that our laws, such as the Antiquities Act, remain intact as they are important tools to protect our nation's special places, to ensure that Americans can continue to hunt, fish, hike, bike, camp, climb and otherwise enjoy our public lands and to support the outdoor recreation economy and the millions of American jobs that depend on it.

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Where We Stand
Outdoor Industry Association's position on public land designations
November 2015

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Public lands and waters are the backbone of the outdoor industry and outdoor recreation economy. OIA supports the protection of recreation assets for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

In specific cases, if a high value recreation asset needs protection and there is local business support for a land designation, but no corresponding legislation (immediate or over time) is viable, OIA will support the executive branch's use of the Antiquities Act to protect that asset.

Working with member companies and other strategic partners, OIA will work to develop new legislation, land designations, and policy tools to better fund, protect and manage public land and water for recreational use.

In many cases, the goals of better access and management can be achieved by optimizing existing programs and tools:

- Agency Planning Processes (e.g., Master Leasing Plans, Forest Plans and similar)
- Full or increased funding for these programs and tools

OIA believes that The Antiquities Act and The Wilderness Act are foundational laws to protect recreation on national public lands and waters and that the scope and power of both must be preserved.

OIA will support new land designations first through legislation that:

- Protects high value recreation assets
- Has local support from outdoor recreation businesses
- Has support from one or more of the state's Congressional delegation

OIA believes it is appropriate to pursue a higher level of protection for public lands and waters, and the recreational experiences they support, in the following circumstances:

- To mitigate a threat from development
- Protection is needed to maintain existing conditions
- A special or iconic place warrants elevated status

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Wanted to pass along what is hopefully our final draft and where we are at.

See attached.

We hope to send the final signed letter to you all tomorrow. Has taken a little longer than we would have liked to pull this together and get folks onboard.

Jeff Small

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Deadline NOON Friday, June 30th

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Sincerely,

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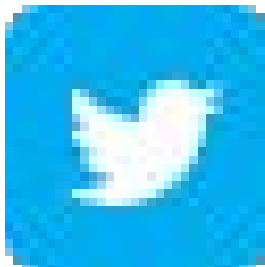

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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write in response to your request for congressional input on 27 different land and marine monuments under your initial review as a result of President Trump's Executive Order (EO) 13792 issued on April 26, 2017. As you know, the EO directed you to provide a thorough review of national monuments created under the Antiquities Act – particularly those created since January 1, 1996 that are larger than 100,000 acres in size and/or that lacked sufficient public outreach and coordination.

Over the past 20 years, presidents from both sides of the aisle have used the stroke of a pen to unilaterally lock up hundreds of millions of acres using the oft-abused Antiquities Act. As with many laws, the Antiquities Act originated with good intentions; however, it has transformed into a tyrannical tool that presidents have manipulated to exercise unfettered land grabs to the detriment of state and local interests.

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Misuse of this outdated 1906 Act has jeopardized the daily activities, livelihoods and traditions of local communities. National monument designations more often than not severely impair energy development, water rights, wildfire prevention efforts, grazing rights and other vital land management activities. These massive declarations have also resulted in restrictive land-use regulations that have limited hunting, fishing, Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use and other recreational activities.

By going back to the drawing board and coordinating with state and local stakeholders, the Department of the Interior (DOI) has an excellent opportunity to ensure communities are not harmed by the executive overreach of previous presidents and that these designations follow the spirit and letter of the law.

While a precious few monuments currently included in your review reflect the judicious application of the Antiquities Act, far too many represent egregious overreach and legacy building efforts that catered to out-of-state special-interest groups and in one case, a blatant example of pay-to-play politics.

Your analysis is important to so many of our constituents throughout the country who share our concerns. We are encouraged by your dedication and commitment to ensuring proper application of the Antiquities Act and prioritization of local coordination, and are pleased to provide the following analysis of the 27 monuments currently under your review.

Comments on National Monuments Under Initial Review

Basin and Range, Nevada

Designated in 2015, the Basin and Range National Monument is larger than the state of Rhode Island at 704,000 acres, and was a personal favor to then-Senate Minority Leader

[1] Congressional Research Service, "Executive Order for Review of National Monuments", May 2017.
[2] https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42346.pdf

Harry Reid. According to a former Obama adviser, "it is only due to Harry Reid that [Basin and Range] is getting done."[3]

As with many states in the West, the federal government already owns more than 80 percent of Nevada's land. However, the vast majority of that land belongs to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and supports a multiple-use management plan. The designation of monuments like the Basin and Range wall off lands crucial to recreation, grazing and resource development. The Nevada Farm Bureau (NVFB) expressed concerns that "the designation will make those preservation efforts more difficult and will negatively affect local ranchers who diligently conserve the land while feeding our growing population… This decision eliminated local input of those individuals who are directly affected by the designation and who possess the expertise to make decisions about lands in Nevada."[4]

Nye County Commissioner Lorinda Wichman called the monument "an excellent example of hypocrisy" noting that it was Senator Reid "that insisted we must have a consent-based location for the nation's spent nuclear fuel and it was our former senior senator that gifted us with a monster of a monument without consent."[5] Similarly, Lincoln County Commission Chair Kevin Phillips called the monument "disgusting… loathsome... illegal… [and] unfair,"[6] and stated that the county had fought the monument for years.

The designation does not meet the letter or intent of the Antiquities Act, which specifically requires national monuments to protect objects of antiquity. The City, one of the most prominent "objects" in the monument, is a modern art installation on a mile and a half stretch of private land.[7] Additional antiquities include petroglyphs that already receive protection under the National Register of Historic Places and as Wilderness Areas.[8] These areas, which are already protected, are only a few acres and hardly warrant a 700,000 acre monument.

Recommendation: We recommend the Basin and Range National Monument be "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected," approximately 2,500 acres in our estimation, in coordination with state and local stakeholders.

Bears Ears, Utah

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[3] https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/with-obamas-help-harry-reid-leaving-an-indelible-mark-in-the-nevada-desert/2015/07/07/8131bd88-1e75-11e5-aeb9-a411a84c9d55_story.html?utm_term=.f0ba83cd7988
[4] http://www.lccentral.com/2015/07/17/basin-and-range-declared-national-monument/
[5] http://pvtimes.com/nevada-basin-and-range-reversal-won-t-bolster-yucca-mountain
[6] http://www.lccentral.com/2015/07/17/basin-and-range-declared-national-monument/
[7] Nevada Association of Counties, "Designation on National Monuments Using the Antiquities Act", April 2016. http://www.nvnaco.org/wp-content/uploads/4-13-16-FINAL-White-Paper-Antiquities-Act-Basin-and-Range1.pdf.
[8] Ibid.

As the final hours of the Obama Administration wound down, monument designations ramped up. President Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM), spanning 1.3 million acres on December 28, 2016 despite vehement opposition to the monument by tribal, local, state and congressional stakeholders. The concept of the monument arose from a brain-trust meeting of environmental groups in San Francisco. Knowing that there could be strong tribal opposition to a monument in southeastern Utah, stopped using a tribal name for the initiative, instead opting for "Bears Ears."[9] In fact, San Juan County Commissioner Rebecca Benally, a Diné and Navajo woman stated, "Bears Ears National Monument campaign is a cynical political stunt that…will deny grass roots Utah Navajos access to their sacred spiritual grounds…Traditional Utah Navajo people are not magazine environmentalists but are real stewards of the land whose interests will be destroyed by a [BENM]."[10]

Further, 109,000 acres of Utah School and Institutional Trust Administration (SITLA) land were locked up.[11] SITLA land generates revenue from mineral and energy development, forestry activities and grazing. This revenue is then deposited into the State School Fund that supports the state's K-12 public education system. Locking up SITLA land has sweeping repercussions for the education system and schoolchildren statewide. Equally troubling, Energydesk estimates that 90% of Bears Ears sits above potential oil and gas leases.[12]

A locally-driven, comprehensive land management bill, the Utah Public Lands Initiative Partner Act, was introduced last Congress by House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (UT-01) and Rep. Jason Chaffetz (UT-03) in an effort to build a consensus to solve some of the most challenging land use issues, including protections for certain areas of the Bears Ears region. Instead of negotiating in good faith with Members of Congress, the administration waited until the last moment to designate this national monument, over the strong objections of the Congressional delegation. Despite promising to give the tribes important authorities, such as co-management authority, the executive designation failed to include this provision or engage with the tribes in any meaningful way.

Overwhelming opposition to BENM is evidenced by the fact that a mere 17 percent of Utahans favored the designation.[13] Further, the entirety of the Utah Congressional delegation voiced unanimous support of the rescission of the monument and called for "the establishment of a new precedent for designating national monuments – one that corrects past abuses and remains consistent with the original intent of the Antiquities

[9] http://conservationlands.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Fall-2014-meeting-minutes.pdf
[10] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/testimony_benally.pdf
[11] https://trustlands.utah.gov/109k-acres-of-school-trust-land-captured-in-bears-ears-national-monument/
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[13] http://utahpolicy.com/index.php/features/today-at-utah-policy/9551-poll-only-17-of-utahns-want-obama-to-designate-bears-ears-as-a-national-monument

Act."[14] We concur with this sentiment and encourage this tack as you continue your evaluation of national monuments identified for review.

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Bears Ears National Monument.

Berryessa Snow Mountain, California

Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (Berryessa) designated by President Obama in 2015, consists of 330,780 acres in northern California. President Obama falsely claimed the boundaries of this monument were "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." We disagree with that claim.

According to a column in the Lake Berryessa News, "The original proposal for some form of federal designation for a small part of Northern California ballooned into an attempt to create a large conglomerate National Conservation Area stretching across most of Northern California. When the NCA proposal met strong resistance by local governments and citizens groups, it could not move forward on its own merits. The strategy of the proponents then turned to having President Obama create a National Monument in the final days of his presidency."[15]

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce voted to oppose the creation of this monument. Chamber President Craig Morton stated, "It is a geographically and ecologically incoherent patchwork of federal parcels. Lake Berryessa is not even geographically connected on the map to the rest of the proposed National Monument, which stretches far into Northern California. The eastern boundary of the map is coincident with the borders of Glenn and Colusa counties. The reason is political, not ecological."[16]

This misguided effort was pushed by extremist special-interest groups and does not warrant national monument status. [17]

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Berryessa National Monument.

Canyons of the Ancients, Colorado

Designated by President Clinton in 2000, Canyons of the Ancients (Canyons) is an example of the judicious and restrained application of the Antiquities Act. Canyons has and extremely high density of archeological sites with roughly 6,000 sites already

[14] https://www.hatch.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2017/5/hatch-congressional-delegation-urge-full-rescission-of-bears-ears-in-letter-to-zinke
[15] http://lakeberryessanews.com/berryessa-snow-mountain.html
[16] http://www.dailydemocrat.com/article/ZZ/20150114/NEWS/150117514
[17] http://www.sierraclub.org/redwood/berryessa-snow-mountain-national-monument

recorded, and an estimated total of 20,000-30,000 sites within the 175,160-acre monument. According to BLM, "lands within and around the Monument have been used or inhabited by humans, including the Northern Ancestral Puebloan culture, for 10,000 years, and continue to be used by humans today. Historic uses of the Monument include recreation, hunting, livestock grazing and energy development."[18]

On May 23, 2017, Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Congressman Scott Tipton (CO-03) sent you a letter regarding the monument stating, "Any review of Canyons should conclude that no changes to the designation are necessary."[19] We concur with their assessment and encourage the preservation of Canyons of the Ancients as designated by President Clinton. Further, we applaud the proper application of the Antiquities Act in designating the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the object to be protected.

Recommendation: We recommend no changes to the boundaries of the monument.

Carrizo Plain, California

In 1988, BLM, the California Department of Game and Fish, and the Nature Conservancy purchased 82,000 acres of land to preserve the area known as Carrizo Plain and in 1996 formed a joint initiative called the Carrizo Plain Natural Area Plan. Eight days before the end of his administration, President Clinton designated 204,107 acres of land as the Carrizo Plain National Monument (CPNM).

Despite bipartisan legislation to protect and preserve the plan in coordination with local stakeholders[20], President Clinton turned to the Antiquities Act in an effort to block any oil and gas exploration, once again using the stroke of a pen to unilaterally cut Congress and the will of the people out of the conversation.

The nonpartisan Energy Information Administration estimates that more than a quarter of the 204,107-acre monument sits above rich fossil fuel basins.[21] BLM estimated in 2010 that there were 45 oil wells within the monument, 15 wells were actively in production and that giant fields with billions of barrels of reserves surround the monument.[22]

Recommendation: We recommend the reduction of the Carrizo Plain National Monument consistent with the original Carrizo Plain Natural Area Plan and "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" in coordination with state and local stakeholders.

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[18] https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/colorado/canyons-of-the-ancients
[19] http://westerncaucus.house.gov/sites/westerncaucus.house.gov/files/Gardner%20%20Tipton_Canyons%20of%20the%20Ancients.pdf
[20] https://www.congress.gov/bill/106th-congress/house-bill/1751?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22lois+capps%22%5D%7D
[21] http://energydesk.greenpeace.org/2017/05/10/donald-trump-national-monuments/
[22] http://www.npshistory.com/publications/blm/carrizo-plain/rod-rmp-2010.pdf

Cascade Siskiyou, Oregon

During the waning days of his administration, President Obama expanded the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) by 47,624 acres. The original monument unilaterally designated by President Clinton comprised 52,000 acres, allowed for grazing leases to be retired and prohibited vegetative management as well as timber harvesting.

The American Forest Resource Council and BLM identified the lands within the CSNM expansion as being at high risk for wildfire.[23] Despite these facts and other science-based pleas not to designate more land within the region as a national monument, President Obama placed legacy-building above the safety of communities and forests when expanding CSNM.

Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop aptly noted that "The local communities did not vote for this and do not support it. When they fought to prevent it, the president looked the other way. He didn't listen or care. It's clear this decision was self-serving. It was made to dignify national special interests rather than the people impacted. Our committee will fight to make local voices heard and undo the damage created by the president's unrelenting abuse of power."[24]

This unilateral designation took millions of acres of board feet that had already gone through the environmental process out of production and is already causing significant harm to communities in Oregon. In fact, 18 counties filed a lawsuit as a result of President Obama's expansion. "Douglas County stands to lose the most. That's because the county takes the biggest share of receipts from timber harvested on O&C timberlands, and the monument's expanded boundaries swallow up about 40,000 acres of those lands. Because it's a national monument — managed much like a national park — the forests on those lands would be locked up and unavailable for timber harvests…Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman said a rough estimate is that those lands could have brought $2.5 million a year into the county's general fund. That's more than the annual cost of the library system which is about to shut down for lack of funds."[25]

Chairman Bishop and the Members of Congress who represent the area in question predicted this occurrence and sent a letter to President Obama urging him not to expand CSNM warning of the devastating impacts a designation would have on forest health and water abundance.[26] This plea that was arrogantly ignored.

Rep. Greg Walden (OR-02) put out a strong statement denouncing President Obama's action stating, "The outgoing administration is locking up more of our public lands through a process that cut out many in the surrounding communities. I will work with the

[23] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/american_forest_resource_council_letter.pdf
[24] https://naturalresources.house.gov/newsroom/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=401463
[25] http://www.nrtoday.com/news/government/douglas_county_government/o-c-counties-sue-feds-over-cascade-siskiyou-monument-expansion/article_b924d117-5783-546a-abcf-9095e96f78f8.html
[26] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/letter_to_wh_natl_monument_designation.pdf

Trump Administration to do what we can to roll back this midnight expansion."[27]

In addition, we believe the administration also ignored compelling evidence that this designation was illegal and ignored the will and intent of Congress by violating the Oregon and California Revested Lands Sustained Yield Management Act. According to a 1940 opinion from DOI Solicitor General Nathan R. Margold, "There can be no doubt that the administration of the lands for national monument purposes would be inconsistent with the utilization of the O&C lands as directed by Congress. It is well settled that where Congress has set aside lands for a specific purpose the President is without authority to reserve lands for another purpose inconsistent with that specified by Congress."[28]

Congress specifically mandated that these lands be used for sustained yield and permanent forest production and the Department should rescind any designation that conflicts with the clear intent of Congress.

Recommendation: We recommend a complete rescission of the Clinton-era and Obama-era Cascade Siskiyou National Monument designations.

Craters of the Moon, Idaho

The Craters of the Moon National Monument was first established by Presidential Proclamation in 1924 and originally comprised 54,000 acres. Following the recommendation of then Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, President Clinton expanded the boundaries of the monument to comprise a total acreage of 661,287 acres in 2000.

This expansion was met with resistance from Members of Congress. "Babbitt's efforts to solicit public input as a pale imitation of the public comment collected before Congress makes land-use decisions. Three public meetings that Babbitt held in Idaho to gather opinions about expanding Craters of the Moon National Monument were the equivalent of "a drive-by shooting," Senator Craig said.

In a speech on the House floor on June 15, 2000, Rep. Mike Simpson (ID-02) stated, "What I am opposed to is a process by which any administration, Republican or Democrat administration, can ignore the input of local- and State- and Federal-elected officials and Congress can ignore its constitutional responsibility to dictate land management policies. It is a process that is the problem here.[29]

Rep. Simpson went on to state, "Mr. Chairman, I have requested information on the designation…They are supposed to use the least amount of land to protect this area. The Secretary has not sent me information on that. Thirdly, the area being protected is

[27] http://www.opb.org/news/article/cascade-siskiyou-monument-expansion-obama/
[28] Department of the Interior Solicitor General Nathan R. Margold, M. 30506, 03/09/40, pgs. 3-4.
[29] Congressional Record of the House, June 15, 2000.

supposed to be of some geological scientific or historic nature. The Secretary has not told me what the nature that he is trying to preserve of this area is. But fourthly, the most important thing is the area is supposed to be under some threat, some imminent threat. So far, the Secretary has refused to tell me what the imminent threat is in this area. Mr. Chairman, this is not pristine habitat or natural forests or salmon habitat or anything like that. What it is is lava rocks. It is under no threat currently, and the Secretary refuses to acknowledge that." [30]

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the Craters of the Moon National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" in coordination with state and local stakeholders.

Giant Sequoia, California

The unique beauty of the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests is undeniable. However, despite lacking local and congressional support, President Clinton designated the 327,760-acre Giant Sequoia National Monument in 2000. While well intentioned, this designation had the adverse effect of putting the Giant Sequoia groves in imminent risk of destruction due to catastrophic wildfire as a result of the lack of active management in the surrounding forest. In order to maintain the health and safety of this forest, not to mention its scenic and historic beauty, responsible, active forest management must be a priority.

In Clinton's Presidential Proclamation, the monument was subject to valid existing rights and authorized the removal of trees for the purposes of "ecological restoration and maintenance or public safety."[31] Since that time, frivolous lawsuits have prevented such maintenance of the forest and legislation to pursue such endeavors has stalled.[32,33] In order to preserve the Sierra and National Forests and the Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) groves, it is essential that active management take place in the surrounding forest to reduce hazardous fuels and the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the Giant Sequoia National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" in coordination with state and local stakeholders. Further, any review ought to consider and implement policies for active forest management so as to preserve the monument for generations to come.

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[30] Ibid.
[31] https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2000-04-25/pdf/00-10312.pdf
[32] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/duysentestimony07.27.06.pdf
[33] https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/5760?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22Giant+Sequoia+National+Monument%5C%22%22%5D%7D&r=1

Gold Butte, Nevada

In the last month of his administration, President Obama designated 296,937 acres in southeastern Nevada as the Gold Butte National Monument (GBNM) without the support of state or local stakeholders and in opposition to nearly all of Nevada's Congressional delegation. The Presidential Proclamation explicitly banned grazing.

Like the Basin and Range National Monument, this designation came at the urging of former Senator Harry Reid as political retribution to the Bundy family, which once grazed in the area. It is irresponsible for the executive branch to use its power for this purpose, yet nonetheless President Obama designated this area during the waning days of his administration to appease Senator Reid and deliver a strong rebuke to the Bundy family.

Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval aptly observed that, "[The monument] bypassed Congress and the public. I believe that our Congressional delegation should have had a primary role in working to build consensus as has been accomplished successfully in the past."[34] Senator Heller (R-NV) wrote a letter to President Obama informing him of the thoughtful ways in which Nevadans collaborate with state and local governments and stakeholders to develop management plans for their public lands, and urging him not to unilaterally lock up hundreds of thousands of acres with the stroke of a pen.[35] Unfortunately, this request and many others fell on deaf ears and President Obama created the Gold Butte National Monument.

Former Rep. Cresent Hardy (NV-04) stated, "If you want to protect the petroglyphs, and you want to designate that as the monument, that's what the Antiquities Act was set up to do, is protect the minimum possible footprint of that of what you're trying to designate. Not an extra 300,000 acres on top of the 50-100 acres that you could have protected."[36]

Recommendation: We recommend Gold Butte National Monument be "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected," approximately 2,500 acres in our estimation, in coordination with state and local stakeholders.

Grand Canyon – Parashant, Arizona

Designated in 2000, the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (GCPNM) designation covers a staggering 1.01 million acres of land in northwestern Arizona. GCPNM is a glaring example of overreach that used the Antiquities Act as a scapegoat. According to a report by the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), prior to the

[34] http://gov.nv.gov/News-and-Media/Press/2016/Sandoval-Statement-on-Gold-Butte-Designation/
[35] https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/c12324dc-c094-49f7-8f81-9a0ea6379e27/11172016%20Heller%20Letter%20to%20President%20Obama%20on%20National%20Monument%20Designati....pdf
[36] http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/gold-butte-national-monument-controversial-locals/

designation, BLM provided a map detailing an appropriate boundary for a possible monument. This map "encompassed approximately 570,000 acres. However when [GCPNM] was designated, the size almost doubled."[37] A lack of sufficient public input or coordination with BLM and the massive increase in acreage indicate that the monument does not reflect the "smallest area compatible" and "provides evidence that coordination with affected state and local management agencies was severely lacking."[38]

Additionally, it appears that then-Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt wielded his position to inflict his own will on the state he once served as governor, albeit for little more than a year. Instead of coordinating with those who knew the area and its needs best, Secretary Babbitt ignored the legislative efforts of Congressman Bob Stump that would have preserved the "native biodiversity and ecological richness…while at the same time increasing public awareness, outdoor recreation use and enjoyment."[39] Equally as important, "[Stump's bill] preserved the ranching lifestyle and maintains existing, historic and traditional uses of the [land]."[40] The bill encompassed the aforementioned 570,000 acres.

Further troubling is the disruption to collaborative fish and wildlife management and recreational activities. By locking up 1.01 million acres from collaborative efforts to preserve multiple-use management plans, important stakeholders were cut out of the conversation and have suffered as a result. Additionally, at a time when DOI has a maintenance backlog of roughly $15.4 billion (more than $353.4 million of which belonging to the Grand Canyon National Park alone[41]), the designation of a national monument such as GCPNM places an unnecessary and often insurmountable administrative burden on an already stretched agency.

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument.

Grand Staircase- Escalante, Utah

Utah has fallen victim to legacy building and land grabs on a massive scale under both the Clinton and Obama Administrations. In 1996, President Clinton designated 1.7 million acres as the Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument (GSENM), blatantly trampling the requirement to designate the "smallest area compatible." Grazing, mineral royalties and coal reserve leases were jeopardized by this designation, having an extremely costly and detrimental effect on the economy of Utah. According to Democratic Carbon County Commissioner John Jones from Utah, when President

[37] http://westerncaucus.house.gov/sites/westerncaucus.house.gov/files/National%20Monument%20EO%20AGFD%20working%20draft%20final%206-1-17%20%283%29.pdf
[38] Ibid.
[39] http://westerncaucus.house.gov/sites/westerncaucus.house.gov/files/Parshant%20Stump%20Testimony.pdf
[40] Ibid.
[41] https://www.nps.gov/subjects/plandesignconstruct/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=5547454

Clinton failed to engage Utahans, much less give local officials any advance notice in the creation of the monument, he also "deprived the people of Utah and the nation of its cleanest low sulfur-high BTU coal supply across the Kaiparowits Plateau."[42]

As a result, Utah taxpayers saw more than $2 billion mineral lease royalties and 60 percent of their known coal reserves disappear before their eyes.[43] Like BENM, GSENM also included a significant amount of SITLA land, resulting in a huge socioeconomic loss to the State of Utah. According to the Utah Geological Survey, "the value of the recoverable coal on School Trust lands [was] at least $17 billion but could [have been] $25 billion or more" with potential royalties worth $1.4-2 billion.[44]

With regard to the public land grazing industry, the onerous restrictions placed on ranchers who historically managed the land are wreaking havoc on the range. Hal Hamblin, a fifth-generation rancher near GSENM noted, "We were told in [President Clinton's] proclamation that…nothing would change on the monument pertaining to grazing, and that just isn't true, because we can't take care of the land. We can't control the brush and the pinion and juniper, and we can't even control the erosion, which is terrible out there."[45]

In his testimony before the House Committee on Natural Resources, David Eliason, Secretary/Treasurer of the Public Lands Council and Past President of the Utah Cattlemen's Association, reminded Congress of the important role ranchers play: "[They] provide food and fiber for our nation, protect open spaces and critical wildlife habit, and promote healthy watersheds for the public."[46] Ranchers do not want to destroy the range, they want to conserve and preserve it.

GSENM lacked public support and outreach and was a gross abuse of the Antiquities Act. Maintaining the status quo of the monument has already had disastrous effects on Utah's education, grazing, and energy sectors.

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument.

Hanford Reach, Washington

President Clinton created the 194,450 acre Hanford Reach National Monument in 2000. The monument explicitly banned livestock grazing and OHV use. Local stakeholders had

[42] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/jonestestimony04-16-13.pdf
[43] Ibid.
[44] Ibid. "A Preliminary Assessment of Energy and Mineral Resources within the Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument"
[45] http://www.stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2015/07/06/ccj-battle-cattle-controversy-grand-staircase-escalante-national-monument/#.WUKWcvnyuUk
[46] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/eliasontestimony04-16-13.pdf

hoped to utilize some of this land for irrigated farmland.

"Abandoning hope of protecting the Reach through Congressional action, environmentalists pressed President Bill Clinton to designate the area as a national monument under the 1906 Antiquities Act."[47]

"The move angered Republicans, who said the administration is ignoring the wishes of local residents and wiping away the efforts of the Washington delegation to reach a compromise. 'This is insulting,' Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., said. 'Either Sen. Murray doesn't know what the residents of central Washington want - or she doesn't care.' Sen. Slade Gorton said in a statement, 'In one fell swoop this administration is destroying years of negotiations, shutting out the concerns of the local people and blowing any chance of protecting the reach in a manner that accommodates the needs of all parties involved.'"[48]

In a passionate speech on the House floor on June 15, 2000, Doc Hasting reminded the Congress that they had already acted to protect Hanford Reach by passing legislation in 1995 to prevent any dam building or dredging of the river. Rep. Hastings went on to state, "This monument designation for the Hanford Reach is more likely, more extreme than any bill that has been introduced addressing this issue in the time that I have been in Congress. So I think, frankly, it is a slap in the face to those that live and work in the area."[49]

This unilateral monument designation was also opposed by the agribusiness, the Washington Farm Bureau, and the Grant County commissioners, amongst others. Al Gore showed up for the monument dedication and took a ride on a jet boat. [50]

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Hanford Reach National Monument.

Ironwood Forest, Arizona

President Clinton created the Ironwood Forest National Monument in June 2000, locking up 128,917 acres of land, including a large amount of land that belongs to the Arizona State School Land Trust. This monument prevents multiple-use on State Trust lands and has subsequently caused harm to the common schools beneficiary, K-12 education. The monument proclamation explicitly prohibited future mineral and geothermal energy production as well as OHV use. Further, the Ironwood Forest National Monument has enacted a complete ban on recreational shooting.

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[47] http://www.historylink.org/File/7438
[48] http://web.kitsapsun.com/archive/2000/06-01/0127_national_monuments__protection_so.html
[49] Congressional Record of the House, June 15, 2000.
[50] http://www.seattlepi.com/local/politics/article/Connelly-AG-Ferguson-to-Trump-we-ll-sue-if-you-11139695.php

AZGFD has expressed concerns regarding their ability to effectively manage the land that is incorporated in the monument. According to their June 1, 2017 response to this review of national monument designations, AZGFD has been unable to fully implement vital management activities such as: "fencing to protect wildlife habitats and/or restrict wildlife and fence removal…introduction, supplementation and/or translocations of native and/or naturalized species, predator control, Law Enforcement wildlife investigations and response to illegal wildlife activities."[51] Ranchers, whose herds have grazed the land for generations and who were the original stewards of the land by protecting riparian areas, maintaining a healthy rangeland and wildlife habitat, echo these concerns regarding access.

Furthermore, misguided monument resource management plans (RMPs) can lead to severe regulatory impediments that prevent the security of safe and reliable energy. Prior to the designation, electric cooperatives installed and maintained a transmission line in the area; however, under the adopted RMP for the monument, reparations and reconstruction of the line are nearly impossible. According to Tyler Carlson, the CEO of the Mohave Electric Cooperative, "When [a] line is no longer functional, it will have to be re-routed and any new capacity needed in that area will need to come from somewhere else at greater expense."[52] This sort of red tape that faces AZGFD, ranchers and electricity providers is unnecessary, costly and irrationally onerous.

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Ironwood Forest National Monument.

Katahdin Woods and Waters, Maine

Katahdin Woods and Waters is the result of an unsuccessful campaign to accrue Congressional, state and local support for a national park in Maine. Roxanne Quimby, founder of Burt's Bees and Elliotsville Plantation, purchased more than 100,000 acres in the state over the course of several years, making her one of Maine's largest (private) landowners. On a quest to create a 3.2 million acre national park in the state, despite overwhelming opposition to the creation of a monument by three local communities, Ms. Quimby and her organization denied long-standing access to campers, burned down cabins and closed large areas of land to "hunters and snowmobilers who had long-relied on it for north-south access."[53]

On August 23, 2016, Elliotsville Plantation donated nearly 88,000 acres and dedicated $40 million to DOI on the condition President Obama unilaterally created a new national monument. One day after the donation, President Obama designated the Katahdin Woods

[51] http://westerncaucus.house.gov/sites/westerncaucus.house.gov/files/National%20Monument%20EO%20AGFD%20working%20draft%20final%206-1-17%20%283%29.pdf
[52] http://gosar.house.gov/sites/gosar.house.gov/files/Tyler%20Carlson%20testimony.pdf
[53] https://www.bostonglobe.com/magazine/2013/11/17/son-burt-bees-cofounder-leads-fight-for-maine-national-park/iQHv6w2s7fUJc6MBt6ZJSN/story.html

and Waters National Monument. This type of shameful pay-to-play politics cannot be dismissed.

Additionally, the monument designation lacked state and federal support at nearly every echelon. In November 2015, Congressman Bruce Poliquin and Senators Collins and King wrote a letter to President Obama expressing, "serious reservations and significant concerns" about the proposed monument.[54] After learning of the Quimby family's intention to circumvent congress and lobby the administration for a national monument, the Maine legislature enacted bipartisan legislation in April 2016 that required legislative approval for a designation in the state.[55]

Governor LePage testified before the House Committee on Natural Resources that, "Mainers understand the benefits of our 17 million acres of forests to our economy, and we have historically been able to support the industries that rely on this land without interference from the federal government."[56]

Maine's state parks provide an excellent example of land conservation working in concert with commercial recreation and resource development. Unfortunately, President Obama chose to ignore the will of the people and instead sided with special-interest groups who perceived themselves to be above the rule of law.

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

Mojave Trails, California

President Obama created the 1.6 million acre Mojave Trails National Monument (MTNM) in early 2016 in spite of local and congressional efforts to protect and manage the land in a collaborative fashion while not increasing federal landownership. This monument is one of the largest in the nation and has been hotly contested for the larger portion of the last decade. While there are many areas within the designation that merit protective conservation, several mineral leases were negatively impacted by the monument. With a known agenda of stamping out mineral extraction in the desert, the Obama Administration drew the boundary of MTNM to include operations such as the Bagdad Chase Mine and the Baxter Iron Mine. Although the proclamation of the monument included language that permitted current operations, future expansion would likely be prohibited causing potential interruptions in supply chain health.

"Miners, hunters, off-road vehicle enthusiasts and collectors of rocks and minerals opposed a presidential monument designation, fearing they would be shut out from enjoying the land." Recreational enthusiasts are worried "the monument's 1,400

[54] https://poliquin.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/collins-king-poliquin-send-letter-president-possible-national-monument
[55] https://static.votesmart.org/static/billtext/56445.pdf
[56] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/testimony_lepage.pdf

miles of off-highway vehicle roads will be closed." [57]

Unfortunately, President Obama ignored bipartisan and bicameral efforts that coordinated with local stakeholders from San Bernadino County and chose to implement a top-down mandate. The monument included land that had never been debated in a public setting nor was any outreach on the matter conducted, and included hundreds of thousands of acres of non-designated BLM land in addition to swaths of private land as well.

Recommendation: We recommend the reduction of the size of Mojave Trails National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." We also recommend working with private landowners within the national monument to resolve conflicting uses.

Organ Mountains – Desert Peaks, New Mexico

In May 2014, President Obama designated nearly 500,000 acres as the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument. This unilateral move not only bypassed public comment and ignored attempts at a state-level solution, but it created a dangerous national security predicament given the area's proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border.[58] The remote nature of the monument, in addition to logistical and bureaucratic red tape, creates a welcome target for smugglers, gangs, and other ill-intentioned groups.[59] Restrictive environmental laws in these areas limit the ability of Border Patrol agents to patrol, creating safe zones for illegal activity – a problem identified as far back as 2009 under former Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. Despite this warning, President Obama persisted onward, exposing the people of New Mexico, and our country as a whole, to serious security threats.

Further, impacts on grazing rights hamper rangeland and the economic viability of New Mexico. The designation will prevent farmers and ranchers, who have operated in this area for generations, from accessing certain parts of their allotments to do necessary maintenance work. The monument envelops a number of ranches, which may eventually lead to a reduction of cattle that those ranches can run. This could make certain ranches uneconomical, crushing a ranching industry that is part of the identity of the area. The monument also creates a number of other economic issues as it prevents solar and geothermal energy development and threatens a number of other projects that could bolster the local economy.

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[57] https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/environment/2017/04/26/trump-executive-order-targets-sand-snow-mojave-trails-national-monuments-california/306620001/

[58] http://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/local/2016/11/25/trump-urged-abolish-organ-mountains-monument/94425036/

[59] https://westerncaucus.house.gov/Blog/congressman-bishop-urges-president-obama-to-reconsider-using-the-controversial-antiquities-act

President Obama also ignored the good work of Congressman Steve Pearce (NM-02), who introduced legislation widely supported by local law enforcement, recreational, and conservation groups. This proposal struck the appropriate balance between preserving the portions of the national monument worthy of protection while still allowing responsible recreational access and ensuring public safety on the border.

Rep. Pearce stated following introduction of his bill, "This legislation was developed with close involvement and significant input from local ranchers, business owners, conservationists, sportsmen and other constituents" said Pearce. "All New Mexicans want to protect the Organ Mountains. This proposal achieves our shared conservation objectives and ensures economic health by making sure that this national treasure is protected without threatening local jobs. We can find common ground through the legislative process with input from the community."

Rep. Pearce recently submitted a list of 800 businesses and individuals who oppose this monument designation. [60]

Recommendation: We recommend that the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" by being reduced to the 54,800 acre footprint proposed in Representative Pearce's Organ Mountains National Monument Establishment Act during the 113th Congress.

Rio Grande del Norte, New Mexico

President Obama designated 242,555 acres of land as the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument in March of 2013. The monument proclamation explicitly prohibited future mineral and geothermal energy production.

The land is currently managed by BLM, which was tasked in the proclamation with preparing a management plan for the monument that "shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited to, consultation with tribal, State, and local governments as well as community land grant and acequia associations."[61]

Recommendation: We recommend the reduction of the size of Rio Grande del Norte National Monument so the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" and closely monitoring the RMP process to ensure adequate stakeholder consultation and multiple-use management.

[60] https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/new-mexico/articles/2017-06-22/gop-new-mexico-lawmaker-wants-to-shrink-national-monument

[61] https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2013/03/25/presidential-proclamation-r-o-grande-del-norte-national-monument

San Gabriel Mountains, California

The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument was designated by former President Obama in October 2014. It encompasses a total of 346,177 acres across Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties in California. Despite the fact that the 346,177 acre monument spans both Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, little to no outreach regarding the designation was conducted in San Bernardino County (SBC). The portion of the monument in SBC includes 4,873 acres of non-wilderness Forest Service land, in addition to the Sheep Mountain Wilderness area. The designation also included small mining operations within the boundary of the National Monument with no prior consultation with the affected owner.

Local stakeholders opposed the inclusion of the non-wilderness Forest Service land on account of encroachment on local communities and economic activity and for its detrimental impact on forest management activities.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution opposing the monument. 'As far as I know, there's no more money that Congress has available to fund this proposal in some of our most fire-prone areas,' said Janice Rutherford, a San Bernardino County Supervisor.[62]

Mt. Baldy residents also opposed the monument citing, "[concern] about the ability of local fire agencies to battle wildfires if they are encircled by national monument lands. They also worry about fees and land use restrictions that could stunt local economies. 'We don't want any part of this thing,' said Ron Ellingson, owner of a lodge and ski lift business in Mt. Baldy."[63]

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument due to a lack of public outreach and support so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." We also recommend working with private landowners within the national monument to resolve conflicting uses.

Sand to Snow, California

President Obama designated 154,000 acres as the Sand to Snow National Monument in early 2016, superseding bipartisan legislation introduced by Congressman Paul Cook (CA-08), who represents the region in question, which would have created a Sand to Snow National Monument also totaling 154,000 acres in size. The bill would have created an advisory committee with representatives from a wide variety of stakeholders

[62] http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-san-gabriels-monument-20141009-story.html
[63] Ibid.

including tribes, sportsmen, conservationists, the Department of Defense, natural resource developers and ranchers to name a few.[64]

While the designation by President Obama circumvented active legislation that enjoyed widespread support among local officials and stakeholders, it largely adhered to the proposed boundaries and management plans.

Recommendation: We recommend no changes to the boundaries of the Sand to Snow National Monument.

Sonoran Desert, Arizona

Precisely three days before the end of his administration**,** President Clinton locked up 486,149 acres of land in southeastern Arizona. The monument proclamation explicitly prohibited future mineral and geothermal energy production, terminated grazing leases and allowed for significant road closures.

Due to the proximity to our nation's southern border, unique and significant issues exist regarding effective management of the land. Similar to the concerns raised about the Organ Mountains – Desert Peaks National Monument in New Mexico, the Sonoran Desert National Monument's proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border presents a unique challenge as it pertains to land management. More than 85 percent of the land abutting the border belongs to DOI and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In order to conduct routine patrols, Border Patrol agents must receive permission from agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. When response times are paramount, bureaucratic red tape only hinders effective border patrol operations.

This designation jeopardizes national security for the sake of legacy building and prevents those tasked with managing the wildlife within the monument from doing their job.

Former Chairman of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Robert Mansell stated, "The creation of the Sonoran Desert National Monument in 2001 is a cautionary tale. In 1999, the Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists counted 103 bighorn sheep in the Maricopa Mountains, located within the monument's boundaries in southwest Arizona. Today's surveys indicate fewer than 35 sheep roam this area. The department's limited access inside the monument to provide new and sustainable water sources no doubt was a contributing factor to the steep decline in the sheep population in the Maricopa Mountains. It was a harsh lesson that shouldn't be repeated with any wildlife species anywhere else in Arizona."[65]

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[64] https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/3668/text#toc-H72AFEF7974FC4FBEAF0E0DDBFD347E7A

[65] http://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2015/05/11/proposed-national-monument-federal-land-grab-protection-or-feel-good-folly/

Further, the monument has limited access for sportsmen and recreational enthusiasts. The Sonoran Desert National Monument has prevented recreational shooting and resulted in expensive litigation. Recreational shooting is appropriate under federal multiple-use mandates and would not be unnecessarily restricted if it weren't for this monument. Hunting has also been negatively impacted as motorized access for big game retrievals has been limited or prohibited. According to AZGFD, "This impacts the Department's ability to distribute hunting pressure, optimize big game harvest objectives, and meet game management goals. In 2008, BLM closed 88 miles of routes to protect monument objects on the Sonoran Desert National Monument. Route closures on the Sonoran Desert National Monument provide just one example of post-designation access restrictions."[66]

Recommendation: We recommend the total rescission of the Sonoran Desert National Monument.

Upper Missouri River Breaks, Montana

On the same day he designated the Sonoran Desert National Monument, and 72 hours before the sunset of his Administration, President Clinton created the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument in Montana locking up 377,346 acres. The monument prohibited future mineral and geothermal energy production as well as restricted OHV use. While the timing of the designation is highly suspect, objections from Montana's local stakeholders are also concerning.

Regarding the monument, Ron Poertner, a member of the Missouri River Steward organization stated, "The white cliffs, yeah they're special, and that's an area we have no problems [protecting]. But, just all this extra land that includes 82,000 acres of private land and 39,000 acres of state land…not even a quarter of the monument is federal land."[67] One rancher in the area owns more than 6,000 acres that are currently within the boundaries of the monument, which creates a legal morass that often attracts out-of-state frivolous lawsuits. [68] Approximately 120 different landowners who belong to the Stewards Organization have private land within the monument's boundaries.

Although many ranchers and sportsmen are currently able to continue the activities they enjoyed prior to the designation, there are concerns regarding the lack of local input and coordination in addition to persistent legal battles.

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument so that the monument is actually "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." We also

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[66] http://westerncaucus.house.gov/sites/westerncaucus.house.gov/files/National%20Monument%20EO%20AGFD%20working%20draft%20final%206-1-17%20%283%29.pdf

[67] http://www.krtv.com/story/35649394/upper-missouri-river-breaks-national-monument-debate

[68] http://billingsgazette.com/news/government-and-politics/trump-national-monument-review-could-bring-scrutiny-to-upper-missouri/article_77b3a148-85c5-5fad-b115-db7861e2ffab.html

recommend removing an unnecessary energy restrictions as well as implementation of a sustainable multiple-use management plan in coordination with state and local stakeholders. Finally, we recommend working with private landowners within the national monument to resolve conflicting uses and remove private land from within the monument boundaries.

Vermilion Cliffs, Arizona

Designated in November 2000 by President Clinton, the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument encompasses 279,568 acres of land in northern Arizona. The monument proclamation explicitly prohibited future mineral and geothermal energy production as well as OHV use. Designation of the monument caused unnecessary administrative burdens for the state of Arizona in relation to managing wildlife and has resulted in animals being placed in less suitable locations. Prior the monument designation, the land in question was already a wilderness area with a viable and effective management plan in place.[69] Similar to the Grand Canyon – Parashant designation, an overzealous Secretary Babbitt failed to coordinate with local stakeholders, including Congressman Bob Stump, who represented the Vermilion Cliffs area.

After years of diligent work wherein a wide range of stakeholders with varying interests came to an agreement that supported a mutually agreeable multiple-use plan, the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1984 was ultimately passed into law.[70] However, Secretary Babbitt's desire for a national monument was not quelled by the management efforts of those closest to the land, and he made an unsupported and inappropriate recommendation to President Clinton to designate the land as a national monument.

Recommendation: We recommend the total rescission of the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument.

Marine Monuments

Marianas Trench, CNMI, Pacific Ocean

President Bush designated the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument during his final days in office. The monument contains no dry land, and encompasses 60.9 million acres of submerged lands and waters in the Mariana Archipelago.[71] All fishing is prohibited within the monument. The monument also bans oil and gas production as well as other energy development activities.

[69] http://mobile.wnd.com/2000/11/4675/
[70] https://www.congress.gov/bill/98th-congress/house-bill/4707
[71] https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2010-title3-vol1/pdf/CFR-2010-title3-vol1-proc8335.pdf

Recommendation: We recommend no changes to the boundary of the monument at this time; however, should stakeholder support for the monument deteriorate coordination to provide a mutually acceptable solution should be implemented. We also recommend you consider rescinding all fishing restrictions via executive order and returning management back to regional fishery management councils**.**

Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Atlantic Ocean

President Obama designated 3.1 million acres when creating the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument in 2016 and establishing the first marine monument in the Atlantic Ocean. The president's proclamation explicitly prohibited offshore oil and gas exploration and production as well as restricted fishing. States and fisheries impacted by the designation immediately condemned the decision. The monument's restrictions stunt the growth of the fishing industry as well as significantly harm economic development for towns and communities along the coast.

In March of 2017, the Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF), on behalf of a coalition of New England fishermen, challenged the National Monument on the grounds that the president does not have the authority to designate submerged lands and waters as a national monument. 'By declaring over 5,000 square miles of ocean — an area the size of Connecticut — to be a national monument, President Obama set this entire area off-limits to most fishing immediately, with what remains of fishing opportunities to be phased out over the next few years,' said PLF attorney Jonathan Wood. 'This illegal, unilateral presidential action threatens economic distress for individuals and families who make their living through fishing, and for New England communities that rely on a vibrant fishing industry… In short, the designation of a vast area of ocean as a national monument was a blatant abuse of presidential power.' [72]

Wood also said, 'Beyond its violation of the law, the monument designation also threatens to harm the environment by pushing fishermen to other, less sustainable fisheries, and increasing conflicts between their gear and whale. Instead of punishing New England's fishermen — and shutting down their businesses — federal officials should be acknowledging their positive role as stewards of the ocean's environmental resources.'[73]

Peter deFur, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, stated, "The public process leading up to the presidential designation of a monument is lacking compared to the councils' process of engaging the public...The monument process does not have those provisions as a statutory requirement and that gets under our skin so I think the New England council is very concerned that this just sort of happened out from

[72] https://www.pacificlegal.org/release-3-7-17-massachusetts-lobstermen-1-1536.
[73] Ibid.

underneath them."[74]

Recommendation: We recommend a rescission of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument (preferred) or repealing all fishing, oil and gas, mineral and energy development restrictions resulting from President Obama's proclamation as well as returning fishing management back to regional fishery management councils**.**

Pacific Remote Islands, Pacific Ocean

In 2014, President Obama added 261.3 million acres to the Pacific Remote Islands National Monument, dramatically expanding this marine national monument and prohibiting commercial fishing in this area in the process. This unnecessarily large monument has also hindered energy development. Not only does this monument significantly impact the fragile economies of the Pacific territories, it drastically affects their food security and cultural stability. Despite promises to allow the territories closest to the monument to co-manage the area, the Obama Administration was unable to follow through on that promise and the territories remain largely left out of the decision-making process.

In March 2017, House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT) and Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (AS-At Large) stated in a letter to President Trump, "The loss of U.S. fishing grounds makes our consumers more dependent on foreign seafood sources as only ten percent of the seafood consumed in the U.S. is domestically produced. Marine national monuments created in the U.S. Pacific Islands resulted in the U.S. tuna purse-seine fleet losing access to historical fishing areas including all U.S. waters (0-200 miles) surrounding Jarvis Island, Wake Island, and Johnston Atoll, remote, uninhabited equatorial possessions of the United States, totaling 1,184,000 square miles."[75]

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the size of the Pacific Remote Islands National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected," as well as repealing all fishing and unnecessary energy restrictions via executive order and returning management back to regional fishery management councils**.**

Papahanaumokuakea, Hawaii

Originally designated by President George W. Bush, the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument consists entirely of submerged lands and waters off the coast of Hawaii. In 2016, President Obama expanded the size of the monument by enlarging it by

[74] http://www.southcoasttoday.com/news/20170530/fisheries-council-seeks-voice-in-marine-monument-review

[75] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/03.07.17_ltr_to_potus_re_monuments.pdf

283.4 million acres. The expansion is a clear overreach by the Obama Administration preventing "all energy development activities within the Monument Expansion" and unnecessarily restricting traditional uses of the waters by responsible stewards.

According to the House Committee on Natural Resources, "Former U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and former Hawaii Democratic Governor George Ariyoshi, saw it as an act of federal overreach that would harm native Hawaiian livelihoods and cultural practices. Akaka and Ariyshi further suggested that such an expansion would impact Hawaii's ability to follow through with trust responsibilities to island natives.[76]

There was also a lack of public outreach and communication prior to making this designation. "Kitty Simonds, executive director of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council -- a joint federal, state and private sector agency set up under U.S. law to prevent overfishing and manage fisheries stocks in that region – 'someone sent us an embargoed press release' about the latest expansion a day before the announcement was made public. Simonds, whose agency had previously called for a "public, transparent, deliberative, documented and science-based process" in advance of the proposed monument expansion, called it "unbelievable that the government is kicking U.S. fishermen out of U.S. waters when the fishery is healthy."

Simmonds discussed other negative impacts associated with the monument designation including, "The restriction would force U.S. fishing vessels -- about 145 of them -- into international waters to make their catches, where they would compete against fleets from China, South Korea and Indonesia, among others, 'that have lower fishing standards.' The move would also, she charged, increase fish imports -- currently about 92 percent of consumption -- rather than lower demand for seafood…The monument designation also over-rode a 40-year-old, federally legislated process of managing fish stocks in all U.S. waters by means of fishery management councils like the Western Pacific agency."[77]

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the size of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." We also recommend repealing all fishing, oil and gas, mineral and energy development restrictions resulting from President Obama's proclamation as well as returning fishing management back to regional fishery management councils**.**

Rose Atoll, American Samoa

The Rose Atoll Marine National Monument was designated in the final days of President Bush's presidency on January 6, 2009. This monument encompasses more than 8.6 million acres of waters and submerged lands approximately 130 nautical miles from Pago-Pago Harbor in American Samoa. The monument prohibits all fishing.

[76] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/hearing_memo_--_ov_hrg_on_03.15.17.pdf
[77] http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/09/13/will-obama-fence-off-more-ocean-us-fishermen-are-fearful.html

Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (AS-At Large) stated in May, "We are simply looking to remove the fishing restrictions on the American Samoa fleet for the migratory fish who travel through the monuments. The monuments serve a good purpose, and I support that effort, but not at the expense of access to our people who have utilized these areas for centuries before any relationship with the United States. Also, our fishermen are the most responsible and regulated in the world…as it stands currently, these fish swim through the monuments and are then caught by nations with little to no environmental regulations…that is not helping the sustainability for the future."[78]

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the size of the Rose Atoll Marine National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected," as well as repealing all fishing restrictions via executive order and returning management of the atoll to American Samoa.

Concluding Remarks

We thank you for your thoughtful review and this opportunity to contribute our perspective on these national monuments as they have significant and far-reaching impacts on our communities, states and regions.

The Antiquities Act of 1906 is broken and in desperate need of reform. No one person should be able to unilaterally lock-up millions of acres of public land from multiple-use with the stroke of a pen. Local stakeholders deserve to have a voice on public land-use decisions that impact their livelihoods.

We hope you share our concerns and recommend shrinking many of these national monuments under your review to "the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected," and in some cases, recommend rescission of national monuments unilaterally designated by presidents in the last 20 years that are larger than 100,000 acres and that lacked public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders.

Additionally, your comments published in the Federal Register also request information on any additional monuments that should be reviewed. While we do not have any additional monuments to be added at this time, we request that the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce review the full acreage of all 27 monuments under review including the Pacific Remote Islands National Monument (316.9 million acres) and the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument (372.9 million acres).

Finally, we hope that you review will contribute to substantive policy reforms. A 2001 review by the Department of the Interior of misuse by President Clinton was a step in the right direction, but ultimately the review did not result in any substantive policy changes to curb future abuse.

We ask that the Department commit to working with Congress to rein in this outdated law, protect private property rights, ensure local stakeholder coordination and prevent massive unilateral designations.

[78] https://radewagen.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/amata-reiterates-support-marine-monuments

We would be pleased to discuss our recommendations and this letter with you and your staff should you have any questions or like additional information.

As always, we ask that this request be handled in strict accordance with existing rules, regulations and ethical guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Empowering States and Reining in Abuse of the Antiquities Act
Sign letter to Secretary Zinke with thoughtful comments for his national monuments review
Deadline NOON Friday, June 30th

Current Signers (12): Mark Amodei, Brian Babin, Andy Biggs, Paul Cook, Kevin Cramer, Trent Franks, Paul Gosar, Doug Lamborn, Tom McClintock, Steve Pearce, Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, Daniel Webster

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in sending a letter to Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke recommending the revision, and in some cases, rescission of national monuments unilaterally designated by presidents in the last 20 years that are larger than 100,000 acres and/or that lacked public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders.

The review of these designations by the Secretary was directed by President Trump in Executive Order (EO) 13792 issued on April 26, 2017. Based on the parameters of the EO, Secretary Zinke announced in the Federal Register that his initial review will include 27 different land and marine monuments. Secretary Zinke has asked Members of Congress for written thoughts that he can analyze prior to making his final recommendation to the president.

It should come as no surprise that of those 27 designations and 773.8 million acres under review, 14 monuments and more than 553.4 million acres were withdrawn by the Obama Administration. In fact, President Obama abused the Antiquities Act more than any other president in history, designating or expanding 34 national monuments and locking-up 553.6 million acres of total land and water. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, past presidents have used this outdated authority to unilaterally designate 157 national monuments comprising "approximately 774 million acres, or about 92% of all monument acreage proclaimed since enactment of the Antiquities Act." The rest of the federal estate includes another 640 million acres.

This Antiquities Act was intended to protect prehistoric Indian ruins and artifacts on federal lands in the West and includes language to limit monument designations under this law to "the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects." Compared to the early application of the Antiquities Act, where the average size of a national monument was 422 acres, it became commonplace for President Obama's designated monuments to exceed one million acres in size.

Misuse of this outdated 1906 Act has jeopardized the daily activities, livelihoods and traditions of local communities. In numerous instances, grazing rights, water rights, energy development, wildfire prevention and other land management activities have been negatively impacted. These massive declarations have also resulted in restrictive land-use regulations that have limited hunting, fishing, OHV use and other recreational activities.

By going back to the drawing board and coordinating with state and local stakeholders, the Department of the Interior has an excellent opportunity to ensure communities are not harmed by

the executive overreach of previous presidents and that these designations follow the spirit and letter of the law.

The full letter is below. To sign on, please email Cesar Ybarra (Cesar.Ybarra@mail.house.gov) or Kelly Roberson (Kelly.Roberson@mail.house.gov).

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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write in response to your request for congressional input on 27 different land and marine monuments under your initial review as a result of President Trump's Executive Order (EO) 13792 issued on April 26, 2017. As you know, the EO directed you to provide a thorough review of national monuments created under the Antiquities Act – particularly those created since January 1, 1996 that are larger than 100,000 acres in size and/or that lacked sufficient public outreach and coordination.

Over the past 20 years, presidents from both sides of the aisle have used the stroke of a pen to unilaterally lock up hundreds of millions of acres using the oft-abused Antiquities Act. As with many laws, the Antiquities Act originated with good intentions; however, it has transformed into a tyrannical tool that presidents have manipulated to exercise unfettered land grabs to the detriment of state and local interests.

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Misuse of this outdated 1906 Act has jeopardized the daily activities, livelihoods and traditions of local communities. National monument designations more often than not severely impair energy development, water rights, wildfire prevention efforts, grazing rights and other vital land management activities. These massive declarations have also resulted in restrictive land-use regulations that have limited hunting, fishing, Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use and other recreational activities.

By going back to the drawing board and coordinating with state and local stakeholders, the Department of the Interior (DOI) has an excellent opportunity to ensure communities are not harmed by the executive overreach of previous presidents and that these designations follow the spirit and letter of the law.

While a precious few monuments currently included in your review reflect the judicious application of the Antiquities Act, far too many represent egregious overreach and legacy building efforts that catered to out-of-state special-interest groups and in one case, a blatant example of pay-to-play politics.

Your analysis is important to so many of our constituents throughout the country who share our concerns. We are encouraged by your dedication and commitment to ensuring proper application of the Antiquities Act and prioritization of local coordination, and are pleased to provide the following analysis of the 27 monuments currently under your review.

Comments on National Monuments Under Initial Review

Basin and Range, Nevada

Designated in 2015, the Basin and Range National Monument is larger than the state of Rhode Island at 704,000 acres, and was a personal favor to then-Senate Minority Leader

[1] Congressional Research Service, "Executive Order for Review of National Monuments", May 2017.
[2] https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42346.pdf

Harry Reid. According to a former Obama adviser, "it is only due to Harry Reid that [Basin and Range] is getting done."[3]

As with many states in the West, the federal government already owns more than 80 percent of Nevada's land. However, the vast majority of that land belongs to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and supports a multiple-use management plan. The designation of monuments like the Basin and Range wall off lands crucial to recreation, grazing and resource development. The Nevada Farm Bureau (NVFB) expressed concerns that "the designation will make those preservation efforts more difficult and will negatively affect local ranchers who diligently conserve the land while feeding our growing population… This decision eliminated local input of those individuals who are directly affected by the designation and who possess the expertise to make decisions about lands in Nevada."[4]

Nye County Commissioner Lorinda Wichman called the monument "an excellent example of hypocrisy" noting that it was Senator Reid "that insisted we must have a consent-based location for the nation's spent nuclear fuel and it was our former senior senator that gifted us with a monster of a monument without consent."[5] Similarly, Lincoln County Commission Chair Kevin Phillips called the monument "disgusting… loathsome... illegal… [and] unfair,"[6] and stated that the county had fought the monument for years.

The designation does not meet the letter or intent of the Antiquities Act, which specifically requires national monuments to protect objects of antiquity. The City, one of the most prominent "objects" in the monument, is a modern art installation on a mile and a half stretch of private land.[7] Additional antiquities include petroglyphs that already receive protection under the National Register of Historic Places and as Wilderness Areas.[8] These areas, which are already protected, are only a few acres and hardly warrant a 700,000 acre monument.

Recommendation: We recommend the Basin and Range National Monument be "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected," approximately 2,500 acres in our estimation, in coordination with state and local stakeholders.

Bears Ears, Utah

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[3] https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/with-obamas-help-harry-reid-leaving-an-indelible-mark-in-the-nevada-desert/2015/07/07/8131bd88-1e75-11e5-aeb9-a411a84c9d55_story.html?utm_term=.f0ba83cd7988
[4] http://www.lccentral.com/2015/07/17/basin-and-range-declared-national-monument/
[5] http://pvtimes.com/nevada-basin-and-range-reversal-won-t-bolster-yucca-mountain
[6] http://www.lccentral.com/2015/07/17/basin-and-range-declared-national-monument/
[7] Nevada Association of Counties, "Designation on National Monuments Using the Antiquities Act", April 2016. http://www.nvnaco.org/wp-content/uploads/4-13-16-FINAL-White-Paper-Antiquities-Act-Basin-and-Range1.pdf.
[8] Ibid.

As the final hours of the Obama Administration wound down, monument designations ramped up. President Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM), spanning 1.3 million acres on December 28, 2016 despite vehement opposition to the monument by tribal, local, state and congressional stakeholders. The concept of the monument arose from a brain-trust meeting of environmental groups in San Francisco. Knowing that there could be strong tribal opposition to a monument in southeastern Utah, stopped using a tribal name for the initiative, instead opting for "Bears Ears."[9] In fact, San Juan County Commissioner Rebecca Benally, a Diné and Navajo woman stated, "Bears Ears National Monument campaign is a cynical political stunt that…will deny grass roots Utah Navajos access to their sacred spiritual grounds…Traditional Utah Navajo people are not magazine environmentalists but are real stewards of the land whose interests will be destroyed by a [BENM]."[10]

Further, 109,000 acres of Utah School and Institutional Trust Administration (SITLA) land were locked up.[11] SITLA land generates revenue from mineral and energy development, forestry activities and grazing. This revenue is then deposited into the State School Fund that supports the state's K-12 public education system. Locking up SITLA land has sweeping repercussions for the education system and schoolchildren statewide. Equally troubling, Energydesk estimates that 90% of Bears Ears sits above potential oil and gas leases.[12]

A locally-driven, comprehensive land management bill, the Utah Public Lands Initiative Partner Act, was introduced last Congress by House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (UT-01) and Rep. Jason Chaffetz (UT-03) in an effort to build a consensus to solve some of the most challenging land use issues, including protections for certain areas of the Bears Ears region. Instead of negotiating in good faith with Members of Congress, the administration waited until the last moment to designate this national monument, over the strong objections of the Congressional delegation. Despite promising to give the tribes important authorities, such as co-management authority, the executive designation failed to include this provision or engage with the tribes in any meaningful way.

Overwhelming opposition to BENM is evidenced by the fact that a mere 17 percent of Utahans favored the designation.[13] Further, the entirety of the Utah Congressional delegation voiced unanimous support of the rescission of the monument and called for "the establishment of a new precedent for designating national monuments – one that corrects past abuses and remains consistent with the original intent of the Antiquities

[9] http://conservationlands.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Fall-2014-meeting-minutes.pdf
[10] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/testimony_benally.pdf
[11] https://trustlands.utah.gov/109k-acres-of-school-trust-land-captured-in-bears-ears-national-monument/
[12] http://energydesk.greenpeace.org/2017/05/10/donald-trump-national-monuments/
[13] http://utahpolicy.com/index.php/features/today-at-utah-policy/9551-poll-only-17-of-utahns-want-obama-to-designate-bears-ears-as-a-national-monument

Act."[14] We concur with this sentiment and encourage this tack as you continue your evaluation of national monuments identified for review.

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Bears Ears National Monument.

Berryessa Snow Mountain, California

Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (Berryessa) designated by President Obama in 2015, consists of 330,780 acres in northern California. President Obama falsely claimed the boundaries of this monument were "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." We disagree with that claim.

According to a column in the Lake Berryessa News, "The original proposal for some form of federal designation for a small part of Northern California ballooned into an attempt to create a large conglomerate National Conservation Area stretching across most of Northern California. When the NCA proposal met strong resistance by local governments and citizens groups, it could not move forward on its own merits. The strategy of the proponents then turned to having President Obama create a National Monument in the final days of his presidency."[15]

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce voted to oppose the creation of this monument. Chamber President Craig Morton stated, "It is a geographically and ecologically incoherent patchwork of federal parcels. Lake Berryessa is not even geographically connected on the map to the rest of the proposed National Monument, which stretches far into Northern California. The eastern boundary of the map is coincident with the borders of Glenn and Colusa counties. The reason is political, not ecological."[16]

This misguided effort was pushed by extremist special-interest groups and does not warrant national monument status. [17]

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Berryessa National Monument.

Canyons of the Ancients, Colorado

Designated by President Clinton in 2000, Canyons of the Ancients (Canyons) is an example of the judicious and restrained application of the Antiquities Act. Canyons has and extremely high density of archeological sites with roughly 6,000 sites already

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[14] https://www.hatch.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2017/5/hatch-congressional-delegation-urge-full-rescission-of-bears-ears-in-letter-to-zinke
[15] http://lakeberryessanews.com/berryessa-snow-mountain.html
[16] http://www.dailydemocrat.com/article/ZZ/20150114/NEWS/150117514
[17] http://www.sierraclub.org/redwood/berryessa-snow-mountain-national-monument

recorded, and an estimated total of 20,000-30,000 sites within the 175,160-acre monument. According to BLM, "lands within and around the Monument have been used or inhabited by humans, including the Northern Ancestral Puebloan culture, for 10,000 years, and continue to be used by humans today. Historic uses of the Monument include recreation, hunting, livestock grazing and energy development."[18]

On May 23, 2017, Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Congressman Scott Tipton (CO-03) sent you a letter regarding the monument stating, "Any review of Canyons should conclude that no changes to the designation are necessary."[19] We concur with their assessment and encourage the preservation of Canyons of the Ancients as designated by President Clinton. Further, we applaud the proper application of the Antiquities Act in designating the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the object to be protected.

Recommendation: We recommend no changes to the boundaries of the monument.

Carrizo Plain, California

In 1988, BLM, the California Department of Game and Fish, and the Nature Conservancy purchased 82,000 acres of land to preserve the area known as Carrizo Plain and in 1996 formed a joint initiative called the Carrizo Plain Natural Area Plan. Eight days before the end of his administration, President Clinton designated 204,107 acres of land as the Carrizo Plain National Monument (CPNM).

Despite bipartisan legislation to protect and preserve the plan in coordination with local stakeholders[20], President Clinton turned to the Antiquities Act in an effort to block any oil and gas exploration, once again using the stroke of a pen to unilaterally cut Congress and the will of the people out of the conversation.

The nonpartisan Energy Information Administration estimates that more than a quarter of the 204,107-acre monument sits above rich fossil fuel basins.[21] BLM estimated in 2010 that there were 45 oil wells within the monument, 15 wells were actively in production and that giant fields with billions of barrels of reserves surround the monument.[22]

Recommendation: We recommend the reduction of the Carrizo Plain National Monument consistent with the original Carrizo Plain Natural Area Plan and "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" in coordination with state and local stakeholders.

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[18] https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/colorado/canyons-of-the-ancients

[19] http://westerncaucus.house.gov/sites/westerncaucus.house.gov/files/Gardner%20%20Tipton_Canyons%20of%20the%20Ancients.pdf

[20] https://www.congress.gov/bill/106th-congress/house-bill/1751?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22lois+capps%22%5D%7D

[21] http://energydesk.greenpeace.org/2017/05/10/donald-trump-national-monuments/

[22] http://www.npshistory.com/publications/blm/carrizo-plain/rod-rmp-2010.pdf

Cascade Siskiyou, Oregon

During the waning days of his administration, President Obama expanded the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) by 47,624 acres. The original monument unilaterally designated by President Clinton comprised 52,000 acres, allowed for grazing leases to be retired and prohibited vegetative management as well as timber harvesting.

The American Forest Resource Council and BLM identified the lands within the CSNM expansion as being at high risk for wildfire.[23] Despite these facts and other science-based pleas not to designate more land within the region as a national monument, President Obama placed legacy-building above the safety of communities and forests when expanding CSNM.

Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop aptly noted that "The local communities did not vote for this and do not support it. When they fought to prevent it, the president looked the other way. He didn't listen or care. It's clear this decision was self-serving. It was made to dignify national special interests rather than the people impacted. Our committee will fight to make local voices heard and undo the damage created by the president's unrelenting abuse of power."[24]

This unilateral designation took millions of acres of board feet that had already gone through the environmental process out of production and is already causing significant harm to communities in Oregon. In fact, 18 counties filed a lawsuit as a result of President Obama's expansion. "Douglas County stands to lose the most. That's because the county takes the biggest share of receipts from timber harvested on O&C timberlands, and the monument's expanded boundaries swallow up about 40,000 acres of those lands. Because it's a national monument — managed much like a national park — the forests on those lands would be locked up and unavailable for timber harvests…Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman said a rough estimate is that those lands could have brought $2.5 million a year into the county's general fund. That's more than the annual cost of the library system which is about to shut down for lack of funds."[25]

Chairman Bishop and the Members of Congress who represent the area in question predicted this occurrence and sent a letter to President Obama urging him not to expand CSNM warning of the devastating impacts a designation would have on forest health and water abundance.[26] This plea that was arrogantly ignored.

Rep. Greg Walden (OR-02) put out a strong statement denouncing President Obama's action stating, "The outgoing administration is locking up more of our public lands through a process that cut out many in the surrounding communities. I will work with the

[23] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/american_forest_resource_council_letter.pdf
[24] https://naturalresources.house.gov/newsroom/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=401463
[25] http://www.nrtoday.com/news/government/douglas_county_government/o-c-counties-sue-feds-over-cascade-siskiyou-monument-expansion/article_b924d117-5783-546a-abcf-9095e96f78f8.html
[26] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/letter_to_wh_natl_monument_designation.pdf

Trump Administration to do what we can to roll back this midnight expansion."[27]

In addition, we believe the administration also ignored compelling evidence that this designation was illegal and ignored the will and intent of Congress by violating the Oregon and California Revested Lands Sustained Yield Management Act. According to a 1940 opinion from DOI Solicitor General Nathan R. Margold, "There can be no doubt that the administration of the lands for national monument purposes would be inconsistent with the utilization of the O&C lands as directed by Congress. It is well settled that where Congress has set aside lands for a specific purpose the President is without authority to reserve lands for another purpose inconsistent with that specified by Congress."[28]

Congress specifically mandated that these lands be used for sustained yield and permanent forest production and the Department should rescind any designation that conflicts with the clear intent of Congress.

Recommendation: We recommend a complete rescission of the Clinton-era and Obama-era Cascade Siskiyou National Monument designations.

Craters of the Moon, Idaho

The Craters of the Moon National Monument was first established by Presidential Proclamation in 1924 and originally comprised 54,000 acres. Following the recommendation of then Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, President Clinton expanded the boundaries of the monument to comprise a total acreage of 661,287 acres in 2000.

This expansion was met with resistance from Members of Congress. "Babbitt's efforts to solicit public input as a pale imitation of the public comment collected before Congress makes land-use decisions. Three public meetings that Babbitt held in Idaho to gather opinions about expanding Craters of the Moon National Monument were the equivalent of "a drive-by shooting," Senator Craig said.

In a speech on the House floor on June 15, 2000, Rep. Mike Simpson (ID-02) stated, "What I am opposed to is a process by which any administration, Republican or Democrat administration, can ignore the input of local- and State- and Federal-elected officials and Congress can ignore its constitutional responsibility to dictate land management policies. It is a process that is the problem here.[29]

Rep. Simpson went on to state, "Mr. Chairman, I have requested information on the designation…They are supposed to use the least amount of land to protect this area. The Secretary has not sent me information on that. Thirdly, the area being protected is

[27] http://www.opb.org/news/article/cascade-siskiyou-monument-expansion-obama/
[28] Department of the Interior Solicitor General Nathan R. Margold, M. 30506, 03/09/40, pgs. 3-4.
[29] Congressional Record of the House, June 15, 2000.

supposed to be of some geological scientific or historic nature. The Secretary has not told me what the nature that he is trying to preserve of this area is. But fourthly, the most important thing is the area is supposed to be under some threat, some imminent threat. So far, the Secretary has refused to tell me what the imminent threat is in this area. Mr. Chairman, this is not pristine habitat or natural forests or salmon habitat or anything like that. What it is is lava rocks. It is under no threat currently, and the Secretary refuses to acknowledge that." [30]

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the Craters of the Moon National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" in coordination with state and local stakeholders.

Giant Sequoia, California

The unique beauty of the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests is undeniable. However, despite lacking local and congressional support, President Clinton designated the 327,760-acre Giant Sequoia National Monument in 2000. While well intentioned, this designation had the adverse effect of putting the Giant Sequoia groves in imminent risk of destruction due to catastrophic wildfire as a result of the lack of active management in the surrounding forest. In order to maintain the health and safety of this forest, not to mention its scenic and historic beauty, responsible, active forest management must be a priority.

In Clinton's Presidential Proclamation, the monument was subject to valid existing rights and authorized the removal of trees for the purposes of "ecological restoration and maintenance or public safety."[31] Since that time, frivolous lawsuits have prevented such maintenance of the forest and legislation to pursue such endeavors has stalled.[32,33] In order to preserve the Sierra and National Forests and the Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) groves, it is essential that active management take place in the surrounding forest to reduce hazardous fuels and the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the Giant Sequoia National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" in coordination with state and local stakeholders. Further, any review ought to consider and implement policies for active forest management so as to preserve the monument for generations to come.

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[30] Ibid.
[31] https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2000-04-25/pdf/00-10312.pdf
[32] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/duysentestimony07.27.06.pdf
[33] https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/5760?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22Giant+Sequoia+National+Monument%5C%22%22%5D%7D&r=1

Gold Butte, Nevada

In the last month of his administration, President Obama designated 296,937 acres in southeastern Nevada as the Gold Butte National Monument (GBNM) without the support of state or local stakeholders and in opposition to nearly all of Nevada's Congressional delegation. The Presidential Proclamation explicitly banned grazing.

Like the Basin and Range National Monument, this designation came at the urging of former Senator Harry Reid as political retribution to the Bundy family, which once grazed in the area. It is irresponsible for the executive branch to use its power for this purpose, yet nonetheless President Obama designated this area during the waning days of his administration to appease Senator Reid and deliver a strong rebuke to the Bundy family.

Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval aptly observed that, "[The monument] bypassed Congress and the public. I believe that our Congressional delegation should have had a primary role in working to build consensus as has been accomplished successfully in the past."[34] Senator Heller (R-NV) wrote a letter to President Obama informing him of the thoughtful ways in which Nevadans collaborate with state and local governments and stakeholders to develop management plans for their public lands, and urging him not to unilaterally lock up hundreds of thousands of acres with the stroke of a pen.[35] Unfortunately, this request and many others fell on deaf ears and President Obama created the Gold Butte National Monument.

Former Rep. Cresent Hardy (NV-04) stated, "If you want to protect the petroglyphs, and you want to designate that as the monument, that's what the Antiquities Act was set up to do, is protect the minimum possible footprint of that of what you're trying to designate. Not an extra 300,000 acres on top of the 50-100 acres that you could have protected."[36]

Recommendation: We recommend Gold Butte National Monument be "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected," approximately 2,500 acres in our estimation, in coordination with state and local stakeholders.

Grand Canyon – Parashant, Arizona

Designated in 2000, the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (GCPNM) designation covers a staggering 1.01 million acres of land in northwestern Arizona. GCPNM is a glaring example of overreach that used the Antiquities Act as a scapegoat. According to a report by the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), prior to the

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[34] http://gov.nv.gov/News-and-Media/Press/2016/Sandoval-Statement-on-Gold-Butte-Designation/

[35] https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/c12324dc-c094-49f7-8f81-9a0ea6379e27/11172016%20Heller%20Letter%20to%20President%20Obama%20on%20National%20Monument%20Designati....pdf

[36] http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/gold-butte-national-monument-controversial-locals/

designation, BLM provided a map detailing an appropriate boundary for a possible monument. This map "encompassed approximately 570,000 acres. However when [GCPNM] was designated, the size almost doubled."[37] A lack of sufficient public input or coordination with BLM and the massive increase in acreage indicate that the monument does not reflect the "smallest area compatible" and "provides evidence that coordination with affected state and local management agencies was severely lacking."[38]

Additionally, it appears that then-Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt wielded his position to inflict his own will on the state he once served as governor, albeit for little more than a year. Instead of coordinating with those who knew the area and its needs best, Secretary Babbitt ignored the legislative efforts of Congressman Bob Stump that would have preserved the "native biodiversity and ecological richness…while at the same time increasing public awareness, outdoor recreation use and enjoyment."[39] Equally as important, "[Stump's bill] preserved the ranching lifestyle and maintains existing, historic and traditional uses of the [land]."[40] The bill encompassed the aforementioned 570,000 acres.

Further troubling is the disruption to collaborative fish and wildlife management and recreational activities. By locking up 1.01 million acres from collaborative efforts to preserve multiple-use management plans, important stakeholders were cut out of the conversation and have suffered as a result. Additionally, at a time when DOI has a maintenance backlog of roughly $15.4 billion (more than $353.4 million of which belonging to the Grand Canyon National Park alone[41]), the designation of a national monument such as GCPNM places an unnecessary and often insurmountable administrative burden on an already stretched agency.

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument.

Grand Staircase- Escalante, Utah

Utah has fallen victim to legacy building and land grabs on a massive scale under both the Clinton and Obama Administrations. In 1996, President Clinton designated 1.7 million acres as the Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument (GSENM), blatantly trampling the requirement to designate the "smallest area compatible." Grazing, mineral royalties and coal reserve leases were jeopardized by this designation, having an extremely costly and detrimental effect on the economy of Utah. According to Democratic Carbon County Commissioner John Jones from Utah, when President

[37] http://westerncaucus.house.gov/sites/westerncaucus.house.gov/files/National%20Monument%20EO%20AGFD%20working%20draft%20final%206-1-17%20%283%29.pdf
[38] Ibid.
[39] http://westerncaucus.house.gov/sites/westerncaucus.house.gov/files/Parshant%20Stump%20Testimony.pdf
[40] Ibid.
[41] https://www.nps.gov/subjects/plandesignconstruct/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=5547454

Clinton failed to engage Utahans, much less give local officials any advance notice in the creation of the monument, he also "deprived the people of Utah and the nation of its cleanest low sulfur-high BTU coal supply across the Kaiparowits Plateau."[42]

As a result, Utah taxpayers saw more than $2 billion mineral lease royalties and 60 percent of their known coal reserves disappear before their eyes.[43] Like BENM, GSENM also included a significant amount of SITLA land, resulting in a huge socioeconomic loss to the State of Utah. According to the Utah Geological Survey, "the value of the recoverable coal on School Trust lands [was] at least $17 billion but could [have been] $25 billion or more" with potential royalties worth $1.4-2 billion.[44]

With regard to the public land grazing industry, the onerous restrictions placed on ranchers who historically managed the land are wreaking havoc on the range. Hal Hamblin, a fifth-generation rancher near GSENM noted, "We were told in [President Clinton's] proclamation that…nothing would change on the monument pertaining to grazing, and that just isn't true, because we can't take care of the land. We can't control the brush and the pinion and juniper, and we can't even control the erosion, which is terrible out there."[45]

In his testimony before the House Committee on Natural Resources, David Eliason, Secretary/Treasurer of the Public Lands Council and Past President of the Utah Cattlemen's Association, reminded Congress of the important role ranchers play: "[They] provide food and fiber for our nation, protect open spaces and critical wildlife habit, and promote healthy watersheds for the public."[46] Ranchers do not want to destroy the range, they want to conserve and preserve it.

GSENM lacked public support and outreach and was a gross abuse of the Antiquities Act. Maintaining the status quo of the monument has already had disastrous effects on Utah's education, grazing, and energy sectors.

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument.

Hanford Reach, Washington

President Clinton created the 194,450 acre Hanford Reach National Monument in 2000. The monument explicitly banned livestock grazing and OHV use. Local stakeholders had

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[42] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/jonestestimony04-16-13.pdf
[43] Ibid.
[44] Ibid. "A Preliminary Assessment of Energy and Mineral Resources within the Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument"
[45] http://www.stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2015/07/06/ccj-battle-cattle-controversy-grand-staircase-escalante-national-monument/#.WUKWcvnyuUk
[46] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/eliasontestimony04-16-13.pdf

hoped to utilize some of this land for irrigated farmland.

"Abandoning hope of protecting the Reach through Congressional action, environmentalists pressed President Bill Clinton to designate the area as a national monument under the 1906 Antiquities Act."[47]

"The move angered Republicans, who said the administration is ignoring the wishes of local residents and wiping away the efforts of the Washington delegation to reach a compromise. 'This is insulting,' Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., said. 'Either Sen. Murray doesn't know what the residents of central Washington want - or she doesn't care.' Sen. Slade Gorton said in a statement, 'In one fell swoop this administration is destroying years of negotiations, shutting out the concerns of the local people and blowing any chance of protecting the reach in a manner that accommodates the needs of all parties involved.'"[48]

In a passionate speech on the House floor on June 15, 2000, Doc Hasting reminded the Congress that they had already acted to protect Hanford Reach by passing legislation in 1995 to prevent any dam building or dredging of the river. Rep. Hastings went on to state, "This monument designation for the Hanford Reach is more likely, more extreme than any bill that has been introduced addressing this issue in the time that I have been in Congress. So I think, frankly, it is a slap in the face to those that live and work in the area."[49]

This unilateral monument designation was also opposed by the agribusiness, the Washington Farm Bureau, and the Grant County commissioners, amongst others. Al Gore showed up for the monument dedication and took a ride on a jet boat. [50]

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Hanford Reach National Monument.

Ironwood Forest, Arizona

President Clinton created the Ironwood Forest National Monument in June 2000, locking up 128,917 acres of land, including a large amount of land that belongs to the Arizona State School Land Trust. This monument prevents multiple-use on State Trust lands and has subsequently caused harm to the common schools beneficiary, K-12 education. The monument proclamation explicitly prohibited future mineral and geothermal energy production as well as OHV use. Further, the Ironwood Forest National Monument has enacted a complete ban on recreational shooting.

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[47] http://www.historylink.org/File/7438
[48] http://web.kitsapsun.com/archive/2000/06-01/0127_national_monuments__protection_so.html
[49] Congressional Record of the House, June 15, 2000.
[50] http://www.seattlepi.com/local/politics/article/Connelly-AG-Ferguson-to-Trump-we-ll-sue-if-you-11139695.php

AZGFD has expressed concerns regarding their ability to effectively manage the land that is incorporated in the monument. According to their June 1, 2017 response to this review of national monument designations, AZGFD has been unable to fully implement vital management activities such as: "fencing to protect wildlife habitats and/or restrict wildlife and fence removal…introduction, supplementation and/or translocations of native and/or naturalized species, predator control, Law Enforcement wildlife investigations and response to illegal wildlife activities."[51] Ranchers, whose herds have grazed the land for generations and who were the original stewards of the land by protecting riparian areas, maintaining a healthy rangeland and wildlife habitat, echo these concerns regarding access.

Furthermore, misguided monument resource management plans (RMPs) can lead to severe regulatory impediments that prevent the security of safe and reliable energy. Prior to the designation, electric cooperatives installed and maintained a transmission line in the area; however, under the adopted RMP for the monument, reparations and reconstruction of the line are nearly impossible. According to Tyler Carlson, the CEO of the Mohave Electric Cooperative, "When [a] line is no longer functional, it will have to be re-routed and any new capacity needed in that area will need to come from somewhere else at greater expense."[52] This sort of red tape that faces AZGFD, ranchers and electricity providers is unnecessary, costly and irrationally onerous.

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Ironwood Forest National Monument.

Katahdin Woods and Waters, Maine

Katahdin Woods and Waters is the result of an unsuccessful campaign to accrue Congressional, state and local support for a national park in Maine. Roxanne Quimby, founder of Burt's Bees and Elliotsville Plantation, purchased more than 100,000 acres in the state over the course of several years, making her one of Maine's largest (private) landowners. On a quest to create a 3.2 million acre national park in the state, despite overwhelming opposition to the creation of a monument by three local communities, Ms. Quimby and her organization denied long-standing access to campers, burned down cabins and closed large areas of land to "hunters and snowmobilers who had long-relied on it for north-south access."[53]

On August 23, 2016, Elliotsville Plantation donated nearly 88,000 acres and dedicated $40 million to DOI on the condition President Obama unilaterally created a new national monument. One day after the donation, President Obama designated the Katahdin Woods

[51] http://westerncaucus.house.gov/sites/westerncaucus.house.gov/files/National%20Monument%20EO%20AGFD%20working%20draft%20final%206-1-17%20%283%29.pdf
[52] http://gosar.house.gov/sites/gosar.house.gov/files/Tyler%20Carlson%20testimony.pdf
[53] https://www.bostonglobe.com/magazine/2013/11/17/son-burt-bees-cofounder-leads-fight-for-maine-national-park/iQHv6w2s7fUJc6MBt6ZJSN/story.html

and Waters National Monument. This type of shameful pay-to-play politics cannot be dismissed.

Additionally, the monument designation lacked state and federal support at nearly every echelon. In November 2015, Congressman Bruce Poliquin and Senators Collins and King wrote a letter to President Obama expressing, "serious reservations and significant concerns" about the proposed monument.[54] After learning of the Quimby family's intention to circumvent congress and lobby the administration for a national monument, the Maine legislature enacted bipartisan legislation in April 2016 that required legislative approval for a designation in the state.[55]

Governor LePage testified before the House Committee on Natural Resources that, "Mainers understand the benefits of our 17 million acres of forests to our economy, and we have historically been able to support the industries that rely on this land without interference from the federal government."[56]

Maine's state parks provide an excellent example of land conservation working in concert with commercial recreation and resource development. Unfortunately, President Obama chose to ignore the will of the people and instead sided with special-interest groups who perceived themselves to be above the rule of law.

Recommendation: We recommend a total rescission of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

Mojave Trails, California

President Obama created the 1.6 million acre Mojave Trails National Monument (MTNM) in early 2016 in spite of local and congressional efforts to protect and manage the land in a collaborative fashion while not increasing federal landownership. This monument is one of the largest in the nation and has been hotly contested for the larger portion of the last decade. While there are many areas within the designation that merit protective conservation, several mineral leases were negatively impacted by the monument. With a known agenda of stamping out mineral extraction in the desert, the Obama Administration drew the boundary of MTNM to include operations such as the Bagdad Chase Mine and the Baxter Iron Mine. Although the proclamation of the monument included language that permitted current operations, future expansion would likely be prohibited causing potential interruptions in supply chain health.

"Miners, hunters, off-road vehicle enthusiasts and collectors of rocks and minerals opposed a presidential monument designation, fearing they would be shut out from enjoying the land." Recreational enthusiasts are worried "the monument's 1,400

[54] https://poliquin.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/collins-king-poliquin-send-letter-president-possible-national-monument
[55] https://static.votesmart.org/static/billtext/56445.pdf
[56] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/testimony_lepage.pdf

miles of off-highway vehicle roads will be closed." [57]

Unfortunately, President Obama ignored bipartisan and bicameral efforts that coordinated with local stakeholders from San Bernadino County and chose to implement a top-down mandate. The monument included land that had never been debated in a public setting nor was any outreach on the matter conducted, and included hundreds of thousands of acres of non-designated BLM land in addition to swaths of private land as well.

Recommendation: We recommend the reduction of the size of Mojave Trails National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." We also recommend working with private landowners within the national monument to resolve conflicting uses.

Organ Mountains – Desert Peaks, New Mexico

In May 2014, President Obama designated nearly 500,000 acres as the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument. This unilateral move not only bypassed public comment and ignored attempts at a state-level solution, but it created a dangerous national security predicament given the area's proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border.[58] The remote nature of the monument, in addition to logistical and bureaucratic red tape, creates a welcome target for smugglers, gangs, and other ill-intentioned groups.[59] Restrictive environmental laws in these areas limit the ability of Border Patrol agents to patrol, creating safe zones for illegal activity – a problem identified as far back as 2009 under former Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. Despite this warning, President Obama persisted onward, exposing the people of New Mexico, and our country as a whole, to serious security threats.

Further, impacts on grazing rights hamper rangeland and the economic viability of New Mexico. The designation will prevent farmers and ranchers, who have operated in this area for generations, from accessing certain parts of their allotments to do necessary maintenance work. The monument envelops a number of ranches, which may eventually lead to a reduction of cattle that those ranches can run. This could make certain ranches uneconomical, crushing a ranching industry that is part of the identity of the area. The monument also creates a number of other economic issues as it prevents solar and geothermal energy development and threatens a number of other projects that could bolster the local economy.

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[57] https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/environment/2017/04/26/trump-executive-order-targets-sand-snow-mojave-trails-national-monuments-california/306620001/

[58] http://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/local/2016/11/25/trump-urged-abolish-organ-mountains-monument/94425036/

[59] https://westerncaucus.house.gov/Blog/congressman-bishop-urges-president-obama-to-reconsider-using-the-controversial-antiquities-act

President Obama also ignored the good work of Congressman Steve Pearce (NM-02), who introduced legislation widely supported by local law enforcement, recreational, and conservation groups. This proposal struck the appropriate balance between preserving the portions of the national monument worthy of protection while still allowing responsible recreational access and ensuring public safety on the border.

Rep. Pearce stated following introduction of his bill, "This legislation was developed with close involvement and significant input from local ranchers, business owners, conservationists, sportsmen and other constituents" said Pearce. "All New Mexicans want to protect the Organ Mountains. This proposal achieves our shared conservation objectives and ensures economic health by making sure that this national treasure is protected without threatening local jobs. We can find common ground through the legislative process with input from the community."

Rep. Pearce recently submitted a list of 800 businesses and individuals who oppose this monument designation. [60]

Recommendation: We recommend that the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" by being reduced to the 54,800 acre footprint proposed in Representative Pearce's Organ Mountains National Monument Establishment Act during the 113th Congress.

Rio Grande del Norte, New Mexico

President Obama designated 242,555 acres of land as the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument in March of 2013. The monument proclamation explicitly prohibited future mineral and geothermal energy production.

The land is currently managed by BLM, which was tasked in the proclamation with preparing a management plan for the monument that "shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited to, consultation with tribal, State, and local governments as well as community land grant and acequia associations."[61]

Recommendation: We recommend the reduction of the size of Rio Grande del Norte National Monument so the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" and closely monitoring the RMP process to ensure adequate stakeholder consultation and multiple-use management.

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[60] https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/new-mexico/articles/2017-06-22/gop-new-mexico-lawmaker-wants-to-shrink-national-monument

[61] https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2013/03/25/presidential-proclamation-r-o-grande-del-norte-national-monument

San Gabriel Mountains, California

The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument was designated by former President Obama in October 2014. It encompasses a total of 346,177 acres across Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties in California. Despite the fact that the 346,177 acre monument spans both Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, little to no outreach regarding the designation was conducted in San Bernardino County (SBC). The portion of the monument in SBC includes 4,873 acres of non-wilderness Forest Service land, in addition to the Sheep Mountain Wilderness area. The designation also included small mining operations within the boundary of the National Monument with no prior consultation with the affected owner.

Local stakeholders opposed the inclusion of the non-wilderness Forest Service land on account of encroachment on local communities and economic activity and for its detrimental impact on forest management activities.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution opposing the monument. 'As far as I know, there's no more money that Congress has available to fund this proposal in some of our most fire-prone areas,' said Janice Rutherford, a San Bernardino County Supervisor.[62]

Mt. Baldy residents also opposed the monument citing, "[concern] about the ability of local fire agencies to battle wildfires if they are encircled by national monument lands. They also worry about fees and land use restrictions that could stunt local economies. 'We don't want any part of this thing,' said Ron Ellingson, owner of a lodge and ski lift business in Mt. Baldy."[63]

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument due to a lack of public outreach and support so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." We also recommend working with private landowners within the national monument to resolve conflicting uses.

Sand to Snow, California

President Obama designated 154,000 acres as the Sand to Snow National Monument in early 2016, superseding bipartisan legislation introduced by Congressman Paul Cook (CA-08), who represents the region in question, which would have created a Sand to Snow National Monument also totaling 154,000 acres in size. The bill would have created an advisory committee with representatives from a wide variety of stakeholders

[62] http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-san-gabriels-monument-20141009-story.html
[63] Ibid.

including tribes, sportsmen, conservationists, the Department of Defense, natural resource developers and ranchers to name a few.[64]

While the designation by President Obama circumvented active legislation that enjoyed widespread support among local officials and stakeholders, it largely adhered to the proposed boundaries and management plans.

Recommendation: We recommend no changes to the boundaries of the Sand to Snow National Monument.

Sonoran Desert, Arizona

Precisely three days before the end of his administration**,** President Clinton locked up 486,149 acres of land in southeastern Arizona. The monument proclamation explicitly prohibited future mineral and geothermal energy production, terminated grazing leases and allowed for significant road closures.

Due to the proximity to our nation's southern border, unique and significant issues exist regarding effective management of the land. Similar to the concerns raised about the Organ Mountains – Desert Peaks National Monument in New Mexico, the Sonoran Desert National Monument's proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border presents a unique challenge as it pertains to land management. More than 85 percent of the land abutting the border belongs to DOI and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In order to conduct routine patrols, Border Patrol agents must receive permission from agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. When response times are paramount, bureaucratic red tape only hinders effective border patrol operations.

This designation jeopardizes national security for the sake of legacy building and prevents those tasked with managing the wildlife within the monument from doing their job.

Former Chairman of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Robert Mansell stated, "The creation of the Sonoran Desert National Monument in 2001 is a cautionary tale. In 1999, the Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists counted 103 bighorn sheep in the Maricopa Mountains, located within the monument's boundaries in southwest Arizona. Today's surveys indicate fewer than 35 sheep roam this area. The department's limited access inside the monument to provide new and sustainable water sources no doubt was a contributing factor to the steep decline in the sheep population in the Maricopa Mountains. It was a harsh lesson that shouldn't be repeated with any wildlife species anywhere else in Arizona."[65]

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[64] https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/3668/text#toc-H72AFEF7974FC4FBEAF0E0DDBFD347E7A

[65] http://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2015/05/11/proposed-national-monument-federal-land-grab-protection-or-feel-good-folly/

Further, the monument has limited access for sportsmen and recreational enthusiasts. The Sonoran Desert National Monument has prevented recreational shooting and resulted in expensive litigation. Recreational shooting is appropriate under federal multiple-use mandates and would not be unnecessarily restricted if it weren't for this monument. Hunting has also been negatively impacted as motorized access for big game retrievals has been limited or prohibited. According to AZGFD, "This impacts the Department's ability to distribute hunting pressure, optimize big game harvest objectives, and meet game management goals. In 2008, BLM closed 88 miles of routes to protect monument objects on the Sonoran Desert National Monument. Route closures on the Sonoran Desert National Monument provide just one example of post-designation access restrictions." [66]

Recommendation: We recommend the total rescission of the Sonoran Desert National Monument.

Upper Missouri River Breaks, Montana

On the same day he designated the Sonoran Desert National Monument, and 72 hours before the sunset of his Administration, President Clinton created the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument in Montana locking up 377,346 acres. The monument prohibited future mineral and geothermal energy production as well as restricted OHV use. While the timing of the designation is highly suspect, objections from Montana's local stakeholders are also concerning.

Regarding the monument, Ron Poertner, a member of the Missouri River Steward organization stated, "The white cliffs, yeah they're special, and that's an area we have no problems [protecting]. But, just all this extra land that includes 82,000 acres of private land and 39,000 acres of state land…not even a quarter of the monument is federal land."[67] One rancher in the area owns more than 6,000 acres that are currently within the boundaries of the monument, which creates a legal morass that often attracts out-of-state frivolous lawsuits. [68] Approximately 120 different landowners who belong to the Stewards Organization have private land within the monument's boundaries.

Although many ranchers and sportsmen are currently able to continue the activities they enjoyed prior to the designation, there are concerns regarding the lack of local input and coordination in addition to persistent legal battles.

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument so that the monument is actually "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." We also

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[66] http://westerncaucus.house.gov/sites/westerncaucus.house.gov/files/National%20Monument%20EO%20AGFD%20working%20draft%20final%206-1-17%20%283%29.pdf

[67] http://www.krtv.com/story/35649394/upper-missouri-river-breaks-national-monument-debate

[68] http://billingsgazette.com/news/government-and-politics/trump-national-monument-review-could-bring-scrutiny-to-upper-missouri/article_77b3a148-85c5-5fad-b115-db7861e2ffab.html

recommend removing an unnecessary energy restrictions as well as implementation of a sustainable multiple-use management plan in coordination with state and local stakeholders. Finally, we recommend working with private landowners within the national monument to resolve conflicting uses and remove private land from within the monument boundaries.

Vermilion Cliffs, Arizona

Designated in November 2000 by President Clinton, the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument encompasses 279,568 acres of land in northern Arizona. The monument proclamation explicitly prohibited future mineral and geothermal energy production as well as OHV use. Designation of the monument caused unnecessary administrative burdens for the state of Arizona in relation to managing wildlife and has resulted in animals being placed in less suitable locations. Prior the monument designation, the land in question was already a wilderness area with a viable and effective management plan in place.[69] Similar to the Grand Canyon – Parashant designation, an overzealous Secretary Babbitt failed to coordinate with local stakeholders, including Congressman Bob Stump, who represented the Vermilion Cliffs area.

After years of diligent work wherein a wide range of stakeholders with varying interests came to an agreement that supported a mutually agreeable multiple-use plan, the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1984 was ultimately passed into law.[70] However, Secretary Babbitt's desire for a national monument was not quelled by the management efforts of those closest to the land, and he made an unsupported and inappropriate recommendation to President Clinton to designate the land as a national monument.

Recommendation: We recommend the total rescission of the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument.

Marine Monuments

Marianas Trench, CNMI, Pacific Ocean

President Bush designated the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument during his final days in office. The monument contains no dry land, and encompasses 60.9 million acres of submerged lands and waters in the Mariana Archipelago.[71] All fishing is prohibited within the monument. The monument also bans oil and gas production as well as other energy development activities.

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[69] http://mobile.wnd.com/2000/11/4675/
[70] https://www.congress.gov/bill/98th-congress/house-bill/4707
[71] https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2010-title3-vol1/pdf/CFR-2010-title3-vol1-proc8335.pdf

Recommendation: We recommend no changes to the boundary of the monument at this time; however, should stakeholder support for the monument deteriorate coordination to provide a mutually acceptable solution should be implemented. We also recommend you consider rescinding all fishing restrictions via executive order and returning management back to regional fishery management councils**.**

Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Atlantic Ocean

President Obama designated 3.1 million acres when creating the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument in 2016 and establishing the first marine monument in the Atlantic Ocean. The president's proclamation explicitly prohibited offshore oil and gas exploration and production as well as restricted fishing. States and fisheries impacted by the designation immediately condemned the decision. The monument's restrictions stunt the growth of the fishing industry as well as significantly harm economic development for towns and communities along the coast.

In March of 2017, the Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF), on behalf of a coalition of New England fishermen, challenged the National Monument on the grounds that the president does not have the authority to designate submerged lands and waters as a national monument. 'By declaring over 5,000 square miles of ocean — an area the size of Connecticut — to be a national monument, President Obama set this entire area off-limits to most fishing immediately, with what remains of fishing opportunities to be phased out over the next few years,' said PLF attorney Jonathan Wood. 'This illegal, unilateral presidential action threatens economic distress for individuals and families who make their living through fishing, and for New England communities that rely on a vibrant fishing industry… In short, the designation of a vast area of ocean as a national monument was a blatant abuse of presidential power.' [72]

Wood also said, 'Beyond its violation of the law, the monument designation also threatens to harm the environment by pushing fishermen to other, less sustainable fisheries, and increasing conflicts between their gear and whale. Instead of punishing New England's fishermen — and shutting down their businesses — federal officials should be acknowledging their positive role as stewards of the ocean's environmental resources.'[73]

Peter deFur, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, stated, "The public process leading up to the presidential designation of a monument is lacking compared to the councils' process of engaging the public...The monument process does not have those provisions as a statutory requirement and that gets under our skin so I think the New England council is very concerned that this just sort of happened out from

[72] https://www.pacificlegal.org/release-3-7-17-massachusetts-lobstermen-1-1536.
[73] Ibid.

underneath them."[74]

Recommendation: We recommend a rescission of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument (preferred) or repealing all fishing, oil and gas, mineral and energy development restrictions resulting from President Obama's proclamation as well as returning fishing management back to regional fishery management councils**.**

Pacific Remote Islands, Pacific Ocean

In 2014, President Obama added 261.3 million acres to the Pacific Remote Islands National Monument, dramatically expanding this marine national monument and prohibiting commercial fishing in this area in the process. This unnecessarily large monument has also hindered energy development. Not only does this monument significantly impact the fragile economies of the Pacific territories, it drastically affects their food security and cultural stability. Despite promises to allow the territories closest to the monument to co-manage the area, the Obama Administration was unable to follow through on that promise and the territories remain largely left out of the decision-making process.

In March 2017, House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT) and Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (AS-At Large) stated in a letter to President Trump, "The loss of U.S. fishing grounds makes our consumers more dependent on foreign seafood sources as only ten percent of the seafood consumed in the U.S. is domestically produced. Marine national monuments created in the U.S. Pacific Islands resulted in the U.S. tuna purse-seine fleet losing access to historical fishing areas including all U.S. waters (0-200 miles) surrounding Jarvis Island, Wake Island, and Johnston Atoll, remote, uninhabited equatorial possessions of the United States, totaling 1,184,000 square miles."[75]

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the size of the Pacific Remote Islands National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected," as well as repealing all fishing and unnecessary energy restrictions via executive order and returning management back to regional fishery management councils**.**

Papahanaumokuakea, Hawaii

Originally designated by President George W. Bush, the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument consists entirely of submerged lands and waters off the coast of Hawaii. In 2016, President Obama expanded the size of the monument by enlarging it by

[74] http://www.southcoasttoday.com/news/20170530/fisheries-council-seeks-voice-in-marine-monument-review

[75] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/03.07.17_ltr_to_potus_re_monuments.pdf

283.4 million acres. The expansion is a clear overreach by the Obama Administration preventing "all energy development activities within the Monument Expansion" and unnecessarily restricting traditional uses of the waters by responsible stewards.

According to the House Committee on Natural Resources, "Former U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and former Hawaii Democratic Governor George Ariyoshi, saw it as an act of federal overreach that would harm native Hawaiian livelihoods and cultural practices. Akaka and Ariyshi further suggested that such an expansion would impact Hawaii's ability to follow through with trust responsibilities to island natives.[76]

There was also a lack of public outreach and communication prior to making this designation. "Kitty Simonds, executive director of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council -- a joint federal, state and private sector agency set up under U.S. law to prevent overfishing and manage fisheries stocks in that region – 'someone sent us an embargoed press release' about the latest expansion a day before the announcement was made public. Simonds, whose agency had previously called for a "public, transparent, deliberative, documented and science-based process" in advance of the proposed monument expansion, called it "unbelievable that the government is kicking U.S. fishermen out of U.S. waters when the fishery is healthy."

Simmonds discussed other negative impacts associated with the monument designation including, "The restriction would force U.S. fishing vessels -- about 145 of them -- into international waters to make their catches, where they would compete against fleets from China, South Korea and Indonesia, among others, 'that have lower fishing standards.' The move would also, she charged, increase fish imports -- currently about 92 percent of consumption -- rather than lower demand for seafood…The monument designation also over-rode a 40-year-old, federally legislated process of managing fish stocks in all U.S. waters by means of fishery management councils like the Western Pacific agency."[77]

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the size of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." We also recommend repealing all fishing, oil and gas, mineral and energy development restrictions resulting from President Obama's proclamation as well as returning fishing management back to regional fishery management councils**.**

Rose Atoll, American Samoa

The Rose Atoll Marine National Monument was designated in the final days of President Bush's presidency on January 6, 2009. This monument encompasses more than 8.6 million acres of waters and submerged lands approximately 130 nautical miles from Pago-Pago Harbor in American Samoa. The monument prohibits all fishing.

[76] https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/hearing_memo_--_ov_hrg_on_03.15.17.pdf
[77] http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/09/13/will-obama-fence-off-more-ocean-us-fishermen-are-fearful.html

Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (AS-At Large) stated in May, "We are simply looking to remove the fishing restrictions on the American Samoa fleet for the migratory fish who travel through the monuments. The monuments serve a good purpose, and I support that effort, but not at the expense of access to our people who have utilized these areas for centuries before any relationship with the United States. Also, our fishermen are the most responsible and regulated in the world…as it stands currently, these fish swim through the monuments and are then caught by nations with little to no environmental regulations…that is not helping the sustainability for the future."[78]

Recommendation: We recommend a reduction of the size of the Rose Atoll Marine National Monument so that the monument is "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected," as well as repealing all fishing restrictions via executive order and returning management of the atoll to American Samoa.

Concluding Remarks

We thank you for your thoughtful review and this opportunity to contribute our perspective on these national monuments as they have significant and far-reaching impacts on our communities, states and regions.

The Antiquities Act of 1906 is broken and in desperate need of reform. No one person should be able to unilaterally lock-up millions of acres of public land from multiple-use with the stroke of a pen. Local stakeholders deserve to have a voice on public land-use decisions that impact their livelihoods.

We hope you share our concerns and recommend shrinking many of these national monuments under your review to "the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected," and in some cases, recommend rescission of national monuments unilaterally designated by presidents in the last 20 years that are larger than 100,000 acres and that lacked public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders.

Additionally, your comments published in the Federal Register also request information on any additional monuments that should be reviewed. While we do not have any additional monuments to be added at this time, we request that the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce review the full acreage of all 27 monuments under review including the Pacific Remote Islands National Monument (316.9 million acres) and the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument (372.9 million acres).

Finally, we hope that you review will contribute to substantive policy reforms. A 2001 review by the Department of the Interior of misuse by President Clinton was a step in the right direction, but ultimately the review did not result in any substantive policy changes to curb future abuse.

We ask that the Department commit to working with Congress to rein in this outdated law, protect private property rights, ensure local stakeholder coordination and prevent massive unilateral designations.

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[78] https://radewagen.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/amata-reiterates-support-marine-monuments

We would be pleased to discuss our recommendations and this letter with you and your staff should you have any questions or like additional information.

As always, we ask that this request be handled in strict accordance with existing rules, regulations and ethical guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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Outside Magazine on monuments

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Not a bad piece.

Comments About the National Monument Review Are Flooding In. What Now?
More than 396,000 people have spoken up so far about the Trump administration's desire to shrink or abolish the national monuments. Will the White House really read all of them?

Just 64 days after newly minted Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke rode a horse to the White House for his first day on the job, the Department of the Interior announced it would conduct a thorough review of 27 national monuments. By early June, Zinke had already released a report that recommended downsizing Utah's Bears Ears National Monument.

If Zinke's proposal to reduce the size of Bears Ears—and the monument review itself—was unprecedented, so is the massive invitation to the American public that came with the review. The DOI opened Regulations.gov, telling people to speak their minds about the monuments under question and the effects of the Antiquities Act, which the president may wield without consulting the public.

By the morning of June 27, with two weeks remaining until the deadline, more than 396,000 comments had been submitted. "Must we destroy everything? Can't we simply have beautiful, natural spaces that everyone can enjoy at any time during their life?" wrote one commenter. "I support Rescinding Bears Ears National Monument," wrote Ryan Erik Benally, a Native American resident of Montezuma Creek, Utah. He expanded in an email to Outside: "We would like to enjoy living the way we've always have, without the need of an oppressive BLM-run national monument which would be no different than our questionable relationship with the government's Bureau of Indian Affairs."

As of publication, comments are still flooding into Regulations.gov in tidal waves of several thousand per day, and the DOI is also accepting snail-mail comments. But what exactly happens to all that feedback?

The first step: Someone will read every comment. It's reasonable to wonder if Zinke has enough staff to do so. As of this publication, of the 558 key governmental positions in the executive branch, 409 had yet to have someone nominated to fill them. According to the Washington Post, in the DOI alone, the director of the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey had no nominees.

No additional people were hired to sift through comments, says Heather Swift, press secretary for the DOI. She says that “a team of approximately 20 existing employees from various bureaus” will read them. If the commenting continues at a steady pace of 5,000 per day until commenting closes on July 10, there will be more than 400,000 comments to read. That means each of those 20 employees will have to read 15,000 comments before the final report is released on August 24.

“We fully expect—and they are on pace—to go through all of the comments in time for the Secretary to have all the information before he makes his final decisions,” Swift says. “Each comment counts equally.” So comments like “undo everything obama did !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!” and “Please be strong and resist those liberals” will carry the same weight as the pleas for preservation and conservation.

Then, each comment will likely be tallied depending on whether it’s a vote for or against the review. “Many of the comments are general and say something along the lines of ‘I like monuments’ or ‘I don’t like monuments,’” Swift says. “Those will be counted, of course,” but the DOI will also note the comments that come in for each specific monument.

Swift can’t yet say how the final tally will be presented—if officials will simply get a final count of “for” and “against” comments, or if they will see particularly poignant comments as well. Because Zinke has discretion when making his decision, it’s not necessarily just a popularity vote. Many are putting strategy into making their comment stand out and resonate with him. Hundreds of commenters are invoking the spirit and policies of Theodore Roosevelt, who created the Antiquities Act 111 years ago. “These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents—of both parties—have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands,” wrote one commenter. “I urge you to uphold Roosevelt’s legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.”

Joel Webster, director of western lands at the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, sees this as perhaps the best appeal. “Zinke sees Theodore Roosevelt as a figure in American history he looks up to. I think it’s important to draw that connection,” he says. “He’s got a picture of Theodore Roosevelt in his office that he brings from office to office.” In fact, Zinke has been called a “Roosevelt fanboy” after hashtagging his Twitter bio with “#TeddyRoosevelt & #PublicLands fan.”

Conservation organizations have also encouraged members to share deeply personal stories rather than hollow letters of support. Citizens have flooded Zinke’s office with postcards donning photographs of the Grand Staircase-Escalante monument and the Giant Sequoias of Northern California. On one, a child’s scrawled handwriting begged Zinke to leave the monuments as is. “We do not want oil,” wrote a six-year-old girl. “We need good plants.” People shared memories of family vacations and honeymoons, of vision quests and adventures, of being children and feeding chipmunks. They told Zinke that, as Americans, there is a need for quiet and sanctuary in a world where “there is so much unrest and ugliness.”

Even with the volume and fervor of responses, public comments are just one factor weighing Zinke’s final decision. He’ll also consider information gathered during on-the-ground monument tours and meetings with tribal representatives, local officials, historic preservation experts, and other stakeholders. The DOI, too, is holding its own meetings. In May, Swift says the acting deputy secretary “held a four-hour meeting with tribal officials on Bears Ears and other monuments,” setting up a “specialized channel for tribal input via monument listening sessions.”

John Gale, conservation director at Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, says the whole premise of this review process is flawed: Each of the monuments under review already underwent robust approval processes, including public listening sessions and garnering support of locals, congressmen, and senators. “The argument that they didn’t get an opportunity to be vetted publicly is really a false claim,” Gale says. “It’s just an excuse for trying to unravel what has

already become a really fantastic contribution to our national legacy."

Or as one commenter wrote, destroying that legacy "is unconscionable…like cutting off some stars from the American flag."

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Re: Docket No. DOI–2017–0002, Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996

Dear Secretary Zinke,

Thank you for re-opening the comment period on Bears Ears National Monument until July 10th, 2017. As stated in the many letters Navajo Nation Chapter House governments have sent you since March, we invite you to attend a community listening session in Monument Valley, Utah to discuss the Bears Ears National Monument prior to the close of this comment period. Our communities were ready to meet with you during your visit in May, but you neither shared your schedule nor left the northern half of San Juan County. We want to meet with you in southern San Juan County and explain why we have worked so hard over the past seven years to protect this sacred landscape.

During your confirmation hearing, you stated that your first official order of business was to talk to local community members in Utah before making a recommendation to the President of the United States about the Bears Ears National Monument. Despite your brief time in Utah, you have yet to engage the local community in a meaningful manner. The majority of San Juan County residents are Native Americans who support the monument, and 60% of residents live south of Blanding, Utah. We wrote the original proposal that formed the basis of the National Monument, and we continue to support the National Monument today, despite the struggle to be heard by the Utah delegation.

The Bears Ears National Monument continues to be a place of healing for our people, a place where we gather firewood, plants and medicinal herbs. Bears Ears is also a place that is in need of protection. You mentioned in the interim report that "BENM contain(s) some objects that are appropriate for protection under the Act. This includes rock art, dwellings, ceremonial sites, granaries, and other cultural resources." Yet you fail to recognize that **the landscape itself** is inseparable from the values it holds in the areas of plants, animals, geologic features, spring, and its natural beauty. In fact, it is the entirety of the landscape that saved Navajo people and our cultural traditions. In 1862, hundreds of our ancestors found refuge from the trauma of "The Long Walk," when Navajos were rounded up by the U.S. Calvary under the command of Kit Carson and forced to walk 300 miles to New Mexico. We hid out for years in canyons on the west side of the present-day National Monument, including White, Red, Nokai, Lake, and similar vast expanses that remain hard to traverse. The very nature of this landscape—rough, inhospitable, and unforgiving—is what saved us, and the protective status now governing it memorializes the hardships of the Navajo people. We find your oversight especially puzzling because the Supreme Court has long acknowledged that the Antiquities Act is meant to protect the landscape, and past presidents have used the Act for that purpose for an even longer period. We are confident that you will recognize

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the overly narrow view of the interim report once you hear of the landscape's relationship to our community from the community itself—and from the whole community.

We therefore ask that you come meet with our tribal officials and our local tribal members in the southern half of the county. Please meet with spiritual leaders and tribal members who offer unique perspectives on what these ancestral lands mean to our Tribes and listen to our views about the origins of this historic monument. We urge you to respect the historic significance of this monument for Indian County and honor Tribes by reconsidering your recommendation to shrink our sacred landscape that is now protected as Bears Ears National Monument. We urge you to read the passage in the proclamation that acknowledges our traditional knowledge itself as a resource to be protected.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and hope you will come to Monument Valley, Utah prior to July 10th.

Respectfully,

Alfred Jim, Chairperson
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Instructions to Action Office. To meet the statutory twenty (20) workday response requirement, your search for responsive documents should be completed and dated no later than the "Document Search Due Date" shown above.

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May 8, 2017

EXPEDITED FOIA REQUEST

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Re: Expedited FOIA Request for Records Relating to Bears Ears National Monument

Greetings:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and implementing regulations, 43 C.F.R. § 2.1 et seq., I request records related to the Bears Ears National Monument. The requested records include, but are not limited to the following:

- All records the Department of Interior and any of its agencies and bureaus (collectively, "DOI") provided to the White House in connection with President's Obama's decision to designate the Bears Ears National Monument; and

- All records provided to, or created by, DOI in connection with Secretary Zinke's review of the Bears Ears National Monument pursuant to President Trump's April 26, 2017 Executive Order (see https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/04/26/presidential-executive-order-review-designations-under-antiquities-act) (the "Executive Order).

This expedited request is made on behalf of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Natural Resources Defense Council, Grand Canyon Trust, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, National Parks Conservation Association, The Wilderness Society, and the Sierra Club (collectively, "the Requesters" unless specified otherwise).

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Note that we do not seek any records that have already been published and are in the public domain or records that DOI or BLM has provided to the Requesters pursuant to their March 31, 2017 FOIA Request (control number OS-2017-00387).

For purposes of this request, "records" is consistent with the meaning of the term under FOIA. This includes, but is not limited to, documents of any kind, including electronic as well as paper documents, e-mails, writings (handwritten, typed, electronic or otherwise produced, reproduced or stored), reports, consultations, papers, studies, notes, field notes, drawings, surveys, graphs, charts, photographs, videos, meeting notes or minutes, electronic and magnetic recordings of meetings, maps, GIS layers, GPS, UTM, LiDAR, CDs, and any other compilations of data from which information can be obtained.

Under FOIA, you are obligated to provide records in a readily-accessible electronic format and in the format requested. See, e.g., 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(B) ("In making any record available to a person under this paragraph, an agency shall provide the record in any form or format requested by the person if the record is readily reproducible by the agency in that form or format."). We request that you provide the responsive records in electronic .pdf format without any "profiles" or "embedded files." Please do not provide the records in a single or "batched" .pdf file. To the extent that a subset of the requested records is readily available, please provide that subset immediately while you continue to search for additional records to complete your response.

If you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption in response to this request, please include sufficient information for us to assess the basis for the exemption, including any interest(s) that would be harmed by release. Please include a detailed ledger which includes:

1. Basic factual material about each withheld record, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item; and

2. Complete explanations and justifications for the withholding, including the specific exemption(s) under which the record (or portion thereof) was withheld and a full explanation of how each exemption applies to the withheld material. Such statements will be helpful in deciding whether to appeal an adverse determination. Your written justification may help to avoid litigation.

In addition, if you determine that portions of the records requested are exempt from disclosure, we request that you segregate the exempt portions and mail the non-exempt portions of such records to my attention at the address below within the statutory time limit. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

Relevant Legal Background on the Freedom of Information Act

FOIA was designed to provide citizens a broad right to access government records. FOIA's basic purpose is to "open agency action to the light of public scrutiny," with a focus on the public's "right to be informed about what their government is up to." U.S. Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press, 489 U.S. 749, 773-74 (1989) (internal quotation and

citations omitted). Congress amended FOIA with the Openness Promotes Effectiveness in Our National (OPEN) Government Act of 2007, 110 Pub. L. No. 175, 121 Stat. 2524 (to be codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552). In the Congressional findings to the OPEN Government Act, Congress found that "the American people firmly believe that our system of government must itself be governed by a presumption of openness." 110 Pub. L. No. 175 § 2(2). In addition, Congress found that "disclosure, not secrecy, is the dominant objective of [FOIA]." Id. § 2(4) (quoting Dep't of Air Force v. Rose, 425 U.S. 352 (1976)). Thus, under FOIA, there is a "strong presumption in favor of disclosure." Id. § 2(3) (quoting Dep't of State v. Ray, 502 U.S. 164 (1991)).

In a March 19, 2009 memorandum to the heads of executive departments and agencies, the U.S. Attorney General underscored that agencies should release records requested under FOIA even if the agency might have a technical excuse to withhold them:

> First, an agency should not withhold information simply because it may do so legally. I strongly encourage agencies to make discretionary disclosures of information. An agency should not withhold records merely because it can demonstrate, as a technical matter, that the records fall within the scope of a FOIA exemption.
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> Second, whenever an agency determines that it cannot make full disclosure of a requested record, it must consider whether it can make partial disclosure.

Memo. of Attorney General E. Holder (March 19, 2009).

Under the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, agencies are prohibited from denying requests for information under FOIA unless the agency reasonably believes release of the information will harm an interest that is protected by the exemption. FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 (Public Law No. 114-185), codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A).

FEE WAIVER REQUEST

The Requesters meet the fee waiver requirements of § 552(a)(4)(A) and 43 C.F.R. § 2.45 and 2.48 and therefore request that you provide the documents identified above without charge. However, if a waiver is not granted, please inform the undersigned of the cost of disclosing the above-described records if such fees exceed $250.00.

I. Background

A requester is entitled to a fee waiver when "disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the [Federal] government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii); 43 C.F.R. § 2.45(a) (DOI regulations mirroring the FOIA standard).

In 1974, Congress amended FOIA, replacing the "arbitrary and capricious" standard of review, by which courts are required to grant deference to agencies, with the more rigorous *de novo* review standard. See § 552(a)(4)(A)(vii). The reason for this change is that Congress was concerned that agencies were using search and copying costs to prevent critical monitoring of their activities:

> Indeed, experience suggests that agencies are most resistant to granting fee waivers when they suspect that the information sought may cast them in a less than flattering light or may lead to proposals to reform their practices. Yet that is precisely the type of information which the FOIA is supposed to disclose, and agencies should not be allowed to use fees as an offensive weapon against requesters seeking access to Government information . . . .

132 Cong. Rec. S14298 (Sept. 30, 1986) (Sen. Leahy).

FOIA's amended fee waiver provision was intended specifically to facilitate access to agency records by citizen "watchdog" organizations, which utilize FOIA to monitor and mount challenges to governmental activities. See Better Gov't Ass'n v. Dep't of State, 780 F.2d 86, 88-89 (D.C. Cir. 1986). Fee waivers are essential to such groups, which

> [R]ely heavily and frequently on FOIA and its fee waiver provision to conduct the investigations that are essential to the performance of certain of their primary institutional activities — publicizing governmental choices and highlighting possible abuses that otherwise might go undisputed and thus unchallenged. These investigations are the necessary prerequisites to the fundamental publicizing and mobilizing functions of these organizations. Access to information through FOIA is vital to their organizational missions . . . .
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> [The fee waiver] provision was added to FOIA "in an attempt to prevent government agencies from using high fees to discourage certain types of requesters and requests," in a clear reference to requests from journalists, scholars and, most importantly for our purposes, nonprofit public interest groups.

Id. at 93-94 (quoting Ettlinger v. FBI, 596 F. Supp. 867, 872 (D. Mass. 1984) (emphasis added)). Thus, one of the main goals of FOIA is to promote the active oversight roles of watchdog public advocacy groups, organizations that actively challenge agency actions and policies.

Public interest fee waivers are to be "liberally construed in favor of waivers for noncommercial requesters." McClellan Ecological Seepage Situation v. Carlucci, 835 F.2d 1282, 1284 (9th Cir. 1987) (quoting 132 Cong. Rec. S14298 (Sen. Leahy)). "[T]he presumption should be that requesters in these categories are entitled to fee waivers, especially if the requesters will publish the information or otherwise make it available to the general public." Ettlinger, 596 F. Supp. at 873 (quoting legislative history). An agency may not refuse a fee waiver when "there is nothing in the agency's refusal of a fee waiver which indicates that furnishing the information requested cannot be considered as primarily benefiting the general public." Id. at 874 (quoting Fitzgibbon v. CIA, Civ. No. 76-700 (D.D.C. Jan. 10, 1977)). "Once

the FOIA requester has made a sufficiently strong showing of meeting the public interest test of the statute, the burden, as in any FOIA proceeding, is on the agency to justify the denial of a requested fee waiver." Id. (citing 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B)).

II. The Requesters Qualify for a Fee Waiver

The BLM regulations implementing FOIA's fee waiver provision, 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)(1)-(4), identify four specific criteria (with somewhat overlapping subparts) to determine whether a request is in the public interest:

(1) How the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the Federal government";

(2) How the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to public understanding of government operations or activities;

(3) How disclosure "is likely to significantly contribute to the understanding of a reasonably broad audience of persons interested in the subject, as opposed to" the requester's individual understanding; and

(4) How the public's understanding of the subject "will be enhanced to a significant extent by the disclosure."

As shown below, the Requesters meet each of these factors.

A. The Records Concern the Operations or Activities of the Federal Government (43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)(1)).

The Requesters seek records acquired or created by DOI and BLM regarding the Bears Ears National Monument, which includes federal public lands of national interest managed by the U.S. Forest Service and BLM pursuant to federal law and which is the subject of an ongoing review on national monuments pursuant to the Executive Order.

B. Disclosure is Likely to Contribute to Public Understanding of DOI/BLM's Operations or Activities (43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)(2)(i)-(v)).

Public interest groups satisfy this requirement of FOIA where requestors show the "ability to understand and disseminate the information." Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Dep't of Justice (Judicial Watch I), 122 F. Supp. 2d 5, 10 (D.D.C. 2000). In addition, a description of past successful methods of informing the public combined with a "firm intent to disseminate" the information has been held to meet this test. Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Dep't of Justice (Judicial Watch II), 185 F. Supp. 2d 54, 59-60 (D.D.C. 2002) (quoting Judicial Watch I, 122 F. Supp. 2d at 13). "[C]ourts have consistently overturned agency denials of fee waivers when requestors have made a legitimate, objectively supportable showing of using the requested information for scholarly research into political and historical events." Ettlinger, 596 F. Supp. at 875; see also Weisberg v. Dep't of Justice, 705 F.2d 1344, 1360 (D.C. Cir. 1983).

To determine whether disclosure of requested information will contribute significantly to public understanding, a guiding test is whether the requester will disseminate the information to a reasonably-broad audience of persons interested in the subject. Carney v. U.S. Dep't of Justice, 19 F.3d 807 (2d Cir. 1994). The Requesters need not show how they intend to distribute the information, because "[n]othing in FOIA, the [agency] regulation, or our case law require[s] such pointless specificity." Judicial Watch, 326 F.3d at 1314. It is sufficient for the requester to show how it distributes information to the public generally. Id.

The Requesters do not seek the documents for their own benefit, but seek the records to provide additional, new information to the public about DOI and BLM operations. Disclosure will foster a better public understanding of the DOI and BLM's decision-making process and intent regarding ongoing and future management of the Monument. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(2)(iii) (requiring the requester to show that the "disclosure will contribute to the understanding of a reasonably broad audience of persons interested in the subject, as opposed to" its own understanding). The Requesters have extensive experience disseminating public records and analysis to the public, media, and decision makers; they routinely communicate with the public and the media on issues related to the protection of public lands; sites of historic, cultural, and scientific importance; and Bears Ears, specifically. As discussed below, numerous articles, press releases, and websites attesting to the Requesters' expertise on the Bears Ears are found on the internet and on their websites. The Requesters intend to broadly disseminate the records, or summaries of the records, to the media, to their members and to the public.

More specifically, the Grand Canyon Trust, with over 4,000 members, was established in 1985 to protect and restore the Colorado Plateau. As part of its mission, it also "supports tribal communities in their efforts to protect natural and cultural resources," including those now protected within the Bears Ears National Monument.[1] Portions of the Trust's website are dedicated to informing its members and the public about Bears Ears National Monument, opportunities to learn more about the land, and opportunities for action and public input on the designation decision. It has included articles about Bears Ears in its member magazine. Executive Director Bill Hedden has penned editorials about Bears Ears in the Salt Lake Tribune,[2] and his words, and those of other Trust officers, have appeared in many regional articles and publications.[3]

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[1] http://www.grandcanyontrust.org/native-america

[2] http://www.sltrib.com/opinion/3883842-155/op-ed-tribes-involvement-would-make-bears ; http://www.sltrib.com/opinion/4732301-155/op-ed-midnight-monument-no-utah-leaders

[3] http://grandcanyontrust.nonprofitsoapbox.com/bears-ears ; http://www.grandcanyontrust.org/blog/bears-ears-needs-you ; http://grandcanyontrust.nonprofitsoapbox.com/protectbearsears ; http://www.grandcanyontrust.org/bears-ears-cultural-landscape ; http://www.grandcanyontrust.org/protecting-our-canyonlands ; http://www.grandcanyontrust.org/advocatemag/fall-winter-2016/proposed-bears-ears-national-monument ; http://www.sltrib.com/opinion/4732301-155/op-ed-midnight-monument-no-utah-leaders ; http://www.hcn.org/articles/in-love-with-the-wild-thoughts-on-public-lands-in-21st-century-Escalante-Grand-Canyon-Bears-Ears-wilderness

Great Old Broads for Wilderness, founded in 1989 with a mission of protecting wilderness and wild places for future generations, now has 36 local chapters throughout the nation, and over 5,000 members and supporters. It organizes recreational and volunteer events in iconic wild places — including a camping trip in the Bears Ears — designed to educate the public about the history of the area and the proposed monument protections.[4] It has voiced its support for Bears Ears as a national monument to the BLM and has issued press releases detailing opportunities for public input.[5]

Since its founding in 1919, the National Parks Conservation Association has grown to a membership base of over one million. It actively informs and organizes its members and engages policy-makers to protect iconic wild lands and enhance the National Park System. It widely distributed information regarding Bears Ears and opportunities for public input on the proposed monument through its website and through public action alerts,[6] and it has been recognized as an impassioned advocate for protecting the Bears Ears area.[7]

The Sierra Club is one of the oldest and most influential environmental organizations in the United States. Its mission includes, among other things, engaging its members and the public to protect public lands and wildlife habitat. It is a longstanding and active public advocate on behalf of public lands, national monuments, and the Bears Ears National Monument designation. It has disseminated extensive information about Bears Ears to its approximately 774,000 members and supporters, as well as to the general public through press releases, its website, published opinion pieces, and alerts to members.[8]

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[4] http://www.greatoldbroads.org/?event=bears-ears-broadwalk&event_date=2016-09-22 ; https://www.torreyhouse.org/single-post/2016/10/13/Bears-Ears-and-the-Great-Old-Broads

[5] http://www.greatoldbroads.org/press-releases/great-old-broads-for-wilderness-joins-native-american-tribes-to-call-for-president-obama-to-designate-bears-ears-as-a-national-monument/

[6]https://www.npca.org/events/136-southern-utah-conservation-public-meeting#sm.0001u1aou6r5kfpc10d7drpvkmq5x ; https://www.npca.org/articles/1437-president-preserves-iconic-canyon-country-with-bears-ears-national-monument#sm.0001u1aou6r5kfpc10d7drpvkmq5x ; https://www.npca.org/advocacy/46-one-of-our-newest-national-monuments-is-at-risk#sm.0001u1aou6r5kfpc10d7drpvkmq5x ; https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/with-new-monuments-in-nevada-utah-obama-adds-to-his-environmental-legacy/2016/12/28/e9833f62-c471-11e6-8422-eac61c0ef74d_story.html?utm_term=.a5031b2ba208

[7] http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2016/12/bears-ears-jigsaw-piece-southeastern-utahs-national-park-landscape-declared-national

[8] http://www.sierraclub.org/michael-brune/2016/07/its-time-protect-bears-ears ; http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2016-4-july-august/green-life/fight-protect-bears-ears ; http://www.sierraclub.org/lay-of-the-land/2017/02/stand-bears-ears ; http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/green-life/antiquities-act-has-paved-way-for-some-america-s-most-awesome-national-parks-now ; https://sierra.secure.force.com/actions/National?actionId=AR0072730 ; https://medium.com/@utahsierraclub/protection-for-bears-ears-at-last-b7e2d0c03e7e ;

Since 1983, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) has worked to protect the outstanding red rock wilderness of the American southwest and has since become Utah's most prominent environmental organization. SUWA worked with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalitions in the campaign to create Bears Ears National Monument, and its website contains copious information about the Monument. SUWA officials have been quoted extensively regarding Bears Ears in the media.[9]

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is an environmental nonprofit organization that is in part organized and operated to gather and publish or transmit news to the public. NRDC publishes original reporting of environmental news stories on its website, http://www.nrdc.org, along with blogs and staff analyses. NRDC has published multiple stories about Bears Ears on its website[10] and has publicized issues related to the monument on Facebook and Twitter. NRDC staff members and spokespeople have been quoted in national news coverage and have written op-eds regarding Bears Ears and the need for protections there.[11] NRDC's more than one million members and online activists constitute a large audience of people interested in the subject. And when combined with NRDC's communications to the public at large, NRDC has the capacity to reach a very broad audience. Further, NRDC has a long history of analyzing and incorporating information obtained through FOIA into reports, articles, and other communications, and it is well prepared to convey to the public any relevant information it obtains through this records request.

The Wilderness Society (TWS) is a nonprofit corporation devoted to preserving wilderness, forests, parks, rivers, deserts, and shorelands, and is committed to fostering an American land ethic. Its mission is to protect wilderness and inspire Americans to care for our wild places. TWS's interest in obtaining the requested information is to advance TWS's understanding, and that of the public, on the nature of the Bears Ears National Monument

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designation. TWS has been active in this designation for years, including asking its members and supporters to advocate for protecting the Bears Ears region.[12] TWS has also been a spokesperson for the protection of the monument in the news media.[13] As a nonprofit organization, TWS is not involved in organization or trade; TWS does not seek this information for commercial use.

As demonstrated above, each of the Requesters has the expertise and capacity effectively to analyze and distribute to the interested public information contained in records responsive to this request. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)(2)(iv-v). Accordingly, they have satisfied this prong of the fee waiver test.

C. Disclosure is Likely to Contribute Significantly to the Understanding of a Reasonably Broad Audience of Persons Interested in the Protection of Historic Sites and Bears Ears National Monument, Beyond the Requesters' Individual Understanding (43 C.F.R. §2.48(a)(3)(i)-(iv)).

The Requesters will contribute significantly to the public understanding of the federal government's decision-making process regarding protection of the Bears Ears National Monument because the records sought are new and have not been disclosed to the public. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(3)(i), (iv). The records may also confirm, clarify, or contradict documents or statements that are in the public domain and/or which DOI and BLM have previously released to the public. 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(3)(ii)-(iii). Indeed, because the requested records have not been released and are not in the public domain, the public does not currently have an ability to easily evaluate them. See Cmty. Legal Servs. v. HUD, 405 F. Supp. 2d 553, 560 (E.D. Pa. 2005) (finding that because requested records "clarify important facts" about agency policy, "the CLS request would likely shed light on information that is new to the interested public"). As the Ninth Circuit observed in McClellan, 835 F.2d at 1286, "[FOIA] legislative history suggests that information [has more potential to contribute to public understanding] to the degree that the information is new and supports public oversight of agency operations . . . ." Accordingly, the release of new and/or clarifying information regarding DOI and BLM's planning and protection for Bears Ears National Monument will increase the level of public understanding beyond that which existed prior to disclosure. 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)(3)(iii).

The Requesters will use the records and information contained therein to better inform the public, legislators, and the organizations' members and staff about the factors influencing DOI and BLM's decisions concerning the future management and status of Bears Ears National Monument. The numerous articles cited in this request concerning the Bears Ears National Monument attest to the broad public interest in this subject.

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[13] http://www.sltrib.com/home/4238931-155/obamas-environmental-legacy-some-24-national ;
http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060023763

Once the information is made available, the Requesters will analyze it and present it to its members, online activists, and the general public in a manner that will meaningfully enhance the public's understanding of DOI and BLM's management, decisions, and actions regarding the Bears Ears National Monument and the objects described in the proclamation establishing the Monument. Through the Requesters' synthesis and dissemination, disclosure of information contained and gleaned from the requested records will contribute not just to the Requesters' understanding, but to the understanding of a broad audience of persons who are interested in the subject matter. Ettlinger, 596 F. Supp. at 876 (holding that benefit to a population group of some size distinct from the requester alone is sufficient); Carney, 19 F.3d at 815 (applying "public" to require a sufficient "breadth of benefit" beyond the requester's own interests); Cmty. Legal Servs., 405 F. Supp. 2d at 557 (noting, in granting fee waiver to community legal group, that while the requester's "work by its nature is unlikely to reach a very general audience," "there is a segment of the public that is interested in its work"); 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)(3). Accordingly, the Requesters have met this prong of the fee waiver test.

D. The Public's Understanding of the DOI and BLM's Current and Future Management of the Bears Ears National Monument Will be "Enhanced to a Significant Extent" by the Disclosure (43 C.F.R. §2.48(a)(4)).

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132 Cong. Rec. H9464 (Reps. English and Kindness); see also McClellan, 835 F.2d at 1284-86.

The Requesters address much of this prong of the test above. Additionally, the requested records will support public oversight by allowing the public to better understand BLM's planning and management process regarding Bears Ears National Monument and BLM's implementation of the proclamation that established the Monument. Debate and oversight of the DOI and BLM's planning and management processes and decisions will be better informed by the release of these records, none of which have been divulged or presented to the public. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)(4)(b).

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The formal fee assessment/waiver guidelines established by the Office of Management and Budget state that:

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52 Fed. Reg. 10,012, 10,017-18 (Mar. 27, 1987) (emphasis added).

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As demonstrated above, the Requesters meet each of the statutory and regulatory requirements for a fee waiver.

REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING

We request expedited processing of this request pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 2.10 and § 2.20 because there is an urgent need to inform the public concerning the DOI and BLM's intended management and protection of the Bears Ears National Monument, particularly given the 45-day deadline by which the Secretary must provide an interim report to the President on his review of the Bears Ears National Monument and the critical need to provide the related records to the public to facilitate broad engagement in the review and decision making as soon as possible.

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The undersigned certifies that the reasons for seeking expedited review are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or belief.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. I look forward to your response as soon as possible, but not later than 20 days, as required by law, 43 C.F.R. § 2.16(a), and not more than 10 days for a decision on our request for expedited processing, 43 C.F.R. § 2.20(d). If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at 303-996-9621.

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As of 5:00 a.m. EDT, a disturbance characterized as having potential to become Tropical Cyclone Three was located approximately 305 miles south-southwest of the mouth of the Mississippi River. The disturbance is expected to be near the Louisiana coast by Wednesday night, with some slight strengthening possible before the system reaches the coast. A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect from Cameron, Louisiana to the mouth of the Pearl River, accompanied by a Tropical Storm Watch from west of Cameron, Louisiana to High Island, Texas. Tropical storm conditions are expected within the warning area this afternoon. The greatest threat is inundation of 1 to 3 feet along the coast in the Tropical Storm Warning area. Total rain accumulations of 4 to 8 inches with isolated maximum amounts of 10 inches are expected over southeastern Louisiana, southern Mississippi, southern Alabama, and the Florida

Panhandle through Thursday morning. Rainfall amounts of 2 to 4 inches with isolated maximum amounts of 6 inches can be expected farther west, from southwestern Louisiana to southeastern Texas, through Thursday morning.

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Inquiries

· Eric Lipton (NY Times) – REQUEST – Interview with the Secretary, If not, can you let me know who else at the Department of Interior or BLM I can speak with to ask about questions about the lifting of the coal leasing moratorium, the stay of the ONRR rule, the new Royalties working group you have formed, and what plans are regarding leasing for coal in the coming year. – RESPONSE – Secretary is not available. Considering other options.

· Mary Catherine O'Connor (The Guardian) – REQUEST -- I know the Secretary has endorsed such a move but am hoping to get some research to support this outcome. Is there any research showing economic outcomes of National Park campgrounds run by concessionaires? Have those operations improved the financial health of their host parks? And what has the outcome been for users? Have camping fees increased in those places? – RESPONSE – Asked for Sec. Zinke statement about PPPs and the backlog and getting info from NPS on successful PPPs.

Top Stories

· BOSTON GLOBE: "In a backroom at a waterfront Legal Seafoods, about 20 representatives from New England fisheries and fishermen's associations sought to persuade Zinke to shrink or eliminate the monument. Expressing unanimous disapproval of Obama's move to use the Antiquities Act to protect the area, they argued that fisheries incur substantial financial losses and fishermen risk their safety by having to steer clear of the protected area. Meghan Lapp, fisheries liaison for Seafreeze, Ltd., said the company has two vessels that had fished for squid, mackerel, and butterfish in the zone since the 1980s. After the area became a monument, Lapp estimated the company lost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Fishermen around the table told similar stories."

Top Issues and Accomplishments

· This week, Secretary Zinke will testify at the Senate Energy and Natural Resources, Senate Appropriations, and House Natural Resources Committees regarding the FY2017 Budget.

Outside Media of Interest

Interior Head Says Public Lands Can Make U.S. A 'Dominant' Oil Power.

Reuters (6/19, Volcovici) reports Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said that drilling and mining on protected federal lands could help the US become dominant as a global energy force. He said, “There is a social cost of not having jobs. ... Energy dominance gives us the ability to supply our allies with energy, as well as to leverage our aggressors, or in some cases our enemies, like Iran.” Last week, Zinke recommended that President Trump reduce the size of the Bears Ears National Monument, the first recommendation in a series of reviews of the monuments in the US. While the Interior Secretary said the US government should find solutions to address climate change, jobs are the top priority. He said, “If you don’t have an economy you can’t afford to put in the environmental protections you need.”

Federal, Range Leaders Discuss Proposed Mining Ban Near Boundary Waters.

WDIO-TV Duluth, MN (6/19) reports that Rep. Rick Nolan and “several other elected officials were in Mountain Iron Monday to discuss the proposed mining ban” near the Boundary Waters. According to the article, “the group of elected officials toured UTAC in Eveleth before having a meeting on the proposed ban at the RAMS office in Mountain Iron.” Nolan “called the meeting a successful discussion on the ban, and controversial topic of having a clean environment and growing mining economy.”

Zinke, Perdue Break With Tradition.

The East Oregonian (6/19) editorializes that when Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue visited Idaho together June 2, they “did something a little different, something they’re still talking about in Idaho.” According to the paper, “in a closed-door meeting with 10 producers before the Boise State event, Perdue and Zinke didn’t make speeches. They listened.” Acknowledging that it was “refreshing,” the paper concludes that “it will be even more refreshing if they deliver.”

Mashpee Tribe’s Land In Trust Decision Delayed.

The Cape Cod (MA) Times (6/19, Lindahl) reports that “a decision from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on whether the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe qualifies for reservation lands was not released Monday as expected.” It’s unclear whether the BIA “has made its decision on the tribe’s 170 acres in Mashpee and 151 acres in East Taunton, where it plans to build its First Light Resort & Casino”. BIA spokeswoman Nedra Darling “said she had not received any notice of the decision Monday evening.”

Dams: ‘Relics’ Or Vital To An ‘All Of The Above’ Fix?

E&E Publishing (6/19, Jacobs) reports that “as the West struggles with climate change, drought and rapid population growth,” the question “about the region’s deepening water woes often boils down to” whether to “build more dams and other infrastructure, or ramp up conservation.” The article provides two contrasting viewpoints from Daniel Beard, the commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Clinton administration, and Patricia Mulroy, the former general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

<u>Federal Register Listings</u>

Items was cleared for the FR on Tuesday.

REG0007019 FWS Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Pima Pineapple Cactus Draft Recovery Plan. The cactus is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This plant species is currently found in southern Arizona and in northern Sonora, Mexico. Notice 06/19/2017.

REG0007080 FWS Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Population of Grizzly Bears from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is issuing a final rule to establish the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) grizzly bear as a Distinct Population Segment (DPS) and remove (delist) the GYE population of grizzly bears from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife under the ESA. Final Rule 06/19/2017.

REG0007106 FWS Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of the Oregon Silverspot Butterfly in Northwestern Oregon. The Oregon silverspot butterfly is native to the coast of Oregon and northern California. The Service intends to reintroduce this species into areas of suitable habitat within its historical range for the purpose of restoring populations to meet recovery goals. Final Rule 06/19/2017.

REG0006769 NPS Boundary Adjustment at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. NPS is announcing the adjustment of the boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to include three parcels of land (1,055.89 acres total) in Pike County, Pennsylvania. Fee simple interest in two parcels and a right-of-way over the third parcel will be donated to the United States. Notice 06/19/2017.

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· Eric Lipton (NY Times) – REQUEST – Interview with the Secretary, If not, can you let me know who else at the Department of Interior or BLM I can speak with to ask about questions about the lifting of the coal leasing moratorium, the stay of the ONRR rule, the new Royalties working group you have formed, and what plans are regarding leasing for coal in the coming year. – RESPONSE – Secretary is not available. Considering other options.

· Mary Catherine O'Connor (The Guardian) – REQUEST -- I know the Secretary has endorsed such a move but am hoping to get some research to support this outcome. Is there any research showing economic outcomes of National Park campgrounds run by concessionaires? Have those operations improved the financial health of their host parks? And what has the outcome been for users? Have camping fees increased in those places? – RESPONSE – Asked for Sec. Zinke statement about PPPs and the backlog and getting info from NPS on successful PPPs.

Top Stories

· BOSTON GLOBE: "In a backroom at a waterfront Legal Seafoods, about 20 representatives from New England fisheries and fishermen's associations sought to persuade Zinke to shrink or eliminate the monument. Expressing unanimous disapproval of Obama's move to use the Antiquities Act to protect the area, they argued that fisheries incur substantial financial losses and fishermen risk their safety by having to steer clear of the protected area. Meghan Lapp, fisheries liaison for Seafreeze, Ltd., said the company has two vessels that had fished for squid, mackerel, and butterfish in the zone since the 1980s. After the area became a monument, Lapp estimated the company lost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Fishermen around the table told similar stories."

Top Issues and Accomplishments

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Interior Head Says Public Lands Can Make U.S. A 'Dominant' Oil Power.

Reuters (6/19, Volcovici) reports Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said that drilling and mining on protected federal lands could help the US become dominant as a global energy force. He said, "There is a social cost of not having jobs. ... Energy dominance gives us the ability to supply our allies with energy, as well as to leverage our aggressors, or in some cases our enemies, like Iran." Last week, Zinke recommended that President Trump reduce the size of the Bears Ears National Monument, the first recommendation in a series of reviews of the monuments in the US. While the Interior Secretary said the US government should find solutions to address climate change, jobs are the top priority. He said, "If you don't have an economy you can't afford to put in the environmental protections you need."

Federal, Range Leaders Discuss Proposed Mining Ban Near Boundary Waters.

WDIO-TV Duluth, MN (6/19) reports that Rep. Rick Nolan and "several other elected officials were in Mountain Iron Monday to discuss the proposed mining ban" near the Boundary Waters. According to the article, "the group of elected officials toured UTAC in Eveleth before having a meeting on the proposed ban at the RAMS office in Mountain Iron." Nolan "called the meeting a successful discussion on the ban, and controversial topic of having a clean environment and growing mining economy."

Zinke, Perdue Break With Tradition.

The East Oregonian (6/19) editorializes that when Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue visited Idaho together June 2, they "did something a little different, something they're still talking about in Idaho." According to the paper, "in a closed-door meeting with 10 producers before the Boise State event, Perdue and Zinke didn't make speeches. They listened." Acknowledging that it was "refreshing," the paper concludes that "it will be even more refreshing if they deliver."

Mashpee Tribe's Land In Trust Decision Delayed.

The Cape Cod (MA) Times (6/19, Lindahl) reports that "a decision from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on whether the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe qualifies for reservation lands was not released Monday as expected." It's unclear whether the BIA "has made its decision on the tribe's 170 acres in Mashpee and 151 acres in East Taunton, where it plans to build its First Light Resort & Casino". BIA spokeswoman Nedra Darling "said she had not received any notice of the decision Monday evening."

Dams: 'Relics' Or Vital To An 'All Of The Above' Fix?

E&E Publishing (6/19, Jacobs) reports that "as the West struggles with climate change, drought and rapid population growth," the question "about the region's deepening water woes often boils down to" whether to "build more dams and other infrastructure, or ramp up conservation." The article provides two contrasting viewpoints from Daniel Beard, the commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Clinton administration, and Patricia Mulroy, the former general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

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REG0006769 NPS Boundary Adjustment at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. NPS is announcing the adjustment of the boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to include three parcels of land (1,055.89 acres total) in Pike County, Pennsylvania. Fee simple interest in two parcels and a right-of-way over the third parcel will be donated to the United States. Notice 06/19/2017.

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Law360 (6/13, Westney) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "told a National Congress of American Indians conference Tuesday that federal programs serving tribes aren't working, as NCAI officials and tribal leaders raised concerns about funding cuts to such programs in the Trump administration's proposed budget."

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke Makes Stop In Hooksett.

New Hampshire Public Radio (6/13, Greene) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "stopped at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett Tuesday afternoon, appearing with Governor Chris Sonunu and State Fish and Game Executive Director Glenn Normandeau." At the store, Zinke "signed a ceremonial $1.1 billion check for fish and wildlife conservation programs."

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The Deseret (UT) News (6/13, O'Donoghue) reports that "when Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced a preliminary recommendation that contemplates shrinking the boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument, one of the key points he emphasized is that some of the land is already subject to special management restrictions." Zinke's interim report "notes there are 11 wilderness study areas inside the monument that comprise 381,000 acres and are managed by the Bureau of Land Management." According to the article, "the lands have to be in the same or better condition than they were 41 years ago to ensure Congress has the ability to invoke permanent wilderness protection." The article notes "that year is significant, 1976, when Congress passed the Federal Lands Policy Management Act that set up the majority of Utah's wilderness study areas — vast amounts of land that have remained in limbo since then."

California's Senators Ask Residents To Tell The Federal Government To Stay Away From

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The Fairfield (MT) Sun Times (6/13) reports that "bids on oil and gas leases in northern and southeastern Montana brought in $720,843 in an online auction held June 13, by the Bureau of Land Management." The auction "included 156 parcels encompassing approximately 69,000 acres of federal minerals in Big Horn, Carter, Custer, Fallon, Garfield, Powder River and Rosebud Counties were offered at auction."

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Marianas Variety (6/14) reports that the Office of Insular Affairs has "released $7.8 million remaining in grant assistance for fiscal year 2017 to the American Samoa Government through the Office of Insular Affairs' Operations Grant Program." Interior Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula said, "These funds are critical for government operations in the territory of American Samoa. We are pleased to transmit the remaining funds on behalf of the administration."

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What They Are Saying: Secretary Zinke gives Report on Bears Ears

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WTAS: Secretary Zinke gives 45-Day Interim Report on Bears Ears National Monument

"The recommendations were not made in a bubble in Washington D.C." -Secretary Ryan Zinke

DESERET NEWS: *"Zinke's preliminary recommendations on the designation were uniformly praised by Utah's top leaders and excoriated by environmental organizations and tribal advocacy groups. The three members of the San Juan County Commission issued a statement Monday afternoon in reaction to the preliminary recommendations, praising Zinke for listening to "all sides" on the issue. Zinke said his office has been talking to Native American tribes and is working with them for input on co-management language in a bill he said will be critical not only to the Bears Ears Monument but other monuments up for review."*

NPR: *"Zinke is calling on Congress to give Native American tribes formal co-management authority once the boundaries of the monument are redrawn. Under the original Obama proclamation, tribes had only an advisory role in managing Bears Ears. With the GOP in control of both chambers and the White House. Zinke added that the administration has enormous respect for tribes and their "sovereignty, respect and self-determination.""*

CBS: *"Zinke said the recommendation in this interim report is to revise the existing boundaries of Bears Ears. Zinke said there are some antiquities within the monument that he believes deserve to be respected, but he thinks those drawings, archeological sites, etc. can be "reasonably separated" from the rest of the monument area. Instead of the monument designation, which prevents a range of development, Zinke said some of the sprawling, 1.3 million acre site should be designated for conservation or recreation. He called on Congress to approve a land-management bill for Bears Ears and other federal lands."*

Gov. Gary Herbert of Utah: "*This interim report is an important first step toward re-establishing sound land management practices for one of the most special areas in the world. Throughout this process Secretary Zinke has demonstrated the utmost respect for local and tribal input. I encourage the president to take this recommendation seriously, and I applaud the secretary for his balanced and responsible proposal.*"

Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah): *"I commend Secretary Zinke for producing a balanced and factual report that should be seen by both sides as genuine progress towards a consensus solution to land use issues in San Juan County. The report confirms that President Obama abused the Antiquities Act by not limiting his monument designation to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of cultural artifacts and areas of importance. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to come up with a legislative solution that addresses the concerns raised by Secretary Zinke."*

Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah): "*This is positive news for the state of Utah and local communities affected by the Bears Ears Monument designation. Anyone with honest intentions recognizes that local input should matter when the federal executive makes a decision of this magnitude.*"

Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah): *"I join my rural Utah constituents in celebrating today's recommendation. This is an important first step in reversing President Obama's gross abuse of the Antiquities Act. Secretary Zinke's exemplary effort to engage with local Utahns is to be commended. A locally-driven, legislative approach is the best way to strike a*

balance among the people who love and use the vast acreage surrounding the Bears Ears. Now it is up to Congress to find a win-win solution that will create a balance between conservation and use."

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Based on this, it seems to me that these remarks need to respond to this..

Tribes Lash Out At Trump Administration For Lapses In Consultation.

The Nation Sun News (6/13) reports that the Trump Administration is "coming under heavy fire as the new leader of the Department of the Interior makes a highly-anticipated appearance before the nation's largest inter-tribal organization." The mid-year session of the National Congress of American Indians "doesn't officially start until Tuesday but tribes were out in full force for a pair of listening sessions hosted by Interior on Monday." According to the article, "one by one, they slammed the department for moving forward with a reorganization without providing guidance to the sovereign governments most affected."

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Remarks Prepared for Secretary Zinke
National Congress of American Indians 6.13.17

- Thank you! I'm pleased to join Tribal leaders from across the country today and I thank the National Congress of American Indians for your gracious invitation.

- I am proud to be an adopted member of the **Assiniboine Sioux Tribe** at the Fort Peck Reservation in Northeast Montana.

- Met with a number of tribal leaders and groups since being named Secretary of the Interior by President Trump…

- As a 5th generation Montanan, who grew up in a small rural community of Whitefish, I have had a lifelong interest in Indian Country issues. As a 20-year veteran and former Navy SEAL Commander…

- **SOVEREIGNTY** (567 Federally Recognized tribes)

    - This Administration fully supports "government-to-government" interactions between the Federal Government and Native American tribes and Alaskan Natives in decision-making processes.

- One of the priority goals of this Administration, especially at Interior, is to build a more collaborative approach to our work, with more consultation and input from local groups and communities, especially in Indian Country.

- **UPHOLD TRUST RESPONSIBILITIES, not all tribes are the same. We want to cut red tape** to foster economic dynamism in whatever form you choose.

- Let's collaborate on:

    - ***Infrastructure Development***

    - ***Energy Resources (energy dominance)***

    - ***Teddy Roosevelt – environmental protection***

    - ***Indian Education***

    - ***Bears Ears – announced interim report***

- There are plenty of other issues I know we will grapple with during my tenure at Interior. I have plenty to learn. But with your assistance I remain optimistic that we can work together to foster stronger and more resilient Native communities.

- I am here to listen, to help you accomplish your goals, and to move Indian Country forward

THANK YOU & God Bless! Happy to take questions.

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San Juan County Commissioner Bruce Adams received a contribution from Denison Mines in July 2012. [San Juan County Campaign Financial Reports, 2012] Denison owned the White Mesa uranium mill until EFI acquired all its assets in April 2012 [EFI press release, 4/16/12]

EFI Owned by Out-of State and Foreign Interests

EFI is headquartered in Toronto and has a Lakewood, Colorado subsidiary. The company is not owned or managed by people in Utah. It is traded on both the Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock exchange. However, Curtis Moore, the EFI's VP of Marketing, has carefully described the company as "U.S.-based" [Investing News, 1/27/14] Though based in Canada, EFI highlights its U.S. business on its website and in

public statements. It owns both energyfuels.com and energyfuels.ca (a Canadian domain name), but it only uses energyfuels.com.

Some of its major shareholders from outside Utah are:

- The Korean Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO), which is a South Korean government-owned utility. KEPCO has been a shareholder of EFI since 2013, and a representative of KEPCO served on EFI's board until January 2017, according to SEC filings. KEPCO's stake in EFI has fallen to less than 5%, so it no longer holds an EFI board seat. KEPCO was Energy Fuels' largest customer in 2014 and 2015, buying a total of $41.64 million of uranium (and maybe vanadium). South Korea bought far less-- and possibly no-- uranium from EFI in 2016, but as explained below, EFI has its eye on demand for uranium in other countries.
- The former owners of Corpus Christi, Texas-based Mesteña, LLC, including the CEO of Mesteña, Benjamin Eshleman III [EFI press release].
- Robert W. Kirkwood and his affiliated companies and associates of Casper, Wyoming-based Kirkwood Companies [EFI press release].

Daneros Ore, and White Mesa Mill Yellow Cake, May Be Sold Overseas

Utah can expect that the uranium EFI mines and mills in the state will be used to generate electricity for people overseas. Ironically, about a third of the Navajo Nation has no electricity [*Indian Country Today*, 2/11/15 and *Cronkite News*, 2/11/17].

EFI's sales of uranium to foreign countries and governments include:

- EFI trucks much of its milled yellowcake uranium from the White Mesa Mill to the Cameco Corporation in Canada, which is a major supplier of uranium to China. [*Reuters Market News*, 3/13/13] Between September 2012 and April 2013, EFI exported at least 12 shipments of yellowcake uranium ore concentrate totaling 210,597 kg (464,286.91 lbs) to the Cameco Corporation in Ontario. [Nuclear Regulatory Commission, accessed 5/25/17]

- In 2010, Cameco signed a major long-term contract to supply the China Nuclear Energy Industry Corporation, a unit of China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC), with 23 million pounds of uranium concentrate through 2020." [Reuters Market News, 3/13/13]

- The South Korean government's energy utility, KEPCO, was EFI's largest uranium customer in 2014 and 2015, buying a total of $41.64 million in uranium [EFI SEC filings].

- In November 2016, a vice president at EFI said the company was "executing our business plan right now" by "delivering into our contracts that we have with global nuclear utilities." [Stock News Now on YouTube, 11/18/16] (04:20)

White Mesa Processes Radioactive Waste from US and Abroad

In addition to processing ore, the White Mesa Mill extracts uranium from radioactive waste and mining waste that it receives from foreign and domestic sources. This waste, pleasingly called "alternate feed materials," "can originate worldwide," according to EFI's SEC filings. It includes "materials, other than conventional ores, that

contain recoverable quantities of natural uranium" [Energy Fuels Q1-2017 Results, 5/5/17]. And EFI "is actively pursuing additional … alternate feed materials for processing at the Mill," according to its filings.

Alternate feed materials constitute a significant portion of White Mesa's operation and include radioactive waste from Superfund sites and military test sites. Some details:

- The White Mesa Mill has "16 license amendments authorizing it to process 19 different alternative feed materials." Five of the amendments authorize the mill to receive "uranium-bearing soils from former defense sites." [2016 Energy Fuels 10-K, 12/31/16]
- The White Mesa Mill has license amendments that allow it to process waste from several Superfund sites, including the Midnite Mine in Washington State and "contaminated soil from a Superfund site in Maywood, NJ." [*Salt Lake Tribune*, 2/1/14] and *The Daily Herald*, 3/20/04]
- At the end of 2016, the White Mesa Mill was processing "2000 short tons" of alternate feed per day. [Impact News Service, 5/29/17]
- In 2015 and 2016, 47 percent of uranium processed at the White Mesa Mill originated from alternate feed materials. [2016 Energy Fuels 10-K, 12/31/16]
- The Vice President of Marketing at Energy Fuels said the company was "seeking additional sources of revenues" through "our alternate feed business at our mill, which is basically reprocessing uranium-bearing waste." [Stock News Now on YouTube, 11/18/16] (04:45)

Jim-- a colleague sent me these notes on potential meetings with the Obama administration, but they come from a secondary source with data from the White House Visitor Logs and I'm not sure they're accurate:

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- Blaze Wharton, a former Utah lobbyist for EFI, met with Obama advisor Rob Diamond in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in May 2016 just after his Utah lobbying registration expired.
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HEATHER

Thank you all for joining today's call about the Bears Ears National Monument review. I'm Heather Swift, press secretary at the Department of the Interior.

Before I turn the call over to the Secretary, I'd like to comment on and clarify reports earlier today that claimed the Department is delaying a report. These reports are not accurate. The Executive Order specifically directs the Secretary to submit a 45 day interim report with various recommendations to the President. Nowhere in the executive order or in the Secretary's previous comments was it said this would be a final report.

Now I'll turn it over to the Secretary...

ZINKE

Thank you all for joining the call today.

Today we are talking about Bears Ears National Monument and the recommendations I sent to the President over the weekend.

On April 26, President Trump signed an Executive Order directing me to review monuments designated under the Antiquities Act since January 1, 1996, that are 100,000 acres or more in size, or any monument the Secretary deems to have been created without appropriate public input. The EO also directed me to submit an interim report regarding Bears Ears. That's why we are all on the phone today.

Shortly after the order was signed, I traveled to Utah and held a four-day listening tour across the state to learn more about Bears Ears and the neighboring Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

When accounting for state and private land, the perimeter of Bears Ears encompass almost 1.5 million acres.

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I am recapping all of this because it's important that the recommendations were not made in a bubble in Washington, D.C. These recommendations were made after extensive, on-the-ground listening and learning.

I spent a lot of time on the ground in Utah, talking with people and understanding the natural and cultural significance of the area.

There is no doubt that it is drop-dead gorgeous country and that it merits some degree of protection, but designating a monument that - including state and private land - encompasses almost 1.5 million-acres where multiple-use management is hindered or prohibited is not the best use of the land and is not in accordance with the intention of the Antiquities Act

I've submitted my 45-day interim report to President Trump expressing my belief that monument status is appropriate for some areas but that:

1. the monument needs to be right-sized,
2. that Congress take action to protect some areas.
3. and that it is absolutely critical that an appropriate part be co-managed by the Tribal nations.

Co-management with Tribal leaders will be absolutely key going forward and I recommend that the monument, and especially the areas of significant cultural interest, be co-managed by the Tribal nations. I am grateful representatives from the Tribal governments met with me in Utah and am optimistic for our future.

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So to recap I've submitted my 45-day interim report to President Trump expressing my belief that monument status is appropriate for some areas but that:

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3. and that it is absolutely critical that an appropriate part be co-managed by the Tribal nations.

We will issue a final report at the end of the monument review period which is in mid-august, as is clearly outlined by the Executive Order.

With that, I'll open it up to questions.

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A June 7 letter from them to the Secretary reached me this morning. Not clear if it went elsewhere, which is why this note.

Key statements -

"... We reiterate here that the statute authorizing any review of monuments, nor statutory authority for any public comment period, and certainly no authority -statutory or otherwise - to diminish or revoke any monument. Therefore, although we have no choice but to respond, the public process created by this order is unauthorized and void."

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"... the Proclamation required the Departments of Interior and Agriculture to "meaningfully engage" the Commission in management of the Monument. Under this existing law, the Commission must be involved in proposals that you put forward in the June 10 Interim Report."

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Fwd: Talkers for Sean

Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Mon Jun 12 2017 08:43:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Talkers for Sean

FYI.

Laura Keehner Rigas
Communications Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
(202) 897-7022 cell
@Interior

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
> **Date:** June 12, 2017 at 10:39:21 AM EDT
> **To:** Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
> **Subject: Re: Talkers for Sean**
>
> He has them.
>
> This is in no way a delay, and it is not a final report.
>
> The Executive Order directed the Secretary of the Interior to submit a 45-day "interim report" on Bears Ears National Monument. As pursuant to the order, Secretary Zinke submitted his interim report. A more detailed final report will be submitted at the end of the 120-day monument review process.
>
> Secretary Zinke has reopened the formal comment period for Bears Ears National Monument and it will run through the 60-day duration of the comment period for all other monuments, closing on July 10.
>
> Secretary Zinke will have a briefing today at 2:30 for members of the news media , you can get more information by contacting Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov
>
> -
> Heather Swift
> Department of the Interior
> @DOIPressSec

Heather_Swift@ios.doi.gov | Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 10:32 AM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Just spoke with Brad. He said they are putting Sean's script together now and would love quick talkers on BE. His briefing is at 1 but they need talkers asap. Want me to pull that together?
>
> Laura Keehner Rigas
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draft statement from Governor Herbert

Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>

From:	Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
Sent:	Mon Jun 12 2017 07:25:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	draft statement from Governor Herbert

Does this sound right to you?

"Secretary Zinke deserves praise for his thoughtful recommendation. First and foremost, the recommendation recognizes the importance of protecting the unique antiquities found in southeastern Utah while maintaining appropriate public access to this precious landscape. At the same time, the Secretary also demonstrates a genuine respect for local opinion and input. He does this by calling for legitimate tribal co-management of this area. And finally, the recommendation acknowledges the unfortunate abuses of the Antiquities Act and rightfully calls on Congress to step up to both reform the Act and to legislatively design a more comprehensive public lands management solution for the Bears Ears region. This is an important step towards re-establishing sound land management practices for one of the most special areas in the world. I encourage the President to take this recommendation seriously and I applaud the Secretary for this balanced and responsible proposal."

Cody Stewart
Director of Federal Affairs
Governor Gary Herbert
801 513-8991

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Monday Schedule item - BENM

Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 09 2017 16:44:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Monday Schedule item - BENM

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Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 09 2017 17:39:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Re: Monday Schedule item - BENM

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From:	Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 09 2017 18:11:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov" <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
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From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 09 2017 20:27:29 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	daniel_jorjani@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Fwd: Monday Schedule item - BENM

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Sent:	Mon Jun 12 2017 06:41:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, "timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Monday Schedule item - BENM

Hi all -- when they are ready, can someone pls send me the call-in info for both calls? Friendly reminder that I'm in Boston today working remotely. I'm available on cell and email. Thanks, L Laura Keehner Rigas Communications Director U.S. Department of the Interior (202) 897-7022 cell @Interior > On Jun 9, 2017, at 6:44 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote: > > Caroline and all. We have a conference line reserved for 2:30 PM for > the Secretary to do a 30 minute media call on Bears Ears. > > We figured this would provide time for him to speak to the delegation > and governor prior to the media. > > Does this work for everyone? > > Thanks, > > Heather

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Sent:	Sat Jun 10 2017 18:14:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	heather_swift@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Report
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Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Sun Jun 11 2017 06:55:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Report

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To: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Report

Roger that. Drafting materials now.

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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Sat Jun 10 2017 17:02:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Robert Howarth <robert_howarth@ios.doi.gov>
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To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Interim Report

Congrats! I am in the office should you need anything.

Did you get everything for your trip?

Rob

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Downey Magallanes
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downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
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Robert Howarth
Deputy Director for Correspondence and FOIA Management
Office of the Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240
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Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Sun Jun 11 2017 06:49:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RYAN K. ZINKE

SUBJECT: Interim Report Pursuant to Executive Order 13792

I. SUMMARY

In the final weeks of his second term, President Obama exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act (Act) to designate the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) in Utah. The external boundary of BENM encompasses almost 1.5 million acres of land. The lands within BENM consist of Federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the Department of the Interior (Department) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) within the Department of Agriculture; the external boundary also encompasses sections of State land and smaller private parcels, one of which is owned by The Nature Conservancy. While there are designated wilderness and wilderness study areas (WSAs) within BENM, much of the land is compatible with multiple-use practices, including recreation; grazing; timber harvest; mining; and traditional activities such as gathering of medicinal herbs and plants, hunting, fishing, and wood-gathering.

The BENM contains unique geologic features and objects of historic or scientific interest deemed culturally important to Native American tribes, including artifacts, rock art, archeological sites, dwellings, and areas used for traditional rituals, gatherings, and tribal practices. Selected Native tribes have a formal advisory role under Proclamation No. 9558, but are not authorized a formal management role under existing law.

The Act authorizes the President to designate objects of scientific or historic interest on Federal lands for protection as a monument as defined in the establishing proclamation, but the authority to reserve lands as part of a monument is limited to an area that is "the smallest area compatible" with the proper care and management of those objects. The protection of qualifying objects within the monument can be identified and reasonably segregated to reflect the "smallest area compatible" intent and to concentrate preservation resources.

Therefore, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) recommends that (1) the existing boundary of the BENM be modified to be consistent with the intent of the Act; (2) Congress authorize tribal co-management of designated cultural areas; (3) Congress designate selected areas within the existing BENM as national recreation areas or national conservation areas, as defined by law; and (4) Congress clarify the intent of the management practices of wilderness or WSAs within a monument.

II. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Executive Order 13792, "Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act," dated April 26, 2017 (Order), directs the Secretary to conduct a review of certain Presidential designations made under the Act, to determine if the designations conform to the policies set forth in the Order. The Order further directs the Secretary to provide two reports summarizing his review:

(1) an Interim Report under section 2(d), due within 45 days, addressing the Bears Ears National Monument established by Proclamation No. 9558, dated December 28, 2016, and "other such designations as the Secretary determines to be appropriate for inclusion"; and

(2) a Final Report under section 2(e), due within 120 days, summarizing the findings of the review for all other monument designations covered by the Order.

The Order directs the Secretary to include recommendations in both reports for "Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions consistent with law" to conform designations to the policy set forth in the Order.

This memorandum constitutes the Interim Report under section 2(d) of the Order and addresses the findings of the Secretary's review of BENM.

III. BACKGROUND

A. The Antiquities Act

Passed in 1906, the Act, now codified at 54 U.S.C. 320301-320303, authorizes the President to: "declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated on land owned or controlled by the Federal Government to be national monuments." 54 U.S.C. 320301(a). The Act also authorizes the President to reserve parcels of Federal land as part of such monuments, but limits those reservations to "*the smallest area compatible* [emphasis added] with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." 54 U.S.C. 320301(b).

Shortly after passage of the Act, President Theodore Roosevelt first utilized the Act's authority to designate the 1200-acre Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming. In addition to President Roosevelt, 15 other Presidents have exercised the authority to designate monuments more than 150 times.

Although there are many instances of the use of the Act for the proper stewardship of objects of historic or scientific interest, concerns have been raised regarding (1) the use of the Act to designate "landscape" monuments that reserve large areas of Federal lands for the purposes of restricting public access and traditional uses; (2) the use of monument designations to prevent or restrict land use rather than to "protect" and preserve objects of significance; (3) the process by which Presidents have exercised such authority, including whether it included proper public outreach and coordination with state, tribal, and local officials; and (4) the potential losses of economic opportunity and jobs as a result of a monument designation.

B. Executive Order 13792

The President signed Executive Order 13792 on April 27, 2017. Echoing the concerns noted above, section 1 of the Order states:

> Designations of national monuments under the [Antiquities Act], have a substantial impact on the management of Federal lands and the use and enjoyment of neighboring lands. Such designations are a means of stewarding America's natural resources, protecting America's natural beauty, and preserving America's historic places. Monument designations that result from a lack of public outreach and proper coordination with State, tribal, and local officials and other relevant stakeholders may also create barriers to achieving energy independence, restrict public access to and use of Federal lands, burden State, tribal, and local governments, and otherwise curtail economic growth. Designations should be made in accordance with the requirements and original objectives of the Act and appropriately balance the protection of landmarks, structures, and objects against the appropriate use of Federal lands and the effects on surrounding lands and communities.

The Order directs the Secretary to review all designations or expansions resulting in a designation covering more than 100,000 acres or any other designations that the Secretary determines were "made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders" to determine whether it conforms to the policy set forth in section 1. The Order listed several factors for the Secretary to consider when making that determination:

(1) the requirements and original objectives of the Act, including the Act's requirement that reservations of land "...be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected";

(2) whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest;

(3) the effects of a designation on the available uses of designated Federal lands, including consideration of the multiple-use policy of section 102(a)(7) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701(a)(7)), as well as the effects on the available uses of Federal lands beyond the BENM boundaries;

(4) the effects of a designation on the use and enjoyment of non-Federal lands within or beyond the BENM boundaries;

(5) concerns of state, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected states, tribes, and localities;

(6) the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas; and

(7) such other factors as the Secretary deems appropriate.

As noted above, section 2 of the Order directs the Secretary to provide, within 45 days of the date of the Order, an Interim Report regarding the BENM, including the results of the review and any resulting recommendations.

C. Bears Ears National Monument

The BENM was established by Proclamation No. 9558, dated December 28, 2016. It consists of 1,351,849 acres of Federal land in San Juan County, Utah, and is jointly managed by BLM (1.063 million acres) and USFS (290,000 acres). When accounting for State land and private land within the boundaries of BENM, the total area encompassed is close to 1,500,000 acres. This is four times larger than Canyonlands—the largest national park in Utah, which is almost 340,000 acres.

Within BENM, there are areas that contain numerous cultural and archeological sites, unique geologic features, and areas important to the practicing of tribal cultural traditions and ceremonies to include the collection of medicinal and ceremonial plants. Portions of the area are also home to significant recreational opportunities, including hiking, backpacking, canyoneering, mountain biking, and rock climbing.

Also within and adjacent to the BENM boundaries, numerous management authorities and plans govern the patchwork of Federal, State, and private lands. Directly adjacent to the BENM is Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, which is managed by the National Park Service (NPS), as well as Natural Bridges National Monument. National recreation areas, which can be managed by BLM, USFS, or NPS, are generally designated by Congress with the purpose of promoting recreation potential of national significance. The BENM also overlaps 11 BLM WSAs aggregating approximately 381,000 acres, which BLM is required to manage so as not to impair their suitability for preservation as wilderness by Congress until Congress determines otherwise. The BENM also overlaps the 46,353-acre Dark Canyon Wilderness on USFS lands, which is required to manage so as to preserve its wilderness characteristics under the Wilderness Act of 1964. Further, much of the area was subject to special management to protect natural, cultural, and historic resources under BLM and USFS management plans in existence prior to designation of the BENM.

The Proclamation No. 9558 (1) retains the existing management responsibility for the lands in the respective Agencies; (2) establishes a local advisory committee consisting of interested stakeholders including State and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners; and (3) establishes the Bears Ears Commission consisting of representatives of the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, and Zuni Tribe. The Commission does not include the Native American San Juan County Commissioner elected by the majority-Native American voting district in that County.

D. Review Process

The Department issued a press release on May 5, 2017, announcing the impending publication of a notice in the Federal Register seeking public comment on the review. Public comments are being received by the Department both online at Regulations.gov and by mail. Comments on BENM were due at Regulations.gov on or before May 26, 2017, or by mail postmarked on or before May 26, 2017.

The Department received approximately 76,500 comments on BENM, the majority of which also commented on the overall review. These include comments from Members of Congress, governors, state and tribal leaders, and the public. Comments expressed a variety of views on

the BENM; however Federal and State elected officials from Utah strongly oppose the current BENM boundary.

IV. RESULTS OF THE INTERIM REVIEW

The BENM contain some objects that are appropriate for protection under the Act. This includes rock art, dwellings, ceremonial sites, granaries, and other cultural resources that reflect its long historical and cultural significance to Native Americans. There are also areas that may not include objects but are of importance to tribes for traditional cultural practices. However, having conducted the review set forth in section 2 of the Order, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and based on information to date, I find that the designation of the BENM does not fully conform with the policies set forth in section 1 of the Order.

Specifically, the review shows that rather than designating an area encompassing almost 1.5 million acres as a national monument, it would have been more appropriate to identify and separate the areas that have significant objects to be protected to meet the purposes of the Act, including that the area reserved be limited to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects. Additionally, many of the lands reserved as part of BENM are already congressionally or administratively protected – in some cases, such as designated wilderness or WSA, which may provide a higher level of protection – such that designation under the Act was unnecessary. Moreover, other lands within the BENM are more appropriately set aside under another type of special designation, such as a national recreation area. For those areas that should remain protected under the Act, some management prescriptions appear to be too restrictive, and tribal interests have not been granted an adequate role in management of BENM given the unique significance of the area to tribes and their traditional knowledge, expertise, and use.

V. INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS

As a result of the review, and in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, I make the following interim recommendations. I recommend that:

- the BENM boundary be revised through the use of appropriate authority, including lawful exercise of the President's authority granted by the Act;
- the President request congressional authority to enable tribal co-management of designated cultural areas within the revised BENM boundaries;
- Congress make more appropriate conservation designations within the current BENM such as national recreation areas or national conservation areas, as defined by law; and
- Congress clarify the intent of the management practices of wilderness or WSAs within a monument.

I further recommend that the Department of the Interior conclude the full review under section 2(d) of the Order before more specific recommendations are made regarding the Bears Ears National Monument.

cc: Director, Office of Management and Budget
Assistant to the President for Economic Policy
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality

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SOL edits attached. Rob, I have a meeting now but should be back by 2:30 if you or Downey want to talk about any of them.

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Attachments:

/74. Monument review material/1.1 Draft Interim report on Monument Review Process.docx

"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 09 2017 07:26:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Monument review material
Attachments:	Draft Interim report on Monument Review Process.docx

If by any chance we need to release anything on the status of the review, the attached draft report has been commented on by the review team, including Aaron and company in SOL. As I believe I mentioned previously, it is designed to be routine and not to reveal anything beyond what has actually been done or will clearly be done (i.e. working with NOAA). The Bears Ears economic report is awaiting one item from the Forest Service.

I have the press release and FR notice, listed as attachments to the status report, as word documents, so once the economic report is finished, I can update the number of comment received and send everything in a minute or so. As of now, we have received 149, 669 comments on regs.gov, including the Bears Ears ones, and approximately 17,000 mailed in comments, 9,000 of which were in a petition.

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"Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov" <ryan_wilcox@lee.senate.gov>

From:	"Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov" <ryan_wilcox@lee.senate.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 09 2017 06:55:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 4:45pm - 5:15pm (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)
Attachments:	invite.ics invite.ics

Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov has accepted this invitation.

Bears Ears Call

When	Fri Jun 9, 2017 4:45pm – 5:15pm Eastern Time
Where	Dial-in: (b) (5) [redacted] and code: (b) (5) [redacted] (map)
Video call	https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/downey-magallan
Calendar	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Who	• downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov - organizer • gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov - creator • ed_cox@hatch.senate.gov • Cody Stewart • Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov • stefanie.dearie@mail.house.gov • cam.madsen@mail.house.gov • Wade.garrett@mail.house.gov • chris_prandoni@lee.senate.gov • clay.white@mail.house.gov • adam.stewart@mail.house.gov • john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov • micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov

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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 08 2017 15:18:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Aaron Moody <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>
Subject:

do you have a closing line or two suggestion ..... help

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Downey Magallanes
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
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202-501-0654 (desk)
202-706-9199 (cell)

"Moody, Aaron" <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>

From: "Moody, Aaron" <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 08 2017 16:12:27 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re:

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Just tried you. should be here for 10 or so more minutes tonight if you want to chat...(b) (5) [redacted]

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Aaron G. Moody
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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 09 2017 04:39:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Moody, Aaron" <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re:

ok. We need to talk about this new line

- (b) (5) [redacted]

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From:	"Moody, Aaron" <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 09 2017 05:53:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re:

I'm here this morning whenever you're available. I have meetings at 10 and 11 but this is obviously the priority.

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"Stewart, Adam" <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov>

From:	"Stewart, Adam" <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 09 2017 04:54:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Updated Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 4:45pm - 5:15pm (EDT) (adam.stewart@mail.house.gov)
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Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:30pm - 4pm (EDT) (wade.garrett@mail.house.gov)

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"Garrett, Wade" <Wade.Garrett@mail.house.gov>

From:	"Garrett, Wade" <Wade.Garrett@mail.house.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 18:56:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:30pm - 4pm (EDT) (wade.garrett@mail.house.gov)
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"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>

From:	"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 16:14:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Updated Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:45pm - 4:15pm (ryan_wilcox@lee.senate.gov)
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Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:30pm - 4pm (EDT) (cam.madsen@mail.house.gov)

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"Madsen, Cam" <Cam.Madsen@mail.house.gov>

From:	"Madsen, Cam" <Cam.Madsen@mail.house.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 16:08:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:30pm - 4pm (EDT) (cam.madsen@mail.house.gov)
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Accepted: Updated Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:45pm - 4:15pm (EDT) (adam.stewart@mail.house.gov)

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"Stewart, Adam" <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov>

From:	"Stewart, Adam" <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 16:06:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Updated Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:45pm - 4:15pm (EDT) (adam.stewart@mail.house.gov)
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Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>

From:	Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 16:02:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:45pm - 4:15pm (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)
Attachments:	invite.ics invite.ics

Cody Stewart has accepted this invitation.

Bears Ears Call

When	Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:45pm – 4:15pm Eastern Time
Where	Dial-in: (b) (5) [redacted] and code: (b) (5) [redacted] (map)
Video call	https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/downey-magallan
Calendar	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Who	• downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov - organizer • gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov - creator • ed_cox@hatch.senate.gov • Cody Stewart • Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov • stefanie.dearie@mail.house.gov • cam.madsen@mail.house.gov • Wade.garrett@mail.house.gov • chris_prandoni@lee.senate.gov • clay.white@mail.house.gov • adam.stewart@mail.house.gov • john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov

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Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>

From:	Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 15:51:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:30pm - 4pm (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)
Attachments:	invite.ics invite.ics

Cody Stewart has accepted this invitation.

Bears Ears Call

When	Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:30pm – 4pm Eastern Time
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"Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>

From:	"Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 15:44:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:30pm - 4pm (EDT) (ed_cox@hatch.senate.gov)
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"Stewart, Adam" <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov>

From:	"Stewart, Adam" <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 15:36:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:30pm - 4pm (EDT) (adam.stewart@mail.house.gov)
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"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>

From:	"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 15:36:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:30pm - 4pm (ryan_wilcox@lee.senate.gov)
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[Update] Bears Ears Call

gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov

From:	gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 15:35:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov, gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	[Update] Bears Ears Call

Did you mean for this Friday, June 9 at 3:30PM?

Gisella

Bears Ears Call

When	Fri Jun 9, 2017 3:30pm – 4pm Eastern Time
Where	Dial-in: (b) (5) [redacted] and code: (b) (5) [redacted] (map)
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Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 15:42:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Re: [Update] Bears Ears Call

3:45 is better sorry

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2017, at 5:35 PM, "gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Gisella

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Subject:

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"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 08 2017 15:30:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re:

We have his signature on a concurrent resolution of the legislature calling for rescinding Bears Ears, but neither I nor Tim Williams have a specific letter from him (I reviewed Tim's file yesterday), There are also the 2 emails to you from his chief of staff with the less than useful information, but that's all I am aware of.

Sorry for the delay, but I was talking with Dan Jiron of Ag when your email arrived.

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Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 13:58:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject:	
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Conversation Contents

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Ryan Zinke - (b)(6)

From:	Ryan Zinke - (b)(6)
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 11:56:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Invitation: Bears Ears Meeting @ Fri Jun 9, 2017 12:30pm - 1:30pm (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)
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Bears Ears Meeting

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When	Fri Jun 9, 2017 12:30pm – 1:30pm Eastern Time
Where	White House (map)
Video call	https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/cdr06
Calendar	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Who	• Ryan Zinke - (b)(6) - organizer • caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov - creator • downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov

Going? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** more options »

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Student Leaders Letter on Bears Ears

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Andy MacCracken <andy@campusleaders.org>

From:	Andy MacCracken <andy@campusleaders.org>
Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 09:24:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<Exsec@ios.doi.gov>, <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>, <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>, <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>, <james_cason@ios.doi.gov>, <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Student Leaders Letter on Bears Ears
Attachments:	National Monuments Student Leaders Letter.pdf

Dear Secretary Zinke,

In the last 24 hours, 100 student body leaders from colleges around the country have signed the attached letter in regards to the current review of national monuments, with a particular focus on Bears Ears National Monument.

My organization works with college student leaders, primarily student body presidents, on a range of issues, including environmental sustainability and conservation. The students who signed this letter asked that I bring their concerns to your attention.

Please reach out to me with any questions or response.

Thank you for your time considering this matter and service to our country.

Sincerely,

Andy

Andy MacCracken
Executive Director & Cofounder
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Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

June 8, 2017

Dear Secretary Zinke,

On behalf of more than 1 million college students on our campuses, we write to strongly urge you to maintain protections for public lands and national monuments. As student body presidents, vice presidents, and student environmental leaders, we are extremely concerned by the Executive Order directing the Department of Interior to review and propose changes to national monuments, and Bears Ears National Monument in particular.

As strong supporters of public lands and future leaders of our country, we know our collective future is at stake with this review. Young Americans want to protect our nation's treasures. The initial decision to designate Bears Ears National Monument was part of a transparent and multi-year process that garnered broad public support in Utah and across the country. **In fact, 7 in 10 Utahns support the Bears Ears National Monument, including 85% of Utah voters under the age of 25, according to recent polling.**

There are enormous economic benefits of protecting public lands for nearby communities, including many rural areas. **Areas in the West with protected lands consistently enjoy better rates of employment and income growth compared to those with no protected lands, according to a recent study.** After the Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah was declared a National Monument in 1996, jobs grew by 38% in two neighboring counties. In fact, studies examining the designation of 17 national monuments — including nine monuments covered under your review—show those designations led to significant increases in per capita income in regions adjacent to the newly-protected areas. **Put simply, removing these designations would be devastating for local economies and would harm our economic future.**

Rescinding or shrinking the National Monuments under review also threatens the fast-growing outdoor recreation economy, which relies significantly on recreation access to protected public lands. **The recreation economy drives $887 billion in consumer spending every year and supports 7.6 million jobs – *more* than oil, natural gas and mining combined.** Rescinding or shrinking the National Monuments under review would significantly impact the strength of the outdoor recreation economy and limit our ability to create and sustain jobs.

In addition to the economic benefits, there are moral justifications. No group is more supportive, or deserves to have its opinions respected, more than the tribal communities that worked closely with the U.S. Government to finally recognize Bears Ears as a cultural and historic landscape that carries deep meaning to Native Americans in the Southwest. The monument encompasses sites that are profoundly sacred to Native American peoples and contain

important food, firewood, and medicinal resources they rely on. That is why five tribal nations came together to strongly support the protection of Bears Ears.

Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historic, cultural and natural heritage. As student leaders, we know how critical it is to preserve our rich legacy and natural environment. **I implore you to stand with young leaders like myself, local tribes, and all of us who want to be able to pass on the beauty of our country to generations to come.**

Sincerely,

Hannah Causey, Baylor University, TX
Madison Simon, California State University Long Beach, CA
Darien Siguenza, California State University Northridge, CA
Haley Walker, Central New Mexico Community College, NM
Joey Wilson*, Clemson University, SC
Brooke Sayre-Chavez, Colorado State University, CO
Haily Martin, Colorado State University, CO
Malik Rivers, Colorado State University, CO
Emma Hoarty, Cornell University, NY
Jung Won Kim*, Cornell University, NY
Alex Soltany*, Davidson College, NC
Armaan Patel, Depauw University, IN
Erika Killion*, Depauw University, IN
Rachel Swick, Depauw University, IN
Cassidy Schwartz, Emory University, GA
Byron Carter, Florida A&M University, FL
De'Terius Parker, Florida A&M University, FL
Kambria Webb, Florida A&M University, FL
Simone English, Florida A&M University, FL
Stanley Danzey, Florida A&M University, FL
Allhan Mejia*, Florida International University, FL
Ana Correa, Florida International University, FL
Ivan Vanegas, Florida International University, FL
Leo Cosio*, Florida International University, FL
Meredith Marseille, Florida International University, FL
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Olivia Ranseen, Indiana University, IN
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Zoe Parker, Rice University, TX
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Georgia Mae Lively, Temple University, PA
Tyler Forst, Temple University, PA
Tyrell Mann-Barnes*, Temple University, PA
Mughda Mokashi*, University of Alabama Birmingham, AL
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Madi Fuller, University of Georgia, GA
Winni Zhang*, University of Houston, TX
Raneem Shamseldin*, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, IL
Rachel Zuckerman*, University of Iowa, IA
Emily Craig, University of Maine, ME
Samuel Borer, University of Maine, ME
Alexandra DesRuisseaux, University of Maine at Presque Isle, ME
Trish Palermo*, University of Minnesota, MN
Will Macheel, University of Minnesota, MN
Noah Teixera*, University of Nevada, Reno, NV
Kevion Ellis*, University of Northern Colorado, CO
Greg Campion, University of Notre Dame, IN
Andie Burkey, University of Rochester, NY
Robin Hendrix, University of South Carolina, SC
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Laraine Ruiz*, University of South Florida - St. Petersburg, FL
Moneer Kheireddine, University of South Florida - Tampa, FL

Shaquille Kent, University of South Florida - Tampa, FL
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Amy Pearce, University of Wisconsin Madison, WI
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Brandon Colligan, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, WI
Lucas Frey*, University of Wisconsin Platteville, WI
James VandenBergh , University of Wisconsin River Falls, WI
Kiana Johnson, University of Wisconsin River Falls, WI
Cris Mendoza*, University of Wisconsin Rock County, WI
John Peralta*, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, WI
Jace Goodwin, Utah State University, UT
Michael Scott Peters*, Utah State University, UT
Alexandra Linstrom, Washington University in St. Louis, MO
Khalid Mahmood, Washington University in St. Louis, MO
Aulola Moli*, Weber State University, UT
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From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed Jun 07 2017 15:57:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Aaron Moody <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>
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Sent:	Wed Jun 07 2017 18:52:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: I will send you a draft by tomorrow morning

Sounds good. I'm around.

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Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 04:33:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 8:52 PM, Moody, Aaron <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

> Sounds good. I'm around.
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Sent:	Thu Jun 08 2017 09:00:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject:	Re: I will send you a draft by tomorrow morning
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Comments from me and Laura attached.

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"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed Jun 07 2017 15:25:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Additional question on Bears Ears
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This is the answer on grazing in WSAs. I have cut some of the email string for clarity. Attached map at the bottom of this probably the most helpful.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Moore, Nikki** <nmoore@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 3:46 PM
Subject: Re: Additional question on Bears Ears
To: "Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 3:42 PM, Moore, Nikki <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

> Hi,
> Yes the former: These are acres within the allotment that are also within a WSA (or stated another way, acres within much larger grazing allotments that have WSA designation).
> Hi Randy,
>
> Utah BLM has provided the following map as well to help clarify.
>
> Nikki Moore
>
> On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 2:11 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
>
>> Thank you. One further question for clarification: does "WSA acres" mean acres within the allotment that are also within a WSA, or does it show total acres of the WSA within which there is a grazing allotment of a size not shown?
>>
>> Given that Lockhart shows 2088 acres, I would presume that the chart shows the former alternative, since as I understand it the minimum size for a WSA is 5000 acres, but I would like to be sure.
>>
>> On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 1:05 PM, Moore, Nikki <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:
>>> Hi Randy,

You had asked whether grazing was allowed within Wilderness Study Areas within the BENM. Here is some additional, more specific information regarding livestock grazing allowed within Bears Ears NM and Wilderness Study Areas:

Inline image 1

Nikki Moore
Acting Deputy Assistant Director, National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships
Bureau of Land Management, Washington D.C.
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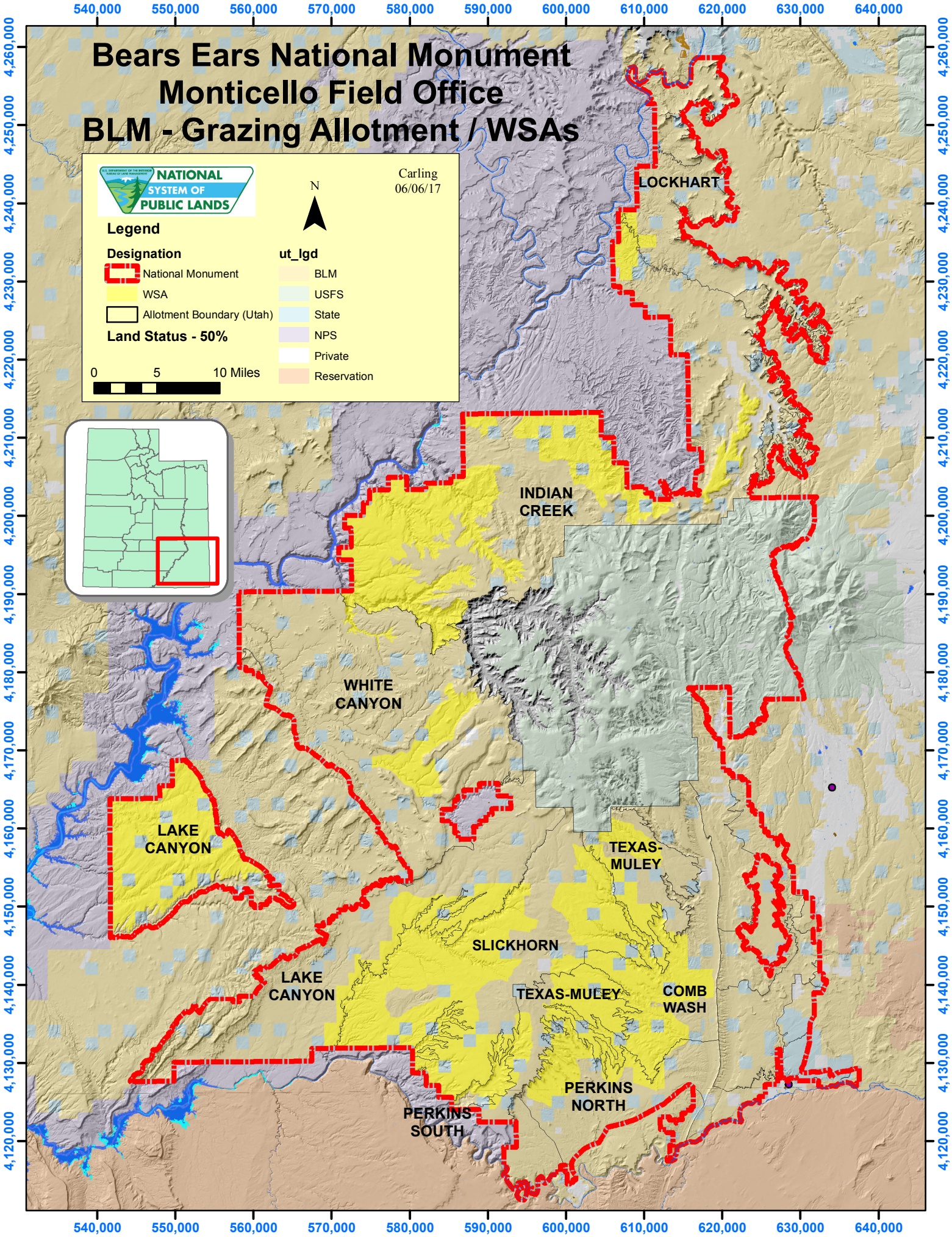
202.740.0835 (cell)

On Sun, Jun 4, 2017 at 6:45 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Is grazing allowed in the WSAs? The map is not clear due to overlays

Allotments within Bears Ears NM with Wilderness Study Areas (WSA)	
Allotment	**WSA Acres**
COMB WASH	36,413.2
INDIAN CREEK	100,256.7
LAKE CANYON	71,522.7
LOCKHART	2,088.7
PERKINS NORTH	16,949.1
PERKINS SOUTH	7,787.1
SLICKHORN	92,701.6
TEXAS-MULEY	34,930.9
WHITE CANYON	16,622.5
Total	**379,272.5**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State
NPS
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WHITE CANYON
LAKE CANYON
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Ryan Zinke - (b)(6) [redacted]@ios.doi.gov

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To:	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
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Meeting with Ted Roosevelt IV + Jamie Williams

more details »

Attendees:
Ted Roosevelt IV
Jamie Williams, President, The Wilderness Society

Topic: Bears Ears

When	Thu Jun 8, 2017 6pm – 7pm Eastern Time
Where	Office of the Secretary (map)
Video call	https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/cdr06
Calendar	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Who	• Ryan Zinke - (b)(6) [redacted]@ios.doi.gov - organizer • caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov - creator • downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov

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Megan Garrett <megangarrett@utah.gov>

From:	Megan Garrett <megangarrett@utah.gov>
Sent:	Wed Jun 07 2017 10:41:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Mueller, Brian" <bmueller@blm.gov>
CC:	Anthony Rampton <arampton@utah.gov>, <Downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, Jason Wolf <jasonwolf@utah.gov>
Subject:	Shapefiles
Attachments:	JuneOption2.zip

Brian,

Please see attached.

Megan

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"Mueller, Brian" <bmueller@blm.gov>

From:	"Mueller, Brian" <bmueller@blm.gov>
Sent:	Wed Jun 07 2017 12:54:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Megan Garrett <megangarrett@utah.gov>
CC:	Anthony Rampton <arampton@utah.gov>, Downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov, Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, Jason Wolf <jasonwolf@utah.gov>

Subject: Re: Shapefiles

Thank you!

On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 10:41 AM, Megan Garrett <megangarrett@utah.gov> wrote:

> Brian,
>
> Please see attached.
>
> Megan
>
> --
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Fwd: CPANP Letter of Opposition to Executive Order 13792

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"Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

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Sent:	Wed Jun 07 2017 07:45:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject:	Theodore Roosevelt IV: Bear Ears: A story of what passes and what endures

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See attached. This might have minor tweaks from the version I gave you (I can't get on remote desktop to double check).

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Subject:	Re: A few items

will find out how long it will take to put that into the system. By "nothing negative" do you mean nothing negative about our review of that area or nothing negative about its current status? Won't make any difference in time to set up the search process, but two very different answers.

Also checking on grazing in WSAs for Bears Ears/

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My brain was still focused on yardwork - realized a complication as I was sending the request to our consultant, in that I have seen many comments - all of them critical of the review - that list all of the individual monuments under review. We may still be able to look at each monument with relatively few comments and see how many are specific to that area as opposed to a general list, but will need to hear back on how long it will take to set that up before I can say if its doable. All focus to date has been on Bears Ears.

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<u>Federal Register Listings</u>

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The AP (6/5, Daly) reports the Trump Administration is looking to use seismic air guns to look for oil and gas formations underneath the Atlantic Ocean floor. The National Marine Fisheries Service said it is trying to get permits under the Marine Mammal Protection Act for five companies to use the air guns for seismic surveys in the Atlantic. Environmental groups and East Coast lawmakers have opposed the surveys, saying that the air guns can injure marine mammals and harm commercial fishing and tourism. The Hill (6/5, Henry) reports the Southern Environmental Law Center said the testing would "pave the way for offshore drilling, which would be a direct hit to our economy, environment, communities and way of life." Michael Jasny, director of the Marine Mammal Protection Project for the Natural Resources Defense Council, said, "The American people own these Atlantic waters. This is the first step towards drilling them." The Washington Examiner (6/5, Siciliano) reports that the Commerce Department is accepting comments on the proposal for permit authorization for 30 days, but warned that comments submitted to the agency in support of, or opposition to, oil and natural gas drilling will not be accepted. The notice said, "Comments indicating general support for or opposition to hydrocarbon exploration or any comments relating to hydrocarbon development (e.g., leasing, drilling) are not relevant to this request for comments and will not be considered."

<u>Federal Register Listings</u>
Items cleared for Federal Register on Monday.

REG0007058 BSEE Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Lease Continuation Through Operations. As specifically mandated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017, this final rule revises the lease term requirements contained in BSEE regulations relating to maintaining a lease beyond its primary term through continuous operations. This rule changes all of the references to the period of time before which a lease term expires due to cessation of operations from "180 days" and "180th day" to a "year" and from a "180-day period" to a "1-year period." Final Rule 06/05/2017.

REG0006984 FWS Endangered Species; Marine Mammals: Issuance of Permits. This notice informs the public that the Service has issued 9 Endangered Species Act permits and 2 Marine Mammal Protection Act permits from January 9, 2017 through March 2, 2017. Notice 06/05/2017.

REG0007015 FWS Endangered Species; Marine Mammals: Issuance of Permits. This notice informs the public that the Service has issued 4 Endangered Species Act permits and 2 Marine Mammal Protection Act permits from January 12, 2017 through April 7, 2017. Notice 06/05/2017.

REG0007022 FWS Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications. This is a batched notice announcing the receipt of applications received by FWS for Endangered Species Act permits. Notice 06/05/2017.

REG0007024 FWS Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications This is a batched notice announcing the receipt of applications received by FWS for Endangered Species Act permits. Notice 06/05/2017.

REG0007051 FWS Endangered Species; Marine Mammals: Receipt of Applications for Permit. This is a batched notice announcing the receipt of applications received by FWS for Endangered Species Act permits and Marine Mammal Protection Act permits. Notice 06/05/2017.

REG0007052 FWS Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications. This is a batched notice announcing the receipt of applications received by FWS for Endangered Species Act permits. Notice 06/05/2017.

REG0007055 FWS Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications. This is a batched notice announcing the receipt of applications received by FWS for Endangered Species Act permits. Notice 06/05/2017.

REG0007033 NPS Minor Boundary Revision at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The National Park Service (NPS) announces that the boundary of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is modified to include 46 acres of land in Benzie County, Michigan, immediately adjacent to the current boundary of the national lakeshore. The United States will purchase two parcels containing 45 acres of land from willing sellers, and a third parcel containing one acre will be donated. Notice 06/05/2017.

REG0007049 USGS Agency Information Collection Activities: OMB Control Number 1028-NEW; Current and Future Landsat User Requirements. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a new information collection pertaining to user requirements for the next generation of Landsat satellites. The USGS is requesting public comments on the proposed information collection for 60 days. Notice 06/05/2017.

Wolf Trap Tickets

Free tickets available in the Secretary's box for White House staff to the following shows.
6/9 Wilco - 2 seats are available.
6/11 The B-52's - 4 seats available.

Upcoming

6-16-17	St. Paul & The Broken Bones
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You might want to take a look at this when you have a minute. I have bolded the 2 key portions, pages 2 and 3.

RE: Review of the Bears Ears National Monument, Utah

Dear Secretary Zinke:

Please accept this correspondence as comments from the Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) with regard to the review of the National Monument des ignation for the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah.

The TPA is a volunteer organization whose mission is to be a viable partner, working with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to preserve the sport of multiple-use trail riding. The TPA acts as an advocate of the sport and takes the necessary action to insure that the USFS and BLM allocate for trail riding to receive a fair and equitable percentage of access to public lands. The TPA stands in unity with our partner organization, Ride with Respect in Utah and fully and completely supports their comments regarding the inappropriate designation of the Bears Ears National Monument .

From its inception, the Bears Ears monument proposal has been a lose-lose for all stakeholders. The Antiquities Act states that monuments "shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Nationwide, the acreage not already proclaimed as a monument or other protective designation is shrinking; yet the acreage added to the national-monument system has grown in recent administrations.

Hoping to capitalize on this trend, wilderness expansion groups seeking to greatly expand wilderness and de facto designations sabotaged a precious opportunity to resolve public-land disputes more collaboratively. Unfortunately the wilderness-expansion groups' gamble paid off, as the Obama administration adopted most of the Bears Ears proposed acreage. However, it didn't pay off for our Native Americans, as the Bears Ears proclamation offers the tribes no more substantive influence than they already had. We are now left with a monument that goes far beyond the antiquities surrounding Cedar Mesa to cover most of the Abajo Mountains with its talus slopes, and most of western San Juan County all the way up to the outskirts of Moab. Monument proponents praise Bears Ears NM for being merely 70,000 acres larger than the Utah Public Lands Initiative’s (UPLI) Bears Ears and Indian Creek National Conservation Areas (NCA's). However, 70,000 acres equates to over a hundred square miles, and it includes the upper Indian Creek motorized singletrack, Shay Mountain, and Gooseberry ATV trail, all of which have been cared for by our partner organization , Ride with Respect. Further, the UPLI proposed NCA's with more inclusive management than a monument. For OHV trail riders, the NCA's would have effectively provided no net loss of recreational opportunity by limiting travel planning to temporarily close or permanently relocate routes on an as-needed basis. Above all, the UPLI proposed many other benefits beyond these NCA's to provide balance. Rather than legitimizing the Bears Ears National Monument, the fact that the UPLI offered millions of acres of additional protections (with modest gains for recreation and development in other areas) only makes this latest monument all the more offensive.

Instead of assuming the motives of wilderness-expansion groups, we'll share with you our view and that

of our partner Ride with Respect. Bears Ears NM has actually steamrolled conservationists who prefer a diplomatic approach, it has discouraged multiple-use advocates from future collaboration, it has damaged relationships within Native American and other communities, and it has alienated the people who live closest to the land. We can't blame San Juan County for recommending that Bears Ears NM be rescinded altogether. For one thing, rescinding monuments may be the only way to get wilderness-expansion groups to meaningfully negotiate. For another thing, since passage of the Antiquities Act, subsequent laws have already bolstered the protection of cultural resources. Western San Juan County had faced no overwhelming, imminent threats. Cultural sites can be effectively preserved by the BLM with its cooperating agencies such as tribes and counties, provided adequate support. It simply takes proactive management, as Ride with Respect has managed to do with a meager budget on OHV trails.

Despite that no monument is needed to protect the Bears Ears area; both the TPA and Ride with Respect have a bias toward resolving controversy. We recognize that areas surrounding Cedar Mesa contain many cultural sites of significance. Therefore, while we recommend releasing most of the cu rrent acreage from Bears Ears National Monument, the TPA and Ride with Respect supports monument status for those areas that the Antiquities Act was truly designed to preserve. Upon releasing acreage from monument status, we hope you will implore Congress to pass a bill with more appropriate designations for the many other areas like Indian Creek that deserve additional protections in San Juan County and preferably the entire state of Utah. Like the UPLI, the bill should also benefit recreation and development interests in terms of providing longevity. Just as preservation advocates deserve to know that their gains won't be stripped by a future president, recreation and development interests would need to know that their gains won't be jeopardized by another monument proclamation. So long as the threat of unilateral mega-monuments looms, public-land disputes will worsen, and our nation will suffer.

Whether people are of Native American or other heritage, we respect the wide range of opinions about Bears Ears National Monument so long as they are grounded by truth. Unfortunately, the majority of pro-monument comments are based on profound misunderstandings about how the land is managed. Even more unfortunate is the fact that wilderness-expansion groups deliberately propagate this misinformation along with their proxies, which include masquerading sportsman groups. For example, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance insists that "Bears Ears rectifies a history of racism towards the tribes" even though its lack of co-management actually repeats a history of false promises made to Native Americans. Just today, a Facebook post sponsored by The Wilderness Society claims "URGENT: The Trump administration is threatening to shrink more than 20 national monuments including Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments. Speak now! Once they're lost, they're gone forever." As a result, the well-meaning public writes letters opposing the loss of these places as if they'll be privatized, strip mined, developed, or somehow dropped off the face of the earth. Although such letters are based on sincere concern, they are undermined by a false premise. Therefore it is key for you to prioritize comments that are in touch with reality, whether they support or oppose the Bears Ears National Monument.

In reality, responsible OHV access is frequently under attack, and monument designations have historically added another "hammer" for preservationists to wield. Even in BLM-managed monuments like Grand Staircase and Canyons of the Ancients, OHV riders have had to fight for the existing roads, let

alone trails. If those who peddled for Bears Ears are any indication, this monument would be more of the same. The National Parks Conservation Association urged closing Lockhart Basin 4WD road to all vehicles that are not registered for highway use, which would exclude all ATV's. Utah Dine Bikeyah endorsed designating the majority of western San Juan County as wilderness, which excludes all motorized and even mechanized use. The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition recommended the monument proclamation to limit all motorized use to roads, only.

More importantly, the Bears Ears campaign was intended to be a short cut, but it wound up causing deep wounds in southeast Utah. Spending over twenty million dollars, the campaign certainly won over some people. Backed by the same people who orchestra ted Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, the Conservation Lands Foundation created Utah Dine Bikeyah and funded the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. The Grand Canyon Trust alone has spent millions of dollars on its "Native America education" project. While aspects of it may be commendable, the thrust appears to be pushing Bears Ears upon San Juan County with an utter disregard for its residents. This cannot provide a foundation for healing among cultures, as the Bears Ears campaign purports. We sincerely hope that some of these aspirations can be realized through a more inclusive process.

To promote a more thorough process for Congress, the new administration could help by tempering some of the quick fixes that got us into this mess in the first place. When formulating the Bears Ears campaign, wilderness-expansion groups stated, "The more land the better." In response, many other stakeholders are now calling to rescind Bears Ears National Monument, and to take further steps. **To deescalate the situation, scaling the monument back to reflect its outstanding objects of antiquity is the right thing to do for this land and its people.**

Sincerely,

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House Dems to hold forum bashing Trump review

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FYI - from today's Greenwire

House Democrats will host a forum Thursday to criticize the Trump administration's ongoing review of the status of dozens of national monuments, just days before Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's interim report on the assessment is due Saturday.

Arizona Rep. Raúl Grijalva, the top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee, will lead the session, "A Monumental Mistake: The Implications of President Trump's Executive Order on National Monuments," along with Reps. Nydia Velázquez of New York and Tim Walz of Minnesota. Velázquez is the ranking Democrat on the Small Business Committee, and Walz is the top Democrat on the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

In an announcement, Grijalva said the forum will focus on "preventing the damage" the Trump administration's public lands policies "would do to multiple, diverse American communities," as well as highlight the recreational, preservation and economic benefits of monument designations.

Trump issued an executive order in late April mandating a review of the status of dozens of national monuments created since 1996 that encompass more than 100,000 acres.

The order requires an interim report with specific recommendations for the Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah, before a final report in August.

Both state and federal Utah lawmakers have urged Zinke to recommend a wholesale revocation of the Bears Ears monument, which President Obama designated under the Antiquities Act of 1906 during his final weeks in office. Utah officials have likewise pushed for changes to the boundaries of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument created by President Clinton in 1996.

But Democrats have warned Zinke that only Congress has the authority to reduce the boundaries or revoke the status of national monuments, asserting in a letter last month that any attempts by the Trump administration to alter existing monuments could run afoul of the Constitution (***Greenwire***, May 25).

Prior presidents have used the Antiquities Act to protect federal land with historic, scientific or cultural value more than 150 times, but to date no president has attempted to eradicate a designation made by one of his predecessors.

The Democratic hearing will also feature a panel of witnesses, including Hugo Tureck, a rancher and president of Friends of the Missouri Breaks in Montana; Megan Duffy, a store manager of Patagonia Washington; President of Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Carrie Hamblen; Robert Garcia, founding director-counsel of the City Project; and Sierra Club's Military Outdoors Initiative Director Robert Vessels.

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Bears ears rollout

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Can I come in and chat for 10-15 minutes before I draft the rollout plan? I'm free 2-3 and then after 4.

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To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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More information on the uranium mine and mill

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Sorry here is the pdf map attachment

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Subject:	Re: request for additional information on Bears Ears

Nikki's answer - Answer: it is allowed and would continue - although some areas have been closed through previous land use decisions .

I've confirmed that "previous land use decisions" mean some areas were closed due to those, not their WSA status. BLM does not close areas to grazing solely for a WSA designation.

On Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 5:52 PM, Magallanes, Downey <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Monticello Field Office Resource Management Plan Grazing Allotments

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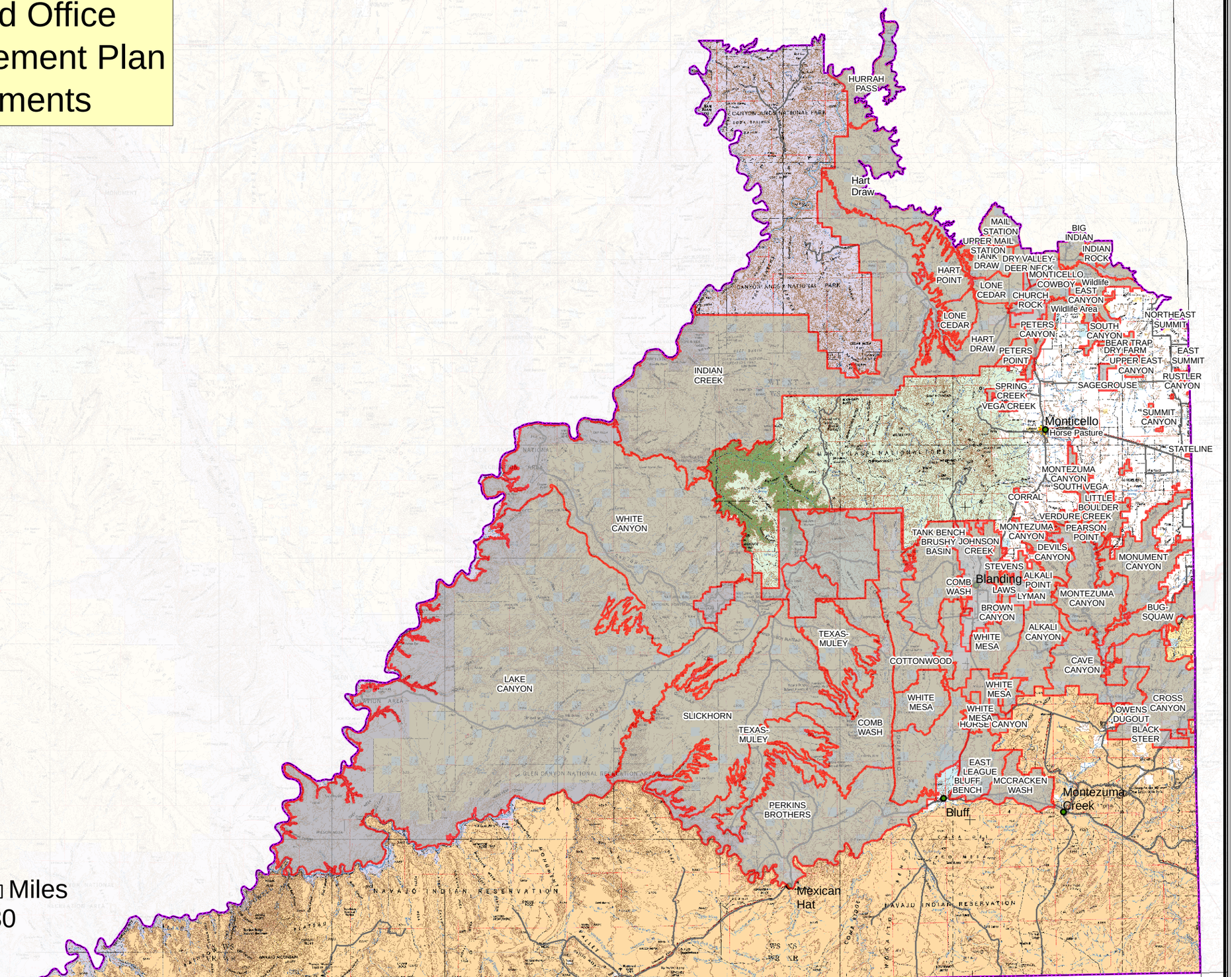

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Resource Management Plan
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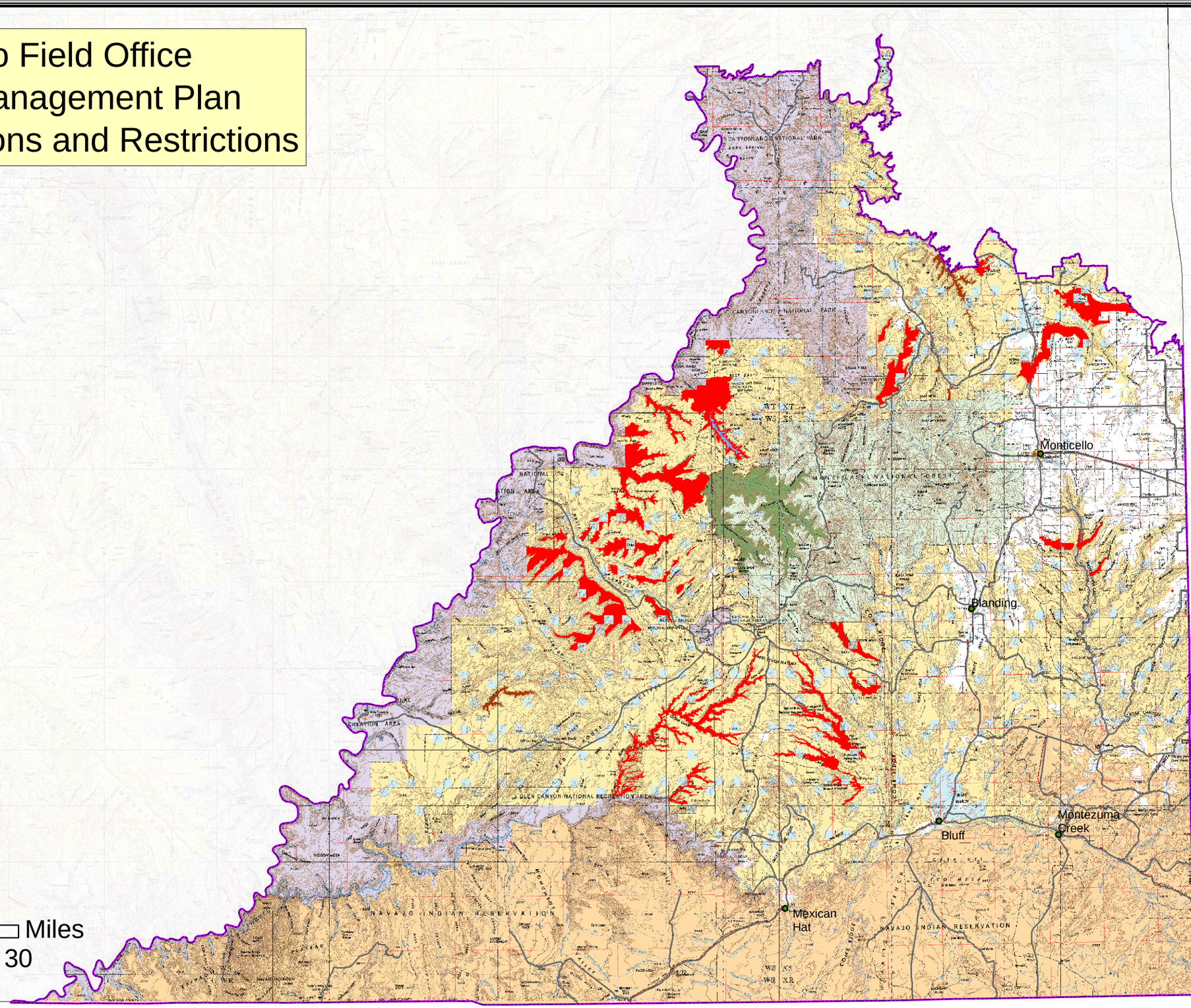

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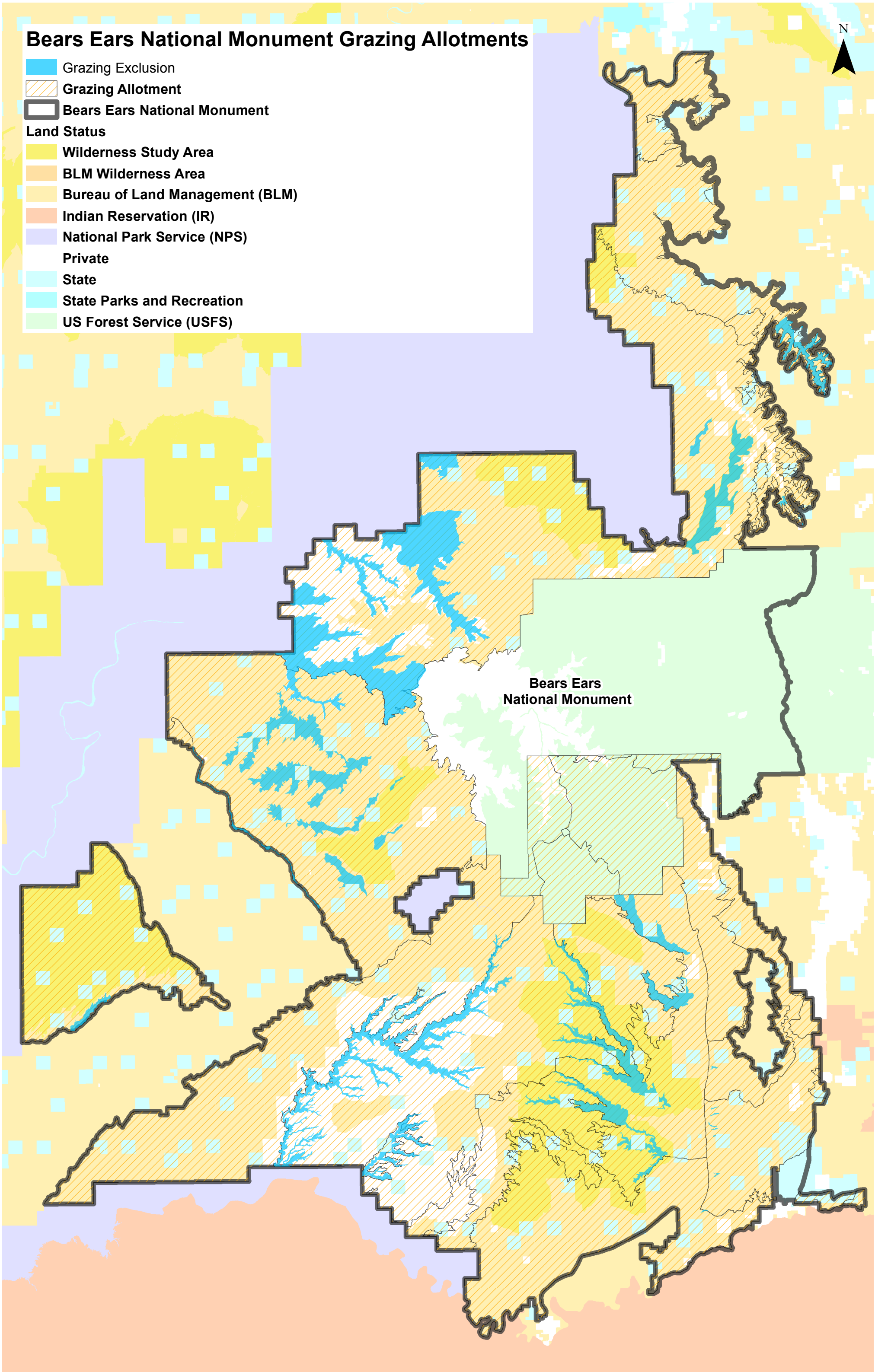
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INTRODUCTION

This report is a summary of big game harvest information and monitoring efforts for eight species (mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, pronghorn, Shiras moose, American bison, desert bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, and mountain goat) in the state of Utah. Those species are managed based on species management plans that have been developed through a public review process and approved by Utah's Wildlife Board. This report represents the big game portion of Federal Aid Project W-65-M, segments 63 and 64, grant agreement periods July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, respectively. This Federal Aid project covers the 2015–16 hunting seasons, big game surveys conducted in 2015 and 2016, and reports statewide trends for all big game species.

METHODS

Annual Harvest Surveys

Limited-entry harvest for all big game species were determined by mandatory online/telephone reporting. Antlerless deer, elk, pronghorn, and moose harvest were determined by voluntary web/telephone reporting. General-season deer and elk harvest were determined through mixed mode web/telephone surveys of randomized, statistically valid samples of approximately 25% of total license holders.

Based on results from the surveys and online reports, harvest data were projected by the total number of permits to obtain estimates of the number of animals harvested, number of hunters afield, and number of days hunted. To minimize error, harvest data for individual hunts, units, and statewide totals were projected separately. As such, the sum of hunt estimates and unit estimates may not always equal the statewide totals. Additionally, success rates are calculated from the raw data and may not always equal the projected harvest divided by the projected number of hunters afield.

Harvest Sex and Age Composition

For limited-entry units, the average age of harvested animals is obtained from counts of annual rings on teeth submitted by hunters. During general-season hunts, check stations are used to gather information on age and antler size. The sex composition of harvested animals is determined through questions on telephone and online surveys.

Population Sex and Age Composition

Population sex and age composition is determined through the use of ground and/or aerial classification counts. Ground classification is done using a random process during early morning and evening hours, whereas aerial trend counts occur when counting conditions are favorable and cover all appropriate fall, winter and/or spring use areas. Data collected during classification and trend counts are used to determine annual production and survival of young (doe: fawn, cow: calf ratios), as well as the ratio of bucks or bulls to females in the herds. For deer, annual ground classification counts are conducted immediately after the general-season harvest. For the

remaining species, a combination of ground classification counts and aerial trend counts are used to determine population sex and age composition.

Population Modeling

All of the data collected on harvest, survival, recruitment, and population structure are used in computer modeling applications for big game populations in Utah. Computer models are used to help determine the current status of the population (i.e., growing, declining, stable), the future structure of the population under various harvest scenarios, and the number of permits to be allocated.

Big Game Movements and Seasonal Distribution

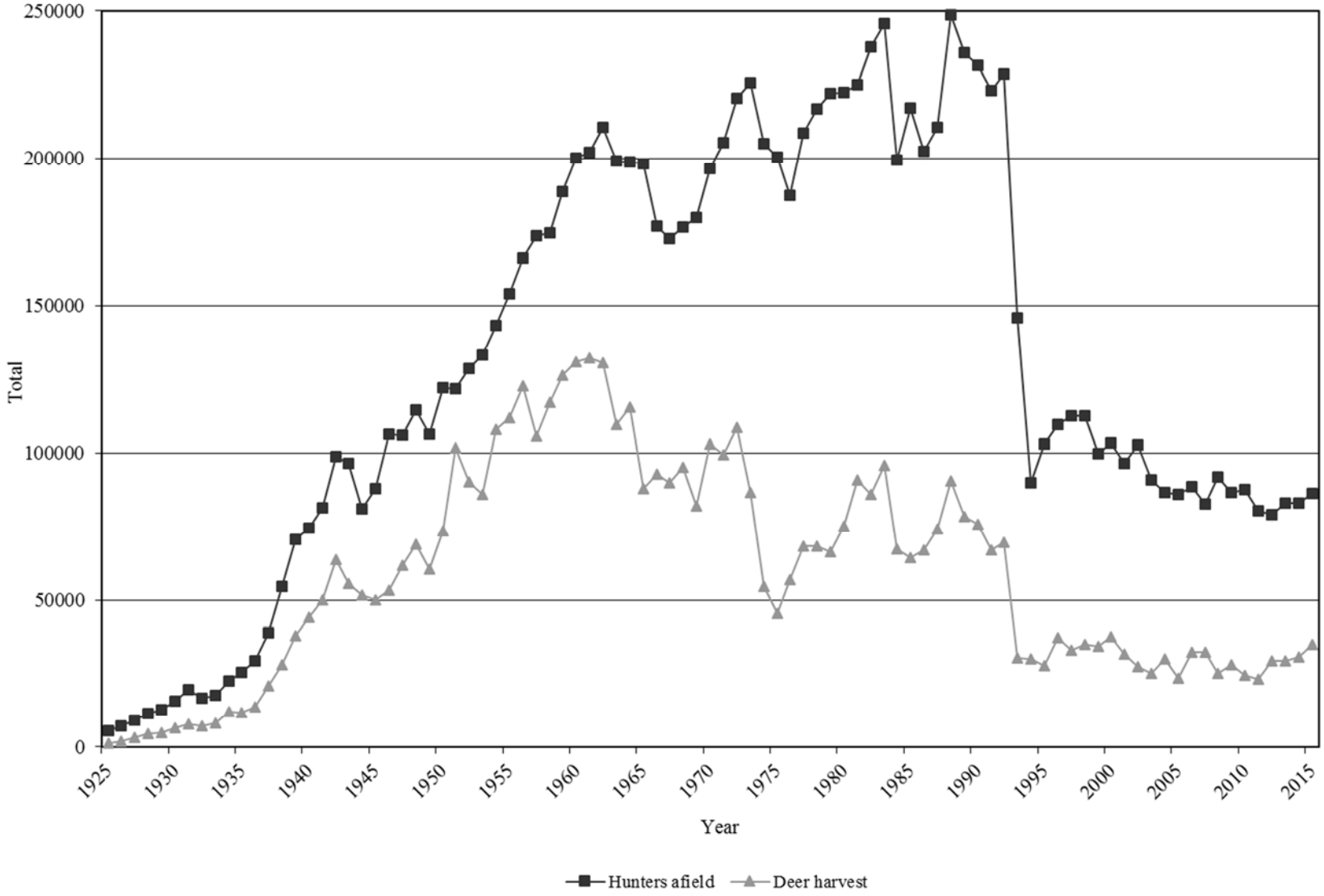
Ground observations are used to determine movements and seasonal distribution of big game species. Trapping and marking projects are carried out periodically where needed to determine direction and extent of herd movements. That information is obtained simply by tagging and use of color markers, or by using radio or GPS collars to help track movements. Those data are used to design hunts to ensure proper harvest. Ground observations are also used to determine movements and seasonal distribution of big game species.

Management Unit Boundaries

Utah has thirty wildlife management units that serve as the basis for big game management recommendations. Boundaries vary slightly by species, so for exact boundary descriptions, refer to that species Unit Management Plan.

MULE DEER

Statewide trends of deer harvest statistics, Utah 1925–2015.



Statewide deer harvest statistics, Utah 1925–1975.

Year	Regular license harvest				Control permit harvest				Archery harvest				Total harvest			
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1925	1400	—	1400	5650	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1400	—	1400	5650
1926	2000	—	2000	7000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2000	—	2000	7000
1927	3200	—	3200	9100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3200	—	3200	9100
1928	4400	—	4400	11300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4400	—	4400	11300
1929	5000	—	5000	12800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5000	—	5000	12800
1930	6400	—	6400	15600	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6400	—	6400	15600
1931	7800	—	7800	19500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7800	—	7800	19500
1932	7113	—	7113	16600	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7113	—	7113	16600
1933	8019	—	8019	17700	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8019	—	8019	17700
1934	11271	—	11271	21485	—	825	825	928	—	—	—	—	11271	825	12096	22413
1935	9640	—	9640	23000	—	2008	2008	2598	—	—	—	—	9640	2008	11648	25598
1936	13800	—	13800	29500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13800	—	13800	29500
1937	21000	—	21000	38900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21000	—	21000	38900
1938	25572	—	25572	50000	—	2428	2428	4500	—	—	—	—	25572	2428	28000	54500
1939	28552	—	28552	60000	—	9448	9448	10612	—	—	—	—	28552	9448	38000	70612
1940	32300	—	32300	60000	—	11700	11700	14437	—	—	—	—	32300	11700	44000	74437
1941	34460	—	34460	60000	—	15540	15540	21461	—	—	—	—	34460	15540	50000	81461
1942	35723	—	35723	65000	1058	26799	27857	33823	3	26	29	61	36784	26825	63609	98884
1943	39690	—	39690	75000	450	15556	16006	21242	0	12	12	186	40140	15568	55708	96428
1944	40743	—	40743	64672	—	11027	11027	16320	0	7	7	75	40743	11034	51777	81067
1945	37235	—	37235	71734	1730	10924	12654	16160	1	0	1	110	38966	10924	49890	88004
1946	41580	—	41580	89753	1685	10044	11729	16355	12	50	62	248	43277	10094	53371	106356
1947	46940	—	46940	88401	2608	12274	14882	17224	9	41	50	296	49557	12315	61872	105921
1948	53526	—	53526	95073	2222	13052	15274	18961	18	77	95	382	55766	13129	68895	114416
1949	45414	—	45414	86124	2513	12579	15092	19862	5	23	28	244	47932	12602	60534	106230
1950	49879	—	49879	93232	4496	19021	23517	28624	9	12	21	231	54384	19033	73417	122087

Statewide deer harvest statistics, Utah 1925–1975 (cont.)

Year	Regular license harvest				Control permit harvest				Archery harvest				Total harvest			
	Buck	Doe	Total	Hunters afield	Buck	Doe	Total	Hunters afield	Buck	Doe	Total	Hunters afield	Buck	Doe	Total	Hunters afield
1951	63030	31244	94274	112911	4265	3041	7306	8530	34	23	57	316	67329	34308	101637	121757
1952	52655	26296	78951	115887	3940	7228	11168	12358	12	30	42	429	56607	33554	90161	128674
1953	52082	23196	75278	119958	3106	7403	10509	12419	26	66	92	613	65214	30665	95879	132990
1954	65117	28327	93444	123231	2493	11959	14452	19176	69	108	177	745	67679	40394	108073	143152
1955	72267	21274	93541	129303	2923	15163	18086	23121	129	161	290	1733	75319	36598	111917	154157
1956	72947	21923	94870	133676	5191	21917	27108	29382	366	241	607	3159	78504	44081	122585	166217
1957	55121	19757	74878	132797	5993	24111	30104	36289	361	256	617	4570	61475	44124	105599	173656
1958	66933	23718	90651	141551	4477	21232	25709	27501	455	426	881	5605	71865	45376	117241	174657
1959	72850	25450	98300	149908	2948	23830	26778	31298	683	554	1237	7440	76481	49834	126315	188646
1960	74802	25959	100761	150401	3271	25087	28358	41034	919	907	1826	8831	78992	51953	130945	200266
1961	71979	24397	96376	155037	5809	27915	33724	37379	1219	959	2178	9889	79007	53271	132278	202305
1962	69778	27876	97654	163072	4454	16308	30762	36161	1232	908	2140	11546	75464	55092	130556	210779
1963	63043	27013	90056	165531	3290	14013	17303	20920	1059	981	2040	12768	67392	42007	109399	199219
1964	68612	29937	98549	169178	3658	11405	15063	18680	1088	900	1988	10910	73358	42242	115600	198768
1965	51181	24869	76050	171466	1496	8822	10318	14195	1009	666	1675	12635	53686	34357	88043	198296
1966	57915	30043	87958	161529	1043	1444	2487	3224	1271	1224	2495	12190	60229	32711	92940	176943
1967	53261	31610	84871	156404	1356	1759	3115	4072	1181	886	2067	12108	55798	34255	90053	172584
1968	60700	30846	91546	161209	519	498	1017	1272	1494	1104	2598	14164	62713	32448	95161	176645
1969	50297	27218	77515	162265	640	1354	1994	2804	1350	1062	2412	14902	52287	29634	81921	179971
1970	68243	30510	98753	178005	345	883	1228	1853	1819	1189	3008	16775	70407	32582	102989	196633
1971	62924	31351	94275	185105	557	607	1164	1876	1913	1913	3826	18276	65394	33381	98775	205257
1972	68712	34351	103063	197173	1085	1027	2112	3391	1834	1409	3243	20047	71631	36787	108418	220611
1973	51587	30732	82319	198726	435	315	750	1841	1961	1540	3501	25156	53983	32587	86570	225723
1974	45306	7537	52843	187711	169	254	423	1103	807	560	1367	16218	46282	8351	54633	205032
1975	41356	—	41356	177056	1064	1667	2731	5869	1314	—	1314	17625	43734	1667	45401	200550

Statewide deer harvest statistics, Utah 1976–2015.

Year	General-season harvest			Restricted harvest			Total harvest		
	Bucks	Antlerless	Hunters afield	Bucks	Antlerless	Hunters afield	Bucks	Antlerless	Hunters afield
1976	56640	—	185661	288	95	1789	56928	95	187450
1977	67164	—	205104	500	751	3657	67664	751	208761
1978	65142	—	212201	55	3085	4750	65197	3085	216951
1979	60755	—	213547	121	5387	8580	60876	5387	222127
1980	65444	—	208154	—	9796	14388	65444	9796	222542
1981	80627	—	211467	—	10182	13706	80627	10182	225173
1982	75065	—	222305	29	10890	15531	75094	10890	237836
1983	82552	—	228907	—	13164	16711	82552	13164	245618
1984	63044	—	193662	—	4233	5766	63044	4233	199428
1985	59045	—	210313	37	5171	6801	59082	5171	217114
1986	60610	—	193977	103	6371	8572	60713	6371	202549
1987	65969	953	200746	546	6807	9770	66515	7760	210516
1988	68125	1057	222372	378	21178	26313	68503	22235	248685
1989	57381	1169	208031	350	19473	27681	57731	20642	235712
1990	57220	1021	207241	1588	15954	24191	58808	16975	231432
1991	51415	1337	203625	1927	12197	19356	53342	13534	222981
1992	54804	1266	213937	1729	11866	14810	56533	13132	228747
1993	24763	2192	140701	1261	2104	5307	26024	4296	146008
1994	27699	—	86121	1528	699	3859	29227	699	89980
1995	24594	—	97823	1818	1418	5248	26412	1418	103071
1996	32939	28	103892	1638	2554	5502	34577	2582	109394
1997	28144	—	105088	1656	3247	7303	29800	3246	112391
1998	30216	187	106201	1997	2688	6188	32213	2875	112389
1999	29583	139	93290	1880	2831	6561	31463	2970	99851
2000	30728	126	94304	2303	4394	9032	33031	4520	103336
2001	25355	112	88798	2157	4039	7726	27512	4151	96524
2002	21954	53	95264	2409	3092	7454	24363	3145	102718*
2003	20906	89	85553	1619	2435	5217	22525	2524	90770
2004	25954	85	81260	1975	2154	5245	27929	2239	86505
2005	19688	138	81204	1832	1813	4727	21520	1951	85931
2006	28396	122	83710	2152	1734	4742	30548	1856	88452
2007	28001	108	77525	2210	1989	5222	30211	2097	82747
2008	20755	84	86522	2102	2061	5228	22857	2145	91750
2009	22964	122	80470	2451	2474	6102	25415	2596	86572
2010	19365	165	81482	2429	2680	6243	21794	2845	87725
2011	18929	79	75201	2362	1754	5224	21291	1833	80425
2012	25398	162	73959	2302	1549	5107	27700	1711	79066
2013	25184	118	78187	2354	1614	4993	27538	1732	83180
2014	26105	138	77512	2266	2280	5495	28371	2418	83007
2015	29530	184	80315	2439	2703	6090	31969	2887	86405

*In 2002, total hunters afield were estimated.

Total buck deer harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	1142	1185	959	1329	891	1080	1207	1081	1182	1342
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	463	469	467	573	555	487	458	369	371	383
1	Box Elder	—	Box Elder	1433	1482	1059	1026	1115	1101	1299	1177	1072	1311
2	Cache	—	Cache	1410	1607	1196	1121	1056	950	1597	1326	1663	1871
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	2760	2765	1782	2271	1711	1406	2083	2168	2232	2215
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	1683	1120	817	918	1107	1201	1040	1241	1060	1238
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	887	872	466	627	667	612	931	903	957	1038
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	857	1003	454	650	626	659	910	815	784	1076
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	526	501	317	368	248	192	116	116	95	111
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	161	710	524	663	448	351	491	540	446	607
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	28	32	41	47	59	73	73	74	75	69
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	73	76	48	100	35	42	111	147	120	145
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	584	524	319	458	441	446	424	612	657	704
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	19	15	13	17	20	17	10	13	17	15
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	789	414	484	458	512	675	587	562	545	540
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	798	813	679	444	252	432	519	630	711	743
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	701	1082	417	708	839	600	877	815	888	923
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	254	268	275	262	150	193	224	246	283	304
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	148	157	89	129	105	45	160	169	154	215
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	324	306	302	286	273	284	300	269	282	321
8	North Slope	A	Summit	167	201	175	122	321	245	144	188	310	322
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	320	246	231	147	188	168	234	176	167	200
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	329	314	193	191	237	279	283	225	239	292
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	624	603	463	429	506	407	815	789	711	805
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	883	772	611	651	573	558	1041	870	974	1014
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	1041	1151	1052	1122	569	722	1168	1146	1134	1237
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	160	157	172	205	197	215	186	173	160	153

Total buck deer harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	1575	1290	1120	1422	863	890	1130	1337	1313	1587
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	811	849	788	748	579	407	694	694	824	850
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	816	709	582	691	528	368	543	554	585	654
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	28	22	24	27	35	66	142	58	76	75
14	San Juan	A	Abajo	1327	789	1180	982	485	824	873	945	904	984
14	San Juan	B	Elk Ridge	31	29	36	45	47	46	43	46	44	47
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	215	265	214	292	139	330	497	392	305	421
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	98	110	66	55	56	43	88	126	127	148
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	102	98	103	121	115	117	113	116	116	112
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	1189	1240	939	735	705	625	661	571	648	704
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	917	1045	701	705	525	481	450	584	663	752
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	169	114	131	226	294	416	155	201	176	278
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	235	147	140	114	200	196	367	447	402	461
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	759	895	585	629	947	614	827	920	950	1164
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	Salt Lake	27	110	82	92	340	162	209	118	151	158
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	1778	1777	1069	1449	1019	903	1735	1846	1718	2272
19	West Desert	C	Tintic	249	267	232	282	140	108	248	227	234	359
19	West Desert	B	Vernon	101	116	152	163	181	183	166	170	150	152
19	West Desert	A	West Desert	199	165	176	87	123	129	92	71	101	87
29	Zion	—	Zion	1019	962	749	957	772	839	1367	1329	1307	1501

Total antlerless* deer harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	23	3	39	48	48	49	23	72	79	110
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	3
1	Box Elder	—	Box Elder	123	105	204	338	190	147	227	121	160	175
2	Cache	—	Cache	72	97	100	170	248	148	159	199	175	171
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	73	90	130	144	147	164	119	145	179	201
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	208	152	183	107	92	68	27	33	56	53
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	135	348	59	51	81	78	72	63	80	110
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	311	166	46	70	70	39	103	71	89	109
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	59	78	102	115	108	56	22	17	28	26
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	1	9	0	0	16	10	3	0	5	5
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	3	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	5	11
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	44	52	24	41	20	28	15	11	41	25
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	5	4	10	0	2	3	0	0	0	8
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	109	112	195	231	150	97	81	117	219	247
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	15	6	0	0	12	5	8	13	18	23
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	0	1	4	12	4	5	19	25	73	116
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	24	7	0	0	25	20	22	19	8	18
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	0	9	23	36	7	25	11	6	9	5
8	North Slope	A	Summit	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	4	2	5	15	42	2	4	3	2	6
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	5	0	4	3	30	25	71	30	45	26
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	16	4	31	23	35	25	37	39	28	52
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	82	52	66	78	73	56	34	46	34	56
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	4	2	133	122	134	122	109	121	142	194
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	0	0	61	77	98	0	0	0	0	0

*Data includes mitigation permits.

Total antlerless* deer harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	14	39	65	141	214	94	47	104	127	178
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	10	51	53	94	82	51	61	60	113	183
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	0	4	0	0	6	5	0	3	8	6
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	6	2	9	37	8	9	1	9	8	25
14	San Juan	A	Abajo	20	57	77	89	52	30	25	38	48	60
14	San Juan	B	Elk Ridge	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	53	57	67	42	53	67	26	54	73	54
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	0	61	0	6	25	0	0	0	0	0
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	131	158	110	140	216	135	83	97	129	147
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	177	217	211	160	187	112	155	80	108	107
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	25	41	29	37	38	35	13	37	10	19
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	16	11	14	5	51	18	32	18	34	109
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	Salt Lake	7	32	12	35	58	26	37	4	46	26
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	21	2	12	48	38	21	17	26	109	81
19	West Desert	C	Tintic	13	15	5	8	20	36	22	27	37	52
19	West Desert	B	Vernon	0	18	32	21	31	5	1	0	45	24
19	West Desert	A	West Desert	43	28	29	3	18	4	12	6	5	0
29	Zion	—	Zion	0	0	0	41	114	3	10	9	20	42

*Data includes mitigation permits.

Total buck deer hunters afield by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	3503	3608	3282	3864	4011	3824	3649	3386	3273	3282
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	515	513	540	634	623	567	559	443	445	446
1	Box Elder	—	Box Elder	4065	3590	3557	3667	4047	3831	3876	3597	3441	3723
2	Cache	—	Cache	7085	6183	6125	6555	5861	5743	6463	6529	6124	6634
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	10683	11573	10456	10703	9101	7917	7458	8042	7754	7888
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	5627	3919	4209	3647	5544	5930	4194	4089	4033	4192
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	1939	1902	1674	1688	1724	1806	2163	2356	2348	2413
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	3665	3425	3210	3717	3357	3666	4417	4123	3934	4009
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	1768	1519	1263	1670	1055	743	510	471	441	458
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	742	2412	2746	2932	2331	1715	1781	1640	1653	1746
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	28	36	43	49	72	82	77	76	78	74
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	195	215	210	255	218	199	370	458	399	488
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	3120	3057	2923	2686	2477	2653	2781	2892	2792	2828
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	21	21	21	18	21	17	18	16	18	18
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	1678	1200	1589	1420	2586	2298	1842	1703	1728	1665
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	2543	2319	2223	1699	1499	1413	976	1263	1443	1544
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	2119	2484	2121	2296	2242	2205	2462	2524	2524	2339
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	695	752	883	972	921	792	697	681	728	788
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	351	537	477	505	435	279	558	554	605	560
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	897	998	788	835	1073	889	858	804	824	836
8	North Slope	A	Summit	950	1204	1212	1192	1661	1788	1050	1142	1319	1324
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	687	724	857	664	823	554	1086	881	667	627
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	900	1063	1015	1069	1331	1024	1278	1220	1072	1121
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	2466	2123	2115	2372	2711	2348	2746	2844	2678	2858
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	2989	2680	2435	2839	2730	2543	2533	2329	2733	2747
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	3398	3618	3538	3985	2662	2645	2917	3235	3403	3483
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	203	199	204	237	252	260	236	211	188	196

Total buck deer hunters afield by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	4376	4454	3985	4486	3788	3289	3747	4047	4312	4263
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	2025	2269	2275	2456	2087	1720	1476	1733	1781	1883
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	2409	2623	2329	2720	2683	2077	1423	1373	1368	1422
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	37	27	34	34	118	209	471	185	184	201
14	San Juan	A	Abajo	2685	1786	2509	2649	1981	2009	2407	2418	2400	2467
14	San Juan	B	Elk Ridge	40	40	41	50	50	50	53	54	52	56
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	723	845	653	956	864	1291	1649	1264	1463	1531
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	224	228	222	207	218	158	315	295	292	286
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	116	114	120	125	122	123	121	124	122	119
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	3049	3470	3117	2982	2776	2337	1755	1426	1343	1313
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	2623	2866	2779	3046	2405	2052	1554	1649	1761	1839
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	609	602	736	728	1561	1627	735	819	860	913
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	658	514	748	596	966	708	992	1071	973	1108
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	3194	3157	3542	3687	5057	3276	2515	2669	2748	2959
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	Salt Lake	458	1082	1045	1738	3007	2509	1978	1878	1580	1476
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	8319	7750	7116	8845	5347	5104	7246	7597	7200	8285
19	West Desert	C	Tintic	1121	1056	1281	1903	813	665	838	908	878	929
19	West Desert	B	Vernon	127	144	183	199	231	245	251	232	209	201
19	West Desert	A	West Desert	698	620	598	811	673	827	541	584	514	474
29	Zion	—	Zion	2500	2530	2177	2441	2490	2631	2795	3082	3221	3289

Total antlerless* deer hunters afield by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	21	10	22	35	38	34	38	64	80	123
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	3
1	Box Elder	—	Box Elder	139	176	255	599	233	244	314	205	220	202
2	Cache	—	Cache	45	73	72	135	207	147	174	205	193	203
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	66	88	121	151	118	139	143	161	205	209
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	255	219	229	213	171	131	54	49	48	57
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	121	271	55	44	68	81	79	71	85	109
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	335	237	33	31	42	31	43	45	60	61
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	76	153	175	182	187	49	18	20	29	17
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	1	6	0	3	34	20	2	4	2	8
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	3	1	1	2	1	3	0	1	6	13
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	52	47	15	33	18	20	20	15	32	27
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	3	8	5	0	1	2	2	2	2	5
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	125	206	299	307	310	133	99	136	244	297
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	15	6	0	5	4	2	8	13	23	28
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	0	2	3	15	7	4	14	29	67	93
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	19	5	1	0	16	33	34	22	18	24
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	0	9	23	32	6	19	13	3	9	7
8	North Slope	A	Summit	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	0	9	16	14	41	6	4	6	4	9
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	2	0	1	2	34	29	72	30	39	40
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	9	6	18	16	37	25	45	36	41	34
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	75	51	47	57	51	37	31	45	35	74
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	4	2	153	139	147	135	128	147	154	214
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	0	0	64	64	95	0	0	0	0	1

*Data includes mitigation permits.

Total antlerless* deer hunters afield by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	16	38	74	163	239	108	68	112	144	187
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	24	39	45	64	55	52	63	72	112	149
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	9	5	0	12	5	10	11	6	8	11
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	3	4	9	13	2	3	3	14	18	21
14	San Juan	A	Abajo	8	46	60	93	68	25	17	27	34	34
14	San Juan	B	Elk Ridge	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	42	52	53	43	36	67	39	60	79	68
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	0	79	0	3	30	0	0	0	0	0
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	151	200	117	154	195	110	121	116	145	164
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	172	171	204	206	191	222	247	151	156	149
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	22	37	27	29	35	29	11	23	13	18
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	5	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	2
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	31	16	21	15	39	43	40	36	46	102
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	Salt Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	17	22	12	32	23	29	23	27	97	57
19	West Desert	C	Tintic	8	13	10	9	20	15	13	27	37	38
19	West Desert	B	Vernon	0	18	26	22	23	6	2	0	48	32
19	West Desert	A	West Desert	21	20	29	16	11	5	8	6	3	7
29	Zion	—	Zion	0	0	0	49	175	14	8	17	17	33

*Data includes mitigation permits.

Total deer harvest by management unit, Utah 2015.

	Unit	Buck harvest	Antlerless harvest	Total harvest	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	Beaver	1342	110	1452	3405	4.8	40.9
10	Book Cliffs	383	3	386	449	5.1	86.0
1	Box Elder	1311	175	1486	3925	4.3	36.3
2	Cache	1871	171	2042	6837	4.2	29.4
16	Central Mtns	3453	254	3707	12346	4.8	29.3
6	Chalk Creek	1038	110	1148	2522	3.9	44.5
5	East Canyon	1076	109	1185	4070	5.2	28.9
21	Fillmore	718	31	749	2229	4.8	32.9
15	Henry Mtns	69	0	69	74	3.9	93.2
26	Kaiparowits	145	11	156	501	4.5	29.8
7	Kamas	704	25	729	2855	4.2	25.3
13	La Sal	555	8	563	1688	5.0	33.2
23	Monroe	743	247	990	1841	4.4	47.2
4	Morgan-South Rich	923	23	946	2367	3.7	39.8
24	Mt Dutton	304	116	420	881	4.9	41.2
11	Nine Mile	536	23	559	1427	4.8	38.7
8	North Slope	814	32	846	3121	4.3	27.0
3	Ogden	805	52	857	2892	4.8	29.4
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	1014	56	1070	2821	4.3	37.6
28	Panguitch Lake	1237	194	1431	3697	5.0	34.0
27	Paunsaugunt	153	0	153	197	6.0	77.7
30	Pine Valley	1587	178	1765	4450	4.7	37.7
25	Plateau	1579	214	1793	3687	4.5	45.8
14	San Juan	1031	60	1091	2557	4.6	41.6
12	San Rafael	421	54	475	1599	4.3	28.5
9	South Slope	1716	259	1975	3875	5.2	48.7
20	Southwest Desert	278	19	297	931	5.4	31.1
17	Wasatch Mtns	4055	218	4273	13989	4.6	29.8
19	West Desert	598	76	674	1681	4.9	38.1
29	Zion	1501	42	1543	3322	5.2	45.8
	Unidentified	10	17	27	407	6.5	6.7
	Statewide totals	31969	2887	34856	86405	5.1	39.0

General-season any legal weapon (rifle)* deer harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	1530	Beaver	649	1297	1178	4.2	55.0
1	1531	Box Elder	616	1844	1563	3.9	39.4
2	1532	Cache	895	3038	2716	3.6	32.9
12/16B/16C	1533	Central Mtns, Manti/San Rafael	1185	3770	3335	4.2	35.5
16A	1534	Central Mtns, Nebo	585	1791	1582	4.1	37.0
4/5/6	1535	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	1168	3074	2574	3.6	45.4
21A	1536	Fillmore, Oak Creek	54	240	202	4.5	26.7
21B	1537	Fillmore, Pahvant	254	723	625	4.7	40.6
7	1538	Kamas	341	1510	1258	3.5	27.1
13A	1539	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	260	845	696	4.8	37.4
23	1540	Monroe	358	640	580	3.4	61.7
24	1541	Mt Dutton	140	301	285	4.4	49.0
11	1542	Nine Mile	238	587	514	4.1	46.4
8	1543	North Slope	398	1455	1239	4.1	32.1
3	1544	Ogden	357	1150	1016	4.1	35.1
18	1545	Oquirrh-Stansbury	462	1029	950	3.9	48.6
28	1546	Panguitch Lake	580	1369	1265	4.3	45.9
30	1547	Pine Valley	783	1671	1493	4.2	52.5
25C/26	1548	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	452	923	840	4.0	53.8
25A	1549	Plateau, Fishlake	300	548	493	3.7	60.7
25B	1550	Plateau, Thousand Lakes	39	105	92	4.7	42.9
14A	1551	San Juan, Abajo	416	1126	985	4.1	42.2
9B/9D	1552	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	360	605	505	3.1	71.3
9A	1553	South Slope, Yellowstone	379	732	630	3.7	60.2
20	1554	Southwest Desert	144	400	358	5.0	40.2
17B/17C	1555	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	880	1819	1632	4.0	53.9
17A	1556	Wasatch Mtns, West	1012	3514	3096	4.0	32.7
19C	1557	West Desert, Tintic	222	418	400	4.5	55.5
19A	1558	West Desert, West	46	278	218	4.9	21.3
29	1559	Zion	741	1505	1370	4.3	54.1
		Statewide totals	14314	38307	33690	4.0	42.5

*This table does not include data from youth hunters because youth hunters could hunt all 3 general seasons. See youth hunter harvest statistics on the next page.

Youth* general-season any legal weapon (rifle) deer harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	1530	Beaver	208	341	319	5.0	65.2
1	1531	Box Elder	178	412	366	4.2	48.5
2	1532	Cache	344	913	791	4.5	43.5
12/16B/16C	1533	Central Mtns, Manti/San Rafael	454	1131	1035	6.2	43.9
16A	1534	Central Mtns, Nebo	285	569	558	6.6	51.0
4/5/6	1535	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	488	887	812	4.0	60.1
21A	1536	Fillmore, Oak Creek	19	70	62	5.0	30.0
21B	1537	Fillmore, Pahvant	100	197	188	5.3	53.5
7	1538	Kamas	103	369	289	5.5	35.6
13A	1539	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	80	211	175	5.1	45.6
23	1540	Monroe	123	167	161	5.3	76.2
24	1541	Mt Dutton	47	79	74	6.0	63.4
11	1542	Nine Mile	79	156	140	6.1	56.3
8	1543	North Slope	134	368	335	4.7	39.8
3	1544	Ogden	124	309	259	5.1	47.9
18	1545	Oquirrh-Stansbury	152	276	252	4.3	60.2
28	1546	Panguitch Lake	209	403	378	5.9	55.2
30	1547	Pine Valley	216	410	378	5.0	57.1
25C/26	1548	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	133	227	204	4.4	65.4
25A	1549	Plateau, Fishlake	84	129	125	5.2	67.2
25B	1550	Plateau, Thousand Lakes	5	7	7	7.0	75.0
14A	1551	San Juan, Abajo	181	349	333	5.1	54.5
9B/9D	1552	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	151	178	176	6.4	85.9
9A	1553	South Slope, Yellowstone	121	199	186	4.5	65.0
20	1554	Southwest Desert	38	82	74	6.2	51.4
17B/17C	1555	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	273	479	453	4.8	60.2
17A	1556	Wasatch Mtns, West	360	1127	1006	5.3	35.8
19C	1557	West Desert, Tintic	54	119	112	4.9	48.4
19A	1558	West Desert, West	9	69	55	5.3	17.1
29	1559	Zion	227	364	347	6.0	65.3
		Statewide totals	4979	10597	9650	5.2	52.9

*Youth hunters who obtained a general-season any legal weapon deer permit could hunt all 3 general seasons. This table summarizes data from all 3 seasons (not including extended archery season).

General-season muzzleloader deer harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	1560	Beaver	242	535	473	4.2	51.2
1	1561	Box Elder	127	748	577	3.9	21.9
2	1562	Cache	348	1311	1143	4.2	30.4
12/16B/16C	1563	Central Mtns, Manti/San Rafael	430	1630	1417	4.2	30.4
16A	1564	Central Mtns, Nebo	175	778	681	4.4	25.7
4/5/6	1565	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	375	1327	1115	3.8	33.7
21A	1566	Fillmore, Oak Creek	12	91	71	4.6	17.1
21B	1567	Fillmore, Pahvant	80	291	236	4.1	33.7
7	1568	Kamas	130	646	541	4.3	24.0
13A	1569	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	85	349	267	4.8	31.6
23	1570	Monroe	103	266	242	4.3	42.7
24	1571	Mt Dutton	49	125	103	4.8	47.4
11	1572	Nine Mile	56	244	193	4.0	29.2
8	1573	North Slope	149	606	491	4.6	30.3
3	1574	Ogden	126	486	414	3.8	30.4
18	1575	Oquirrh-Stansbury	136	431	395	4.3	34.5
28	1576	Panguitch Lake	211	578	537	4.5	39.3
30	1577	Pine Valley	217	677	600	3.9	36.2
25C/26	1578	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	153	385	328	4.0	46.7
25A	1579	Plateau, Fishlake	111	227	211	3.7	52.5
25B	1580	Plateau, Thousand Lakes	17	38	36	4.8	47.6
14A	1581	San Juan, Abajo	178	490	421	4.4	42.2
9B/9D	1582	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	166	260	241	4.1	68.9
9A	1583	South Slope, Yellowstone	108	306	268	4.2	40.4
20	1584	Southwest Desert	39	137	112	4.6	35.1
17B/17C	1585	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	303	757	689	3.9	44.0
17A	1586	Wasatch Mtns, West	337	1548	1330	4.1	25.4
19C	1587	West Desert, Tintic	42	171	159	4.5	26.7
19A	1588	West Desert, West	17	114	80	4.4	21.3
29	1589	Zion	212	597	502	4.2	42.3
		Statewide totals	4734	16149	13873	4.2	34.5

General-season archery* deer harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	1500	Beaver	109	551	482	6.9	22.6
1	1501	Box Elder	56	857	338	5.4	16.5
2	1502	Cache	183	1372	1094	7.2	16.7
12/16B/16C	1503	Central Mtns, Manti/San Rafael	279	1725	1519	6.7	18.3
16A	1504	Central Mtns, Nebo	125	804	691	7.8	18.0
4/5/6	1505	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	195	1342	1057	6.3	18.4
21A	1506	Fillmore, Oak Creek	2	95	45	8.6	5.3
21B	1507	Fillmore, Pahvant	115	304	264	5.9	43.4
7	1508	Kamas	111	637	511	6.3	21.7
13A	1509	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	89	354	304	6.6	29.1
23	1510	Monroe	104	291	247	7.7	42.2
24	1511	Mt Dutton	30	129	114	7.1	26.2
11	1512	Nine Mile	49	250	186	7.9	26.5
8	1513	North Slope	69	632	494	7.1	14.0
3	1514	Ogden	62	495	360	6.3	17.2
18	1515	Oquirrh-Stansbury	94	463	405	5.5	23.2
28	1516	Panguitch Lake	155	606	552	8.6	28.1
30	1517	Pine Valley	189	721	654	6.9	28.8
25C/26	1518	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	150	409	364	7.1	41.3
25A	1519	Plateau, Fishlake	87	262	238	6.5	36.7
25B	1520	Plateau, Thousand Lakes	11	45	39	8.0	27.8
14A	1521	San Juan, Abajo	113	490	399	6.3	28.2
9B/9D	1522	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	99	318	263	6.8	37.5
9A	1523	South Slope, Yellowstone	45	359	298	7.3	15.0
20	1524	Southwest Desert	31	139	121	8.0	25.8
17B/17C	1525	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	206	845	723	6.9	28.4
17A	1526	Wasatch Mtns, West	226	1599	1281	6.5	17.6
19C	1527	West Desert, Tintic	30	185	148	7.5	20.5
19A	1528	West Desert, West	6	116	45	4.7	13.0
29	1529	Zion	213	631	558	8.1	38.2
		Statewide totals	3233	17026	13794	6.9	23.9

*Does not include harvest from extended archery season.

Dedicated hunter* deer harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt name	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	Beaver	156	403	385	9.3	40.6
1	Box Elder	13	35	35	7.7	38.1
2	Cache	94	250	242	11.4	38.9
12/16B/16C	Central Mtns, Manti/San Rafael	261	811	788	11.3	33.2
16A	Central Mtns, Nebo	71	227	214	11.4	33.3
4/5/6	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	75	244	231	9.0	32.6
21A	Fillmore, Oak Creek	2	13	11	9.5	14.3
21B	Fillmore, Pahvant	72	217	209	8.6	34.6
7	Kamas	24	75	73	8.8	33.3
13A	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	20	61	56	9.4	35.3
23	Monroe	87	188	181	9.0	48.0
24	Mt Dutton	34	95	87	10.0	39.6
11	Nine Mile	33	95	93	12.7	35.1
8	North Slope	22	52	48	8.7	45.5
3	Ogden	22	76	76	12.1	28.9
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	133	295	282	9.7	47.2
28	Panguitch Lake	95	328	317	12.4	29.8
30	Pine Valley	232	482	456	10.0	50.8
25C/26	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	103	269	239	9.0	43.2
25A	Plateau, Fishlake	68	153	136	7.9	50.0
25B	Plateau, Thousand Lakes	6	10	10	7.1	57.1
14A	San Juan, Abajo	17	69	67	10.2	25.0
9B/9D	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	23	45	43	10.7	51.9
9A	South Slope, Yellowstone	40	121	114	11.4	35.3
20	Southwest Desert	29	95	88	15.7	33.3
17B/17C	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	249	558	539	10.4	46.2
17A	Wasatch Mtns, West	149	447	429	9.2	34.7
19C	West Desert, Tintic	8	40	38	13.9	22.2
19A	West Desert, West	14	31	31	9.3	44.4
29	Zion	141	261	253	9.6	55.8
	Statewide totals	2293	6046	5771	10.3	39.6

*Dedicated hunters could hunt all 3 general deer seasons. This table summarizes data from all 3 seasons (not including extended archery season).

Extended archery* deer harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt name	Buck harvest	Antlerless harvest	Total harvest	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
1	Box Elder	34	13	47	393	12.0	7.1
2	Cache	13	8	21	192	11.1	6.0
5	East Canyon	120	68	188	1474	12.8	7.5
3	Ogden	38	26	64	521	12.3	6.9
9B	South Slope, Vernal	60	13	73	243	29.8	10.1
9A	South Slope, Yellowstone	68	9	77	218	35.3	10.4
17A	Wasatch Mtns, Salt Lake	115	26	141	1021	13.8	6.5
17A	Wasatch Mtns, West	13	4	17	154	11.1	6.7
	Unidentified	8	17	25	405	6.2	6.5
	Statewide totals**	470	184	654	4126	15.8	8.1

*Does not include dedicated hunters or youth general-season any weapon deer hunters. Success rates were calculated from projected estimates and not raw data.
**Statewide totals for hunters afield do not equal the sum of the columns because hunters could hunt multiple units.

Premium limited-entry and limited-entry buck deer harvest, Utah 2015.

Hunt type	Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
Archery	15	1000	Henry Mtns	7	8	8	5.9	87.5
	27	1001	Paunsaugunt	20	35	35	9.1	58.1
	10	1011	Book Cliffs	75	89	89	5.8	84.3
	21	1012	Fillmore, Oak Creek	4	6	6	7.8	60.0
	13	1013	La Sal , Dolores Triangle	2	3	3	9.0	66.7
	14	1014	San Juan, Elk Ridge	11	12	11	7.6	100.0
	9	1015	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	16	19	19	6.4	84.2
	19	1016	West Desert, Vernon	19	33	32	11.2	58.1
Any weapon	15	1003	Henry Mtns	27	28	28	4.2	96.4
	27	1004	Paunsaugunt	71	88	87	5.4	81.7
	10	1017	Book Cliffs, North	164	181	179	4.8	91.4
	10	1018	Book Cliffs, South	45	63	61	4.9	73.2
	21	1019	Fillmore, Oak Creek	14	17	17	4.8	82.4
	13	1020	La Sal , Dolores Triangle	9	10	10	2.9	90.0
	8	1021	North Slope, Summit	51	184	153	4.9	33.3
	14	1022	San Juan, Elk Ridge	28	32	32	3.9	87.1
	9	1023	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	73	76	75	3.6	97.2
	19	1024	West Desert, Vernon	102	127	127	5.1	80.5
			Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	2	2	2	—	100.0
Muzzleloader	15	1005	Henry Mtns	9	10	9	4.9	100.0
	27	1006	Paunsaugunt	24	29	29	5.9	82.8
	10	1025	Book Cliffs	74	90	89	4.4	82.9
	2	1026	Cache, Crawford Mtn	15	16	16	7.2	93.8
	4/5/6	1027	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	8	10	10	4.6	80.0
	21	1028	Fillmore, Oak Creek	2	5	5	5.2	40.0
	7	1029	Kamas	2	4	4	5.8	50.0
	13	1030	La Sal , Dolores Triangle	4	5	5	3.0	75.0
	11	1031	Nine Mile	7	9	9	6.1	77.8
	30	1032	Pine Valley	6	8	8	5.9	71.4
	14	1033	San Juan, Elk Ridge	7	11	11	6.4	63.6
	9	1034	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	21	23	23	2.6	91.3
	20	1035	Southwest Desert	2	3	3	6.7	66.7
	19	1036	West Desert, Vernon	27	38	36	4.7	75.8
	29	1037	Zion	10	10	10	5.5	100.0
Management	15	1007	Henry Mtns	25	29	28	2.6	88.9
	27	1008	Paunsaugunt	12	14	14	3.2	83.3
			Statewide totals	1006	1341	1297	5.2	77.6

Limited-entry antlerless deer harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
			Doe	Fawn	Total				
22	2000	Beaver, Circleville North	29	4	33	60	46	3.6	70.6
1	2001	Box Elder, West Bear River	8	4	12	40	23	2.9	50.0
1	2002	Box Elder, West Bear River	6	6	12	20	18	4.2	66.7
23	2003	Monroe/Plateau, Sevier Valley	51	3	54	149	126	4.5	43.1
24	2004	Mt Dutton, Circleville South	14	0	14	30	20	2.6	70.6
30	2005	North Slope, Manila-Phil Pico	14	1	15	48	33	2.7	46.2
28	2006	Panguitch Lake, Cottonwood	83	3	86	123	110	1.9	78.1
28	2007	Panguitch Lake, Panguitch Valley	13	0	13	23	15	1.3	88.9
28	2008	Panguitch Lake, Summit	62	3	65	75	68	1.4	95.7
30	2009	Pine Valley, Enterprise	39	1	40	49	46	1.7	87.5
		Statewide totals	319	25	344	617	505	2.8	68.1

CWMU buck deer harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
27	1200	Alton	19	24	24	5.0	77.3
27	1201	Alton (management buck)	3	3	3	3.0	100.0
11	1202	Antelope Creek	3	3	3	8.5	100.0
17	1203	Avintaquin Canyon	4	5	5	3.0	75.0
4	1204	Bally Watts	11	12	12	3.5	87.5
25	1205	Bar J Ranch	5	10	10	3.5	50.0
16	1206	Bear Mountain	6	6	6	3.5	100.0
3	1207	Bear Springs	13	20	20	3.5	63.6
1	1208	Blind Spring	3	6	6	4.0	50.0
1	1209	Blue Creek	8	8	8	2.0	100.0
1	1210	Blue Spring Hills	7	11	11	5.3	66.7
3	1211	Bluebell	7	10	9	4.2	83.3
25	1212	Boobe Hole	6	20	18	4.1	31.3
1	1213	Bootjack	1	2	1	7.0	100.0
17	1214	Buckhorn Ranch	4	5	5	5.8	75.0
16	1215	Castle Valley Outdoors	6	6	6	2.0	100.0
4	1216	Cedar Canyon	10	11	11	6.2	90.0
4	1217	Chimney Rock	4	5	5	2.8	80.0
16	1218	Chrises Creek	4	8	8	6.0	50.0
1	1219	Clear Valley Ranch	4	5	5	4.0	75.0
3	1220	Coldwater Ranch	10	10	10	3.3	100.0
11	1221	Conover-Jensen	24	28	28	3.2	87.0
1	1222	Cotton Thomas	8	10	10	4.1	80.0
17	1223	Coyote Little Pole	17	19	18	4.3	94.1
16	1224	Crab Creek	1	2	2	3.5	50.0
17	1225	Deer Creek	2	9	9	10.9	25.0
14	1226	Deer Haven	14	14	14	5.3	100.0
4	1227	Deseret	80	102	100	4.3	80.2
1	1228	Dilly Ranch	3	3	3	3.5	100.0
17	1229	Double R Ranch	8	20	20	4.6	37.5
1	1230	Dove Creek	10	13	13	3.1	77.8
4	1231	Durst Mountain	10	15	14	5.2	72.7
6	1232	East Fork Chalk Creek	23	30	30	6.3	75.0
17	1233	Emma Park	8	11	11	4.4	75.0
1	1234	Engineer Springs	1	2	1	2.0	100.0
6	1235	Ensign Ranches	39	40	40	4.3	97.1
4	1236	Folley Ridge	23	28	27	2.7	85.7
1	1237	Fort Ranch	0	1	1	3.0	0.0
1	1238	Golden Spike	5	5	5	3.8	100.0
6	1239	Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	98	128	127	3.6	77.4
25	1240	Grazing Pasture	2	5	5	4.4	40.0

CWMU buck deer harvest, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
3	1241	Green Canyon	8	10	10	7.5	75.0
4	1242	Guildersleeve	16	18	18	4.1	87.5
5	1243	Hardscrabble	9	11	11	4.2	80.0
16	1244	Heartland West	0	6	6	5.3	0.0
18	1245	Heaston East	17	19	19	2.7	88.2
4	1246	Hell Canyon	10	13	13	4.0	75.0
16	1247	Hiawatha	4	6	6	9.5	66.7
1	1248	Indian Creek	4	16	16	5.0	23.1
1	1249	Ingham Peak	32	37	37	3.6	87.5
13	1250	J.B. Ranch	4	6	6	4.0	66.7
5	1251	Jacob's Creek	13	19	19	4.7	70.6
25	1252	Johnson Mountain Ranch	3	4	4	5.0	75.0
1	1253	Junction Valley	46	51	51	3.4	90.9
17	1254	Indian Head	3	3	3	2.3	100.0
5	1255	Lazy H Ranch	1	8	5	2.2	20.0
17	1256	Little Red Creek	13	16	16	4.8	78.6
5	1257	Lone Tree Taylor Hollow	38	47	47	3.5	81.1
4	1258	Middle Ridge	14	15	15	4.3	91.7
11	1259	Minnie Maud Ridge	30	38	38	3.9	80.0
21	1260	Missouri Flat	7	10	10	3.3	66.7
17	1261	Moon Ranch	7	10	10	3.6	71.4
1	1262	Mountain Meadow	8	13	13	3.0	63.6
5	1263	Mountain Top	15	20	20	4.3	75.0
29	1264	Mt Carmel	9	15	15	5.4	60.0
6	1265	Neil Creek	19	20	20	3.9	92.9
30	1266	New Harmony	8	10	10	1.8	83.3
1	1267	North Promontory	9	9	9	8.1	100.0
1	1268	Nucor West	4	4	4	2.3	100.0
16	1269	Oak Ranch	9	14	14	4.5	61.5
16	1270	Old Woman Plateau	3	11	11	4.1	25.0
1	1271	Park Valley	4	5	5	4.0	80.0
1	1272	Park Valley Hereford	29	54	54	4.1	53.2
11	1273	Patmos Ridge	3	4	4	3.8	75.0
4	1274	Pine Canyon	30	31	31	3.3	95.5
1	1275	Plymouth Peak	1	2	1	1.0	100.0
1	1276	Pocatello Valley	7	7	7	3.5	100.0
3	1277	Powder Mountain	8	8	8	3.8	100.0
11	1278	Preston Nutter Ranch	2	3	3	2.7	66.7
1	1279	Promontory Point	3	3	3	2.0	100.0
1	1280	Rattlesnake Pass	18	23	22	5.3	84.2

CWMU buck deer harvest, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
13	1281	Redd Ranches	15	19	19	3.4	76.5
11	1282	Roan Cliffs	20	28	28	4.7	70.8
21	1283	Round Valley	0	1	0	—	—
1	1284	Sage Valley Outfitters	2	2	2	3.0	100.0
17	1285	Sand Creek	5	9	9	3.6	57.1
3	1286	Sardine Canyon	8	18	18	5.6	46.2
16	1287	Scofield Canyons	10	10	10	2.1	100.0
16	1288	Scofield West	12	13	13	3.1	90.0
3	1289	Sharp Mountain	18	20	20	3.3	87.5
4	1290	Skull Crack	10	10	10	2.6	100.0
18	1291	Skull Valley South	2	2	2	10.0	100.0
16/17	1292	Soldier Summit	6	8	8	3.2	80.0
3	1293	South Canyon	9	11	11	3.4	85.7
3	1294	Spring Creek Acres	6	8	8	2.4	80.0
14	1295	Spring Creek/Dodge	51	59	59	4.4	85.7
6	1296	State Corner	23	30	29	4.1	77.8
6	1297	Stillman Creek Ranch	24	36	36	3.8	66.7
2	1298	Strawberry Ridge	10	12	12	4.1	80.0
14	1299	Summit Point	14	16	16	6.6	84.6
1	1300	Thatcher Mountain	3	3	3	11.3	100.0
17	1301	Three C	20	20	20	2.9	100.0
5	1302	TJ Cattle Company	4	6	6	5.6	60.0
1	1303	Twin Peaks	26	34	32	6.7	82.1
6	1304	Two Bear	17	20	19	4.4	88.2
17	1305	Wallsburg	1	4	4	11.5	25.0
1	1306	Washakie	10	10	10	2.1	100.0
6	1307	Weber Florence Creek	43	78	77	4.7	56.5
1	1308	West Hills	20	23	23	3.1	87.5
1	1309	Whites Valley	4	6	4	1.5	100.0
4	1310	Wood Canyon	6	7	6	3.4	100.0
4	1311	Woodruff Creek South	16	27	26	4.0	60.9
4	1312	Bastian Ranch	9	10	10	4.2	88.9
		Statewide totals	1406	1854	1828	4.1	76.9

CWMU antlerless deer harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
			Doe	Fawn	Total				
1	2500	Junction Valley*	11	1	12	7	7	1.2	100.0
29	2501	Mt Carmel	2	0	2	5	2	1.0	100.0
		Statewide totals	13	1	14	12	9	1.1	100.0

*Two-doe hunt. Success rates are per hunter.

Free mitigation deer harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Success rate* (%)
				Doe	Fawn	Total			
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	54	0	54	161	54	52.9
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	—	—	—	0	—	—
1	Box Elder	—	Box Elder	69	8	77	214	92	46.0
2	Cache	—	Cache	77	10	87	223	102	52.4
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	143	12	155	307	154	57.8
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	36	2	38	80	40	50.0
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	43	6	49	118	48	48.0
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	29	1	30	92	47	45.2
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	26	0	26	44	15	66.7
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	5	0	5	23	8	66.7
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	—	—	—	0	—	—
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	11	0	11	40	13	33.3
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	12	0	12	25	9	60.0
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	—	—	—	0	—	—
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	4	0	4	5	1	100.0
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	124	8	132	278	103	63.3
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	8	0	8	25	9	50.0
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	74	0	74	98	38	83.3
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	18	0	18	52	24	54.5
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	5	0	5	16	7	40.0
8	North Slope	A	Summit	—	—	—	0	—	—
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	3	0	3	10	4	33.3
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	11	0	11	39	17	50.0
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	21	1	22	56	30	47.6
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	25	1	26	79	31	50.0
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	23	0	23	35	14	100.0
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	0	0	0	5	1	0.0
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	86	0	86	159	65	83.9
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	166	2	168	378	134	60.0
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	5	0	5	24	10	42.9
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	24	0	24	57	20	66.7
14	San Juan	A	Abajo	45	3	48	56	24	90.0
14	San Juan	B	Elk Ridge	—	—	—	0	—	—
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	33	2	35	102	51	41.2
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	—	—	—	0	—	—
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	—	—	—	0	—	—
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	103	9	112	319	138	45.2
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	86	3	89	282	136	38.2
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	14	0	14	41	13	50.0

*Some hunters had multiple permits. Success rates are per hunter.

Free mitigation deer harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Success rate* (%)
				Doe	Fawn	Total			
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	2	0	2	5	2	50.0
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	73	2	75	174	78	50.0
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	58	5	63	118	43	28.6
19	West Desert	C	Tintic	46	6	52	95	36	52.4
19	West Desert	B	Vernon	9	1	10	11	9	100.0
19	West Desert	A	West Desert	0	0	0	14	7	0.0
29	Zion	—	Zion	34	0	34	45	21	71.4
	Statewide totals			1605	82	1687	3905	1648	52.5

*Some hunters had multiple permits. Success rates are per hunter.

Fee mitigation deer harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Success rate* (%)
				Doe	Fawn	Total			
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	21	2	23	25	23	90.9
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	3	0	3	4	3	100.0
1	Box Elder	—	Box Elder	49	0	49	64	62	80.0
2	Cache	—	Cache	74	2	76	106	101	74.5
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	42	4	46	55	55	84.0
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	15	0	15	17	17	88.9
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	61	0	61	63	61	100.0
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	11	0	11	20	14	80.0
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	0	0	0	2	2	0.0
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	—	—	—	0	—	—
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	—	—	—	0	—	—
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	—	—	—	0	—	—
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	13	0	13	19	18	75.0
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	—	—	—	0	—	—
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtn	4	0	4	4	4	100.0
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	61	0	61	72	68	89.5
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	15	0	15	22	19	75.0
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	28	0	28	37	35	78.9
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	—	—	—	3	—	—
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	—	—	—	0	—	—
8	North Slope	A	Summit	—	—	—	0	—	—
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	3	0	3	5	5	50.0
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	15	0	15	25	23	66.7
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	4	0	4	6	4	100.0
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	26	4	30	43	43	70.8
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	7	0	7	11	7	100.0
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	—	—	—	0	—	—
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	37	0	37	48	43	84.2
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	15	0	15	19	15	72.7
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	1	0	1	1	1	100.0
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	1	0	1	1	1	100.0
14	San Juan	A	Abajo	12	0	12	13	10	100.0
14	San Juan	B	Elk Ridge	—	—	—	0	—	—
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	19	0	19	25	17	81.8
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	4	1	5	5	5	100.0
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	—	—	—	0	—	—
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	20	2	22	32	26	82.4
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	9	0	9	15	13	66.7
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	5	0	5	5	5	100.0

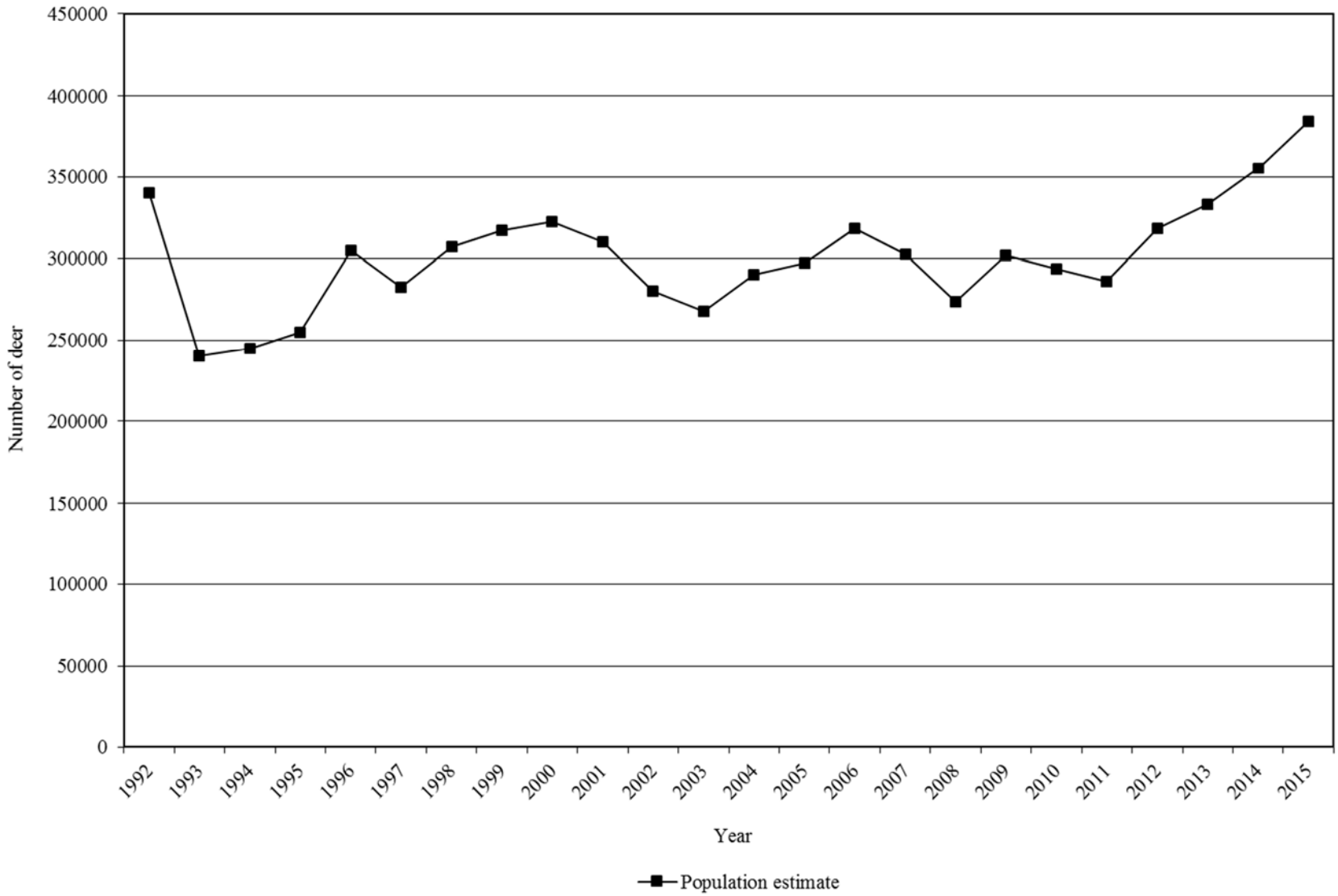
*Some hunters had multiple permits. Success rates are per hunter.

Fee mitigation deer harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Success rate* (%)
				Doe	Fawn	Total			
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	—	—	—	0	—	—
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	28	6	34	44	24	83.3
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	12	2	14	14	14	100.0
19	West Desert	C	Tintic	0	0	0	2	2	0.0
19	West Desert	B	Vernon	12	2	14	26	23	61.5
19	West Desert	A	West Desert	—	—	—	3	0	—
29	Zion	—	Zion	6	0	6	11	10	60.0
	Statewide totals			633	25	658	867	773	81.4

*Some hunters had multiple permits. Success rates are per hunter.

Historical statewide mule deer population estimates, Utah 1992–2015.



Deer population estimates and objectives by management unit / subunit, Utah 2011–2015.

Unit		Subunit		Current objective	Winter population estimate				
					2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	13000	11000	15000	12400	13800	14400
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	15000	6200	7300	7850	8600	7750
1	Box Elder	—	Box Elder	20000	15000	13000	11600	11600	12850
2	Cache	—	Cache	25000	16000	18500	15300	17300	19500
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	38000	20900	23600	23500	25100	25700
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	22600	10500	14000	15900	13900	14900
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	10500	8000	9800	12200	15000	18300
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	13500	9100	11200	11100	12400	13300
21	Fillmore	—	Fillmore	12000	9000	9900	10100	10100	9100
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	2700	1400	1900	1800	2200	2400
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	1000	400	400	400	400	400
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	8000	6000	5500	7000	7700	9200
13	La Sal	—	La Sal	18100	7200	8900	9700	9200	9300
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	7500	5200	6800	7800	7200	6900
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	18000	10000	15250	15300	15500	18100
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	2700	1900	2250	2600	2900	2900
11	Nine Mile	—	Nine Mile	8500	4600	4700	5400	6200	6800
8	North Slope	—	North Slope	6200	5700	6200	7400	8300	9700
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	11000	7000	7000	8700	8500	9700
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	11600	9000	8800	10800	11200	12300
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	10000	8500	9200	11700	11700	12150
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	5200	5200	5200	5200	5200	5400
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	16000	13000	12500	13000	13500	16000
25	Plateau	—	Plateau	25000	12800	16500	16200	17400	18400
14	San Juan	—	San Juan	20500	13200	9100	10650	11400	12700
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	1000	—	—	—	—	—
9	South Slope	BC	Diamond Mtn/Vernal	13000	11600	12300	11100	12000	13000
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	13000	7000	7200	8700	9800	9700
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	4000	1600	1700	2100	3000	2700
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	3200	1500	2300	2500	3500	3500
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	15000	9000	12300	14300	16500	17000
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	22600	19200	20250	18700	20500	23700
19	West Desert	—	West Desert	11200	8900	9000	8900	9000	9900
29	Zion	—	Zion	15500	10500	11000	13000	15000	17000
	Statewide totals			440100	286100	318550	332900	355600	384650

Average age of harvested buck deer on premium limited-entry units*, Utah 2005–2015.

Year	Henry Mtns		Paunsaugunt	
	Average age	Percent 5+ years old	Average age	Percent 5+ years old
2005	4.9	63%	4.5	41%
2006	5.2	55%	4.4	43%
2007	5.4	48%	4.6	38%
2008	4.5	38%	4.3	37%
2009	4.9	47%	5.0	50%
2010	4.9	64%	4.6	43%
2011	5.0	63%	5.2	68%
2012	4.9	64%	4.9	62%
2013	6.2	89%	5.3	63%
2014	6.6	75%	4.9	48%
2015	6.2	76%	4.7	46%
3-yr average (2013–2015)	6.3	80%	4.9	52%

*Includes CWMU data; does not include management hunts.

Number of buck deer / 100 does for general-season public land management units / subunits, Utah 2013–2015.

Unit		Subunit		Current objective	Postseason estimate			3-year average
					2013	2014	2015	
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	18–20	18	19	22	19.7
1	Box Elder	—	Box Elder	15–17	12	18	21	17.0
2	Cache	—	Cache	15–17	13	19	20	17.4
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	15–17	19	23	23	21.6
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	15–17	21	18	16	18.4
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	18–20	22	24	28	24.8
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	18–20	24	20	24	22.5
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	18–20	*	*	*	*
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	18–20	23	22	28	24.3
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	15–17	17	14	0	10.6
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	18–20	23	22	22	22.5
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	18–20	22	23	22	22.2
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	18–20	20	36	34	29.7
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	18–20	24	25	31	26.6
8	North Slope	A	Summit	18–20	*	*	*	*
8	North Slope	BC	Three Corners/West Daggett	18–20	15	17	24	19.0
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	15–17	20	18	27	21.9
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	18–20	20	19	21	19.9
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	18–20	21	20	26	22.1
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	18–20	16	20	21	19.0
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	18–20	19	23	24	22.0
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	18–20	25	28	40	31.1
14	San Juan	A	Abajo	15–17	18	20	24	20.4
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	*	*	*	*	*
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	15–17	13	17	18	15.9
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	18–20	19	22	21	20.9
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	18–20	29	25	19	24.2
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	18–20	24	27	36	28.5
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	18–20	21	28	26	25.1
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	Salt Lake	15–17	28	*	17	18.2
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	15–17	18	19	*	*
19	West Desert	AC	West Desert, Other	15–17	*	*	27	24.7
29	Zion	—	Zion	18–20	24	24	17	18.2

*Insufficient data.

Number of buck deer / 100 does for general-season private land management units / subunits, Utah 2013–2015.

Unit		Subunit		Current objective	Postseason estimate			3-year average
					2013	2014	2015	
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	18–20	33	36	42	36.7
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	18–20	21	31	29	27.2
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	18–20	27	33	42	33.8
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	18–20	19	18	25	20.8

Number of buck deer / 100 does for limited-entry management units / subunits, Utah 2013–2015.

Unit		Subunit		Current objective	Postseason estimate			3-year average
					2013	2014	2015	
10	Book Cliffs	AC	North	25–35	33	39	34	35.7
10	Book Cliffs	B	South	25–35	41	40	30	36.9
2	Cache	B	Crawford Mtn	25–35	23	23	40	28.6
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	25–35	22	24	28	24.8
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	25–35	24	19	45	29.6
14	San Juan	B	Elk Ridge	25–35	24	36	43	34.3
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	25–35	36	36	49	40.2
19	West Desert	B	Vernon	25–35	21	33	34	29.4

Number of buck deer / 100 does for premium limited-entry management units / subunits, Utah 2013–2015.

Unit		Subunit		Current objective	Postseason estimate			3-year average
					2013	2014	2015	
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	40–55	55	48	65	55.9
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	40–55	42	46	49	45.8

Number of fawn deer / 100 does by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		Postseason estimate									
				2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	62	46	52	62	48	61	57	61	60	64
10	Book Cliffs	AC	North	62	46	46	49	50	50	52	44	57	59
10	Book Cliffs	B	South	60	40	25	37	46	44	41	39	49	41
1	Box Elder	—	Box Elder	65	54	62	76	64	70	56	52	63	65
2	Cache	A	Cache	59	89	75	81	81	72	85	58	61	64
2	Cache	B	Crawford Mtn	58	65	74	73	62	72	98	117	69	58
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	65	55	61	65	73	64	72	65	67	69
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	65	52	39	61	73	52	58	61	57	52
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	77	70	69	68	71	64	73	63	68	65
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	82	71	81	79	75	61	84	47	64	68
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	60	43	56	63	25	44	44	50	62	62
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	56	50	50	51	42	57	58	58	65	59
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	91	72	72	71	62	54	74	60	81	76
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	77	80	67	78	76	65	75	64	67	64
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	47	42	34	50	26	35	65	65	47	64
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	50	47	46	45	40	53	48	53	56	46
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	61	57	45	43	38	66	69	70	66	64
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	83	65	82	83	84	61	86	50	67	62
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	95	55	51	53	48	64	66	67	56	56
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	75	58	42	62	47	61	63	73	78	78
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	66	60	46	60	60	65	58	49	60	65
8	North Slope	A	Summit	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
8	North Slope	BC	Three Corners/West Daggett	51	65	55	70	81	61	64	63	65	73
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	95	94	70	95	87	67	78	63	69	63
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	76	49	44	63	61	61	54	69	68	66

*Insufficient data.

Number of fawn deer / 100 does by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		Postseason estimate									
				2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	71	58	61	67	54	57	70	63	58	65
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	60	55	49	56	53	63	59	52	64	65
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	70	54	60	55	55	66	60	59	58	61
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	82	55	55	67	61	64	70	57	57	65
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	68	51	54	46	42	52	61	70	62	71
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	81	53	57	42	38	66	42	61	58	63
14	San Juan	A	Abajo	62	63	53	53	52	57	53	62	52	57
14	San Juan	B	Elk Ridge	53	46	33	36	32	33	42	51	38	43
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	55	52	66	70	79	63	68	70	74	82
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	55	54	66	74	63	61	72	60	78	76
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	65	66	56	76	66	47	63	67	64	69
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	68	43	47	46	41	53	44	48	46	48
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	64	54	49	62	69	67	65	65	67	64
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	75	65	53	72	65	52	79	70	81	61
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	Salt Lake	68	76	66	62	62	*	66	68	*	72
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	78	82	73	68	79	74	71	76	70	73
19	West Desert	B	Vernon	60	69	59	66	78	77	61	55	85	67
19	West Desert	AC	West Desert, Other	69	44	67	77	73	60	*	54	*	*
29	Zion	—	Zion	63	53	59	60	63	69	62	59	56	61
	Statewide averages			66	58	57	63	63	61	65	62	64	63

*Insufficient data.

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Beaver

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	571	62	53	18	41	57	46
2007–08	1186	46	41	13	36	—	—
2008–09	713	52	44	16	41	—	—
2009–10	837	62	51	22	45	—	—
2010–11	839	48	41	18	62	—	—
2011–12	970	61	53	16	50	—	—
2012–13	646	57	49	16	41	—	—
2013–14	894	61	52	18	35	—	—
2014–15	1047	60	50	19	34	—	—
2015–16	757	64	52	22	36	—	—

Book Cliffs, North

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	714	62	46	35	47	1673	37
2007–08	1226	46	33	42	52	489	30
2008–09	986	46	31	50	56	—	—
2009–10	1021	49	37	32	69	—	—
2010–11	869	50	38	32	56	830	19
2011–12	1468	50	38	31	53	952	32
2012–13	1120	52	41	27	43	974	29
2013–14	683	44	33	33	53	1150	33
2014–15	1270	57	41	39	45	862	32
2015–16	1011	59	44	34	48	600	36

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Book Cliffs, South

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	506	60	43	39	43	741	33
2007–08	771	40	28	44	47	664	25
2008–09	622	25	18	38	55	—	—
2009–10	482	37	27	38	74	608	15
2010–11	588	46	32	47	63	488	26
2011–12	508	44	30	49	60	580	28
2012–13	522	41	30	37	47	480	26
2013–14	443	39	28	41	54	448	20
2014–15	601	49	35	40	50	220	26
2015–16	473	41	31	30	39	492	22

Box Elder

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	809	65	55	19	43	664	48
2007–08	941	54	45	21	40	453	37
2008–09	1133	62	53	17	63	—	—
2009–10	867	76	64	18	41	—	—
2010–11	774	64	53	21	53	—	—
2011–12	1008	70	58	20	43	—	—
2012–13	1387	56	49	15	30	1086	46
2013–14	776	52	47	12	27	578	44
2014–15	786	63	53	18	30	893	45
2015–16	936	65	54	21	40	918	33

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Cache

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	532	59	52	14	33	619	47
2007–08	436	89	74	20	25	287	48
2008–09	681	75	68	10	37	—	—
2009–10	641	81	71	14	36	—	—
2010–11	1467	81	66	23	38	465	13
2011–12	914	72	64	12	41	650	59
2012–13	827	85	74	16	48	761	52
2013–14	2666	58	52	13	48	892	55
2014–15	889	61	51	19	46	805	60
2015–16	764	64	53	20	30	595	41

Cache, Crawford Mtn

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	135	58	52	11	22	—	—
2007–08	213	65	58	13	53	—	—
2008–09	82	74	64	16	43	—	—
2009–10	85	73	63	16	43	—	—
2010–11	138	62	53	17	38	32	7
2011–12	192	72	63	15	40	—	—
2012–13	96	98	85	16	57	95	51
2013–14	125	117	95	23	42	80	95
2014–15	119	69	57	23	64	—	—
2015–16	153	58	42	40	42	—	—

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Central Mtns, Manti (Central Region)

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	1047	65	58	12	32	1330	45
2007–08	829	52	45	16	29	—	—
2008–09	1579	67	59	12	34	—	—
2009–10	1398	66	63	6	18	—	—
2010–11	2494	84	75	12	47	275	42
2011–12	1454	70	63	11	36	382	78
2012–13	1206	79	70	13	39	280	53
2013–14	1433	73	63	16	69	232	59
2014–15	1389	73	62	18	34	—	—
2015–16	1623	72	61	19	27	279	42

Central Mtns, Manti (Southeastern Region)

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	1910	65	55	17	32	3256	42
2007–08	1412	57	49	17	38	3947	33
2008–09	1075	54	46	18	49	—	—
2009–10	1686	64	55	17	41	3328	32
2010–11	2215	61	53	16	46	4122	42
2011–12	1700	58	50	16	45	2066	40
2012–13	1841	68	58	17	35	3161	47
2013–14	1937	60	50	21	25	2296	47
2014–15	2009	62	49	26	35	856	43
2015–16	2111	58	46	27	39	1489	33

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Central Mtns, Nebo

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	789	65	58	12	32	968	36
2007–08	643	52	44	18	44	—	—
2008–09	456	39	32	21	41	—	—
2009–10	871	61	54	15	38	—	—
2010–11	824	73	64	14	36	—	—
2011–12	2022	52	47	10	34	—	—
2012–13	1264	58	51	14	35	—	—
2013–14	612	61	50	21	26	—	—
2014–15	1286	57	49	18	29	—	—
2015–16	1237	52	45	16	30	—	—

Chalk Creek

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	618	77	61	25	55	486	56
2007–08	446	70	55	26	49	646	27
2008–09	416	69	52	34	59	—	—
2009–10	727	68	53	28	51	—	—
2010–11	1067	71	53	34	58	—	—
2011–12	886	64	49	32	59	816	45
2012–13	927	73	55	32	57	1022	48
2013–14	798	63	47	33	45	766	52
2014–15	1110	68	50	36	48	919	55
2015–16	1099	65	46	42	42	629	37

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

East Canyon

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	402	82	64	28	49	412	60
2007–08	470	71	54	31	42	454	13
2008–09	323	81	62	32	71	—	—
2009–10	404	79	62	27	57	—	—
2010–11	633	75	59	26	41	—	—
2011–12	325	61	46	34	89	412	29
2012–13	963	84	66	27	48	496	41
2013–14	519	47	38	21	34	839	60
2014–15	735	64	49	31	48	478	52
2015–16	914	68	53	29	42	—	—

Fillmore, Oak Creek

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	226	60	49	24	52	56	40
2007–08	328	43	37	15	59	—	—
2008–09	183	56	40	41	53	—	—
2009–10	242	63	46	37	84	—	—
2010–11	260	25	18	38	57	—	—
2011–12	380	44	36	21	71	—	—
2012–13	418	44	36	21	61	—	—
2013–14	450	50	41	22	67	—	—
2014–15	386	62	50	24	54	—	—
2015–16	323	62	48	28	63	—	—

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Fillmore, Pahvant

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	855	56	50	13	42	686	40
2007–08	605	50	40	24	43	—	—
2008–09	511	50	41	22	51	—	—
2009–10	565	51	44	16	43	—	—
2010–11	803	42	37	15	69	—	—
2011–12	872	57	49	17	52	—	—
2012–13	958	58	50	16	49	—	—
2013–14	833	58	47	24	43	—	—
2014–15	1006	65	55	20	38	—	—
2015–16	858	59	47	24	46	—	—

Henry Mtns

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	593	91	66	37	56	197	52
2007–08	278	72	47	54	56	335	41
2008–09	393	72	48	50	60	—	—
2009–10	98	71	42	68	75	396	15
2010–11	451	62	39	59	86	278	24
2011–12	374	54	34	61	78	333	29
2012–13	437	74	49	52	73	363	31
2013–14	495	60	39	55	75	478	34
2014–15	661	81	55	48	68	382	43
2015–16	451	76	46	65	67	446	42

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Kamas

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	397	77	63	22	55	326	57
2007–08	550	80	69	16	30	342	20
2008–09	359	67	57	19	59	—	—
2009–10	619	78	65	21	50	—	—
2010–11	998	76	63	21	47	—	—
2011–12	655	65	55	19	63	637	49
2012–13	829	75	59	28	38	705	54
2013–14	849	64	52	23	42	659	49
2014–15	787	67	55	22	42	756	53
2015–16	1430	64	50	28	48	681	40

La Sal, Dolores Triangle

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	169	47	40	17	50	250	52
2007–08	203	42	31	35	43	497	43
2008–09	361	34	23	45	69	—	—
2009–10	72	50	36	39	87	153	12
2010–11	335	26	20	35	61	—	—
2011–12	160	35	28	26	62	—	—
2012–13	143	65	53	22	67	243	31
2013–14	227	65	52	24	48	464	52
2014–15	446	47	39	19	—	—	—
2015–16	393	64	44	45	—	369	53

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

La Sal, La Sal Mtns

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	641	50	43	15	47	867	40
2007–08	680	47	42	13	40	749	33
2008–09	499	46	39	18	43	—	—
2009–10	461	45	38	19	57	936	23
2010–11	511	40	35	15	68	613	30
2011–12	381	53	43	23	44	409	40
2012–13	503	48	43	11	40	601	41
2013–14	598	53	45	17	44	784	41
2014–15	536	56	49	14	62	501	44
2015–16	537	46	39	18	48	608	35

Monroe

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	2389	61	54	13	33	695	44
2007–08	414	57	52	10	—	—	—
2008–09	847	45	40	11	25	—	—
2009–10	1070	43	39	11	42	—	—
2010–11	1169	38	34	12	43	977	27
2011–12	1293	66	58	14	44	840	40
2012–13	1443	69	58	18	36	1220	42
2013–14	1930	70	57	23	33	1098	43
2014–15	1863	66	54	22	43	561	39
2015–16	1594	64	53	22	44	1427	30

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Morgan-South Rich

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	424	83	56	46	65	449	53
2007–08	544	65	42	54	51	412	15
2008–09	381	82	61	34	77	—	—
2009–10	424	83	63	32	59	—	—
2010–11	547	84	59	41	46	—	—
2011–12	315	61	44	39	89	489	30
2012–13	1243	86	61	40	50	498	36
2013–14	454	50	40	27	29	780	56
2014–15	915	67	50	33	45	752	57
2015–16	837	62	44	42	37	—	—

Mt Dutton

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	314	95	79	19	61	546	67
2007–08	300	55	47	18	26	—	—
2008–09	307	51	42	22	49	—	—
2009–10	315	53	44	19	46	—	—
2010–11	311	48	43	13	56	—	—
2011–12	349	64	54	18	54	—	—
2012–13	695	66	58	14	36	—	—
2013–14	631	67	55	22	43	—	—
2014–15	875	56	46	23	51	—	—
2015–16	934	56	46	22	50	—	—

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Nine Mile, Anthro

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	70	75	63	19	43	143	43
2007–08	56	58	47	23	57	94	40
2008–09	120	42	35	20	53	—	—
2009–10	214	62	47	34	68	—	—
2010–11	227	47	39	20	44	42	24
2011–12	294	61	48	27	60	132	36
2012–13	224	63	49	28	33	44	57
2013–14	353	73	61	20	42	194	60
2014–15	480	78	57	36	44	—	—
2015–16	339	78	58	34	43	—	—

Nine Mile, Range Creek

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	587	66	51	31	48	1213	36
2007–08	356	60	47	30	43	1535	29
2008–09	348	46	38	20	69	—	—
2009–10	548	60	49	25	52	1214	27
2010–11	519	60	52	16	37	1127	30
2011–12	684	65	53	22	49	588	32
2012–13	738	58	47	24	41	822	37
2013–14	713	49	40	24	39	726	34
2014–15	726	60	48	25	42	516	40
2015–16	681	65	50	31	46	1230	38

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	902	51	44	16	44	989	31
2007–08	721	65	55	19	36	447	40
2008–09	608	55	46	19	44	—	—
2009–10	970	70	59	18	44	—	—
2010–11	1194	81	68	19	38	1439	49
2011–12	965	61	52	18	47	1189	46
2012–13	1017	64	56	16	42	1072	43
2013–14	1031	63	55	15	40	1872	42
2014–15	1147	65	55	17	26	1393	43
2015–16	1231	73	59	24	39	894	44

Ogden

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	537	95	83	14	31	338	73
2007–08	406	94	78	20	32	279	42
2008–09	413	70	64	10	36	—	—
2009–10	468	95	78	22	48	—	—
2010–11	847	87	78	12	33	448	15
2011–12	932	67	56	20	57	125	65
2012–13	824	78	65	20	49	642	68
2013–14	641	63	53	19	46	809	77
2014–15	1099	69	59	18	46	587	62
2015–16	885	63	51	25	43	562	60

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Oquirrh-Stansbury

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	302	76	69	10	24	—	—
2007–08	357	49	45	11	21	—	—
2008–09	590	44	39	12	52	—	—
2009–10	577	63	59	8	35	—	—
2010–11	699	61	52	17	45	703	39
2011–12	1072	61	53	15	46	545	46
2012–13	558	54	48	12	37	878	35
2013–14	696	69	58	20	34	789	53
2014–15	702	68	58	18	44	—	—
2015–16	568	66	52	27	46	—	—

Panguitch Lake

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	957	71	61	15	30	1469	53
2007–08	828	58	47	24	35	—	—
2008–09	987	61	51	19	47	—	—
2009–10	536	67	58	16	46	—	—
2010–11	986	54	46	17	51	—	—
2011–12	1401	57	48	18	48	—	—
2012–13	1613	70	59	19	35	—	—
2013–14	2455	63	53	20	38	—	—
2014–15	1826	58	49	19	42	—	—
2015–16	1565	65	54	21	33	—	—

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Paunsaugunt

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	373	60	41	48	56	391	49
2007–08	399	55	35	59	54	—	—
2008–09	314	49	32	55	77	—	—
2009–10	617	56	37	51	59	—	—
2010–11	547	53	36	47	75	—	—
2011–12	587	63	43	47	70	—	—
2012–13	605	59	41	44	54	—	—
2013–14	758	52	37	42	64	—	—
2014–15	757	64	44	46	55	—	—
2015–16	861	65	44	49	60	—	—

Pine Valley

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	1534	70	59	19	40	1740	55
2007–08	936	54	45	20	39	—	—
2008–09	1691	60	50	21	48	—	—
2009–10	2029	55	45	22	50	—	—
2010–11	1489	55	48	16	53	1358	45
2011–12	1849	66	57	18	39	1226	52
2012–13	2096	60	48	24	47	1521	47
2013–14	2460	59	49	21	42	1762	49
2014–15	1967	58	48	20	49	—	—
2015–16	2698	61	48	26	46	—	—

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Plateau, Boulder

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	524	82	64	28	54	1189	59
2007–08	430	55	50	10	—	—	—
2008–09	449	55	48	16	26	—	—
2009–10	612	67	58	15	32	—	—
2010–11	777	61	54	14	47	—	—
2011–12	911	64	55	16	41	—	—
2012–13	472	70	56	25	40	—	—
2013–14	729	57	49	16	29	—	—
2014–15	1138	57	48	20	45	—	—
2015–16	1233	65	54	21	39	—	—

Plateau, Fishlake

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	2880	68	61	13	29	826	53
2007–08	457	51	43	17	—	—	—
2008–09	997	54	45	20	41	—	—
2009–10	592	46	41	12	61	—	—
2010–11	715	42	37	12	60	—	—
2011–12	612	52	44	19	55	—	—
2012–13	1118	61	53	14	43	—	—
2013–14	846	70	59	19	43	—	—
2014–15	913	62	51	23	51	—	—
2015–16	711	71	58	24	41	—	—

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Plateau, Thousand Lakes

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	105	81	67	21	18	301	50
2007–08	195	53	44	19	—	—	—
2008–09	145	57	48	18	40	—	—
2009–10	221	42	36	17	46	—	—
2010–11	291	38	32	20	54	—	—
2011–12	346	66	52	27	65	—	—
2012–13	282	42	36	17	50	—	—
2013–14	427	61	49	25	47	—	—
2014–15	672	58	45	28	55	—	—
2015–16	257	63	45	40	57	—	—

San Juan, Abajo

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	1234	62	51	22	34	941	48
2007–08	1419	63	52	23	34	1115	42
2008–09	688	53	43	24	52	—	—
2009–10	803	53	45	19	57	1117	29
2010–11	886	52	45	14	74	800	40
2011–12	681	57	48	19	49	575	45
2012–13	896	53	47	14	33	797	44
2013–14	1498	62	53	18	42	811	51
2014–15	999	52	43	20	41	—	—
2015–16	1663	57	46	24	44	—	—

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

San Juan, Elk Ridge

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	517	53	41	28	44	543	34
2007–08	405	46	35	34	58	565	26
2008–09	209	33	23	44	71	—	—
2009–10	155	36	27	33	77	319	18
2010–11	290	32	23	38	77	333	20
2011–12	231	33	23	42	59	294	21
2012–13	174	42	34	24	80	275	29
2013–14	222	51	41	24	70	412	36
2014–15	174	38	28	36	64	—	—
2015–16	138	43	30	43	63	—	—

South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	775	55	48	14	30	849	40
2007–08	603	54	48	12	24	302	41
2008–09	758	66	60	9	43	—	—
2009–10	725	74	67	10	38	—	—
2010–11	770	63	55	15	42	706	47
2011–12	1081	61	55	11	34	820	49
2012–13	892	72	66	10	42	879	36
2013–14	822	60	53	13	36	1309	47
2014–15	1205	78	67	17	33	952	54
2015–16	1267	76	65	18	31	766	45

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

South Slope, Diamond Mtn

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	795	55	40	37	37	809	38
2007–08	959	52	39	32	50	601	34
2008–09	908	66	46	42	60	—	—
2009–10	996	70	51	37	57	—	—
2010–11	1171	79	57	40	60	1079	44
2011–12	1160	63	45	39	69	1300	41
2012–13	1315	68	50	37	60	1150	38
2013–14	931	70	52	36	54	875	48
2014–15	1053	74	55	36	43	1416	40
2015–16	1004	82	55	49	50	983	40

South Slope, Yellowstone

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	1449	65	55	17	38	1304	49
2007–08	908	66	57	15	32	1100	25
2008–09	1052	56	49	15	42	—	—
2009–10	1220	76	67	14	42	—	—
2010–11	1508	66	58	14	47	1075	21
2011–12	1106	47	41	14	50	1196	33
2012–13	1056	63	53	20	35	1191	42
2013–14	1222	67	56	19	31	1074	50
2014–15	1242	64	52	22	38	1235	47
2015–16	1174	69	57	21	47	1145	50

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Southwest Desert

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	230	68	53	28	52	51	44
2007–08	181	43	33	30	65	—	—
2008–09	52	47	37	27	75	—	—
2009–10	174	46	35	30	80	—	—
2010–11	207	41	34	22	71	—	—
2011–12	206	53	40	32	64	—	—
2012–13	406	44	34	30	61	—	—
2013–14	455	48	37	29	69	—	—
2014–15	744	46	37	25	71	—	—
2015–16	516	48	41	19	67	—	—

Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	153	64	53	20	41	444	42
2007–08	246	54	44	22	40	807	29
2008–09	388	49	43	14	64	—	—
2009–10	282	62	52	19	55	—	—
2010–11	177	69	55	25	52	1339	28
2011–12	278	67	56	19	43	429	33
2012–13	306	65	52	27	58	883	43
2013–14	264	65	53	24	45	1096	42
2014–15	285	67	53	27	41	720	59
2015–16	270	64	48	36	50	720	39

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	1493	75	64	17	45	1200	55
2007–08	970	65	56	17	43	1430	28
2008–09	996	53	46	15	56	—	—
2009–10	1191	72	64	12	47	—	—
2010–11	1326	65	53	21	42	1154	20
2011–12	1500	52	45	15	59	1249	37
2012–13	2396	79	67	18	41	1269	47
2013–14	1718	70	58	21	30	2191	45
2014–15	2057	81	63	28	45	1361	56
2015–16	2730	61	49	26	48	2065	43

Wasatch Mtns, Salt Lake

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	282	68	49	38	60	—	—
2007–08	301	76	57	33	51	—	—
2008–09	409	66	48	40	51	—	—
2009–10	190	62	47	32	39	—	—
2010–11	244	62	48	30	58	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2012–13	500	66	51	28	58	—	—
2013–14	192	68	54	28	33	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2015–16	156	72	56	28	64	—	—

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Wasatch Mtns, West

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	1467	78	64	21	40	—	—
2007–08	1728	82	70	18	38	—	—
2008–09	1557	73	62	18	44	—	—
2009–10	1674	68	57	19	49	—	—
2010–11	2686	79	66	20	39	680	61
2011–12	2617	74	62	19	49	724	73
2012–13	1524	71	61	16	36	510	68
2013–14	1619	76	65	18	39	367	69
2014–15	1633	70	59	19	39	532	62
2015–16	1087	73	62	17	44	455	56

West Desert, Other

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	24	69	60	15	50	—	—
2007–08	15	44	36	22	50	—	—
2008–09	50	67	56	19	40	—	—
2009–10	92	77	67	16	57	—	—
2010–11	27	73	69	7	100	—	—
2011–12	169	60	56	6	33	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2013–14	157	54	43	26	26	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Deer classification data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

West Desert, Vernon

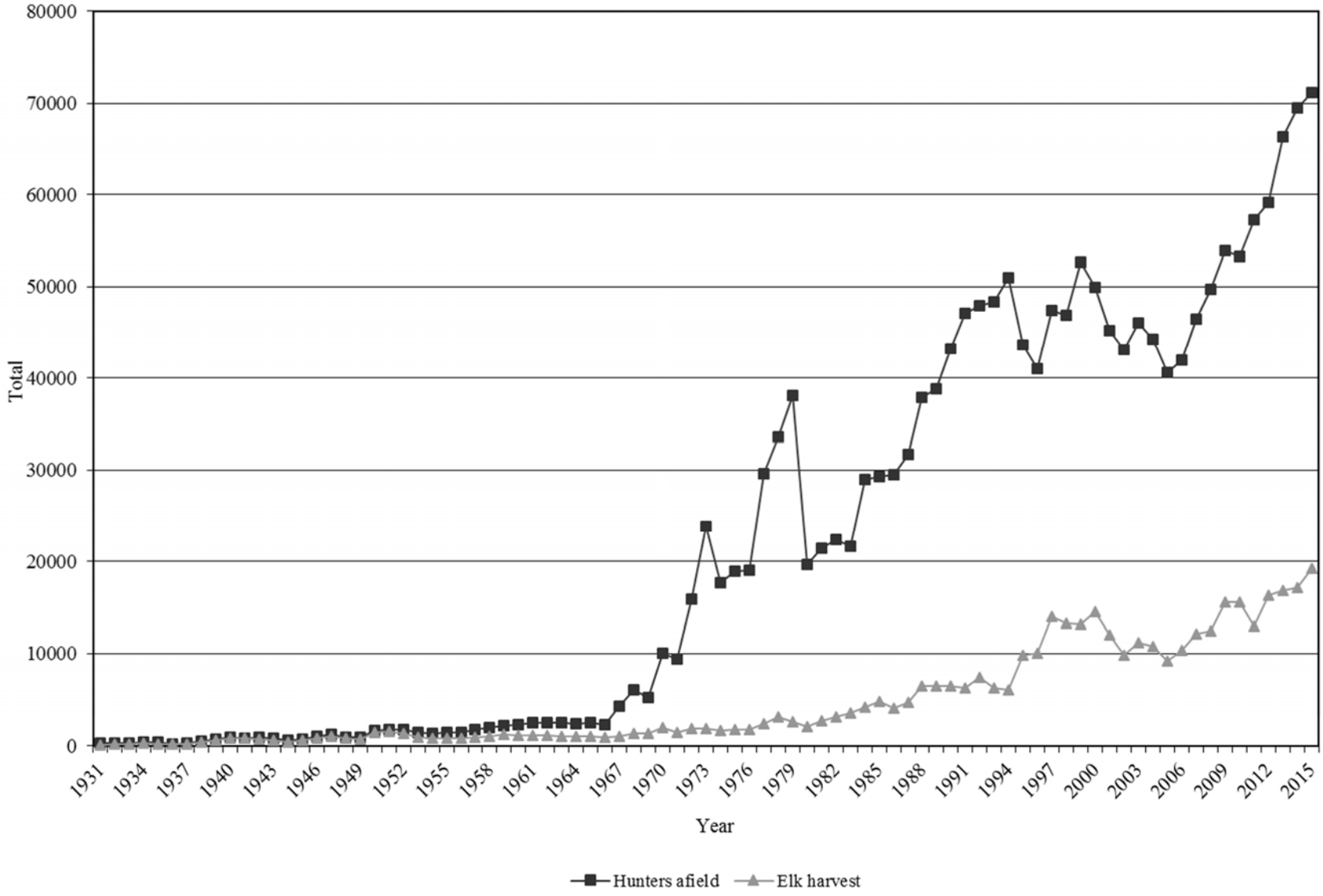
Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	218	60	46	30	32	—	—
2007–08	303	69	48	44	54	—	—
2008–09	304	59	43	37	55	—	—
2009–10	400	66	47	41	68	—	—
2010–11	232	78	60	31	32	—	—
2011–12	273	77	64	19	63	—	—
2012–13	327	61	51	20	42	—	—
2013–14	225	55	45	21	52	—	—
2014–15	622	85	64	33	38	—	—
2015–16	298	67	50	34	51	—	—

Zion

Year	Postseason					Spring	
	n	Fawns / 100 does	Fawns / 100 adults	Bucks / 100 does	% bucks ≥ 3 pts.	n	Fawns / 100 adults
2006–07	668	63	53	21	57	388	41
2007–08	582	53	42	25	45	—	—
2008–09	638	59	47	26	40	—	—
2009–10	500	60	48	23	59	—	—
2010–11	1098	63	51	24	50	—	—
2011–12	1069	69	56	23	47	—	—
2012–13	1400	62	50	25	43	—	—
2013–14	1297	59	47	24	40	—	—
2014–15	1734	56	46	24	55	—	—
2015–16	1617	61	48	27	46	—	—

ELK

Statewide trends of elk harvest statistics, Utah 1931–2015.



Statewide elk harvest statistics, Utah 1931–1970.

Year	Permits issued				Hunters afield	Harvest					Success rate (%)
	Bull	Cow	Hunter's choice	Total		Bull	Cow	Calf	Hunter's choice	Total	
1931	184	—	75	259	256	99	—	—	26	125	49
1932	191	—	58	249	246	140	—	—	49	189	77
1933	201	—	150	351	346	162	2	—	71	235	68
1934	143	—	281	424	418	179	44	—	96	292	70
1935	60	—	297	357	352	146	37	—	22	205	58
1936	60	—	160	220	217	92	49	—	12	153	70
1937	151	53	47	251	248	119	69	—	—	188	76
1938	193	172	150	515	508	186	195	—	49	430	85
1939	328	408	—	736	726	261	380	—	—	641	88
1940	522	406	—	928	916	455	383	—	—	838	91
1941	419	378	74	871	860	390	391	—	—	781	91
1942	426	394	146	966	954	374	385	—	—	759	80
1943	429	291	112	832	821	303	261	—	—	564	69
1944	262	123	195	580	572	172	90	—	170	432	76
1945	335	145	220	700	691	312	250	—	—	562	81
1946	395	215	450	1060	1031	483	362	—	—	845	82
1947	260	125	850	1235	1208	502	563	—	—	1065	88
1948	25	10	875	910	902	307	481	—	—	788	87
1949	175	95	655	925	914	374	343	—	—	717	78
1950	305	70	1305	1680	1669	754	649	—	—	1403	84
1951	350	136	1335	1821	1807	803	704	—	—	1507	83
1952	310	120	1330	1760	1750	641	682	—	—	1323	76
1953	210	115	1172	1497	1491	471	496	—	—	967	65
1954	190	—	1160	1350	1332	423	425	—	—	848	64
1955	281	—	1192	1473	1461	413	345	92	—	850	58
1956	357	—	1063	1420	1407	434	298	85	—	817	58
1957	513	—	1299	1812	1768	487	356	89	—	932	53
1958	580	—	1460	2040	2019	563	416	96	—	1075	53
1959	680	10	1493	2183	2176	638	462	120	—	1220	56
1960	830	—	1451	2281	2253	649	423	101	—	1173	52
1961	1020	—	1550	2570	2526	643	393	82	—	1118	44
1962	1130	—	1392	2522	2478	697	383	93	—	1173	47
1963	1191	—	1373	2564	2519	647	338	60	—	1045	41
1964	1228	—	1233	2461	2418	632	334	67	—	1033	43
1965	1386	—	1119	2505	2480	678	271	48	—	997	40
1966	1545	—	798	2343	2302	657	226	27	—	910	40
1967	4195	—	260	4455	4278	964	52	13	—	1029	24
1968	6086	—	176	6262	6036	1286	49	17	—	1352	22
1969	5005	—	457	5462	5215	1173	149	19	—	1341	26
1970	9639	—	715	10354	10008	1762	203	30	—	1995	20

Statewide elk harvest statistics, Utah 1971–2015.

Year	General-season harvest			Restricted harvest			Total harvest		
	Bulls	Antlerless	Hunters afield	Bulls	Antlerless	Hunters afield	Bulls	Antlerless	Hunters afield
1971	1443	—	9371	—	—	—	1443	—	9371
1972	1896	—	15929	—	—	—	1896	—	15929
1973	1919	—	23895	—	—	—	1919	—	23895
1974	1675	—	17652	—	—	—	1675	—	17652
1975	1747	—	18904	—	—	—	1747	—	18904
1976	1750	4	19021	—	—	—	1750	4	19021
1977	2426	16	29573	—	—	—	2426	16	29573
1978	3091	17	33544	—	—	—	3091	17	33544
1979	2610	20	38069	—	—	—	2610	20	38069
1980	2051	25	19621	—	—	—	2051	25	19621
1981	2725	22	21425	—	—	—	2725	22	21425
1982	3069	24	22342	—	—	—	3069	24	22342
1983	3537	24	21659	—	—	—	3537	24	21659
1984	4115	34	29008	—	—	—	4115	34	29008
1985	4785	42	29287	—	—	—	4785	42	29287
1986	4001	31	29483	—	—	—	4001	31	29483
1987	4629	20	31758	—	—	—	4629	20	31758
1988	6434	45	37930	—	—	—	6434	45	37930
1989	6422	22	38861	—	—	—	6422	22	38861
1990	6405	31	43263	—	—	—	6405	31	43263
1991	6199	71	47082	—	—	—	6199	71	47082
1992	7341	104	47924	—	—	—	7341	104	47924
1993	6066	192	48372	—	—	—	6066	192	48372
1994	5902	101	50976	—	—	—	5902	101	50976
1995	4084	488	34928	1241	3987	8670	5325	4475	43598
1996	4699	761	34207	677	3916	6867	5376	4677	41074
1997	5268	565	33696	1212	6920	13674	6480	7485	47370
1998	3944	518	33014	1311	7550	13847	5255	8068	46861
1999	5044	462	36725	1156	6526	15912	6200	6988	52637
2000	5515	664	34347	1057	7251	15558	6572	7915	49905
2001*	4136	531	31195	872	6502	13981	5008	7033	45176
2002*	3212	533	29822	1177	4851	13342	4389	5384	43164
2003	3785	561	31496	1250	5596	14602	5035	6157	46098
2004	3729	387	31624	1677	4946	12627	5406	5333	44251
2005	3267	332	29751	1768	3876	10864	5035	4208	40615
2006	4176	432	31656	2062	3668	10319	6238	4100	41975
2007	4282	660	32884	2267	4958	13558	6549	5618	46442
2008	3818	654	33388	2399	5575	16354	6217	6229	49742

*In 2001 and 2002, hunters afield were estimated. Also in 2001, not all CWMU bull elk hunt data were available.

Statewide elk harvest statistics, Utah 1971–2015 (cont.)

Year	General-season harvest			Restricted harvest			Total harvest		
	Bulls	Antlerless	Hunters afield	Bulls	Antlerless	Hunters afield	Bulls	Antlerless	Hunters afield
2008	3818	654	33388	2399	5575	16354	6217	6229	49742
2009	4956	901	36312	2609	7102	17560	7565	8003	53872
2010	4941	722	36562	2761	7156	16726	7702	7878	53288
2011	4207	568	37944	2716	5456	19297	6923	6024	57241
2012	5020	689	36437	2663	7960	22720	7683	8649	59157
2013	5401	576	39583	2730	8172	26791	8131	8748	66374
2014	4910	686	39790	2749	8788	29713	7659	9474	69503
2015	5304	777	40397	2786	10427	30778	8090	11204	71175

Total bull elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	139	148	171	153	157	116	114	188	197	149
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	148	155	177	298	342	280	250	330	255	312
1	Box Elder	B	Hansel Mtn	28	7	0	30	33	49	39	44	26	25
1	Box Elder	A	West Box Elder	13	17	14	14	25	26	35	26	33	43
2	Cache	—	Cache	245	198	216	253	281	264	377	337	315	309
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	892	860	755	856	897	710	821	821	755	762
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	191	173	180	200	188	167	167	180	156	166
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	212	208	174	233	250	248	280	308	303	320
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	175	217	188	194	245	171	243	213	226	219
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	55	41	48	41	67	68	39	72	35	33
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	63	86	90	157*	176	137	132	115	101	114
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	4	0	4	13	18	4	8	24	4	0
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	—	—	—	0	0	8	0	8	14	4
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	155	203	147	191	191	136	151	129	155	141
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	6	3	0	2	0	3	0	8	9	4
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	108	71	132	96	142	168	131	141	169	204
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	66	85	90	230	180	198	202	249	56	94
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	306	340	276	369	292	299	381	362	355	380
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	92	102	102	177	163	169	141	178	149	140
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	21	16	22	23	33	12	27	30	32	23
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	166	129	122	181	155	174	183	207	208	173
8	North Slope	A	Summit	150	278	220	266	363	264	335	290	393	384
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	48	46	43	35	33	30	27	30	27	26
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	135	189	177	121	197	199	213	218	172	246
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	54	128	68	126	174	161	174	186	179	231
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	44	47	47	58	75	51	60	78	74	60
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	61	61	60	110	120	124	150	142	126	141

*Includes harvest from Oak Creek South.

Total bull elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	20	16	22	29	27	52	51	58	51	62
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	33	18	24	18	11	28	8	20	25	20
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	164	207	204	179	205	133	149	172	128	138
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	362	451	474	412	366	290	315	367	398	428
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	*	10	19	4	8	0	4	21	8	24
14	San Juan	A	Montezuma Canyon	—	—	—	26	23	24	27	20	11	11
14	San Juan	B	San Juan	70	90	90	117	115	102	107	91	97	77
12	San Rafael	A	North	28	36	23	16	15	19	10	8	4	0
12	San Rafael	B	South	0	4	7	11	0	8	19	7	4	0
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	20	30	36	61	40	42	49	30	81	87
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	93	91	87	90	91	85	72	74	71	65
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	521	454	311	394	423	360	364	431	387	470
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	493	395	357	581	345	363	427	453	443	512
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	44	78	78	135	216	190	228	290	289	260
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	69	81	99	58	72	59	79	104	74	73
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	188	153	189	210	329	237	395	349	326	330
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	417	494	466	553	470	496	553	544	533	549
19	West Desert	A	Deep Creek	18	28	25	35	52	48	36	35	42	44
19	West Desert	BC	East	14	0	8	25	11	17	24	31	46	58
29	Zion	—	Zion	76	65	114	115	87	94	88	112	115	178

*Harvest is included with Fishlake.

Total antlerless* elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	83	66	64	122	119	121	122	80	124	189
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	60	91	128	113	84	57	99	83	114	109
1	Box Elder	B	Hansel Mtn	0	1	8	12	29	19	27	13	17	9
1	Box Elder	A	West Box Elder	9	6	20	3	33	32	85	55	45	85
2	Cache	—	Cache	174	331	269	210	350	173	331	276	226	304
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	673	663	705	700	809	615	1366	1232	1407	1514
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	162	220	128	186	156	81	74	145	137	135
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	144	175	116	187	296	213	425	484	472	687
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	201	372	291	188	236	297	397	342	348	536
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	33	60	45	56	29	39	57	4	9	3
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	38	11	180	167	126	122	105	87	120	98
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	2	0	11	0	0	2	2	0	9	0
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	4	4
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	48	32	58	68	127	120	144	149	129	163
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	0	14	8	17	8	25	24	10	24	27
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	108	115	198	176	159	159	157	120	188	184
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	12	0	5	17	22	29	65	200	243	396
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	664	649	366	563	662	451	599	671	491	540
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	51	23	71	123	289	110	120	180	239	244
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	34	51	83	156	290	117	187	126	76	131
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	163	228	186	257	451	100	168	115	131	105
8	North Slope	A	Summit	23	46	36	28	54	50	46	79	75	106
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	41	206	159	160	55	30	31	23	17	8
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	13	50	34	91	79	86	101	124	123	197
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	74	197	168	64	104	49	112	74	328	435
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	87	56	42	59	72	50	67	70	63	94
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	63	27	39	75	22	17	20	68	115	172

*Data includes mitigation permits.

Total antlerless* elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	4	0	0	0	1	5	30	38	35	50
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	4	2	8	12	2	5	2	3	15	4
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	48	27	79	237	218	190	133	229	446	401
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	0	255	392	1122	477	328	42	312	529	561
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	12	10
14	San Juan	A	Montezuma Canyon	—	—	—	—	49	112	128	94	33	40
14	San Juan	B	San Juan	207	151	212	182	103	104	125	132	174	107
12	San Rafael	A	North	7	17	16	14	24	17	2	3	10	15
12	San Rafael	B	South	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	23	15	24	0	0	4	4	0	12	9
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	33	139	168	268	255	147	207	144	80	197
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	70	257	197	271	276	209	398	279	196	379
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	88	198	185	300	372	305	524	594	506	542
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	102	98	141	177	135	119	75	162	337	393
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	65	59	110	175	204	173	232	191	182	218
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	179	156	352	436	597	482	968	1008	844	900
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	238	507	842	882	408	600	789	674	638	736
19	West Desert	A	Deep Creek	28	23	13	10	25	8	9	9	14	14
19	West Desert	BC	East	8	0	13	30	5	3	6	14	7	20
29	Zion	—	Zion	33	21	56	60	67	50	40	50	89	68

*Data includes mitigation permits.

Total bull elk hunters by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	934	971	1087	928	1013	1045	908	1607	1309	1150
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	180	194	218	599	816	754	789	978	918	841
1	Box Elder	B	Hansel Mtn	88	113	89	106	214	324	124	215	219	247
1	Box Elder	A	West Box Elder	18	19	21	28	74	64	87	76	105	103
2	Cache	—	Cache	1639	1541	1894	1706	1999	1945	2387	2293	2241	2282
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	5396	5253	4633	4657	4596	4830	4657	4880	4647	4279
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	1109	1069	1141	960	1124	1093	977	1036	1009	983
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	905	1118	949	1061	823	1025	830	879	984	942
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	1077	1087	1190	1257	1615	1871	1760	1631	1759	1767
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	300	234	185	342	353	386	372	846	233	242
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	76	90	115	844	731	657	604	536	449	569
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	90	55	49	133	145	110	76	62	68	38
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	—	—	—	27	36	57	32	20	71	80
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	1566	2423	2319	2310	2006	2313	1742	1599	1462	1482
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	6	3	0	19	43	56	22	17	31	17
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	550	240	500	454	661	707	742	864	853	802
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	75	79	117	1071	782	1072	1163	1294	485	714
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	1334	1543	1386	1478	1009	1199	1017	1008	1125	1120
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	117	138	149	491	657	544	544	489	681	629
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	26	26	29	196	166	121	132	132	151	166
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	645	477	483	530	528	645	865	703	805	671
8	North Slope	A	Summit	1850	2505	2654	2489	2912	2478	2445	2226	2673	2742
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	60	56	53	51	48	46	45	41	44	46
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	1206	1313	1276	1349	1487	1492	1738	1428	1374	1599
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	653	871	1010	834	1203	1234	719	645	876	859
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	44	51	53	255	260	273	283	376	302	254
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	75	95	103	972	635	782	874	896	888	963

Total bull elk hunters by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	33	39	36	94	163	198	260	218	213	268
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	429	140	186	165	220	261	163	240	251	243
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	813	985	837	860	961	810	732	779	874	790
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	1576	2163	2395	1770	2179	2029	1631	1591	1805	1847
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	*	53	146	64	128	150	70	95	102	98
14	San Juan	A	Montezuma Canyon	—	—	—	—	202	147	123	148	97	86
14	San Juan	B	San Juan	91	98	127	635	395	386	413	394	334	328
12	San Rafael	A	North	205	167	137	129	119	197	86	102	63	51
12	San Rafael	B	South	56	23	56	33	56	107	79	89	88	54
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	103	89	126	178	130	210	394	285	473	567
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	127	127	125	132	119	107	92	89	85	80
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	3635	3347	2864	3261	3453	3022	2857	2958	2715	2776
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	2893	2694	2382	2915	2273	2618	2764	3201	3243	3457
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	49	58	98	784	751	724	861	909	1082	1158
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	242	287	508	216	613	570	705	704	732	817
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	1358	1310	1728	1252	2681	2376	2728	2920	3231	3303
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	3472	3564	4400	3988	3297	4303	3863	3993	4115	4374
19	West Desert	A	Deep Creek	20	30	36	84	163	167	149	116	213	162
19	West Desert	BC	East	148	161	134	328	160	341	316	289	316	402
29	Zion	—	Zion	967	691	755	738	755	755	704	767	781	951

*Hunters afield is included with Fishlake.

Total antlerless* elk hunters by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	115	185	143	165	161	263	216	262	238	343
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	90	167	221	197	122	89	160	154	151	133
1	Box Elder	B	Hansel Mtn	2	5	16	15	43	33	55	61	46	49
1	Box Elder	A	West Box Elder	10	6	51	44	50	78	143	200	213	177
2	Cache	—	Cache	488	650	462	435	497	494	630	664	517	633
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	1051	1212	1259	1151	1195	1299	2498	3010	3198	3226
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	305	305	326	319	189	196	121	225	265	176
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	382	368	338	382	431	625	925	1038	1234	1341
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	383	617	566	331	332	708	917	881	919	1054
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	60	121	75	98	41	60	127	13	23	16
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	84	26	437	258	245	205	191	199	177	122
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	10	7	10	5	1	12	9	6	47	10
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	92	118	112	129	172	434	401	411	375	370
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	0	18	18	18	16	37	50	42	48	44
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	192	195	303	249	266	261	261	204	246	241
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	20	2	10	31	40	58	61	286	329	563
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	932	951	725	776	850	836	987	1108	1088	1012
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	289	148	189	251	472	387	309	492	616	768
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	58	90	231	437	473	378	751	625	406	311
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	667	762	774	550	803	570	470	525	530	421
8	North Slope	A	Summit	42	59	29	28	58	90	74	99	138	164
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	51	323	344	332	154	106	85	68	82	55
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	8	121	117	165	149	151	223	274	262	323
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	263	313	392	237	138	139	176	159	848	949
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	120	109	66	78	83	88	76	99	76	107
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	158	79	96	104	3	5	29	134	146	270

*Data includes mitigation permits.

Total antlerless* elk hunters by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	10	1	0	0	9	20	53	76	99	136
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	15	19	13	17	9	26	20	27	34	84
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	54	21	215	451	597	628	317	716	974	976
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	2	393	532	1596	836	870	40	582	888	940
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	**	2	0	5	9	10	6	11	20	22
14	San Juan	A	Montezuma Canyon	—	—	—	—	94	246	314	256	171	201
14	San Juan	B	San Juan	363	365	450	369	227	191	276	259	352	288
12	San Rafael	A	North	19	28	22	28	42	78	34	33	65	43
12	San Rafael	B	South	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	23	19	24	0	0	0	0	1	2	5
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	91	373	370	453	424	294	362	361	174	330
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	68	658	635	539	617	618	980	973	909	770
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	160	345	545	719	674	1028	1730	2496	2687	2292
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	150	195	286	201	183	161	103	181	426	579
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	159	155	302	379	383	667	1034	902	896	852
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	198	181	630	682	772	1166	1988	3090	3727	3442
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	278	667	1297	1244	552	1504	1526	1548	2020	2523
19	West Desert	A	Deep Creek	36	43	28	21	21	16	12	17	19	27
19	West Desert	BC	East	0	2	13	14	18	15	11	18	16	176
29	Zion	—	Zion	88	82	304	327	305	137	127	163	206	208

*Data includes mitigation permits
**Hunters afield is included with Fishlake.

Total elk harvest by management unit, Utah 2015.

	Unit	Bull harvest	Antlerless harvest	Total harvest	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	Beaver	149	189	338	1493	5.6	22.4
10	Book Cliffs	312	109	421	974	4.8	43.2
1	Box Elder	68	94	162	576	5.6	26.2
2	Cache	309	304	613	2915	5.9	21.0
16	Central Mtns	928	1649	2577	8664	5.4	29.7
6	Chalk Creek	320	687	1007	2283	4.3	43.8
5	East Canyon	219	536	755	2821	5.4	26.6
21	Fillmore	147	101	248	949	4.7	26.0
15	Henry Mtns	0	0	0	48	5.2	0.0
26	Kaiparowits	4	4	8	82	7.1	9.8
7	Kamas	141	163	304	1852	5.4	16.2
13	La Sal	208	211	419	1104	5.3	37.9
23	Monroe	94	396	490	1277	5.4	38.3
4	Morgan-South Rich	380	540	920	2132	4.5	42.8
24	Mt Dutton	140	244	384	1397	5.0	27.5
11	Nine Mile	196	236	432	1569	5.4	27.5
8	North Slope	656	311	967	4929	5.5	19.5
3	Ogden	231	435	666	1808	4.5	36.5
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	60	94	154	361	4.5	42.6
28	Panguitch Lake	141	172	313	1233	6.0	25.3
27	Paunsaugunt	62	50	112	404	6.4	27.7
30	Pine Valley	20	4	24	327	5.4	7.2
25	Plateau	590	972	1562	4673	5.1	33.2
14	San Juan	88	147	235	903	5.7	26.0
12	San Rafael	0	19	19	148	5.0	12.7
9	South Slope	1134	1127	2261	10277	5.6	21.9
20	Southwest Desert	260	393	653	1737	5.1	37.5
17	Wasatch Mtns	952	1854	2806	15311	5.5	18.3
19	West Desert	102	34	136	767	5.4	17.7
29	Zion	178	68	246	1159	6.2	21.2
	Unidentified	2	62	64	165	7.3	38.8
	Statewide totals*	8090	11204	19294	71175	5.5	27.0

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General-season any weapon spike bull elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Bull harvest	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	Beaver	A	East	79	439	5.4	18.1
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	150	584	4.9	25.7
1	Box Elder	A	Grouse Creek	0	38	5.6	0.0
2	Cache	A	Cache	62	857	5.1	7.3
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	295	2449	4.9	12.1
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	83	535	4.1	15.6
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	46	326	4.4	14.1
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	0	33	5.5	0.0
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	4	13	2.7	33.3
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	75	372	5.5	20.2
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	—	0	—	—
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	54	447	4.7	12.1
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	4	109	5.9	3.8
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	12	109	4.5	11.5
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	62	468	5.1	13.4
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	33	150	5.1	22.2
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	54	472	4.6	11.5
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	183	949	4.7	19.4
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	17	75	4.5	22.2
14	San Juan	B	San Juan	12	138	5.3	9.1
12	San Rafael	B	South	0	33	4.8	0.0
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	125	698	4.3	18.0
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	33	493	5.3	6.8
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	158	2269	5.2	7.0
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	145	1626	4.7	9.0
19	West Desert	A	Deep Creek	21	88	4.3	23.8
	Statewide totals*			1706	12872	5.2	13.3

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General-season any weapon any bull elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Bull harvest	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	Beaver	B	West	0	165	4.5	0.0
1	Box Elder	B	Hansel Mtn	21	65	3.8	33.3
2	Cache	B	East Rich	17	192	4.8	9.1
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	97	440	3.9	22.8
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	105	405	3.8	26.9
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	25	122	3.9	21.4
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	0	26	4.7	0.0
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	105	940	4.3	11.6
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	114	566	4.5	20.8
11	Nine Mile	B1	Range Creek North	42	248	5.0	17.5
11	Nine Mile	B2	Range Creek South	42	209	4.7	20.8
8	North Slope	A	Summit	295	1785	5.2	17.1
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	194	1032	4.9	19.4
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	131	475	4.0	28.4
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	8	139	5.0	6.3
14	San Juan	A	Montezuma Canyon	0	35	6.3	0.0
12	San Rafael	A	North	0	26	6.0	0.0
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	67	396	5.6	17.6
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	325	1707	5.5	19.6
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	375	2399	5.2	16.2
19	West Desert	BC	East	38	318	5.3	12.3
29	Zion	—	Zion	114	431	5.3	27.3
	Statewide totals*			2116	11463	5.2	18.5

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General-season muzzleloader spike bull elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Bull harvest	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	Beaver	A	East	7	27	5.3	28.6
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	11	19	3.2	57.9
1	Box Elder	A	Grouse Creek	—	0	—	—
2	Cache	A	Cache	15	84	5.8	18.2
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	37	176	4.8	21.7
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	11	27	4.6	42.9
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	0	15	4.5	0.0
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	—	0	—	—
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	—	0	—	—
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	0	11	4.7	0.0
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	37	230	4.0	16.7
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	0	19	5.0	0.0
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	0	8	6.5	0.0
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	4	19	3.4	20.0
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	4	19	4.2	20.0
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	—	0	—	—
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	7	27	4.3	28.6
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	52	241	4.0	22.2
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	7	19	2.4	40.0
14	San Juan	B	San Juan	4	11	5.0	33.3
12	San Rafael	B	South	—	0	—	—
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	22	88	4.5	26.1
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	0	11	3.7	0.0
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	4	73	5.0	5.3
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	0	57	3.6	0.0
19	West Desert	A	Deep Creek	0	4	3.0	0.0
	Statewide totals*			223	1092	4.7	20.4

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General-season muzzleloader any bull elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Bull harvest	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	Beaver	B	West	0	12	6.7	0.0
1	Box Elder	B	Hansel Mtn	0	8	2.0	0.0
2	Cache	B	East Rich	4	25	3.7	16.7
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	8	78	4.0	10.5
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	4	66	2.7	6.3
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	4	29	3.9	14.3
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	0	4	7.0	0.0
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	8	78	4.2	10.5
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	20	78	3.8	26.3
11	Nine Mile	B1	Range Creek North	4	25	3.3	16.7
11	Nine Mile	B2	Range Creek South	0	4	4.0	0.0
8	North Slope	A	Summit	29	177	4.6	16.3
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	20	136	4.6	15.2
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	29	144	3.7	20.0
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	4	21	4.4	20.0
14	San Juan	A	Montezuma Canyon	0	4	3.0	0.0
12	San Rafael	A	North	0	8	4.0	0.0
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	12	49	4.4	25.0
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	37	140	5.0	26.5
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	45	308	5.1	14.7
19	West Desert	BC	East	4	21	6.6	20.0
29	Zion	—	Zion	12	49	4.9	25.0
	Statewide totals*			245	1360	4.8	18.0

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General-season archery elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Harvest				Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
				Bull	Cow	Calf	Total			
22	Beaver	A	East	20	36	0	56	317	5.7	18.7
22	Beaver	B	West	4	4	0	8	119	7.4	7.1
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	4	0	0	4	46	4.4	9.1
1	Box Elder	A	Grouse Creek	0	0	0	0	17	7.0	0.0
1	Box Elder	B	Hansel Mtn	4	0	0	4	21	9.2	20.0
2	Cache	A	Cache	28	24	12	64	728	7.2	9.3
2	Cache	B	East Rich	4	4	0	8	55	7.2	15.4
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	85	138	28	251	1151	6.1	22.8
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	16	24	0	40	347	7.5	12.2
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	16	0	0	16	165	6.3	10.3
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	24	0	0	24	305	5.9	8.3
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	0	0	0	0	59	4.6	0.0
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	16	20	0	36	161	5.8	23.7
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	0	0	0	0	4	14.0	0.0
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	4	4	0	8	47	8.3	18.2
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	20	0	0	20	444	6.2	4.8
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	28	28	4	60	279	6.0	22.7
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	28	41	0	69	453	6.5	15.9
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	24	0	0	24	199	6.9	12.8
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	12	0	0	12	59	6.6	21.4
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	4	0	0	4	25	5.2	16.7
11	Nine Mile	B1	Range Creek North	8	0	0	8	47	10.5	18.2
11	Nine Mile	B2	Range Creek South	0	0	0	0	30	9.4	0.0
8	North Slope	A	Summit	37	41	4	82	732	7.0	11.6
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	24	28	0	52	419	7.6	13.1
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	20	4	0	24	174	6.6	14.6
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	0	0	0	0	63	4.8	0.0
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	20	12	0	32	385	7.7	8.8
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	0	4	0	4	34	5.1	12.5
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	4	0	0	4	59	7.4	7.1
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	16	12	4	32	212	7.8	16.0
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	32	36	0	68	419	6.9	17.2
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	0.0
14	San Juan	A	Montezuma Canyon	4	0	0	4	110	6.5	0.0
14	San Juan	B	San Juan	0	0	0	0	30	4.4	3.8
12	San Rafael	A	North	0	0	4	4	17	6.5	25.0
12	San Rafael	B	South	0	4	0	4	21	5.8	20.0
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	8	8	0	16	114	5.9	14.8
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	61	32	4	97	720	8.2	14.1
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	77	12	4	93	580	7.0	16.8
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	16	28	0	44	212	6.5	22.0

General-season archery elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		Harvest				Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
				Bull	Cow	Calf	Total			
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	8	24	0	32	262	6.5	12.9
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	28	32	4	64	749	6.8	9.0
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	28	69	12	109	1147	5.9	10.0
19	West Desert	A	Deep Creek	0	4	0	4	30	7.7	14.3
19	West Desert	BC	East	8	0	0	8	47	6.6	18.2
29	Zion	—	Zion	41	12	0	53	423	7.0	13.0
	Statewide totals*			761	649	80	1490	10886	6.8	14.3

*Statewide totals for hunters afield do not equal the sum of the columns because hunters could hunt multiple units.

General-season youth* any bull elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Bull harvest	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	Beaver	B	West	11	36	4.9	33.3
1	Box Elder	B	Hansel Mtn	—	0	—	—
2	Cache	B	East Rich	11	28	4.1	42.9
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	0	4	2.0	0.0
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	4	8	3.0	50.0
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	4	32	3.5	12.5
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	0	4	2.0	0.0
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	8	20	2.4	40.0
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	15	40	3.8	40.0
11	Nine Mile	B1	Range Creek North	4	12	3.7	33.3
11	Nine Mile	B2	Range Creek South	8	12	1.3	66.7
8	North Slope	A	Summit	23	48	2.2	50.0
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	8	12	4.7	66.7
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	19	32	2.8	62.5
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	4	24	4.0	16.7
14	San Juan	A	Montezuma Canyon	0	4	2.0	0.0
12	San Rafael	A	North	—	0	—	—
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	0	8	3.0	0.0
9	South Slope	B	Vernal*	47	85	7.9	55.3
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	15	64	3.4	25.0
19	West Desert	BC	East	8	16	3.8	50.0
29	Zion	—	Zion	11	48	4.9	25.0
	Statewide totals**			194	451	4.2	43.1

*Includes hunters and harvest from both the early and late youth any bull elk hunts.
**Statewide totals for hunters afield do not equal the sum of the columns because hunters could hunt multiple units.

Limited-entry archery bull elk harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Bull harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	3000	Beaver, East	3	8	8	15.7	37.5
10	3001	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	17	37	37	11.0	45.5
10	3002	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	2	12	11	9.6	20.0
1	3003	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	1	4	4	11.0	25.0
2	3004	Cache, Meadowville	3	13	13	7.9	20.0
2	3005	Cache, North	0	13	13	11.3	0.0
2	3006	Cache, South	12	39	39	12.3	30.6
16	3007	Central Mtns, Manti	35	114	112	13.0	31.3
16	3008	Central Mtns, Nebo	9	22	21	11.5	42.1
21	3009	Fillmore, Pahvant	7	15	15	15.6	46.7
13	3010	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	8	28	28	9.8	26.9
23	3011	Monroe	4	6	5	13.5	80.0
24	3012	Mt Dutton	8	24	24	11.5	31.8
11	3013	Nine Mile, Anthro	0	6	6	15.7	0.0
8	3014	North Slope, Three Corners	5	13	13	9.5	40.0
18	3015	Oquirrh-Stansbury	2	10	10	12.2	20.0
28	3016	Panguitch Lake	5	22	21	13.7	22.2
27	3017	Paunsaugunt	2	19	19	12.9	11.8
25	3018	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	10	22	21	15.2	50.0
25	3019	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	13	47	47	13.8	28.6
14	3020	San Juan	9	13	11	13.7	81.8
9	3021	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	2	12	12	13.8	18.2
20	3022	Southwest Desert	16	41	40	12.4	38.9
17	3023	Wasatch Mtns	67	224	218	12.0	30.9
19	3024	West Desert, Deep Creek	4	12	12	9.4	30.0
		Statewide totals	244	776	760	12.3	32.1

Limited-entry any weapon bull elk harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Bull harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	3025	Beaver, East	11	11	11	4.7	100.0
22	3026	Beaver, East	7	9	9	2.9	77.8
10	3027	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	54	63	63	4.2	85.0
10	3028	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	21	27	27	5.0	76.9
10	3029	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	20	23	23	3.5	87.0
1	3030	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	8	8	8	4.8	100.0
1	3031	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	5	5	5	5.0	100.0
2	3032	Cache, Meadowville	20	32	32	4.0	62.5
2	3033	Cache, Meadowville	6	13	12	5.3	50.0
2	3034	Cache, North	9	19	19	4.2	47.4
2	3035	Cache, North	3	9	9	5.3	37.5
2	3036	Cache, South	38	61	61	5.2	62.7
2	3037	Cache, South	20	34	33	4.7	60.0
16	3038	Central Mtns, Manti	122	153	153	4.3	79.7
16	3039	Central Mtns, Manti	78	101	101	4.3	77.6
16	3040	Central Mtns, Nebo	21	23	23	4.2	91.3
16	3041	Central Mtns, Nebo	10	11	11	3.8	88.9
21	3042	Fillmore, Pahvant	18	20	20	3.7	90.0
21	3043	Fillmore, Pahvant	14	17	17	4.4	82.4
13	3044	La Sal, Dolores Triangle	0	4	4	3.0	0.0
13	3045	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	37	43	43	5.0	85.4
13	3046	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	15	22	22	3.6	68.2
23	3047	Monroe	14	15	15	3.5	92.3
23	3048	Monroe	5	5	5	3.0	100.0
24	3049	Mt Dutton	27	36	36	4.5	75.0
24	3050	Mt Dutton	20	23	23	4.5	86.4
11	3051	Nine Mile, Anthro	5	7	7	5.7	71.4
11	3052	Nine Mile, Anthro	6	6	6	2.7	100.0
8	3053	North Slope, Three Corners	18	24	24	5.7	73.9
18	3054	Oquirrh-Stansbury	9	14	14	3.7	61.5
18	3055	Oquirrh-Stansbury	5	9	9	6.8	60.0
28	3056	Panguitch Lake	21	28	28	5.6	75.0
28	3057	Panguitch Lake	16	24	24	4.2	68.2

Limited-entry any weapon bull elk harvest, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Bull harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
27	3058	Paunsaugunt	11	28	28	5.3	37.5
27	3059	Paunsaugunt	6	18	18	6.1	30.8
25	3060	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	28	29	29	4.9	96.6
25	3061	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	12	15	15	4.8	80.0
25	3062	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	53	72	72	5.0	73.9
25	3063	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	31	36	36	3.8	84.8
14	3064	San Juan	26	29	29	5.3	88.5
14	3065	San Juan	9	11	11	6.0	81.8
9	3066	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	31	32	31	3.6	100.0
9	3067	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	22	24	24	3.6	91.7
20	3068	Southwest Desert	29	43	43	6.0	68.3
20	3069	Southwest Desert	29	48	48	4.9	61.4
17	3070	Wasatch Mtns	176	232	229	4.8	76.8
17	3071	Wasatch Mtns	102	124	124	4.4	82.4
19	3072	West Desert, Deep Creek	9	14	14	4.5	61.5
19	3073	West Desert, Deep Creek	5	5	5	3.8	100.0
		Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	2	2	2	—	100.0
		Statewide totals	1264	1661	1655	4.6	76.4

Limited-entry muzzleloader bull elk harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt Number	Hunt name	Bull harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	3074	Beaver, East	5	5	5	3.5	100.0
10	3075	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	20	23	23	5.0	86.4
10	3076	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	7	9	8	4.1	87.5
1	3077	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	3	3	3	2.0	100.0
2	3078	Cache, Meadowville	9	12	12	5.8	75.0
2	3079	Cache, North	1	7	5	7.0	20.0
2	3080	Cache, South	12	25	25	6.4	47.8
16	3081	Central Mtns, Manti	53	68	68	5.0	77.3
16	3082	Central Mtns, Nebo	12	14	14	4.9	85.7
21	3083	Fillmore, Pahvant	6	7	7	4.3	85.7
13	3084	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	14	17	17	3.9	81.3
23	3085	Monroe	4	4	4	2.0	100.0
24	3086	Mt Dutton	14	16	16	6.0	84.6
11	3087	Nine Mile, Anthro	2	3	3	6.0	66.7
8	3088	North Slope, Three Corners	1	7	7	5.7	14.3
18	3089	Oquirrh-Stansbury	5	6	6	3.2	80.0
28	3090	Panguitch Lake	12	15	15	7.1	76.9
27	3091	Paunsaugunt	6	11	11	5.9	50.0
25	3092	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	9	11	11	5.8	80.0
25	3093	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	18	29	27	7.3	66.7
14	3094	San Juan	5	9	9	6.4	55.6
9	3095	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	8	11	11	4.3	72.7
20	3096	Southwest Desert	17	22	22	6.6	76.2
17	3097	Wasatch Mtns	100	152	150	5.9	66.7
19	3098	West Desert, Deep Creek	4	7	7	5.7	50.0
		Statewide totals	347	493	486	5.6	71.4

Multi-season limited-entry bull elk harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Bull harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	3099	Beaver, East	2	2	2	2.0	100.0
10	3100	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	5	6	6	9.0	83.3
10	3101	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	1	2	2	6.5	50.0
2	3102	Cache, Meadowville	2	3	3	9.5	50.0
2	3103	Cache, North	1	2	2	14.0	50.0
2	3104	Cache, South	6	7	7	11.0	83.3
16	3105	Central Mtns, Manti	16	16	16	14.9	100.0
16	3106	Central Mtns, Nebo	3	3	3	13.5	100.0
21	3107	Fillmore, Pahvant	2	2	2	3.0	100.0
13	3108	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	4	4	4	8.3	100.0
23	3109	Monroe	2	2	2	5.0	100.0
24	3110	Mt Dutton	5	5	5	13.5	100.0
11	3111	Nine Mile, Anthro	2	2	2	5.0	100.0
8	3112	North Slope, Three Corners	2	2	2	1.0	100.0
18	3113	Oquirrh-Stansbury	2	2	2	12.5	100.0
28	3114	Panguitch Lake	1	3	3	14.5	33.3
27	3115	Paunsaugunt	0	3	3	16.0	0.0
25	3116	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	2	3	3	16.7	66.7
25	3117	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	6	8	8	17.8	75.0
14	3118	San Juan	2	3	3	13.5	50.0
9	3119	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	2	2	2	4.5	100.0
20	3120	Southwest Desert	6	7	7	14.3	83.3
17	3121	Wasatch Mtns	22	25	24	16.2	91.3
19	3122	West Desert, Deep Creek	1	2	2	17.5	50.0
		Statewide totals	97	116	115	13.0	84.3

Limited-entry antlerless elk harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt	Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
			Cow	Calf	Total				
22	4000	Beaver	43	6	49	133	127	5.6	38.4
22	4001	Beaver, Beaver Valley	52	2	54	100	89	5.9	60.3
10	4002	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek East	46	2	48	58	55	2.4	86.5
10	4003	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	15	3	18	29	26	3.8	66.7
10	4004	Book Cliffs, San Arroyo	26	1	27	39	33	2.7	82.6
1	4005	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	11	2	13	25	23	5.1	53.8
1	4006	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	9	0	9	20	17	5.6	53.8
1	4007	Box Elder, Snowville	0	0	0	15	12	18.8	0.0
2	4008	Cache	156	23	179	448	438	6.1	40.8
2	4009	Cache, Richards Hollow	8	3	11	29	24	5.4	43.8
2	4010	Cache, Cache Valley Northeast Benches	5	2	7	15	15	8.2	45.5
16	4011	Central Mtns, Central Manti	116	15	131	342	325	4.9	40.2
16	4012	Central Mtns, Ferron Canyon	91	17	108	348	336	4.8	32.1
16	4013	Central Mtns, Ferron Lower	3	0	3	5	3	1.0	100.0
16	4014	Central Mtns, Gordon Creek-Price Canyon	68	15	83	199	186	8.8	44.7
16	4015	Central Mtns, Gordon Creek-Price Canyon	11	2	13	50	43	4.8	29.2
16	4016	Central Mtns, Horn Mtn	29	9	38	50	47	3.6	79.4
16	4017	Central Mtns, Mohrland-Stump Flat	39	8	47	250	238	10.3	19.6
16	4018	Central Mtns, Mohrland-Stump Flat	17	2	19	50	50	7.1	38.9
16	4019	Central Mtns, Nebo	28	0	28	46	44	3.3	63.2
16	4020	Central Mtns, North Manti	283	40	323	843	779	4.6	41.4
16	4021	Central Mtns, South Manti	130	17	147	347	330	4.5	44.6
16	4022	Central Mtns, South Manti	76	20	96	148	138	5.8	70.0
16	4023	Central Mtns, West Manti	46	14	60	148	131	6.9	46.0
6	4024	Chalk Creek	262	57	319	679	579	4.6	55.1
5	4025	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake	135	21	156	247	228	6.5	68.4
5	4026	East Canyon, Morgan	67	5	72	150	127	5.6	57.1
5	4027	East Canyon, Summit	73	5	78	174	141	4.8	55.0
21	4028	Fillmore, Chalk Creek	6	4	10	25	24	6.1	41.2
21	4029	Fillmore, Pahvant North	10	2	12	19	19	3.4	63.6
21	4030	Fillmore, Pahvant South	13	1	14	20	17	4.6	83.3
15	4031	Henry Mtns	0	0	0	5	2	8.0	0.0
7	4032	Kamas	32	12	44	127	117	6.9	37.5
7	4033	Kamas, Francis	3	3	6	50	47	14.3	12.5
7	4034	Kamas, Oakley	53	23	76	129	114	7.4	66.7
7	4035	Kamas, West Hills	8	6	14	50	42	5.1	33.3
13	4036	La Sal, Dolores Triangle	21	6	27	50	44	4.2	61.9
13	4037	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	36	1	37	78	73	4.8	51.1
13	4038	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	36	2	38	78	70	6.1	54.5
23	4039	Monroe, Koosharem Valley	5	0	5	19	19	11.2	27.3
23	4040	Monroe, Koosharem Valley	7	0	7	10	7	10.0	100.0

Limited-entry antlerless elk harvest, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt	Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
			Cow	Calf	Total				
23	4041	Monroe, South	75	5	80	129	126	3.5	63.6
23/24/25	4042	Monroe/Mt Dutton/Plateau	249	26	275	345	329	4.8	83.6
4	4043	Morgan-South Rich, East Lost Creek	26	0	26	56	41	2.5	63.6
4	4044	Morgan-South Rich, Henefer-Echo WMA	86	10	96	146	129	3.0	74.2
4	4045	Morgan-South Rich, South Rich	7	0	7	39	37	7.5	18.8
4	4046	Morgan-South Rich, South Weber	4	0	4	25	25	11.3	16.7
4	4047	Morgan-South Rich, West Lost Creek	19	6	25	54	48	3.5	52.0
24	4048	Mt Dutton	34	5	39	99	90	4.0	43.1
24	4049	Mt Dutton	13	2	15	99	83	3.8	18.0
24	4050	Mt Dutton, Deep Creek	50	2	52	124	108	3.0	47.8
24	4051	Mt Dutton, East	19	4	23	124	108	3.6	20.9
24	4052	Mt Dutton, East	33	2	35	100	86	4.1	40.5
11	4053	Nine Mile, Avintaquin-West Anthro	56	5	61	149	132	4.1	46.3
11	4054	Nine Mile, Range Creek	19	0	19	50	40	9.6	47.6
11	4055	Nine Mile, Range Creek	10	0	10	50	40	2.9	25.0
11	4056	Nine Mile, West Anthro	2	1	3	25	20	3.9	16.7
11	4057	Nine Mile, West Anthro	60	7	67	150	136	4.8	49.4
8	4058	North Slope, Greendale	1	0	1	20	20	6.5	6.3
8	4059	North Slope, Greendale	11	2	13	20	18	3.9	73.3
8	4060	North Slope, Henrys Fork-Burnt Fork	17	5	22	79	75	6.4	29.6
8	4061	North Slope, Henrys Fork-Burnt Fork	19	4	23	79	72	5.4	32.3
8	4062	North Slope, Manila-Phil Pico	9	2	11	37	33	7.5	33.3
8	4063	North Slope, Three Corners	0	1	1	8	8	4.0	16.7
8	4064	North Slope, Three Corners	2	1	3	15	14	3.8	23.1
8	4065	North Slope, Three Corners	0	0	0	9	9	4.0	0.0
8	4066	North Slope, West Daggett	5	0	5	20	18	5.1	26.7
8	4067	North Slope, West Daggett	3	0	3	50	47	5.0	5.7
8	4068	North Slope, West Daggett	49	7	56	99	84	3.6	66.1
3	4069	Ogden	27	5	32	197	169	5.8	18.8
3	4070	Ogden	75	16	91	199	186	4.6	49.3
3	4071	Ogden	99	30	129	198	182	4.1	70.7
18	4072	Oquirrh-Stansbury, Oquirrh Mtns	32	5	37	48	45	5.7	82.4
28	4073	Panguitch Lake	49	11	60	119	113	5.5	52.7
28	4074	Panguitch Lake	71	13	84	116	105	3.7	80.4
27	4075	Paunsaugunt	24	6	30	80	71	5.6	41.5
27	4076	Paunsaugunt, Skutumpah	9	0	9	45	45	11.0	20.0
30	4077	Pine Valley	2	0	2	24	24	8.9	7.7
25	4078	Plateau, Boulder	44	10	54	196	182	5.1	29.8
25	4079	Plateau, Boulder East	46	7	53	149	120	3.4	44.6
25	4080	Plateau, Boulder Parker Mtn	25	7	32	99	87	6.2	36.8

Limited-entry antlerless elk harvest, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt	Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
			Cow	Calf	Total				
25	4081	Plateau, Boulder West	82	12	94	250	236	5.1	40.0
25	4082	Plateau, Boulder West	72	11	83	197	175	4.4	47.6
25	4083	Plateau, Boulder-Circle Cliffs	18	0	18	50	36	4.8	50.0
25	4084	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	114	14	128	392	372	4.7	34.3
25	4085	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes East	143	27	170	247	231	3.7	73.5
25	4086	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes West	81	8	89	148	137	3.8	65.0
14	4087	San Juan	28	4	32	110	99	4.7	32.1
14	4088	San Juan	39	4	43	109	102	5.0	42.2
14	4089	San Juan, East of US-191	0	0	0	10	10	7.5	0.0
14	4090	San Juan, North Elk Ridge	15	4	19	50	48	6.1	39.1
12	4091	San Rafael, North	0	0	0	5	2	6.0	0.0
9	4092	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	14	4	18	98	95	5.8	18.6
9	4093	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	24	9	33	96	91	5.7	35.7
9	4094	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	31	5	36	98	88	5.4	41.3
9	4095	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	37	8	45	99	89	4.8	50.0
9	4096	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	41	4	45	89	85	5.0	53.4
9	4097	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	26	6	32	78	74	4.7	42.5
9	4098	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	30	16	46	80	76	3.5	60.5
9	4099	South Slope, Little Mtn-Buckskin Hills	42	2	44	75	72	4.9	60.9
9	4100	South Slope, Little Mtn-Buckskin Hills	52	2	54	75	72	4.8	75.0
9	4101	South Slope, Yellowstone	43	11	54	298	266	5.1	20.3
9	4102	South Slope, Yellowstone	7	0	7	50	47	5.0	14.8
9	4103	South Slope, Yellowstone	30	4	34	149	134	4.0	25.0
9	4104	South Slope, Yellowstone	40	6	46	150	142	4.0	32.4
9	4105	South Slope, Yellowstone	19	8	27	100	87	4.2	31.1
9	4106	South Slope, Yellowstone	34	6	40	100	94	5.0	42.6
9	4107	South Slope, Yellowstone	42	8	50	100	92	4.4	54.5
20	4108	Southwest Desert	258	41	299	510	475	4.6	63.0
20	4109	Southwest Desert, NW part	33	7	40	72	62	5.6	64.6
17	4110	Wasatch Mtns, Alpine	13	0	13	30	23	9.0	57.1
17	4111	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	7	0	7	43	37	5.1	20.0
17	4112	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	14	0	14	98	84	3.5	17.1
17	4113	Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	104	5	109	496	462	4.3	23.7
17	4114	Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	55	18	73	339	303	3.9	24.1
17	4115	Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	71	13	84	250	217	3.7	38.6
17	4116	Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	101	23	124	243	209	3.9	59.3
17	4117	Wasatch Mtns, East Heber	12	6	18	37	34	4.9	52.0
17	4118	Wasatch Mtns, East Heber	12	0	12	39	39	5.3	32.0
17	4119	Wasatch Mtns, East Heber	17	10	27	39	34	2.6	78.6
17	4120	Wasatch Mtns, Park City	0	3	3	10	10	7.7	33.3

Limited-entry antlerless elk harvest, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt	Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
			Cow	Calf	Total				
17	4121	Wasatch Mtns, Salt Lake	27	2	29	39	39	5.1	75.0
17	4122	Wasatch Mtns, Timpanogos	5	11	16	19	19	5.0	85.7
17	4123	Wasatch Mtns, Wallsburg	13	4	17	39	36	4.7	46.2
17	4124	Wasatch Mtns, Wallsburg	23	3	26	40	40	3.1	64.3
17	4125	Wasatch Mtns, West Heber	13	0	13	20	15	3.8	83.3
19	4126	West Desert, Deep Creek	1	0	1	9	9	4.3	14.3
29	4127	Zion	10	2	12	50	45	6.3	26.9
29	4128	Zion	21	0	21	98	79	8.3	26.2
		Statewide totals	5370	889	6259	15140	13807	5.0	45.3

CWMU bull elk harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Bull harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
27	3500	Alton	4	5	5	5.0	80.0
25	3501	Bar J Ranch	9	11	11	6.3	81.8
16	3502	Bear Mountain	3	7	7	3.0	40.0
3	3503	Bear Springs	10	11	11	3.2	90.0
25	3504	Boobe Hole	15	15	15	2.5	100.0
4	3505	Cedar Canyon	9	10	10	2.3	87.5
4	3506	Chimney Rock	9	9	9	4.0	100.0
3	3507	Coldwater Ranch	11	11	11	2.5	100.0
11	3508	Conover-Jensen	7	7	7	5.0	100.0
17	3509	Coyote Little Pole	8	10	10	5.8	80.0
16	3510	Crab Creek	1	2	2	1.0	50.0
14	3511	Deer Haven	0	2	2	3.0	0.0
4	3512	Deseret	104	115	115	3.6	90.4
1	3513	Double Cone	7	7	7	1.7	100.0
4	3514	Durst Mountain	11	19	17	4.7	64.3
6	3515	East Fork Chalk Creek	12	19	18	8.4	66.7
17	3516	Emma Park	6	8	8	3.9	75.0
6	3517	Ensign Ranches	21	23	23	3.9	90.5
4	3518	Folley Ridge	16	16	16	4.4	100.0
6	3519	Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	68	88	88	3.5	77.6
25	3520	Grazing Pasture	2	5	5	4.2	40.0
1	3521	Riverview Ranch LLC	3	4	4	4.0	75.0
4	3522	Guildersleeve	10	10	10	2.7	100.0
5	3523	Hardscrabble	7	8	8	5.5	83.3
18	3524	Heaston East	21	22	22	1.9	95.0
4	3525	Hell Canyon	19	20	20	2.8	95.0
16	3526	Hiawatha	1	6	5	17.0	25.0
1	3527	Ingham Peak	5	6	6	3.4	80.0
13	3528	J.B. Ranch	5	7	7	3.1	71.4
5	3529	Jacob's Creek	10	10	10	2.6	100.0
25	3530	Johnson Mountain Ranch	14	17	17	3.7	84.6
16	3531	Jump Creek	5	5	5	2.0	100.0
1	3532	Junction Valley	4	4	4	1.7	100.0
17	3533	Indian Head	6	8	8	3.9	75.0
17	3534	Little Red Creek	13	14	14	2.9	92.3
5	3535	Lone Tree Taylor Hollow	22	24	24	3.3	90.5
11	3536	Minnie Maud Ridge	31	37	37	3.5	84.4
21	3537	Missouri Flat	5	6	6	4.3	83.3
17	3538	Moon Ranch	10	11	11	3.6	90.9
5	3539	Mountain Top	20	20	20	2.8	100.0

CWMU bull elk harvest, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Bull harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
16	3540	Old Woman Plateau	7	10	9	6.0	83.3
11	3541	Patmos Ridge	0	1	1	25.0	0.0
3	3542	Powder Mountain	1	1	1	2.0	100.0
11	3543	Preston Nutter Ranch	12	19	19	3.6	63.2
13	3544	Redd Ranches	18	19	19	4.1	94.7
11	3545	Roan Cliffs	15	20	20	4.0	73.7
17	3546	Sand Creek	2	6	6	4.0	25.0
16	3547	Scofield Canyons	7	7	7	6.0	100.0
16	3548	Scofield East	5	6	6	2.5	80.0
16	3549	Scofield West	5	8	6	3.4	80.0
2	3550	SJ Ranch	6	7	7	3.2	85.7
4	3551	Skull Crack	10	10	10	3.1	100.0
16/17	3552	Soldier Summit	15	15	15	3.3	100.0
3	3553	South Canyon	10	11	11	3.2	90.9
14	3554	Spring Creek/Dodge	11	11	11	4.3	100.0
6	3555	State Corner	24	29	27	3.6	87.5
2	3556	Strawberry Ridge	20	21	21	3.2	95.0
14	3557	Summit Point	6	6	6	14.6	100.0
17	3558	Three C	9	10	10	3.6	88.9
1	3559	Twin Peaks/Goose Creek	7	7	7	4.4	100.0
6	3560	Two Bear	30	30	30	3.0	100.0
17	3561	Wallsburg	7	7	7	3.8	100.0
6	3562	Weber Florence Creek	44	69	69	4.3	63.1
4	3563	Woodruff Creek South	12	21	20	4.7	57.9
4	3564	Bastian Ranch	7	10	10	4.4	66.7
		Statewide totals	834	1000	990	3.9	84.2

CWMU antlerless elk harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
			Cow	Calf	Total				
27	4500	Alton	7	0	7	9	9	5.8	75.0
25	4501	Bar J Ranch	10	0	10	10	10	2.0	100.0
4	4502	Bastian Ranch	2	0	2	2	2	4.0	100.0
16	4503	Bear Mountain	2	0	2	17	15	3.1	11.1
25	4504	Boobe Hole	6	3	9	10	10	2.0	87.5
4	4505	Cedar Canyon	8	4	12	20	20	3.1	60.0
4	4506	Chimney Rock	6	0	6	10	10	2.6	60.0
3	4507	Coldwater Ranch	3	1	4	5	5	1.2	80.0
17	4508	Coyote Little Pole	22	2	24	46	46	2.3	52.6
16	4509	Crab Creek	2	0	2	4	4	4.8	50.0
14	4510	Deer Haven	0	0	0	5	5	2.0	0.0
4	4511	Deseret	102	11	113	141	136	1.9	83.3
1	4512	Double Cone	9	0	9	19	19	2.6	45.5
4	4513	Durst Mountain	16	0	16	20	18	1.1	87.5
6	4514	East Fork Chalk Creek	8	4	12	20	18	3.4	66.7
17	4515	Emma Park	14	0	14	20	20	3.0	70.0
6	4516	Ensign Ranches	67	2	69	96	85	2.1	81.3
4	4517	Folley Ridge	5	0	5	5	5	1.3	100.0
6	4518	Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	20	4	24	39	33	1.3	73.3
25	4519	Grazing Pasture	11	2	13	15	15	3.0	83.3
4	4520	Guildersleeve	8	0	8	8	8	1.5	100.0
5	4521	Hardscrabble	3	0	3	15	15	2.5	16.7
18	4522	Heaston East	44	0	44	45	45	2.4	97.0
4	4523	Hell Canyon	11	2	13	27	17	2.0	72.7
16	4524	Hiawatha	0	0	0	19	14	6.7	0.0
17	4525	Indian Head	5	0	5	12	11	2.3	42.9
13	4526	J. B. Ranch	23	6	29	34	32	2.0	90.0
5	4527	Jacob's Creek	4	0	4	5	5	1.4	80.0
25	4528	Johnson Mountain Ranch	10	0	10	20	19	1.8	53.8
16	4529	Jump Creek	19	0	19	19	19	1.6	100.0
17	4530	Little Red Creek	18	0	18	28	28	2.3	63.6
5	4531	Lone Tree Taylor Hollow	8	1	9	20	17	2.5	54.5
11	4532	Minnie Maud Ridge	4	0	4	20	18	4.8	22.2
21	4533	Missouri Flat	19	2	21	29	29	2.0	73.3
17	4534	Moon Ranch	2	0	2	18	15	1.7	11.1
5	4535	Mountain Top	6	2	8	10	10	2.0	80.0
16	4536	Old Woman Plateau	—	—	—	4	0	—	—
11	4537	Patmos Ridge	0	0	0	3	3	13.5	0.0
3	4538	Powder Mountain	3	0	3	8	6	2.3	50.0

CWMU antlerless elk harvest, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
			Cow	Calf	Total				
11	4539	Preston Nutter Ranch	13	0	13	15	15	2.1	87.5
13	4540	Redd Ranches	21	2	23	25	25	2.1	92.3
1	4541	Riverview Ranch LLC	2	0	2	5	3	2.5	50.0
11	4542	Roan Cliffs	2	0	2	14	12	4.2	16.7
17	4543	Sand Creek	5	0	5	13	12	4.5	45.5
16	4544	Scofield Canyons	18	0	18	21	21	2.6	85.7
16	4545	Scofield East	13	0	13	26	23	3.0	57.1
16	4546	Scofield West	28	0	28	39	35	3.8	78.9
2	4547	SJ Ranch	5	0	5	5	5	2.0	100.0
4	4548	Skull Crack	11	2	13	14	13	1.4	100.0
16/17	4549	Soldier Summit	12	0	12	24	24	2.5	50.0
3	4550	South Canyon	0	0	0	5	5	2.5	0.0
14	4551	Spring Creek/Dodge	18	3	21	46	43	6.2	50.0
6	4552	State Corner	6	2	8	20	18	2.8	41.7
2	4553	Strawberry Ridge	8	1	9	9	9	1.9	100.0
14	4554	Summit Point	13	0	13	42	39	5.8	33.3
17	4555	Three C	16	2	18	25	25	3.2	73.7
1	4556	Twin Peaks/Goose Creek	0	0	0	8	8	4.5	0.0
6	4557	Two Bear	3	2	5	18	18	3.1	27.3
17	4558	Wallsburg	2	0	2	9	9	2.0	25.0
6	4559	Weber Florence Creek	17	3	20	39	39	3.9	52.2
4	4560	Woodruff Creek South	5	0	5	8	5	3.0	100.0
		Statewide totals	725	63	788	1287	1202	2.8	65.6

Antlerless elk control harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt name	Cow harvest	Calf harvest	Total harvest	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
6	Chalk Creek	23	0	23	236	5.1	9.7
5	East Canyon	31	4	35	252	5.5	13.9
15	Henry Mtns	0	0	0	8	2.5	0.0
4	Morgan-South Rich	58	0	58	302	6.4	19.2
24	Mt Dutton	58	0	58	232	6.5	25.0
11	Nine Mile, Range Creek	15	0	15	205	7.1	7.3
3	Ogden	19	8	27	198	5.2	13.6
30	Pine Valley	0	0	0	50	3.8	0.0
14	San Juan, East of US-191	8	7	15	85	5.9	17.6
12	San Rafael, North	0	0	0	23	3.7	0.0
9	South Slope, Yellowstone	167	19	186	1177	5.5	15.8
17	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	124	8	132	643	6.0	20.5
17	Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	333	43	376	2029	6.1	18.5
17	Wasatch Mtns, West	317	97	414	2088	5.8	19.8
19	West Desert, Vernon	15	0	15	163	5.6	9.2
	Unknown	50	12	62	380	5.1	16.3
	Statewide totals*	1218	198	1416	7715	6.1	18.4

8625 antlerless elk control permits were sold in 2015.
*Statewide totals for hunters afield do not equal the sum of the columns because hunters could hunt multiple units.

Free mitigation elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Success rate* (%)
				Cow	Calf	Total			
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	16	7	23	71	59	34.4
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	2	0	2	4	3	33.3
1	Box Elder	B	Hansel Mtn	—	—	—	17	—	—
1	Box Elder	C	Pilot Mtn	—	—	—	0	—	—
1	Box Elder	A	West Box Elder	13	0	13	41	37	34.6
2	Cache	—	Cache	14	3	17	69	68	25.5
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	65	10	75	238	221	34.1
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	35	2	37	77	71	48.6
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	25	2	27	71	67	40.0
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	33	3	36	76	72	46.5
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	1	0	1	12	10	14.3
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	2	0	2	18	11	16.7
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	—	—	—	0	—	—
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	—	—	—	2	—	—
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	10	0	10	32	26	33.3
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	—	—	—	0	—	—
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtn	4	1	5	6	5	80.0
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	30	2	32	79	76	41.5
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	22	7	29	56	53	55.2
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	0	0	0	23	22	0.0
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	0	0	0	22	20	0.0
11	Nine Mile	B1	Range Creek North	7	3	10	30	30	33.3
11	Nine Mile	B2	Range Creek South	1	0	1	2	1	100.0
8	North Slope	A	Summit	0	0	0	2	2	0.0
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	0	0	0	6	6	0.0
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	5	1	6	25	22	26.7
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	34	5	39	63	54	66.7
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	4	0	4	4	4	100.0
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	8	2	10	20	19	50.0
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	0	0	0	7	7	0.0
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	2	0	2	12	10	16.7
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	29	6	35	115	92	29.2
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	9	0	9	35	31	29.4
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	6	2	8	14	12	57.1
14	San Juan	A	Montezuma Canyon	4	0	4	35	33	11.1
14	San Juan	B	San Juan	—	—	—	0	—	—
12	San Rafael	A	San Rafael North	0	1	1	7	7	20.0
12	San Rafael	B	San Rafael South	—	—	—	0	—	—

*Some hunters had multiple permits. Success rates are per hunter.

Free mitigation elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Success rate* (%)
				Cow	Calf	Total			
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	1	0	1	6	5	20.0
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	—	—	—	0	—	—
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	35	5	40	140	118	31.2
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	39	2	41	187	174	21.4
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	9	2	11	29	23	41.7
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	3	2	5	14	11	50.0
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	24	2	26	92	84	29.2
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	5	2	7	34	33	20.0
19	West Desert	BC	East	0	0	0	5	5	0.0
19	West Desert	A	West Desert	6	0	6	6	5	100.0
29	Zion	—	Zion	14	0	14	59	51	26.3
	Statewide totals			517	72	589	1863	1660	34.0

*Some hunters had multiple permits. Success rates are per hunter.

Fee mitigation elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Success rate* (%)
				Cow	Calf	Total			
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	23	0	23	69	68	33.3
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	14	0	14	16	16	90.0
1	Box Elder	B	Hansel Mtn	9	0	9	39	37	0.0
1	Box Elder	C	Pilot Mtn	—	—	—	0	—	—
1	Box Elder	A	West Box Elder	35	4	39	77	70	53.1
2	Cache	—	Cache	31	5	36	77	74	48.4
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	101	18	119	274	260	44.8
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	37	7	44	72	57	72.7
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	163	17	180	265	248	70.1
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	113	10	123	200	187	64.9
21	Fillmore	A	Oak Creek	0	2	2	6	6	25.0
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	12	7	19	28	22	80.0
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	—	—	—	0	—	—
26	Kaiparowits	—	Kaiparowits	0	0	0	2	2	0.0
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	9	4	13	29	24	46.2
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	—	—	—	0	—	—
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtn	16	4	20	38	36	55.6
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	50	2	52	131	121	42.6
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	86	16	102	157	143	65.2
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	5	0	5	19	19	28.6
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	0	0	0	3	3	0.0
11	Nine Mile	B1	Range Creek North	13	1	14	42	36	40.0
11	Nine Mile	B2	Range Creek South	15	2	17	22	21	76.9
8	North Slope	A	Summit	16	0	16	16	15	100.0
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	4	0	4	18	18	22.2
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	69	5	74	87	81	88.0
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	86	20	106	147	144	71.4
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	7	2	9	13	13	66.7
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	6	0	6	33	33	18.2
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	0	0	0	4	4	0.0
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	—	—	—	0	—	—
25	Plateau	C	Boulder	11	5	16	56	48	33.3
25	Plateau	A	Fishlake	5	2	7	22	20	36.4
25	Plateau	B	Thousand Lakes	2	0	2	10	10	20.0
14	San Juan	A	Montezuma Canyon	0	0	0	27	25	0.0
14	San Juan	B	San Juan	—	—	—	0	—	—
12	San Rafael	A	San Rafael North	5	5	10	20	11	85.7
12	San Rafael	B	San Rafael South	—	—	—	0	—	—

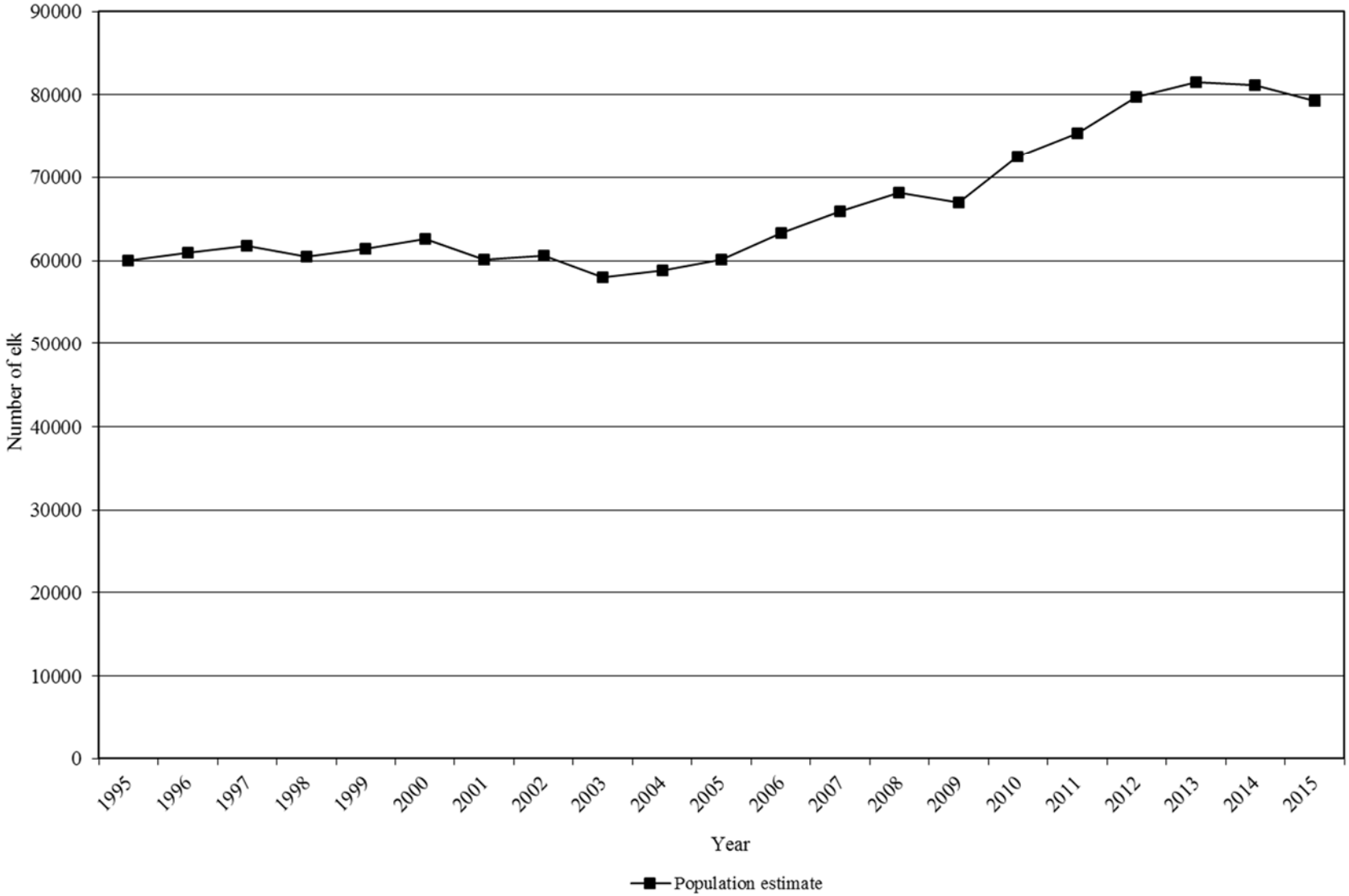
*Some hunters had multiple permits. Success rates are per hunter.

Fee mitigation elk harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		Antlerless harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Success rate* (%)
				Cow	Calf	Total			
9	South Slope	D	Bonanza	—	—	—	0	—	—
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	69	5	74	110	95	75.9
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	70	3	73	180	145	50.0
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	36	5	41	84	79	51.1
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	13	2	15	19	19	80.0
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	10	1	11	43	34	29.2
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	42	5	47	87	83	54.0
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	16	0	16	36	33	43.8
19	West Desert	BC	East	3	2	5	8	8	66.7
19	West Desert	A	West Desert	3	0	3	15	13	25.0
29	Zion	—	Zion	9	0	9	40	33	26.7
	Statewide totals			1214	161	1375	2641	2414	55.5

*Some hunters had multiple permits. Success rates are per hunter.

Historical statewide elk winter population estimates, Utah 1995–2015.



Elk winter population estimates and objectives by management unit / subunit, Utah 2011–2015.

Unit		Subunit		Current objective	Winter population estimate				
					2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	1050	1100	1150	1175	1100	1550
10	Book Cliffs	—	Book Cliffs	7500	4270	4000	4800	5500	5600
1	Box Elder	—	Box Elder	675	550	700	700	700	750
2	Cache	—	Cache	2300	2400	2500	2200	2300	2300
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	12000	12500	12700	12300	12500	12100
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	1450	1100	1200	1200	1400	1550
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	2400	4600	4200	4200	4300	4300
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	1000	3000	3100	3000	3100	2600
21	Fillmore	—	Fillmore	1600	1450	1400	1350	1350	1450
15	Henry Mtns	—	Henry Mtns	0	20	25	25	25	25
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	850	1100	1175	1100	1000	1350
13	La Sal	—	La Sal	2500	2400	2300	2450	2350	2450
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	1800	1400	1400	1300	1250	1000
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	3500	5000	5000	5000	4100	3800
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	1500	1800	2150	1900	1900	1700
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	700	1450	850	900	950	1000
11	Nine Mile	A	Range Creek	1600	1700	1700	1550	1400	1300
8	North Slope	A	Summit	300	340	500	850	875	800
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	500	550	400	600	600	350
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	1300	1100	1300	1600	1800	1700
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	800	600	600	2000	2100	2300
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	900	600	950	850	850	750
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	1100	850	1000	1100	1100	1700
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	140	150	175	175	175	200
30	Pine Valley	—	Pine Valley	50	50	50	50	75	75
25/26	Plateau	C/A	Boulder/Kaiparowits	1525	1375	1625	1725	1725	1200
25	Plateau	AB	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	5600	4800	5100	5600	5400	4100
14	San Juan	—	San Juan	1300	1500	1300	1100	1200	1200
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	0	60	25	25	20	30
9	South Slope	BC	Diamond Mtn/Vernal	3000	2700	3100	2500	2300	2700
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	5000	5900	7500	7500	7500	7500
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	975	975	1100	1250	1300	1550
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	1600	1900	1750	1750	1900	1900
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	1200	2200	3750	3500	3000	2300
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	2600	3500	3400	3400	3400	3600
19	West Desert	—	Deep Creek	350	60	250	250	250	100
29	Zion	—	Zion	300	325	325	350	340	350
	Statewide totals			70965	75375	79750	81475	81135	79230

Average age of harvested bull elk on limited-entry units, 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		Current objective	Average age										3-year average
					2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	7.5–8.0	6.8	7.7	7.0	7.2	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.8	7.9	6.9	7.2
10	Book Cliffs	AB	Bitter Creek/South	6.5–7.0	6.6	7.3	6.7	7.0	6.7	6.4	7.1	7.3	7.9	7.5	7.6
10	Book Cliffs	C	Little Creek	7.5–8.0	7.8	8.1	7.4	7.9	6.8	6.6	7.1	7.3	7.9	7.5	7.6
1	Box Elder	A	Grouse Creek	4.5–5.0	6.4	5.0	4.2	4.0	5.0	4.8	6.3	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.3
1	Box Elder	B	Pilot Mtn	4.5–5.0	7.3	4.7	5.5	4.5	6.0	5.3	6.5	—	6.7	6.5	6.6
2	Cache	C	Meadowville	4.5–5.0	6.8	6.5	7.1	6.6	6.4	5.8	5.5	5.3	4.6	4.8	4.9
2	Cache	A	North	4.5–5.0	4.4	4.5	5.4	5.2	5.3	4.1	4.9	4.1	3.3	3.5	3.6
2	Cache	B	South	6.5–7.0	6.6	6.5	6.8	6.7	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.4	5.5	5.6
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	5.5–6.0	7.3	7.2	6.3	6.9	6.4	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.9	6.1
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	6.5–7.0	7.6	6.9	6.1	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.8	6.2	5.6	6.0	5.9
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	7.5–8.0	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.5	7.0	6.8	6.9	7.3	7.6	7.8	7.5
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	5.5–6.0	—	—	—	—	—	6.0	—	9.0	—	—	9.0
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	5.5–6.0	5.9	7.4	6.9	7.1	6.3	6.8	6.0	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.6
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	6.5–7.0	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.2	6.2	6.0	6.6	6.6	7.1	7.8	7.2
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	6.5–7.0	6.8	6.6	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.0	5.4	6.1	6.0	5.9	6.0
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	5.5–6.0	6.6	7.1	5.6	6.3	5.6	7.4	6.0	6.1	4.7	5.2	5.3
11	Nine Mile	B2	Range Creek South	4.5–5.0	5.3	8.5	8.9	5.3	6.5	9.5	7.7	8.8	9.2	8.7	8.9
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	5.5–6.0	5.5	5.0	5.1	5.7	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.3	5.9	5.7	6.0
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	5.5–6.0	6.6	7.3	6.5	6.0	6.1	5.2	6.1	6.0	6.2	4.9	5.7
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	6.5–7.0	7.0	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.4	5.7
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	4.5–5.0	6.0	5.9	6.7	5.3	5.8	4.7	4.9	6.5	5.3	4.9	5.6
25/26	Plateau	C/A	Boulder/Kaiparowits	7.5–8.0	8.4	7.8	8.3	8.0	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.9	7.3	7.6
25	Plateau	AB	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	5.5–6.0	7.6	7.3	7.2	6.6	6.6	6.0	6.1	6.3	5.9	6.0	6.1
14	San Juan	A	San Juan	7.5–8.0	7.6	8.0	8.1	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.3	8.3	8.1	7.9
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	6.5–7.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.8	5.5	6.0	6.5	5.8	6.6	6.8	6.4
20	Southwest Desert	—	Indian Peaks	6.5–7.0	8.2	9.2	8.0	7.7	7.2	7.5	7.3	7.6	7.6	6.8	7.3
17	Wasatch Mtns	—	Wasatch Mtns	5.5–6.0	7.2	7.1	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.4	6.3	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.8
19	West Desert	—	Deep Creek	7.5–8.0	8.0	8.2	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.6	6.5	7.2	6.8	5.9	6.6

Number of preseason calf elk / 100 cows by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		Preseason estimate									
				2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	—	Beaver	60	43	46	41	51	59	54	53	53	54
10	Book Cliffs	AC	Bitter Creek/Little Creek	39	—	—	—	41	—	—	—	—	—
10	Book Cliffs	B	South	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Box Elder	B	Pilot Mtn	36	—	—	35	42	59	55	25	—	57
2	Cache	—	Cache	—	—	—	—	—	60	60	—	—	—
16	Central Mtns	B	Manti	48	44	51	56	56	50	55	44	51	57
16	Central Mtns	A	Nebo	—	—	55	39	40	54	61	74	58	56
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	—	—	—	52	59	53	53	55	51	42
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21	Fillmore	B	Pahvant	43	39	56	39	58	50	56	53	50	53
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	La Sal	B	Dolores Triangle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	La Sal	A	La Sal Mtns	54	44	42	53	49	47	49	45	49	53
23	Monroe	—	Monroe	48	43	61	57	49	47	51	46	49	51
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	—	—	—	52	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Mt Dutton	—	Mt Dutton	46	—	49	48	46	52	57	62	49	52
11	Nine Mile	A	Anthro	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Nine Mile	B	Range Creek	48	46	42	48	40	44	36	37	40	45
8	North Slope	A	Summit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	North Slope	C	Three Corners	—	—	—	—	43	—	—	—	—	—
8	North Slope	B	West Daggett	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	—	—	—	—	—	80	80	—	—	—
18	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	Oquirrh-Stansbury	—	—	40	47	42	47	44	22	62	48
28	Panguitch Lake	—	Panguitch Lake	57	54	58	49	47	56	62	51	51	51
27	Paunsaugunt	—	Paunsaugunt	56	—	75	48	49	52	49	50	46	48
25/26	Plateau	C/A	Boulder/Kaiparowits	38	—	35	44	49	55	47	55	48	52
25	Plateau	AB	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	45	48	49	53	41	50	47	51	49	51

Number of preseason calf elk / 100 cows by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Unit		Subunit		Preseason estimate									
				2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
14	San Juan	—	San Juan	50	49	49	49	45	48	46	36	49	47
12	San Rafael	—	San Rafael	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	South Slope	C	Diamond Mtn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	South Slope	B	Vernal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	Southwest Desert	—	Southwest Desert	42	—	35	47	43	50	52	50	51	47
17	Wasatch Mtns	C	Avintaquin	—	38	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Wasatch Mtns	B	Currant Creek	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	—	56	55	57	55	57	57	63	59	58
19	West Desert	—	Deep Creek	—	—	—	59	61	—	—	—	—	—
29	Zion	—	Zion	—	—	81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Statewide averages			48	46	50	49	48	53	54	48	50	51

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Beaver

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	684	—	28*	17*
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	817	—	13*	8*
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	1258	—	31*	13*

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/Little Creek

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	2590	39	31	12
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	1643	27	24	8
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	3224	40	20	7

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Book Cliffs, South

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	789	40	74	32
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	519	26	53	35
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	949	32	23	8

Box Elder, Pilot Mtn

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	130	35	28	16
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Cache

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	1398	52	40	32
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	385*	48	4	4
2010–11	732*	60	14	9
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14**	1779	33	13	7
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Ground classification
**Calves/100 cows from a separate classification survey done at Hardware Ranch. Bull ratios are per 100 antlerless.

Central Mtns, Manti

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	7742	—	15*	7*
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	8604	35	21	14
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	9471	—	18*	10*
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Central Mtns, Nebo

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	1144	—	16*	8*
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	924	—	13*	8*
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	938	—	17*	5*
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Chalk Creek

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	1914	49	40	22
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	3172	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	3399	—	28*	19*
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

East Canyon

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	1846	37	33	19
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	2204	42	376	259
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	2173	—	31*	21*

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Fillmore, Pahvant

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	1321	—	33*	24*
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	1115	—	33*	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	1172	—	20*	9*

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Kamas

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	486	55	18	5
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	870	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	943	—	9*	5*
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

La Sal, Dolores Triangle

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	84	34	128	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	1165	24	23	10
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	522	29	41	16
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

La Sal, La Sal Mtns

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	1457	41	34	20
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	1483	46	39	18
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	1640	37	26	6
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Monroe

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	846	—	31*	16*
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	1082	—	15*	9*
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	810	—	22*	13*

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Morgan-South Rich

Year	N	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	3964	60	65	55
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	3260	—	44*	33*

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Mt Dutton

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	1016	—	39*	18*
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	1605	—	16*	8*
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	1972	—	26*	12*
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	1357	—	22*	4*

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Nine Mile, Anthro

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	848	33	27	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	669	31	41	20
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Nine Mile, Range Creek

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	1741	32	30	13
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	1300	33	50	24
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

North Slope, Summit

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	228	—	12*	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	268	34	16	8
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	1006	—	10*	5*
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

North Slope, Three Corners

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	912	35	54	26
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	267	29	144	107
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

North Slope, West Daggett

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	863	39	11	1
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	1055	32	7	0
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Ogden

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	630	69	36	20
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	215**	37	3	3
2010–11	189**	80	33	22
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	1618	—	15*	8*
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.
**Ground classification.

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Oquirrh-Stansbury

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	301	40	35	18
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Panguitch Lake

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	697	—	20*	9*
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	628	—	29*	17*
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	1356	—	7*	2*

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Paunsaugunt

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	19	—	—	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	85	—	16*	3*
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Plateau, Boulder

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	1220	—	11*	6*
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	1274	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	333	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	4565	—	10*	5*
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	4085	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	2924	—	23*	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

San Juan

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	1258	40	57	39
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	1274	47	70	44
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	894	37	61	33
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

South Slope, Diamond Mtn

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	1633	47	27	8
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	1447	38	33	14
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	788	29	27	11
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

South Slope, Vernal

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	941	48	17	2
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	889	43	8	0
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	1441	35	15	3
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

South Slope, Yellowstone

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	4745	43	23	6
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	4721	19	14	4
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	6010	37	18	5
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Southwest Desert

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	965	—	21	9
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	915	47	29	17
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	1230	—	18*	6*

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	1084	38	35	20
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	1578	26	36	14
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	1396	41	42	27
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	1363	39	31	13
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	1814	29	33	15
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	2992	31	30	16
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Wasatch Mtns, West

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	3450	—	40*	27*
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	3090	48	35	23
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	2863	—	32*	22*
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

West Desert, Deep Creek

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	55	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Elk winter trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

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Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows	Mature bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	402	—	10*	4*
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	191	—	13*	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Bulls /100 antlerless.

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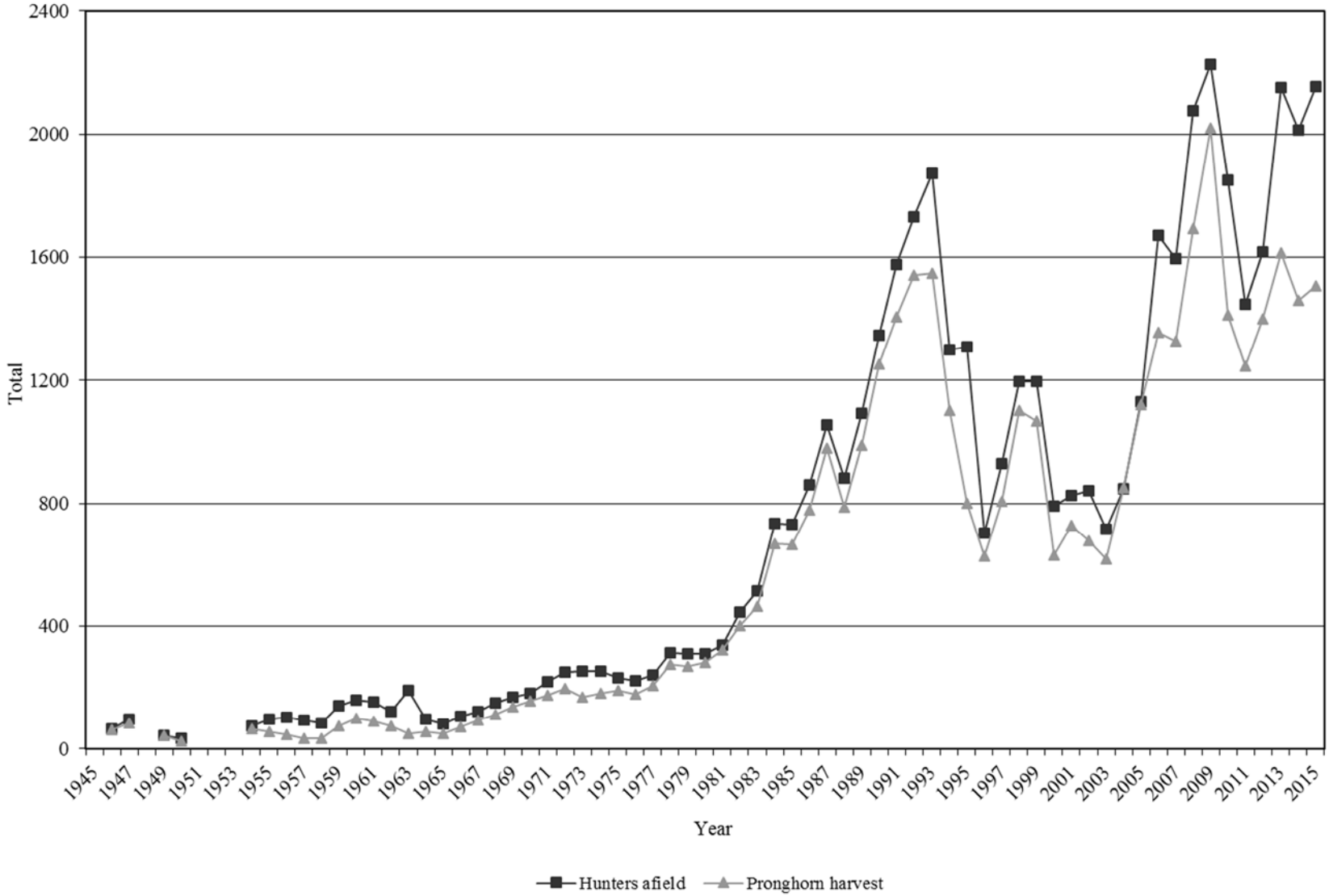
Statewide trends of pronghorn harvest statistics, Utah 1946–2015.



*Data not available for 1948, 1951, 1952, and 1953.

Statewide pronghorn harvest statistics, Utah 1946–2015.

Year	Buck harvest	Doe / fawn harvest	Total harvest	Hunters afield
1946	62	0	62	66
1947	85	0	85	96
1948	—	—	—	—
1949	43	0	43	45
1950	26	0	26	35
1951	—	—	—	—
1952	—	—	—	—
1953	—	—	—	—
1954	39	25	64	75
1955	41	15	56	96
1956	47	0	47	102
1957	34	0	34	93
1958	33	0	33	84
1959	74	0	74	142
1960	99	0	99	161
1961	92	0	92	153
1962	74	0	74	122
1963	50	0	50	190
1964	56	0	56	96
1965	51	0	51	81
1966	73	0	73	105
1967	93	0	93	122
1968	114	0	114	151
1969	139	0	139	169
1970	158	0	158	181
1971	174	0	174	218
1972	198	0	198	251
1973	169	0	169	253
1974	183	0	183	254
1975	190	0	190	232
1976	180	0	180	224
1977	208	0	208	242
1978	276	0	276	314
1979	270	0	270	310
1980	280	2	282	310
1981	323	0	323	339
1982	365	35	400	445
1983	425	38	463	515
1984	500	169	669	733
1985	514	151	665	730

Statewide pronghorn harvest statistics, Utah 1946–2015 (cont.)

Year	Buck harvest	Doe / fawn harvest	Total harvest	Hunters afield
1986	491	288	779	859
1987	534	446	980	1054
1988	584	205	789	883
1989	617	373	990	1092
1990	605	647	1252	1347
1991	634	773	1407	1577
1992	720	821	1541	1730
1993	602	947	1549	1873
1994	632	470	1102	1301
1995	605	195	800	1310
1996	535	92	627	704
1997	514	294	808	928
1998	522	581	1103	1195
1999	504	564	1068	1195
2000	503	128	631	791
2001	493	235	728	826
2002	512	166	678	840
2003	345	272	617	717
2004	431	420	851	848
2005	603	518	1121	1129
2006	820	535	1355	1672
2007	813	514	1327	1596
2008	849	845	1694	2077
2009	963	1056	2019	2226
2010	840	573	1413	1850
2011	679	566	1245	1449
2012	686	715	1401	1617
2013	817	798	1615	2150
2014	769	690	1459	2014
2015	775	733	1508	2153

Total pronghorn harvest by management unit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Buck harvest	Doe/fawn harvest	Total harvest	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	Beaver	12	9	21	30	2.6	64.4
10	Book Cliffs	35	8	43	45	2.3	95.6
1	Box Elder	44	17	61	94	2.3	65.8
2	Cache	76	88	164	311	2.5	51.9
21	Fillmore	16	20	36	33	2.4	90.2
26	Kaiparowits	0	0	0	1	1.0	0.0
13	La Sal	3	0	3	3	1.0	100.0
4	Morgan-South Rich	84	117	201	218	1.6	91.7
24/27	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	37	32	69	82	2.1	84.1
11	Nine Mile	41	11	52	56	2.0	88.4
8	North Slope	21	24	45	54	1.9	80.1
28	Panguitch Lake	6	12	18	10	1.3	100.0
30	Pine Valley	31	0	31	45	2.3	68.9
25	Plateau	146	251	397	732	2.4	54.3
14	San Juan	3	0	3	3	1.3	100.0
12	San Rafael	47	23	70	85	3.0	80.2
9	South Slope	32	70	102	101	2.7	81.5
20	Southwest Desert	84	35	119	156	3.0	69.9
19	West Desert	55	16	71	92	2.5	67.8
	Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	2	0	2	2	5.0	100.0
	Statewide totals	775	733	1508	2153	2.3	67.1

Total buck pronghorn harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	Beaver	—	6	7	12	14	17	18	18	16	12
10	Book Cliffs	Bitter Creek	7	11	10	12	10	8	9	7	7	9
10	Book Cliffs	South	22	29	33	32	29	23	25	22	26	26
1	Box Elder	Pilot Mtn	5	7	6	9	8	5	6	8	7	5
1	Box Elder	Promontory	8	13	13	11	7	6	5	5	7	6
1	Box Elder	Puddle Valley	2	2	6	6	9	10	10	9	12	11
1	Box Elder	Snowville	16	22	21	19	16	19	20	21	18	22
2	Cache	North Rich	36	36	41	49	61	78	89	109	105	76
21	Fillmore	Black Rock Desert	2	4	7	9	8	15	11	14	14	16
26	Kaiparowits	Kaiparowits	5	14	14	4	2	1	1	1	1	0
13	La Sal	South Cisco	—	—	—	2	1	2	4	4	5	3
4	Morgan-South Rich	Morgan-South Rich	34	33	39	48	59	56	77	77	68	84
24/27	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	31	39	44	49	55	63	47	42	37	37
11	Nine Mile	Anthro	22	21	19	24	29	25	28	27	28	34
11	Nine Mile	Range Creek	8	8	13	7	7	5	4	4	5	7
8	North Slope	Summit	2	1	0	1	7	0	2	2	1	2
8	North Slope	Three Corners/West Daggett	17	14	37	34	30	27	24	21	23	19
28	Panguitch Lake	Panguitch Lake	5	6	6	8	8	7	6	6	7	6
30	Pine Valley	Pine Valley	—	22	26	29	30	24	19	26	27	31
25	Plateau	Plateau	433	333	296	317	182	43	67	172	136	146
14	San Juan	Hatch Point	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
12	San Rafael	Desert	6	6	11	20	20	18	4	6	5	5
12	San Rafael	North	34	34	46	58	61	45	37	38	41	42
9	South Slope	Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	28	28	21	22	24	22	24	19	20	20
9	South Slope	Vernal	8	9	5	4	3	5	4	6	9	12
20	Southwest Desert	Southwest Desert	36*	56	54	69	76	80	77	83	84	84
19	West Desert	Riverbed	22	28	41	47	41	35	31	32	25	20
19	West Desert	Rush Valley	18	17	17	25	24	18	18	17	10	14
19	West Desert	Snake Valley	9	10	10	31	16	18	15	17	21	21

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Total doe/fawn* pronghorn harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	Beaver	—	0	9	5	6	4	7	3	3	9
10	Book Cliffs	Bitter Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Book Cliffs	South	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	15	8
1	Box Elder	Pilot Mtn	7	9	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0
1	Box Elder	Promontory	8	42	33	20	13	2	14	14	4	3
1	Box Elder	Puddle Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Box Elder	Snowville	4	4	4	6	5	7	14	2	4	14
2	Cache	North Rich	47	83	131	162	176	296	351	279	129	88
21	Fillmore	Black Rock Desert	0	0	0	0	4	5	5	4	6	20
26	Kaiparowits	Kaiparowits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	La Sal	South Cisco	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Morgan-South Rich	Morgan-South Rich	77	75	87	92	122	89	134	177	151	117
24/27	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	0	0	0	44	66	44	14	32	45	32
11	Nine Mile	Anthro	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	6	5	8
11	Nine Mile	Range Creek	0	2	2	8	2	8	3	0	3	3
8	North Slope	Summit	5	3	0	2	4	10	3	3	5	4
8	North Slope	Three Corners/West Daggett	13	19	15	15	20	14	28	15	26	20
28	Panguitch Lake	Panguitch Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12
30	Pine Valley	Pine Valley	—	18	34	30	19	17	9	0	4	0
25	Plateau	Plateau	307	93	233	517	12	3	60	170	215	251
14	San Juan	Hatch Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	San Rafael	Desert	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	San Rafael	North	6	77	149	51	19	8	23	14	13	23
9	South Slope	Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	South Slope	Vernal	5	11	16	7	15	14	15	27	31	70
20	Southwest Desert	Southwest Desert	19**	22	66	65	42	28	12	33	25	35
19	West Desert	Riverbed	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	3
19	West Desert	Rush Valley	33	38	56	30	27	9	2	1	0	0
19	West Desert	Snake Valley	0	18	10	2	8	7	7	13	4	13

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Total buck pronghorn hunters afield by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	Beaver	—	6	8	13	17	18	19	20	19	14
10	Book Cliffs	Bitter Creek	7	12	10	12	11	9	9	7	7	9
10	Book Cliffs	South	23	30	34	32	37	25	27	24	30	28
1	Box Elder	Pilot Mtn	6	9	10	10	9	6	9	10	9	5
1	Box Elder	Promontory	9	13	14	17	10	9	7	7	7	8
1	Box Elder	Puddle Valley	3	3	6	6	10	10	10	10	12	11
1	Box Elder	Snowville	20	26	24	20	18	19	20	22	21	22
2	Cache	North Rich	37	38	48	59	64	83	98	125	127	97
21	Fillmore	Black Rock Desert	3	5	7	9	11	15	14	14	15	18
26	Kaiparowits	Kaiparowits	5	18	17	5	2	1	1	1	1	1
13	La Sal	South Cisco	—	—	—	2	1	2	4	4	5	3
4	Morgan-South Rich	Morgan-South Rich	35	33	40	49	61	59	81	80	70	90
24/27	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	31	40	47	49	57	64	49	46	39	40
11	Nine Mile	Anthro	22	21	22	24	29	27	29	29	28	35
11	Nine Mile	Range Creek	8	9	13	7	7	5	5	5	5	7
8	North Slope	Summit	2	1	1	1	9	0	2	2	1	2
8	North Slope	Three Corners/West Daggett	19	18	38	36	32	32	29	25	26	23
28	Panguitch Lake	Panguitch Lake	5	6	7	8	8	8	6	6	7	6
30	Pine Valley	Pine Valley	—	22	27	34	36	29	22	29	27	32
25	Plateau	Plateau	499	388	373	402	356	65	92	248	187	225
14	San Juan	Hatch Point	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
12	San Rafael	Desert	7	7	12	20	20	21	5	6	6	5
12	San Rafael	North	36	35	52	63	71	52	42	42	42	42
9	South Slope	Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	30	29	24	25	26	23	24	20	20	20
9	South Slope	Vernal	9	9	6	5	5	5	5	6	9	13
20	Southwest Desert	Southwest Desert	38*	60	64	73	89	87	93	99	102	106
19	West Desert	Riverbed	22	29	45	51	41	36	34	35	29	21
19	West Desert	Rush Valley	19	18	18	28	25	21	19	19	14	14
19	West Desert	Snake Valley	9	10	11	32	21	19	18	18	21	23

* Prior to 2007, units 20-22-30 were combined into a single unit.

Total doe/fawn* pronghorn hunters afield by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	Beaver	—	0	5	4	6	6	11	7	6	16
10	Book Cliffs	Bitter Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Book Cliffs	South	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	11	8
1	Box Elder	Pilot Mtn	14	10	0	7	5	0	0	10	0	0
1	Box Elder	Promontory	44	86	63	60	40	17	20	29	13	13
1	Box Elder	Puddle Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Box Elder	Snowville	4	4	17	9	14	29	23	2	18	35
2	Cache	North Rich	63	107	150	186	190	247	329	278	246	214
21	Fillmore	Black Rock Desert	0	0	0	0	5	6	5	7	19	15
26	Kaiparowits	Kaiparowits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	La Sal	South Cisco	—	—	—	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
4	Morgan-South Rich	Morgan-South Rich	94	92	99	102	122	108	150	213	175	128
24/27	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	0	0	0	42	71	48	16	37	43	42
11	Nine Mile	Anthro	0	0	0	0	3	0	18	5	13	9
11	Nine Mile	Range Creek	0	10	5	10	4	10	3	3	4	5
8	North Slope	Summit	8	4	0	3	5	12	3	3	5	4
8	North Slope	Three Corners/West Daggett	18	23	22	25	29	24	41	35	42	25
28	Panguitch Lake	Panguitch Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
30	Pine Valley	Pine Valley	—	30	38	52	46	23	8	2	12	13
25	Plateau	Plateau	439	129	343	443	49	29	95	401	366	507
14	San Juan	Hatch Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	San Rafael	Desert	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	San Rafael	North	11	110	202	58	28	31	24	30	32	38
9	South Slope	Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	South Slope	Vernal	10	26	23	14	22	31	42	48	55	68
20	Southwest Desert	Southwest Desert	19**	18	64	76	72	50	30	47	46	50
19	West Desert	Riverbed	0	0	0	0	8	6	2	0	0	4
19	West Desert	Rush Valley	28	26	44	27	35	9	2	12	5	19
19	West Desert	Snake Valley	7	21	18	11	9	9	14	15	12	11

*Data includes mitigation permits. **Prior to 2007, units 20-22-30 were combined into a single unit.

Limited-entry archery buck pronghorn harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	5000	Beaver	2	3	3	5.5	50.0
10	5001	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	2	2	2	5.0	100.0
10	5002	Book Cliffs, South	4	5	5	6.0	75.0
1	5003	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	—	1	0	—	—
1	5004	Box Elder, Promontory	1	2	2	2.5	50.0
1	5005	Box Elder, Puddle Valley	2	2	2	4.0	100.0
1	5006	Box Elder, Snowville	2	2	2	3.5	100.0
2	5007	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	10	17	15	5.8	69.2
21	5008	Fillmore, Black Rock	0	2	2	14.0	0.0
13	5009	La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	—	1	0	—	—
24	5010	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt, Johns Valley	5	6	6	4.8	75.0
11	5011	Nine Mile, Anthro	5	6	5	2.6	100.0
8	5012	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	3	5	5	3.4	60.0
30	5013	Pine Valley	6	6	6	3.4	100.0
25	5014	Plateau	17	47	46	5.0	37.5
12	5015	San Rafael, North	8	8	8	5.3	100.0
9	5016	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	4	4	4	2.0	100.0
9	5017	South Slope, Vernal	3	3	3	5.5	100.0
20	5018	Southwest Desert	11	18	16	5.6	71.4
19	5019	West Desert, Riverbed	4	4	4	3.3	100.0
19	5020	West Desert, Rush Valley	2	2	2	3.5	100.0
19	5021	West Desert, Snake Valley	3	4	4	2.8	75.0
		Statewide totals	94	148	142	4.8	66.2

Limited-entry muzzleloader buck pronghorn harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
2	5022	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	14	17	17	2.9	80.0
25	5023	Plateau	20	45	41	2.6	48.6
20	5024	Southwest Desert	13	21	20	4.0	63.2
		Statewide totals	47	83	78	3.0	60.3

Limited-entry any weapon buck pronghorn harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	5025	Beaver	10	11	11	2.0	90.9
10	5026	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	7	7	7	2.1	100.0
10	5027	Book Cliffs, South	22	25	23	1.7	95.2
1	5028	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	4	4	4	2.3	100.0
1	5029	Box Elder, Promontory	5	6	6	2.7	83.3
1	5030	Box Elder, Puddle Valley	9	9	9	1.4	100.0
1	5031	Box Elder, Snowville	8	8	8	1.3	100.0
2/3/4	5032	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	38	54	50	2.4	77.3
21	5033	Fillmore, Black Rock	12	12	12	1.5	100.0
26	5034	Kaiparowits	0	1	1	1.0	0.0
13	5035	La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	3	3	3	1.0	100.0
24/27	5036	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt, Johns Valley	32	35	34	1.6	93.8
11	5037	Nine Mile, Anthro	22	23	23	1.7	95.7
11	5038	Nine Mile, Range Creek	7	7	7	1.1	100.0
8	5039	North Slope, Summit	2	2	2	1.0	100.0
8	5040	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	16	18	18	1.7	88.9
28	5041	Panguitch Lake	6	6	6	1.3	100.0
30	5042	Pine Valley	25	26	26	1.8	96.0
25	5043	Plateau	109	148	138	2.0	79.1
14	5044	San Juan, Hatch Point	3	3	3	1.3	100.0
12	5045	San Rafael, Desert	5	5	5	2.2	100.0
12	5046	San Rafael, North	34	34	34	1.9	100.0
9	5047	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	16	16	16	1.9	100.0
9	5048	South Slope, Vernal	9	10	10	1.7	90.0
20	5049	Southwest Desert	55	65	65	2.5	85.0
19	5050	West Desert, Riverbed	15	16	16	1.6	93.8
19	5051	West Desert, Rush Valley	8	10	8	1.1	100.0
19	5052	West Desert, Snake Valley	18	19	19	2.6	94.4
		Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	2	2	2	5.0	100.0
		Statewide totals	502	585	566	2.0	88.7

Limited-entry doe/fawn pronghorn harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
			Doe	Fawn	Total				
2/3/4	5500	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	23	1	24	54	51	2.4	47.8
2/3/4	5501	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	30	6	36	55	48	2.6	76.3
2/3/4	5502	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	8	1	9	53	40	2.1	21.9
24/27	5503	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt, John's Valley	32	0	32	39	39	1.8	82.1
8	5504	North Slope, Lucerne Point	5	1	6	14	11	2.6	57.1
8	5505	North Slope, Summit	3	1	4	5	4	1.5	100.0
25	5506	Plateau	201	43	244	580	485	2.2	50.3
20	5507	Southwest Desert, Milford Flat	15	0	15	20	20	1.4	75.0
		Statewide totals	317	53	370	820	698	2.2	53.0

CWMU buck pronghorn, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Buck harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
19	5300	Allen Ranch	1	1	1	1.0	100.0
11	5301	Antelope Creek	7	7	7	3.5	100.0
21	5302	Black Point	4	4	4	1.0	100.0
4	5303	Deseret	73	78	76	2.0	95.8
4	5304	Ensign Ranches	3	4	4	2.3	66.7
4	5305	Middle Ridge	8	10	10	2.1	80.0
1	5306	Park Valley	2	3	2	3.0	100.0
2	5307	Rabbit Creek	3	3	3	1.0	100.0
1	5308	RLF Deep Creek	5	5	5	1.0	100.0
2	5309	SJ Ranch	5	5	5	1.2	100.0
19	5310	Skull Valley South	1	1	1	1.0	100.0
2	5311	Strawberry Ridge	6	7	7	2.0	83.3
1	5312	The Rose of Snowville	5	5	5	1.7	100.0
1	5313	TL Bar Ranch	1	2	1	2.0	100.0
19	5314	Westlake	3	3	3	1.0	100.0
20	5315	Zane	5	5	5	2.0	100.0
		Statewide totals	132	143	139	1.9	95.0

CWMU doe/fawn pronghorn harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
			Doe	Fawn	Total				
21	5700	Black Point	3	2	5	5	5	1.0	100.0
4	5701	Deseret	98	10	108	120	113	1.3	95.9
4	5702	Middle Ridge	5	0	5	5	5	1.0	100.0
2	5703	Rabbit Creek	3	0	3	3	3	1.0	100.0
1	5704	RLF Deep Creek	3	0	3	3	3	1.0	100.0
2	5705	SJ Ranch	1	0	1	2	1	1.0	100.0
2	5706	Strawberry Ridge	3	1	4	4	4	1.3	100.0
20	5707	Zane	4	0	4	8	6	2.3	66.7
		Statewide totals	120	13	133	150	140	1.3	92.1

Free mitigation pronghorn harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

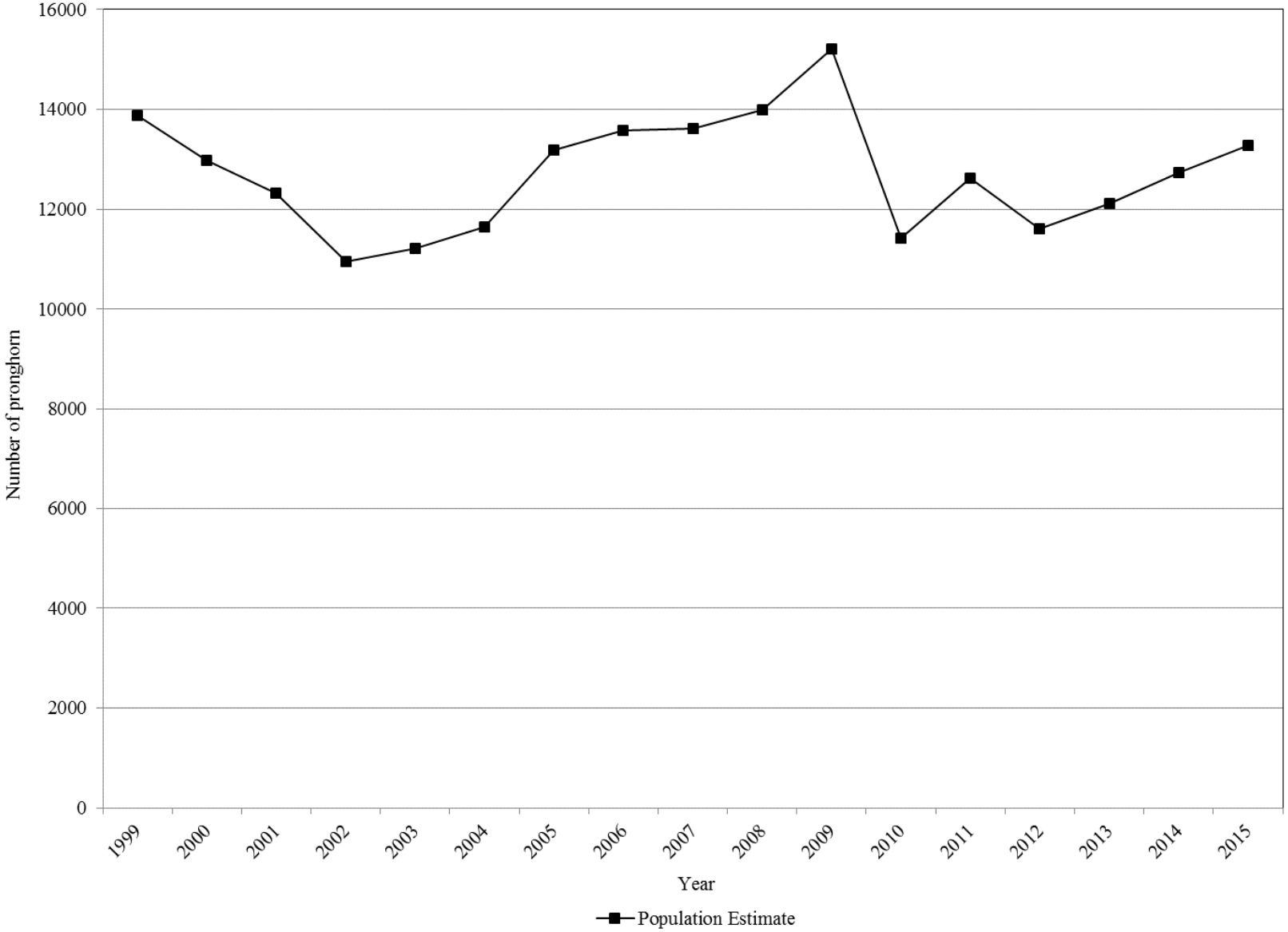
Unit		Subunit	Harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Success rate (%)
			Doe	Fawn	Total			
22	Beaver	Beaver	5	0	5	31	10	33.3
10	Book Cliffs	Bitter Creek	—	—	—	0	—	—
10	Book Cliffs	South	—	—	—	0	—	—
1	Box Elder	Pilot Mtn	—	—	—	0	—	—
1	Box Elder	Promontory	3	0	3	17	8	50.0
1	Box Elder	Puddle Valley	—	—	—	0	—	—
1	Box Elder	Snowville	2	0	2	27	10	14.3
2	Cache	North Rich	4	0	4	50	25	7.7
21	Fillmore	Black Rock Desert	15	0	15	29	10	87.5
26	Kaiparowits	Kaiparowits	—	—	—	0	—	—
13	La Sal	South Cisco	—	—	—	0	—	—
4	Morgan-South Rich	Morgan-South Rich	4	0	4	15	6	50.0
24/27	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	—	—	—	12	—	—
11	Nine Mile	Anthro	8	0	8	22	9	66.7
11	Nine Mile	Range Creek	—	—	—	0	—	—
8	North Slope	Summit	—	—	—	0	—	—
8	North Slope	Three Corners/West Daggett	7	0	7	12	7	75.0
28	Panguitch Lake	Panguitch Lake	12	0	12	12	4	100.0
30	Pine Valley	Pine Valley	0	0	0	9	6	0.0
25	Plateau	Plateau	2	0	2	39	17	12.5
14	San Juan	Hatch Point	—	—	—	0	—	—
12	San Rafael	Desert	—	—	—	0	—	—
12	San Rafael	North	12	0	12	32	25	40.0
9	South Slope	Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	—	—	—	0	—	—
9	South Slope	Vernal	35	3	38	73	34	53.8
20	Southwest Desert	Southwest Desert	16	0	16	30	12	83.3
19	West Desert	Riverbed	3	0	3	4	4	66.7
19	West Desert	Rush Valley	0	0	0	13	6	0.0
19	West Desert	Snake Valley	8	3	11	17	6	50.0
		Statewide totals	136	6	142	444	199	42.6

*Some hunters had multiple permits. Success rates are per hunter.

Fee mitigation pronghorn harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit	Harvest			Permits	Hunters afield	Success rate (%)
			Doe	Fawn	Total			
22	Beaver	Beaver	4	0	4	6	6	66.7
10	Book Cliffs	Bitter Creek	—	—	—	0	—	—
10	Book Cliffs	South	7	1	8	8	8	100.0
1	Box Elder	Pilot Mtn	—	—	—	0	—	—
1	Box Elder	Promontory	0	0	0	5	5	0.0
1	Box Elder	Puddle Valley	—	—	—	0	—	—
1	Box Elder	Snowville	9	0	9	25	22	42.9
2	Cache	North Rich	7	0	7	44	42	15.8
21	Fillmore	Black Rock Desert	—	—	—	0	—	—
26	Kaiparowits	Kaiparowits	—	—	—	0	—	—
13	La Sal	South Cisco	—	—	—	0	—	—
4	Morgan-South Rich	Morgan-South Rich	0	0	0	4	4	0.0
24/27	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	0	0	0	3	3	0.0
11	Nine Mile	Anthro	—	—	—	1	—	—
11	Nine Mile	Range Creek	3	0	3	5	5	50.0
8	North Slope	Summit	—	—	—	0	—	—
8	North Slope	Three Corners/West Daggett	7	0	7	7	7	100.0
28	Panguitch Lake	Panguitch Lake	—	—	—	2	—	—
30	Pine Valley	Pine Valley	0	0	0	7	7	0.0
25	Plateau	Plateau	5	0	5	5	5	100.0
14	San Juan	Hatch Point	—	—	—	0	—	—
12	San Rafael	Desert	—	—	—	0	—	—
12	San Rafael	North	9	2	11	13	13	85.7
9	South Slope	Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	—	—	—	0	—	—
9	South Slope	Vernal	32	0	32	36	34	94.1
20	Southwest Desert	Southwest Desert	0	0	0	12	12	0.0
19	West Desert	Riverbed	—	—	—	0	—	—
19	West Desert	Rush Valley	0	0	0	13	13	0.0
19	West Desert	Snake Valley	2	0	2	5	5	33.3
		Statewide totals	85	3	88	201	191	50.0

Historical statewide pronghorn population trends, Utah 1999–2015.



Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Beaver

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	—	—	—	—	—	41	69	88
2007	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2008	199	28	171	—	0	49	32	26
2009	163	28	135	—	0	64	37	63
2010	80	18	62	—	0	71	23	59
2011	168	22	146	—	0	78	36	38
2012	188	28	160	—	0	109	44	29
2013	169	28	141	—	0	190	32	32
2014	162	36	126	—	0	207	27	19
2015	—	—	—	—	—	143	37	22

Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	276	47	201	—	28	98	49	79
2007	283	73	204	—	6	57	28	50
2008	129	27	102	—	0	59	12	26
2009	—	—	—	—	—	57	15	53
2010	—	—	—	—	—	45	23	50
2011	—	—	—	—	—	50	19	42
2012	147	33	114	—	0	52	9	49
2013	—	—	—	—	—	55	31	22
2014	113	13	99	—	1	104	54	22
2015	—	—	—	—	—	193	70	31

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Book Cliffs, South

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	366	86	280	—	0	—	—	—
2007	644	140	504	—	0	—	—	—
2008	500	117	383	—	0	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—	173	58	36
2010	321	56	265	—	0	199	44	24
2011	305	62	243	—	0	153	73	46
2012	364	67	297	—	0	146	25	28
2013	—	—	—	—	—	138	30	29
2014	445	66	379	—	0	153	78	47
2015	—	—	—	—	—	152	71	70

Box Elder, Pilot Mtn

Year	Spring trend*					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	183	26	103	54	0	—	—	—
2007	150	25	90	35	0	—	—	—
2008	95	15	57	23	0	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—	172	56	33
2010	17	5	12	—	0	55	47	37
2011	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2012	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2013	14	2	12	—	0	98	51	10
2014	64	18	46	—	0	92	62	15
2015	83	14	69	—	0	118	75	40

*Beginning in 2010, trend flights were standardized across the state to be conducted in the spring. Prior to this time, trend flights and preseason classification on this unit were typically conducted together in August/September.

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Box Elder, Promontory

Year	Spring trend*					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	64	6	38	20	0	—	—	—
2007	75	10	51	14	0	—	—	—
2008	28	5	19	4	0	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2010	46	7	39	—	0	44	35	17
2011	46	4	42	—	0	—	—	—
2012	70	19	51	—	0	94	57	27
2013	45	8	37	—	0	44	40	36
2014	70	11	59	—	0	59	78	41
2015	128	36	92	—	0	82	57	38

*Beginning in 2010, trend flights were standardized across the state to be conducted in the spring. Prior to this time, trend flights and preseason classification on this unit were typically conducted together in August/September.

Box Elder, Puddle Valley

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	—	—	—	—	—	42	26	30
2007	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2008	—	—	—	—	—	64	12	44
2009	74	17	57	—	0	—	—	—
2010	93	18	75	—	0	—	—	—
2011	118	31	87	—	0	52	39	87
2012	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2013	182	42	122	—	18	79	22	36
2014	67	21	46	—	0	58	30	63
2015	—	—	—	—	—	52	75	85

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Box Elder, Snowville

Year	Spring trend*					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	263	49	135	79	0	—	—	—
2007	52	16	25	11	0	—	—	—
2008	123	27	73	23	0	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2010	96	30	66	—	0	127	39	32
2011	187	53	134	—	0	255	33	34
2012	255	60	195	—	0	252	47	67
2013	297	91	206	—	0	306	69	35
2014	299	68	231	—	0	199	62	37
2015	420	125	295	—	0	330	63	28

*Beginning in 2010, trend flights were standardized across the state to be conducted in the spring. Prior to this time, trend flights and preseason classification on this unit were typically conducted together in August/September.

Cache, North Rich

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	—	—	—	—	—	—	138*	38*
2007	357	34	65	44	214	143	68	52
2008	—	—	—	—	—	—	63	16
2009	785	—	—	—	785	213	81	34
2010	715	145	570	—	0	653	181	24
2011	1288	—	—	—	1288	330	44	88
2012	398	—	—	—	398	91	79	88
2013	419	105	291	—	0	—	—	—
2014	275	91	184	—	0	72	64	55
2015	—	—	—	—	—	171	80	137

*Postseason classification.

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Fillmore, Black Rock Desert

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	90	17	73	—	0	51	56	48
2007	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2008	64	9	55	—	0	78	33	40
2009	118	45	73	—	0	—	—	—
2010	200	47	153	—	0	133	29	48
2011	186	60	126	—	0	102	51	57
2012	230	58	172	—	0	116	41	41
2013	260	57	203	—	0	119	33	39
2014	250	66	184	—	0	212	36	22
2015	—	—	—	—	—	292	38	18

Kaiparowits

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	198	—	—	—	198	79	22	92
2007	109	38	71	—	0	56	47	108
2008	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	86
2009	48	15	33	—	0	—	—	—
2010	50	10	40	—	0	—	—	—
2011	22	3	19	—	22	20	10	10
2012	63	7	56	—	0	—	—	—
2013	32	4	28	—	0	—	—	—
2014	41	10	31	—	0	18	36	27
2015	—	—	—	—	—	23	29	36

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

La Sal, South Cisco

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2007	117	25	92	—	0	—	—	—
2008	107	29	78	—	0	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2010	26	6	20	—	0	—	—	—
2011	87	19	68	—	0	54	63	63
2012	124	25	99	—	0	66	11	39
2013	—	—	—	—	—	44	57	35
2014	185	27	158	—	0	64	58	36
2015	—	—	—	—	—	76	69	42

Morgan-South Rich

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2007	458	37	27	28	366	—	—	—
2008	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2009	391	—	—	—	391	514	105	92
2010	—	—	—	—	—	631	101	144
2011	813	—	—	—	813	342	86	99
2012	470	148	307	—	15	354	84	84
2013	417	101	316	—	0	—	—	—
2014	727	218	491	—	18	—	—	—
2015	—	—	—	—	—	393	74	115

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	706	—	—	—	706	96	50	35
2007	611	121	490	—	0	320	55	31
2008	444	67	377	—	0	182	36	50
2009	809	128	474	—	207	256	31	36
2010	719	29	105	—	585	244	26	32
2011	640	15	150	—	475	248	49	18
2012	538	75	413	—	50	419	47	28
2013	705	114	591	—	0	284	30	32
2014	325	64	261	—	0	282	37	25
2015	—	—	—	—	—	276	47	32

Nine Mile, Anthro

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	386	49	337	—	0	99	28	37
2007	327	62	258	—	7	30	33	67
2008	255	72	183	—	0	32	13	21
2009	—	—	—	—	—	177	35	53
2010	159*	24	135	—	0	—	—	—
2011	—	—	—	—	—	190	51	41
2012	193	43	141	—	9	240	48	23
2013	—	—	—	—	—	215	68	26
2014	447	94	344	—	9	323	81	37
2015	—	—	—	—	—	303	70	55

*Incomplete count.

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Nine Mile, Range Creek

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	193	38	155	—	0	—	—	—
2007	237	59	178	—	0	—	—	—
2008	242	62	180	—	0	49	9	39
2009	112	9	103	—	0	102	31	26
2010	105	23	82	—	0	45	50	75
2011	84	17	67	—	0	52	32	21
2012	150	24	126	—	0	67	9	47
2013	—	—	—	—	—	63	37	43
2014	164	31	133	—	0	82	72	38
2015	174	28	146	—	0	122	38	29

North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	—	—	—	—	—	251	51	63
2007	605	166	439	—	0	278	58	59
2008	597	100	474	—	23	117	35	42
2009	—	—	—	—	—	323	41	51
2010	524	100	424	—	0	309	45	38
2011	—	—	—	—	—	373	41	30
2012	433	78	355	—	0	325	50	53
2013	315	58	257	—	0	260	51	79
2014	342	275	67	—	0	340	67	33
2015	—	—	—	—	—	257	66	50

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Panguitch Lake

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	101	—	—	—	101	56	55	26
2007	84	7	77	—	0	58	41	16
2008	129	34	95	—	0	38	74	26
2009	129	14	115	—	0	96	41	37
2010	98	14	84	—	0	98	51	25
2011	116	12	104	—	0	100	58	35
2012	116	18	98	—	0	137	84	30
2013	213	40	173	—	0	151	53	25
2014	43	5	38	—	0	185	41	23
2015	—	—	—	—	—	214	47	38

Pine Valley

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	—	—	—	—	—	59	53	31
2007	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2008	225	74	151	—	0	89	44	73
2009	306	75	231	—	0	128	45	52
2010	192	48	144	—	0	97	49	27
2011	177	47	130	—	0	144	68	54
2012	344	88	256	—	0	132	23	63
2013	240	51	189	—	0	155	56	46
2014	360	83	277	—	0	94	38	86
2015	—	—	—	—	—	208	65	37

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Plateau

Year	Spring trend*					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	1605	—	—	—	1605	270	78	78
2007	1709	—	—	—	1709	—	76	58
2008	—	—	—	—	—	268	76	61
2009	2062	—	—	—	2062	308	58	51
2010	798	—	—	—	798	185	21	16
2011	899	—	—	—	899	141	48	44
2012	1178	185	993	—	0	322	61	39
2013	1408	161	714	—	0	363	62	31
2014	1498	407	979	—	112	315	70	48
2015	1469	97	509	—	863	395	60	34

*Beginning in 2010, trend flights were standardized across the state to be conducted in the spring. Prior to this time, trend flights on this unit were typically conducted in December.

San Juan, Hatch Point

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	127	19	108	—	0	—	—	—
2007	111	26	85	—	0	—	—	—
2008	144	27	117	—	0	74	20	41
2009	166	36	130	—	0	—	—	—
2010	123	22	101	—	0	68	13	22
2011	53	13	40	—	0	38	4	42
2012	106	17	89	—	0	77	14	23
2013	58	10	48	—	0	74	44	37
2014	100	18	82	—	0	62	59	24
2015	192	37	155	—	0	121	55	40

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

San Rafael, Desert

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	50	20	30	—	0	—	—	—
2007	209	57	152	—	0	—	—	—
2008	280	83	171	—	0	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2010	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2011	234	56	178	—	0	81	15	35
2012	123	18	105	—	0	34	4	22
2013	307	82	225	—	0	—	—	—
2014	227	43	184	—	0	62	24	27
2015	189	44	145	—	0	79	64	11

San Rafael, North

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	762	194	568	—	0	—	—	—
2007	778	167	611	—	0	—	—	—
2008	875	203	672	—	0	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—	227	20	31
2010	246*	73	173	—	0	162	42	40
2011	537	171	366	—	0	214	34	24
2012	538	139	399	—	0	236	40	29
2013	281	77	204	—	0	281	38	26
2014	835	69	666	—	0	264	46	24
2015	—	—	—	—	—	250	75	33

*Incomplete count.

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	464	97	358	—	9	228	32	73
2007	589	138	418	—	33	233	28	32
2008	—	—	—	—	—	39	28	28
2009	475	78	321	—	76	146	27	49
2010	—	—	—	—	—	223	35	30
2011	—	—	—	—	—	298	49	64
2012	476	83	371	—	22	207	31	42
2013	294	69	225	—	0	223	49	49
2014	—	—	—	—	—	311	58	39
2015	478	88	390	—	0	386	55	44

South Slope, Vernal

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	121	42	76	—	3	124	51	6
2007	205	28	177	—	0	92	59	21
2008	240	60	157	—	23	35	28	67
2009	177	37	140	—	0	144	36	19
2010	—	—	—	—	—	128	47	36
2011	—	—	—	—	—	126	51	43
2012	195	42	152	—	1	165	53	29
2013	295	41	248	—	6	173	75	75
2014	—	—	—	—	—	214	64	36
2015	305	65	236	—	4	193	67	57

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Southwest Desert

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	1404	280	1101	—	23	302	47	50
2007	—	—	—	—	—	212	42	54
2008	475	86	385	—	4	284	51	66
2009	1565	428	1137	—	0	278	47	70
2010	1046	297	749	—	0	411	38	61
2011	1227	361	866	—	0	424	43	52
2012	899	227	672	—	0	349	31	44
2013	1005	236	769	—	0	344	41	32
2014	979	239	740	—	0	545	44	34
2015	—	—	—	—	—	607	56	36

West Desert, Riverbed

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	—	—	—	—	—	351	75	66
2007	—	—	—	—	—	231*	14*	57*
2008	—	—	—	—	—	301*	10*	54*
2009	—	—	—	—	—	285	9	28
2010	—	—	—	—	—	187	13	24
2011	—	—	—	—	—	70	9	97
2012	—	—	—	—	—	178	20	38
2013	462	59	246	—	157	90	30	50
2014	—	—	—	—	—	117	30	35
2015	—	—	—	—	—	201	60	56

*Includes Riverbed and Snake Valley.

Pronghorn classification and trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

West Desert, Rush Valley

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	—	—	—	—	—	227	59	32
2007	—	—	—	—	—	84	28	83
2008	—	—	—	—	—	86	35	65
2009	360	65	295	—	0	84	38	13
2010	217	30	187	—	0	171	40	20
2011	263	92	171	—	0	109	31	39
2012	103	28	75	—	0	163	42	25
2013	269	41	228	—	0	128	43	40
2014	252	54	198	—	0	129	53	37
2015	—	—	—	—	—	90	40	40

West Desert, Snake Valley

Year	Spring trend					Preseason classification		
	n	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unclassified	n	Fawns / 100 does	Bucks / 100 does
2006	369	76	293	—	0	201	20	61
2007	—	—	—	—	—	231*	14*	57*
2008	—	—	—	—	—	301*	10*	54*
2009	—	—	—	—	—	72	0	71
2010	303	77	226	—	0	78	35	24
2011	—	—	—	—	—	40	28	32
2012	207	45	162	—	0	112	15	22
2013	452	72	262	—	118	62	48	66
2014	213	78	135	—	0	226	48	37
2015	—	—	—	—	—	231	32	36

*Includes Riverbed and Snake Valley.

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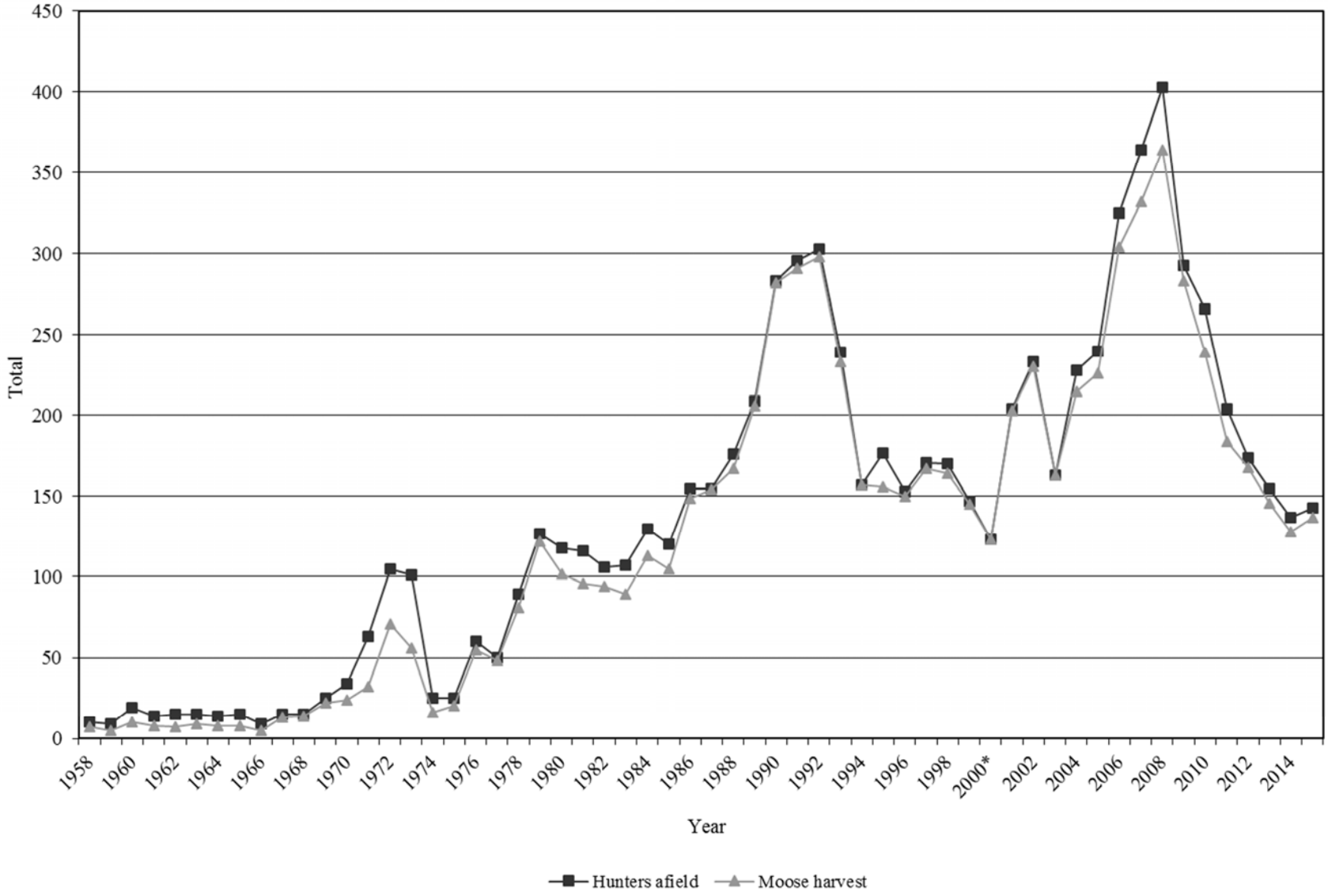
Statewide trends of moose harvest statistics, Utah 1958–2015.



Statewide moose harvest statistics, Utah 1958–2015.

Year	Bull harvest	Antlerless harvest	Total harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
1958	7	—	7	10	10	—	70.0
1959	5	—	5	10	9	—	55.6
1960	10	—	10	20	19	—	52.6
1961	8	—	8	15	14	—	57.1
1962	7	—	7	15	15	—	46.7
1963	9	—	9	15	15	—	60.0
1964	8	—	8	15	14	—	57.1
1965	8	—	8	15	15	—	53.3
1966	5	—	5	10	9	—	55.6
1967	13	—	13	15	15	—	86.7
1968	14	—	14	15	15	—	93.3
1969	22	—	22	25	25	—	88.0
1970	24	—	24	35	34	—	70.6
1971	32	—	32	65	63	—	50.8
1972	71	—	71	105	105	—	67.6
1973	56	—	56	105	101	—	55.4
1974	16	—	16	25	25	—	64.0
1975	20	—	20	25	25	—	80.0
1976	55	—	55	60	60	—	91.7
1977	30	18	48	50	50	—	96.0
1978	65	16	81	90	89	—	91.0
1979	57	65	122	128	127	—	96.1
1980	81	21	102	120	118	—	86.4
1981	78	18	96	127	116	—	82.8
1982	94	0	94	106	106	—	88.7
1983	89	0	89	109	107	—	83.2
1984	113	0	113	130	130	—	86.9
1985	105	0	105	120	120	—	87.5
1986	134	15	149	156	155	—	96.1
1987	140	14	154	156	155	3.8	99.4
1988	141	26	167	179	176	3.6	94.9
1989	181	25	206	211	209	3.6	98.6
1990	192	90	282	291	283	3.3	99.6
1991	192	99	291	313	296	3.3	98.3
1992	198	100	298	305	303	2.7	98.3
1993	174	59	233	240	299	—	77.9
1994	110	47	157	164	157	—	100.0
1995	140	16	156	196	177	5.7	88.1

Statewide moose harvest statistics, Utah 1958–2015 (cont.)

Year	Bull harvest	Antlerless harvest	Total harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
1996	139	11	150	168	153	5.5	98.0
1997	142	25	167	172	171	5.2	97.7
1998	137	27	164	175	170	4.1	96.5
1999	110	35	145	—	147	—	98.6
2000*	97	26	123	185	123	—	100.0
2001	169	34	203	204	204	4.9	99.5
2002	174	56	230	233	233	4.4	98.7
2003	139	24	163	173	163	5.1	100.0
2004	201	14	215	245	228	4.4	94.3
2005	205	21	226	266	240	4.9	94.2
2006	223	81	304	336	325	4.9	93.5
2007	236	96	332	366	364	4.9	91.2
2008	266	98	364	428	403	7.0	90.3
2009	243	40	283	295	293	5.2	96.6
2010	214	25	239	270	266	6.4	89.8
2011	176	8	184	204	204	5.7	90.2
2012	168	0	168	175	174	4.9	96.6
2013	146	0	146	155	157	5.5	94.2
2014	128	0	128	138	137	5.1	93.4
2015	137	0	137	143	143	4.7	95.8

*No hunter or harvest data available for CWMU permits.

Total moose harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2015.

Unit		Subunit		Bull harvest	Antlerless harvest	Total harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
2	Cache	—	Cache	8	0	8	8	8	5.4	100.0
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	29	0	29	30	30	4.3	96.7
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	11	0	11	11	11	4.5	100.0
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	0	0	0	1	1	14.0	0.0
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	29	0	29	29	29	3.0	100.0
8	North Slope	A	Summit	8	0	8	8	8	5.0	100.0
8	North Slope	BC	Three Corners/West Daggett	4	0	4	4	4	9.0	100.0
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	10	0	10	10	10	4.1	100.0
9	South Slope	BC	Diamond Mtn/Vernal	0	0	0	1	1	21.0	0.0
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	4	0	4	4	4	8.0	100.0
17	Wasatch Mtns	BC	Avintaquin/Currant Creek	12	0	12	13	13	5.0	93.7
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	20	0	20	22	22	5.0	90.2
	Statewide		Sportsman/Conservation	2	0	2	2	2	5.0	100.0
	Statewide totals			137	0	137	143	143	4.7	95.8

Total bull moose harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2	Cache	—	Cache	31	32	30	31	27	13	10	7	5	8
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	29	24	30	34	26	32	31	29	24	29
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	22	21	22	18	16	18	17	14	14	11
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	5	6	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	0
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	31	38	38	36	32	25	28	27	27	29
8	North Slope	A	Summit	23	30	34	28	21	11	9	9	7	8
8	North Slope	BC	Three Corners/West Daggett	13	11	11	8	6	5	6	6	5	4
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	29	35	52	38	33	19	20	10	7	10
9	South Slope	BC	Diamond Mtn/Vernal	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	1	0
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	8	7	8	9	6	6	3	4	3	4
17	Wasatch Mtns	BC	Avintaquin/Currant Creek	9	9	14	8	8	13	9	9	11	12
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	18	18	19	25	29	24	29	28	22	20

Total antlerless moose harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2	Cache	—	Cache	8	12	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	12	15	10	14	10	8	0	0	0	0
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	12	19	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	32	23	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	North Slope	A	Summit	14	15	26	20	15	0	0	0	0	0
8	North Slope	BC	Three Corners/West Daggett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	0	10	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	South Slope	BC	Diamond Mtn/Vernal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Wasatch Mtns	BC	Avintaquin/Currant Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total bull moose hunters afield by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2	Cache	—	Cache	33	33	33	33	29	16	11	7	6	8
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	29	26	32	36	31	35	34	30	27	30
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	25	22	24	18	18	19	18	15	16	11
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	5	6	6	4	4	4	2	2	2	1
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	35	41	38	36	33	30	29	29	28	29
8	North Slope	A	Summit	23	30	39	29	29	11	9	9	7	8
8	North Slope	BC	Three Corners/West Daggett	14	12	12	8	7	5	6	6	5	4
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	30	35	53	40	34	21	20	12	7	10
9	South Slope	BC	Diamond Mtn/Vernal	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	8	9	9	10	9	7	3	4	3	4
17	Wasatch Mtns	BC	Avintaquin/Currant Creek	9	9	14	8	8	13	9	9	11	13
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	18	18	20	25	30	25	29	29	24	22

Total antlerless moose hunters afield by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2	Cache	—	Cache	10	13	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	15	15	11	14	11	12	0	0	0	0
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	17	29	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	3	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	32	28	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	North Slope	A	Summit	14	20	30	20	15	0	0	0	0	0
8	North Slope	BC	Three Corners/West Daggett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	0	10	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	South Slope	BC	Diamond Mtn/Vernal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Wasatch Mtns	BC	Avintaquin/Currant Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Wasatch Mtns	A	West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

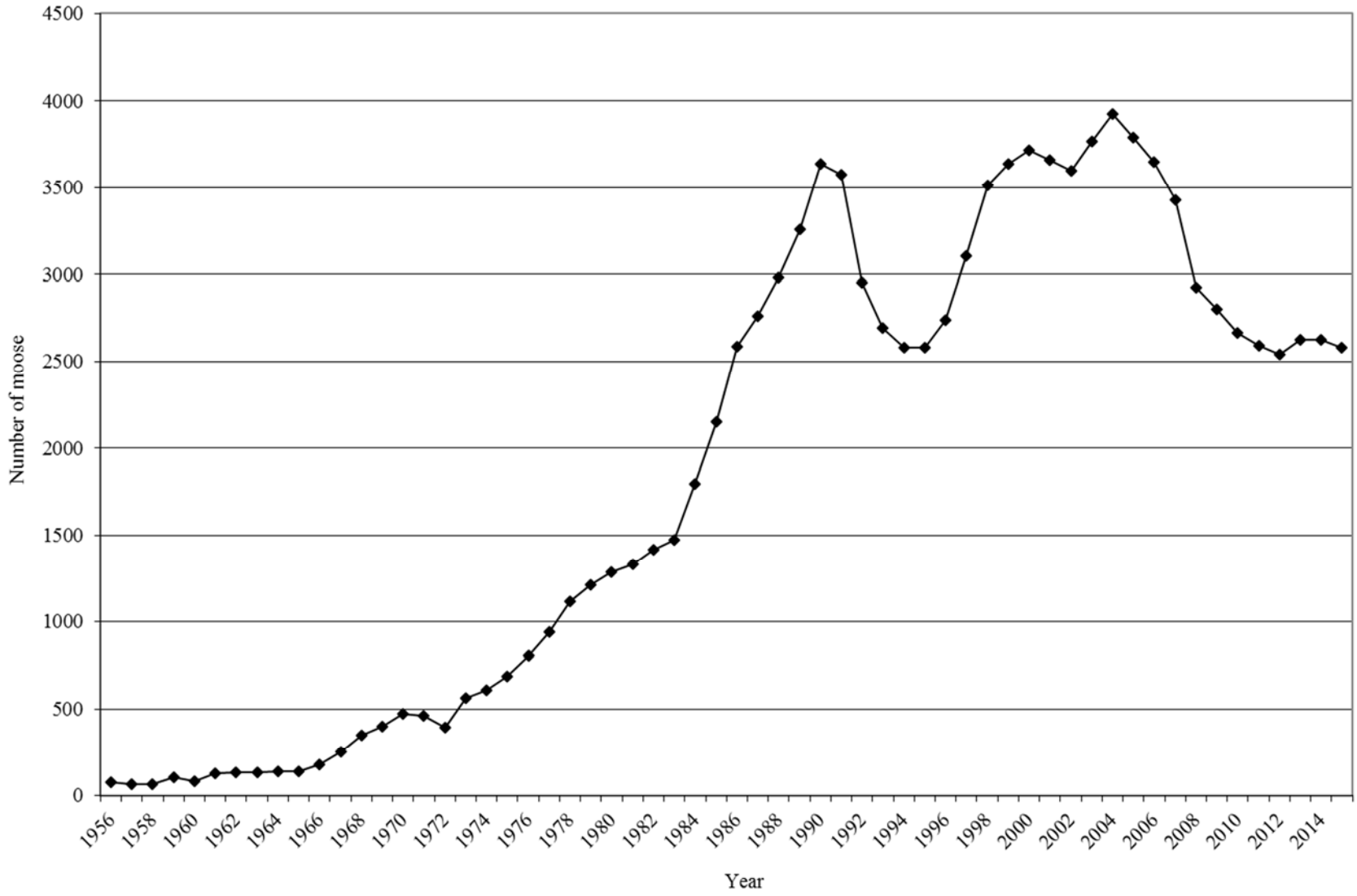
Once-in-a-lifetime bull moose harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Bull harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
2	6000	Cache	3	3	3	9.3	100.0
6	6001	Chalk Creek	3	3	3	1.3	100.0
5	6002	East Canyon	3	3	3	6.3	100.0
5	6003	East Canyon, Morgan-Summit	3	3	3	6.0	100.0
7	6004	Kamas	0	1	1	14.0	0.0
4	6005	Morgan-South Rich	3	3	3	3.7	100.0
8	6006	North Slope, Summit	8	8	8	5.0	100.0
8	6007	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	4	4	4	9.0	100.0
3	6008	Ogden	3	3	3	4.5	100.0
9	6009	South Slope, Diamond Mtn/Vernal	0	1	1	21.0	0.0
9	6010	South Slope, Yellowstone	4	4	4	8.0	100.0
17	6011	Wasatch Mtns	27	29	29	5.4	92.9
		Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	2	2	2	5.0	100.0
		Statewide totals	63	67	67	6.0	94.0

CWMU bull moose harvest, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	CWMU	Bull harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
3	6200	Bear Springs	2	2	2	2.0	100.0
4	6201	Beaver Hollow	3	3	3	3.0	100.0
4	6202	Cedar Canyon	1	1	1	3.0	100.0
17	6203	Coyote Little Pole	2	2	2	2.0	100.0
4	6204	Deseret	4	4	4	3.0	100.0
4	6205	Durst Mountain	3	3	3	2.3	100.0
6	6206	East Fork Chalk Creek	3	3	3	3.7	100.0
6	6207	Ensign Ranches	3	4	4	6.0	75.0
4	6208	Folley Ridge	2	2	2	3.5	100.0
6	6209	Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	8	8	8	3.8	100.0
5	6210	Hardscrabble	1	1	1	1.0	100.0
5	6211	Jacob's Creek	2	2	2	3.5	100.0
17	6212	Little Red Creek	1	1	1	1.0	100.0
5	6213	Lone Tree Taylor Hollow	2	2	2	2.0	100.0
3	6214	Powder Mountain	1	1	1	13.0	100.0
3	6215	Sharp Mountain	2	2	2	3.0	100.0
2	6216	SJ Ranch	2	2	2	3.0	100.0
4	6217	Skull Crack	5	5	5	2.4	100.0
3	6218	South Canyon	2	2	2	2.0	100.0
6	6219	State Corner	1	1	1	11.0	100.0
2	6220	Strawberry Ridge	3	3	3	3.0	100.0
17	6221	Three C	1	2	2	4.5	50.0
6	6222	Two Bear	4	4	4	3.0	100.0
17	6223	Wallsburg	1	1	1	6.0	100.0
6	6224	Weber Florence Creek	7	7	7	5.4	100.0
4	6225	Woodruff Creek South	4	4	4	4.3	100.0
4	6226	Bastian Ranch	3	3	3	2.3	100.0
4	6227	Hell Canyon	1	1	1	2.0	100.0
		Statewide totals	74	76	76	3.6	97.4

Historical statewide moose population trends, Utah 1956–2015.



Average age of harvested bull moose, by management unit / subunit, 2006–2015.

Unit		Subunit		Current objective	Average age										3-year average
					2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
2	Cache	—	Cache	4–6	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.9	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.4	4.6	3.9
6	Chalk Creek	—	Chalk Creek	4–6	4.6	4.8	4.3	4.8	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.9	4.4
5	East Canyon	—	East Canyon	4–6	5.4	3.6	4.6	3.0	4.7	3.2	4.2	3.0	3.4	4.6	3.7
7	Kamas	—	Kamas	4–6	5.0	5.5	3.5	4.0	5.0	2.7	3.0	9.0	—	—	9.0
4	Morgan-South Rich	—	Morgan-South Rich	4–6	4.8	3.9	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.5	5.1	4.6
8	North Slope	A	Summit	4–6	5.4	6.2	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.2	4.6	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.2
8	North Slope	BC	Three Corners/West Daggett	4–6	4.9	5.0	3.9	5.7	4.2	6.0	3.7	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.7
3	Ogden	—	Ogden	4–6	5.5	4.6	4.1	3.9	4.5	3.8	4.3	3.6	3.0	4.0	3.5
9	South Slope	BC	Diamond Mtn/Vernal	4–6	8.0	4.0	5.0	5.5	4.3	3.0	4.0	—	—	—	—
9	South Slope	A	Yellowstone	4–6	5.9	5.3	3.7	6.3	4.3	4.2	4.5	3.5	6.5	4.0	4.7
17	Wasatch Mtns	—	Wasatch Mtns	4–6	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.5
	Statewide average			4–6	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.4

Moose trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Cache

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	147	44	24	86
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	172	36	18	103
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Chalk Creek

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	449	42	24	76
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	256	27	15	73
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	281	41	22	88
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

East Canyon

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	300	49	26	93
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	233	53	28	88
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	221	33	22	51

Moose trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Kamas

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	53	22	11	104
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	54	59	32	86
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	53	64	36	77
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Morgan-South Rich

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	378	26	14	85
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	285	31	18	73

North Slope, Summit

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	181	62	30	108
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	92	47	35	33
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	278*	52	38	35
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

*Includes portions of Wyoming.

Moose trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	103	38	17	115
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	74	41	23	76
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Ogden

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	413	28	17	69
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	—	—	—	—
2013–14	430	36	21	71
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

South Slope, Diamond Mtn /Vernal

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	62	38	19	100
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	41	33	21	62
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	27	22	8	178
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Moose trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

South Slope, Yellowstone

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	97	54	26	105
2007–08	—	—	—	—
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	92	26	14	93
2010–11	—	—	—	—
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	73	44	33	34
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek

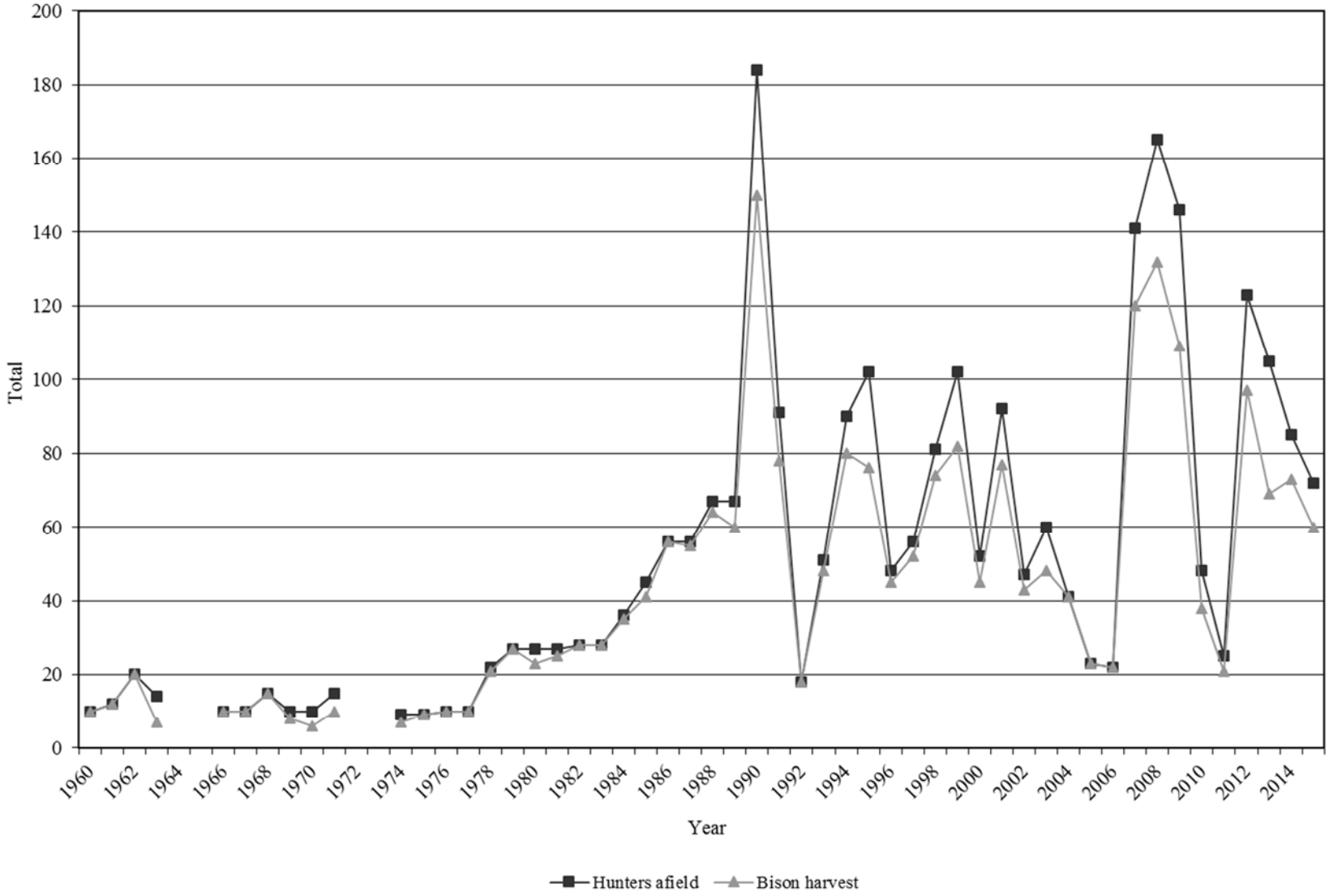
Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	50	29	16	79
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	49	30	20	52
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	56	30	19	57
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

Wasatch Mtns, West

Year	n	Calves / 100 cows	Calves / 100 adults	Bulls / 100 cows
2006–07	—	—	—	—
2007–08	284	31	19	65
2008–09	—	—	—	—
2009–10	—	—	—	—
2010–11	282	55	32	74
2011–12	—	—	—	—
2012–13	180	30	17	77
2013–14	—	—	—	—
2014–15	—	—	—	—
2015–16	—	—	—	—

BISON

Statewide trends of bison harvest statistics, Utah 1960–2015.



*Data not available for 1964, 1965, 1972, and 1973. Does not include harvest or hunt statistics from Antelope Island hunts. Book Cliffs harvest included beginning in 2012.

Statewide bison harvest statistics*, Henry Mtns and Book Cliffs, Utah 1950–2015.

Year	Harvest				Permits			Hunters afield	Success rate (%)
	Bull	Cow	Calf	Total	Hunter's choice	Cow	Total		
1950	6	4	0	10	10	—	10	10	100.0
1951	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1952	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1953	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1954	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1956	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1958	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1959	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1960	7	3	0	10	10	—	10	10	100.0
1961	8	4	0	12	12	—	12	12	100.0
1962	9	11	0	20	20	—	20	20	100.0
1963	1	6	0	7	14	—	14	14	50.0
1964	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1965	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1966	7	3	0	10	10	—	10	10	100.0
1967	4	6	0	10	10	—	10	10	100.0
1968	15	0	0	15	15	—	15	15	100.0
1969	8	0	0	8	10	—	10	10	80.0
1970	6	0	0	6	10	—	10	10	60.0
1971	8	2	0	10	15	—	15	15	66.7
1972	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1973	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1974	4	3	0	7	10	—	10	9	77.8
1975	7	2	0	9	10	—	10	9	100.0
1976	8	2	0	10	10	—	10	10	100.0
1977	9	1	0	10	10	—	10	10	100.0
1978	11	9	1	21	22	—	22	22	95.5
1979	14	12	1	27	27	—	27	27	100.0
1980	16	6	1	23	27	—	27	27	85.2
1981	20	5	0	25	27	—	27	27	92.6
1982	16	10	2	28	28	—	28	28	100.0
1983	20	8	0	28	28	—	28	28	100.0
1984	28	7	0	35	36	—	36	36	97.2
1985	29	12	0	41	45	—	45	45	91.1
1986	39	17	0	56	56	—	56	56	100.0
1987	40	14	1	55	56	—	56	56	98.2
1988	32	32	0	64	45	22	67	67	95.5
1989	31	28	1	60	45	22	67	67	89.6

*Does not include harvest or hunt statistics from Antelope Island hunts. Book Cliffs harvest included beginning in 2012.

Statewide bison harvest statistics*, Henry Mtns and Book Cliffs, Utah 1950–2015 (cont.)

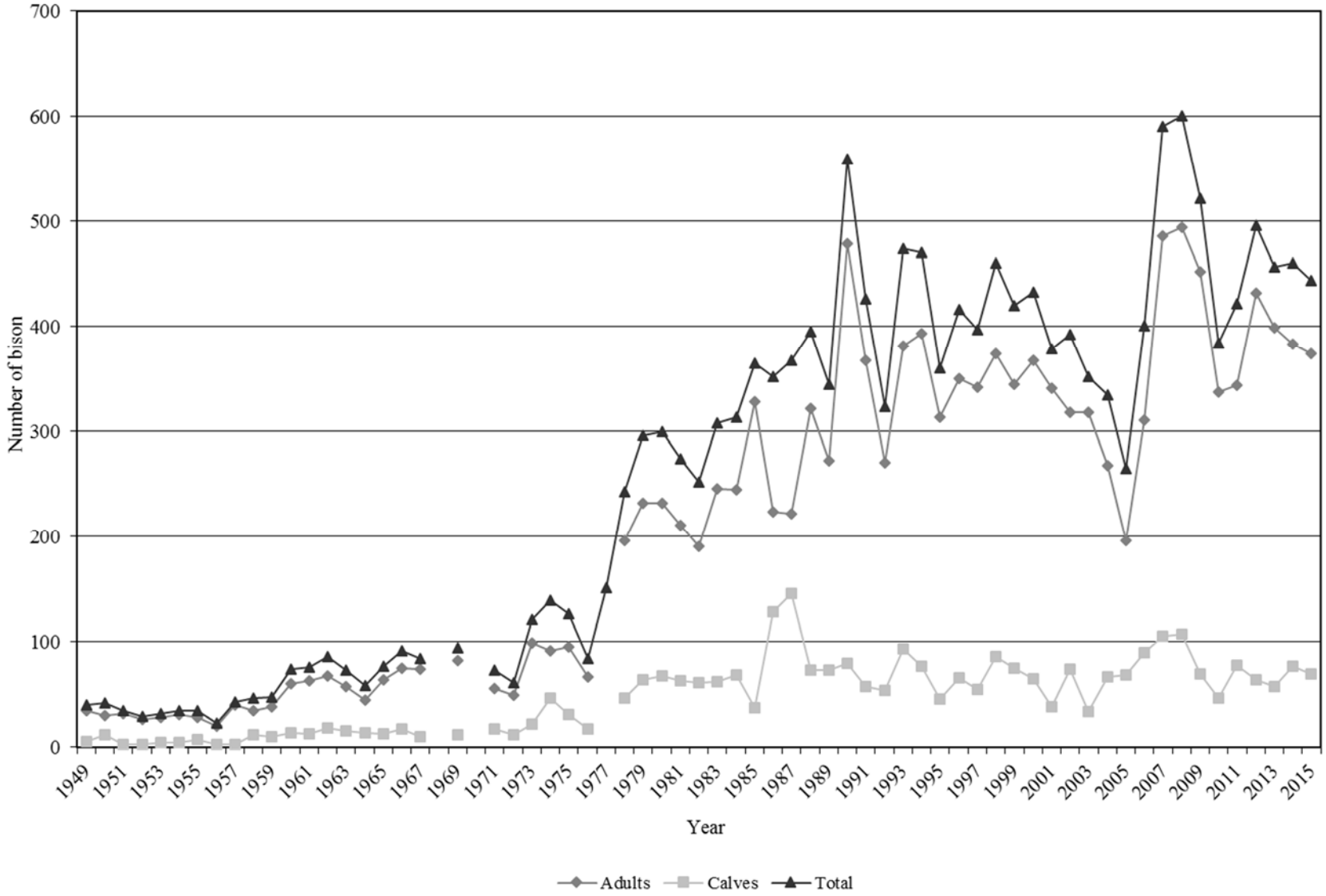
Year	Harvest				Permits			Hunters afield	Success rate (%)
	Bull	Cow	Calf	Total	Hunter's choice	Cow	Total		
1990	47	103	0	150	55	129	184	184	81.5
1991	44	32	2	78	70	22	92	91	85.7
1992	17	1	0	18	18	—	18	18	100.0
1993	41	7	0	48	51	—	51	51	94.1
1994	20	58	2	80	24	66	90	90	88.9
1995	32	44	0	76	36	66	102	102	74.5
1996	38	7	0	45	48	—	48	48	93.8
1997	24	28	0	52	29	27	56	56	92.9
1998	39	35	0	74	47	34	81	81	91.4
1999	30	52	0	82	37	66	103	102	80.4
2000	21	24	0	45	28	25	53	52	86.5
2001	39	38	0	77	62	30	92	92	83.7
2002	26	17	0	43	32	15	47	47	91.5
2003	34	14	0	48	41	19	60	60	80.0
2004	17	24	0	41	22	19	41	41	100.0
2005	12	11	0	23	15	10	25	23	100.0
2006	12	10	0	22	12	10	22	22	100.0
2007	61	59	0	121	68	75	143	141	85.8
2008	59	73	0	133**	68	102	170	165	80.6
2009	38	71	0	109	56	92	148	146	74.7
2010	31	7	0	38	40	11	51	48	79.2
2011	16	5	0	21	19	6	25	25	84.0
2012	49	48	0	97	66	57	123	123	78.9
2013	34	35	0	69	58	48	106	105	65.7
2014	41	32	0	73	52	35	87	85	85.9
2015	40	20	0	60	53	23	76	72	83.3

*Does not include harvest or hunt statistics from Antelope Island hunts. Book Cliffs harvest included beginning in 2012.
**Includes one harvest of unknown sex.

Once-in-a-lifetime bison harvest, Utah 2015.

Hunt number	Hunt name	Bull harvest	Cow harvest	Total harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
6501	Book Cliffs (hunter's choice)	6	0	6	6	6	2.3	100.0
6502	Book Cliffs, Wild Horse Bench (hunter's choice)	8	1	9	9	9	5.2	100.0
6503	Henry Mtns (hunter's choice)	13	2	15	18	18	4.5	82.4
6504	Henry Mtns (hunter's choice)	11	2	13	18	17	4.6	75.0
6505	Henry Mtns (cow only)	0	8	8	13	13	4.6	61.5
6506	Henry Mtns (cow only)	0	7	7	10	7	4.6	100.0
	Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	2	0	2	2	2	15.5	100.0
	Totals	40	20	60	76	72	4.8	83.3

Historical bison preseason population counts, Henry Mtns, Utah 1949–2015.

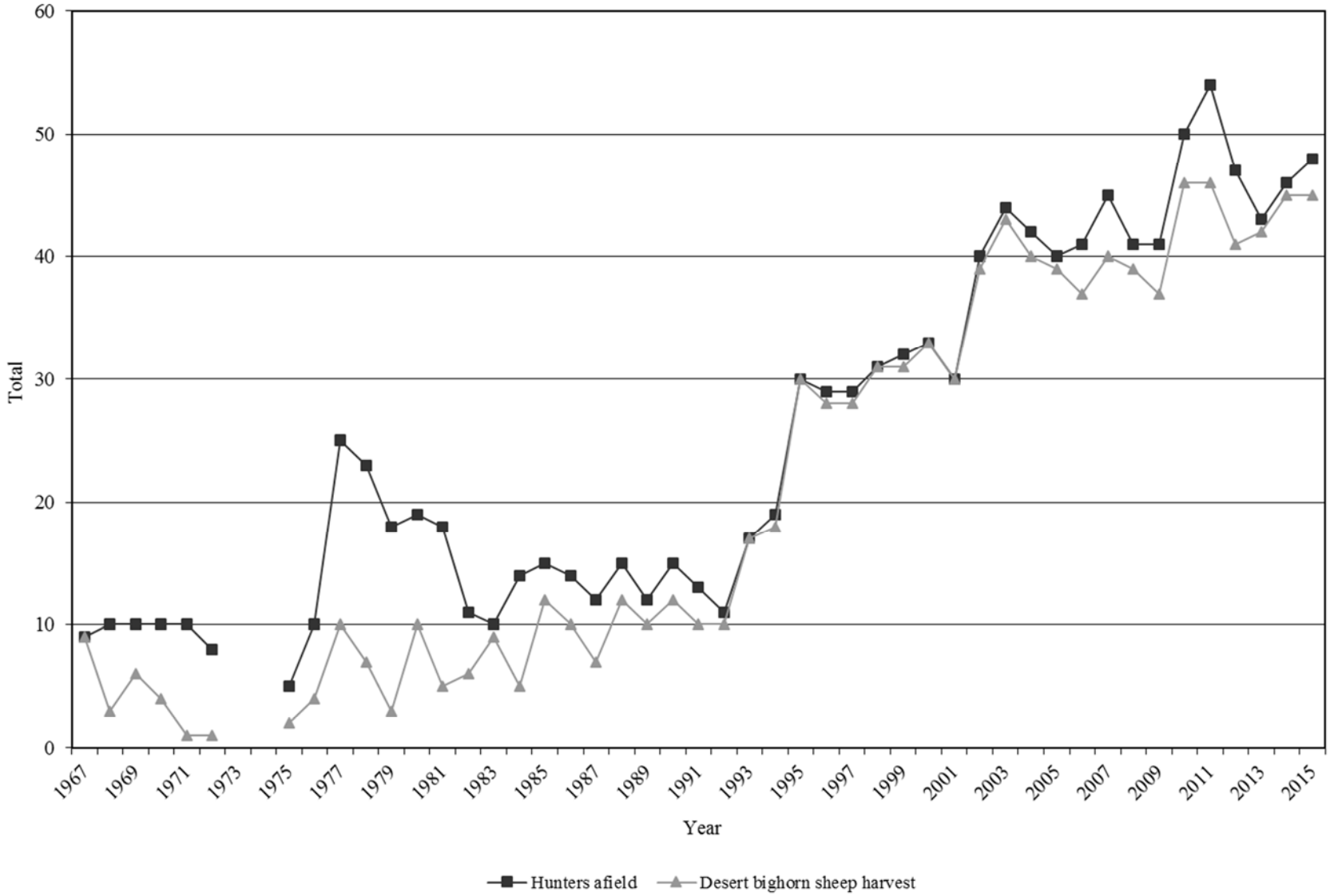


Historical bison classification, Henry Mtns, Utah, 1997–2015.

Year	Calves / 100 cows	Bulls / 100 cows
1997	25	55
1998	35	54
1999	36	65
2000	28	57
2001	18	57
2002	36	56
2003	17	56
2004	42	42
2005	49	38
2006	39	36
2007	35	60
2008	33	53
2009	24	52
2010	32	72
2011	37	61
2012	31	63
2013	28	56
2014	30	53
2015	31	70

DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP

Statewide trends of desert bighorn sheep harvest statistics, Utah 1967–2015.



*Data not available in 1973 and 1974.

Statewide desert bighorn sheep harvest statistics, Utah 1967–2015.

Year	Ram harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
1967	9	10	9	2.7	100.0
1968	3	10	10	5.2	30.0
1969	6	10	10	5.5	60.0
1970	4	10	10	7.4	40.0
1971	1	10	10	—	10.0
1972	1	10	8	—	12.5
1973	—	—	—	—	—
1974	—	—	—	—	—
1975	2	5	5	6.2	40.0
1976	4	10	10	8.7	40.0
1977	10	25	25	9.0	40.0
1978	7	23	23	8.6	30.4
1979	3	18	18	13.1	16.7
1980	10	19	19	12.7	52.6
1981	5	18	18	12.6	27.8
1982	6	11	11	9.9	54.5
1983	9	10	10	15.0	90.0
1984	5	14	14	13.4	35.7
1985	12	15	15	8.3	80.0
1986	10	14	14	8.0	71.4
1987	7	12	12	8.2	58.3
1988	12	15	15	8.1	80.0
1989	10	12	12	10.5	83.3
1990	12	15	15	7.1	80.0
1991	10	13	13	12.2	76.9
1992	10	11	11	6.5	90.9
1993	17	17	17	7.9	100.0
1994	18	19	19	0.0	94.7
1995	30	32	30	0.0	100.0
1996	28	29	29	8.7	96.6
1997	28	29	29	7.5	96.6
1998	31	31	31	8.4	100.0
1999	31	32	32	8.5	96.9
2000	33	33	33	6.3	100.0
2001	30	31	30	11.4	100.0
2002	39	40	40	6.4	97.5
2003	43	44	44	7.3	97.7
2004	40	42	42	8.7	95.2

Statewide desert bighorn sheep harvest statistics, Utah 1967–2015 (cont.)

Year	Ram harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
2005	39	40	40	8.5	97.5
2006	37	43	41	8.2	90.2
2007	40	45	45	10.7	88.9
2008	39	42	41	8.2	95.1
2009	37	42	41	9.8	90.2
2010	46	50	50	8.5	92.0
2011	46	54	54	8.9	85.2
2012	41	47	47	9.0	87.2
2013	42	44	43	8.7	97.7
2014	45	46	46	8.6	97.8
2015	45	49	48	7.6	93.8

Total desert bighorn sheep harvest by hunt, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Ram Harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
15	6600	Henry Mtns	2	3	3	10.3	66.7
26	6601	Kaiparowits, East*	3	3	3	2.3	100.0
26	6602	Kaiparowits, Escalante	1	2	2	10.0	50.0
26	6603	Kaiparowits, West	7	7	7	9.0	100.0
13	6604	La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	2	2	2	14.0	100.0
30	6605	Pine Valley	2	2	2	5.5	100.0
14	6606	San Juan, Lockhart	1	1	1	5.0	100.0
14	6607	San Juan, South	1	1	1	7.0	100.0
12	6608	San Rafael, Dirty Devil	1	1	1	20.0	100.0
12	6609	San Rafael, North	1	1	1	4.0	100.0
12	6610	San Rafael, South†	6	6	6	11.0	100.0
29	6611	Zion††	6	6	6	6.0	100.0
29	6612	Zion	6	7	7	5.8	85.7
		Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	2	2	2	8.0	100.0
12/15		Henry Mtns and Dirty Devil	1	1	1	1.0	100.0
26		Kaiparowits	0	1	—	—	0.0
13/14		San Juan, South and Lockhart, La Sal Potash	1	1	1	2.0	100.0
29/30		Zion and Pine Valley	1	1	1	1.0	100.0
12		San Rafael North and South	1	1	1	8.0	100.0
		Statewide totals	45	49	48	7.6	93.8

*Nonresidents could hunt all Kaiparowits subunits.
†Nonresidents could hunt both North and South San Rafael subunits.
††Nonresidents could hunt both early and late Zion seasons.

Total ram desert bighorn sheep harvest* by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit	Hunt name	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
15	Henry Mtns	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2
26	Kaiparowits, East	2	3	3	3	4	2	3	3	3	2
26	Kaiparowits, Escalante	5	4	7	5	4	4	3	1	2	1
26	Kaiparowits, West	1	2	1	2	2	4	4	4	5	8
13	La Sal, Potash	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3
30	Pine Valley, Virgin River	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	2
14	San Juan, Lockhart	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
14	San Juan, South	1	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
12	San Rafael, Dirty Devil	2	3	4	4	5	5	2	2	3	2
12	San Rafael, North	9	6	4	5	5	3	2	1	1	1
12	San Rafael, South	6	9	10	6	9	8	8	9	7	7
29	Zion	—	—	—	—	4	9	10	10	13	15

*Harvest taken by statewide sportsman and conservation permit holders were added to the unit where the harvest occurred, when known. Also, some nonresident permit holders were allowed to hunt in multiple units – in this table, harvest is added to the unit where harvest occurred.

Total ram desert bighorn sheep hunters afield by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit	Hunt name	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
15	Henry Mtns	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3
26	Kaiparowits, East	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	2	3
26	Kaiparowits, Escalante	7	7	7	5	5	6	5	2	2	2
26	Kaiparowits, West	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	7
13	La Sal, Potash	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
30	Pine Valley, Virgin River	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	2
14	San Juan, Lockhart	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
14	San Juan, South	1	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
12	San Rafael, Dirty Devil	2	3	4	5	6	6	3	2	2	1
12	San Rafael, North	9	8	5	5	5	5	3	1	1	1
12	San Rafael, South	8	9	10	8	9	9	8	9	6	6
29	Zion	—	—	—	—	5	7	8	9	12	13
	Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	7	6

Desert bighorn sheep trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Henry Mtns

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	44	20	56
2007	—	—	—
2008	54	10	70
2009	—	—	—
2010	24	46	38
2011	—	—	—
2012	63	52	100
2013	—	—	—
2014	73	41	74
2015	—	—	—

Kaiparowits, East/West

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	—	—	—
2007	110	61	78
2008	—	—	—
2009	139	35	78
2010	—	—	—
2011	200	40	54
2012	—	—	—
2013	339	31	36
2014	—	—	—
2015	355	35	44

Kaiparowits, Escalante

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	99	47	64
2007	—	—	—
2008	115	25	70
2009	—	—	—
2010	87	24	67
2011	—	—	—
2012	71	22	51
2013	—	—	—
2014	92	35	45
2015	—	—	—

Desert bighorn sheep trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

La Sal, Potash

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	140	67	52
2007	—	—	—
2008	105	32	66
2009	—	—	—
2010	118	13	51
2011	—	—	—
2012	69	19	72
2013	—	—	—
2014	81	45	39
2015	—	—	—

Pine Valley, Virgin River

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	—	—	—
2007	38	29	52
2008	23	15	62
2009	—	—	—
2010	73	22	76
2011	—	—	—
2012	72	31	69
2013	—	—	—
2014	52	21	59
2015	—	—	—

San Juan, Lockhart

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	87	35	83
2007	—	—	—
2008	59	18	61
2009	—	—	—
2010	46	32	52
2011	—	—	—
2012	40	23	31
2013	—	—	—
2014	84	22	33
2015	—	—	—

Desert bighorn sheep trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

San Juan, North

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	29	20	73
2007	—	—	—
2008	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—
2010	17	9	45
2011	—	—	—
2012	13	22	22
2013	—	—	—
2014	14	38	38
2015	—	—	—

San Juan, South

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	166	33	70
2007	—	—	—
2008	122	31	59
2009	—	—	—
2010	57	3	40
2011	—	—	—
2012	39	8	54
2013	—	—	—
2014	45	30	37
2015	—	—	—

San Rafael, Dirty Devil

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	76	54	75
2007	—	—	—
2008	115	10	59
2009	—	—	—
2010	67	30	37
2011	—	—	—
2012	66	39	42
2013	—	—	—
2014	60	38	50
2015	—	—	—

Desert bighorn sheep trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

San Rafael, North

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	—	—	—
2007*	167	20	50
2008	150	22	61
2009	—	—	—
2010	—	—	—
2011	86	29	37
2012	101	47	36
2013	94	31	53
2014	—	—	—
2015	124	42	65

*Includes San Rafael North and South

San Rafael, South

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	—	—	—
2007*	259	16	76
2008	—	—	—
2009	183	38	85
2010	—	—	—
2011	220	29	62
2012	—	—	—
2013	188	37	51
2014	—	—	—
2015	216	32	65

*Includes San Rafael North and South.

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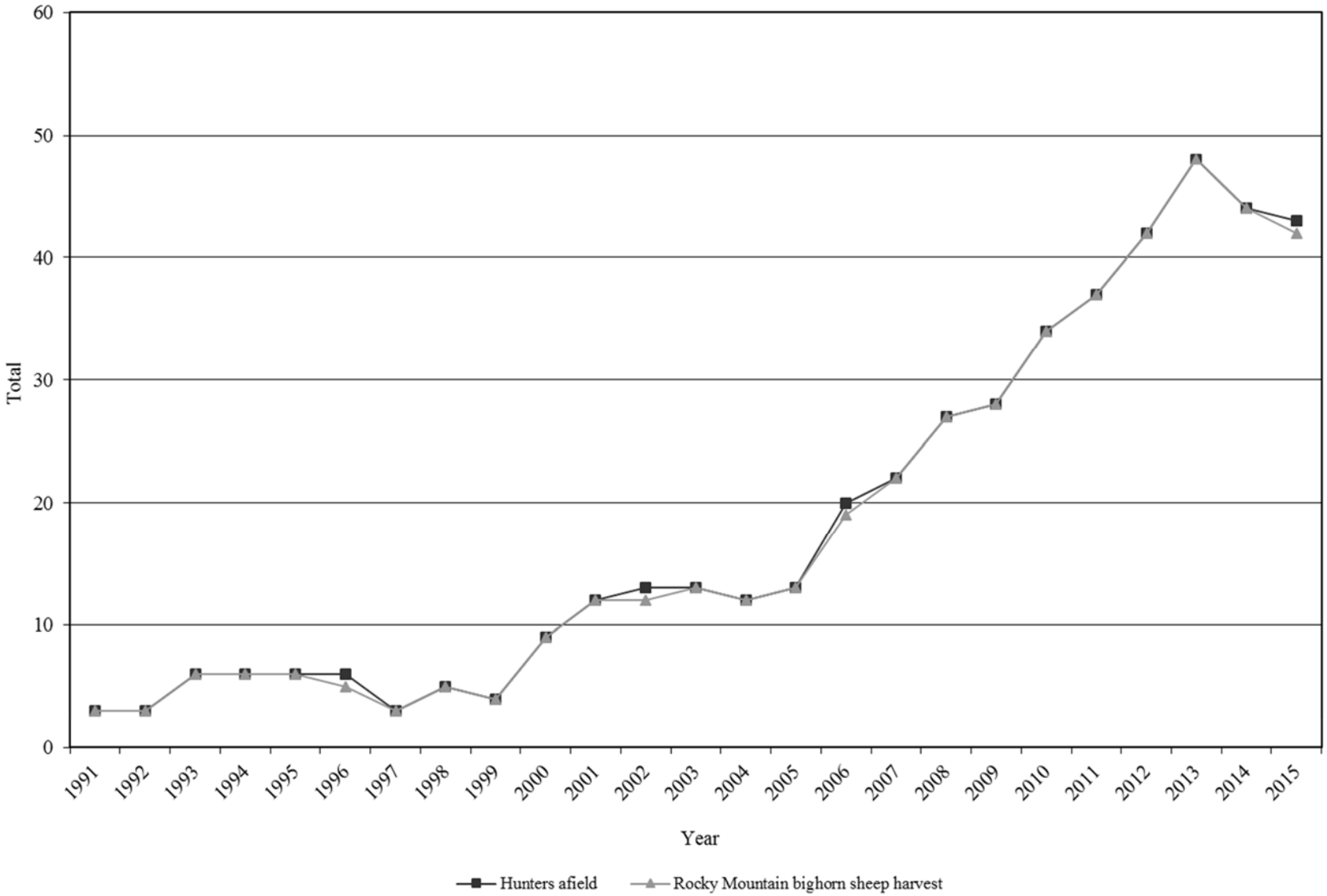
Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2009	131	57	77
2010	—	—	—
2011	200	28	56
2012	—	—	—
2013	504	33	63
2014	—	—	—
2015	498	30	41

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP

Statewide trends of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep harvest statistics, Utah 1991–2015.



Statewide Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep harvest statistics, Utah 1991–2015.

Year	Ram harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
1991	3	3	3	—	100.0
1992	3	3	3	—	100.0
1993	6	6	6	—	100.0
1994	6	6	6	6.7	100.0
1995	6	6	6	—	100.0
1996	5	6	6	5.0	83.3
1997	3	3	3	5.0	100.0
1998	5	5	5	10.2	100.0
1999	4	4	4	—	100.0
2000	9	9	9	—	100.0
2001	12	12	12	—	100.0
2002	12	13	13	—	92.3
2003	13	13	13	17.1	100.0
2004	12	12	12	8.6	100.0
2005	13	13	13	9.1	100.0
2006	19	20	20	7.7	95.0
2007	22	22	22	5.7	100.0
2008	27	27	27	8.7	100.0
2009	28	28	28	5.0	100.0
2010	34	35	34	6.6	100.0
2011	37	37	37	6.4	100.0
2012	42	42	42	4.5	100.0
2013	46	46	46	5.2	100.0
2014	44	44	44	4.2	100.0
2015	40	41	41	5.2	97.6

Total Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep harvest by hunt, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Ram harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
10	6701	Book Cliffs, South	4	5	5	5.8	80.0
1	6702	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	6	6	6	2.0	100.0
1	6703	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	5	5	5	2.2	100.0
16/17	6704	Central Mtns, Nebo/Wasatch Mtns, West	1	1	1	1.0	100.0
11	6705	Nine Mile, Range Creek	10	10	10	4.9	100.0
11	6706	Nine Mile, Range Creek	6	6	6	10.2	100.0
8	6707	North Slope, Three Corners-Bare Top	1	1	1	15.0	100.0
8	6708	North Slope, West Daggett	2	2	2	8.5	100.0
18	6709	Stansbury	3	3	3	4.3	100.0
		Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	2	2	2	3.0	100.0
		Statewide totals	40	41	41	5.2	97.6

Total ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep harvest* by hunt, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit	Hunt name	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
10	Book Cliffs, South (Rattlesnake)	5	6	8	7	6	9	9	8	6	4
1	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	2	1	2	4	5	5	6	11	11	11
1	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—
16/17	Central Mtns, Nebo/Wasatch Mtns, West	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
11	Nine Mile, Range Creek (Bighorn Mtn)	6	7	10	9	13	13	17	17	18	17
8	North Slope, Three Corners (Bare Mtn)	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	1
8	North Slope, West Daggett (Sheep Creek)	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
18	Stansbury	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	3	3	3
	Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

*Harvest taken by statewide sportsman and conservation permit holders were included in the unit where the harvest occurred. Also, some nonresident permit holders were allowed to hunt in multiple units – in this table, harvest is included in the unit where harvest occurred.

Total ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunters afield by hunt, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit	Hunt name	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
10	Book Cliffs, South (Rattlesnake)	5	6	8	7	6	8	7	7	5	5
1	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	2	1	2	4	5	5	6	10	11	11
1	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—
16/17	Central Mtns, Nebo/Wasatch Mtns, West	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
11	Nine Mile, Range Creek (Bighorn Mtn)	7	7	10	9	13	12	17	17	17	16
8	North Slope, Three Corners (Bare Mtn)	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	1
8	North Slope, West Daggett (Sheep Creek)	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
18	Stansbury	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	3	3	3
	Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2	2

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Book Cliffs, South (Rattlesnake)

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	—	—	—
2007	235	39	69
2008	—	—	—
2009	174	30	77
2010	—	—	—
2011	182	26	54
2012	—	—	—
2013	153	33	52
2014	—	—	—
2015	—	—	—

Central Mtns, Nebo

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	—	—	—
2007	35	—	—
2008	26	—	—
2009	22	—	—
2010	—	—	—
2011	—	—	—
2012	—	—	—
2013	16	—	—
2014	—	—	—
2015	14	—	—

Nine Mile, Range Creek (Bighorn Mtn)

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	—	—	—
2007	346	51	70
2008	—	—	—
2009	384	25	77
2010	—	—	—
2011	418	33	69
2012	—	—	—
2013	333	35	67
2014	—	—	—
2015	—	—	—

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

North Slope, Three Corners (Bare Top)

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	86	48	68
2007	84	70	141
2008	99	41	127
2009	76*	47	—
2010	104	56	86
2011	72*	—	—
2012	52	52	95
2013	47	18	65
2014	39	50	45
2015	44	16	60

*Incomplete count.

North Slope, Three Corners (Goslin Mtn)

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	62	56	38
2007	79	36	40
2008	33	36	79
2009*	—	—	—
2010	—	—	—
2011	—	—	—
2012	—	—	—
2013**	22	—	—
2014	13	—	—
2015	15	—	—

* Population culled because of disease issues. **Start of a transplanted population.

North Slope, West Daggett (Carter Creek/South Red Canyon)

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006*	96	52	87
2007	27	52	24
2008	20	8	58
2009	32**	40	20
2010	40	29	157
2011	36**	—	—
2012	—	—	—
2013	42	28	40
2014	42	39	43
2015	14	—	—

*Sheep Creek/Carter Creek combined. **Incomplete count.

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

North Slope, West Daggett (Sheep Creek)

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006*	96	52	87
2007	37	67	10
2008	53	28	55
2009	32**	54	92
2010	55	52	68
2011	48**	—	—
2012	92	67	25
2013	24	15	69
2014	33	56	50
2015	38	32	41

*Sheep Creek/Carter Creek combined.
**Incomplete count.

Oquirrh-Stansbury, Stansbury

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	—	—	—
2007	70	—	—
2008	137	—	—
2009	—	—	—
2010	—	—	—
2011	—	—	—
2012	163	76	71
2013	—	—	—
2014	—	—	—
2015	140	13	82

Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2009*	35	—	—
2010	—	—	—
2011	30	33	33
2012	—	—	—
2013	55	35	42
2014	51	56	48
2015	—	—	—

*Start of a transplanted population.

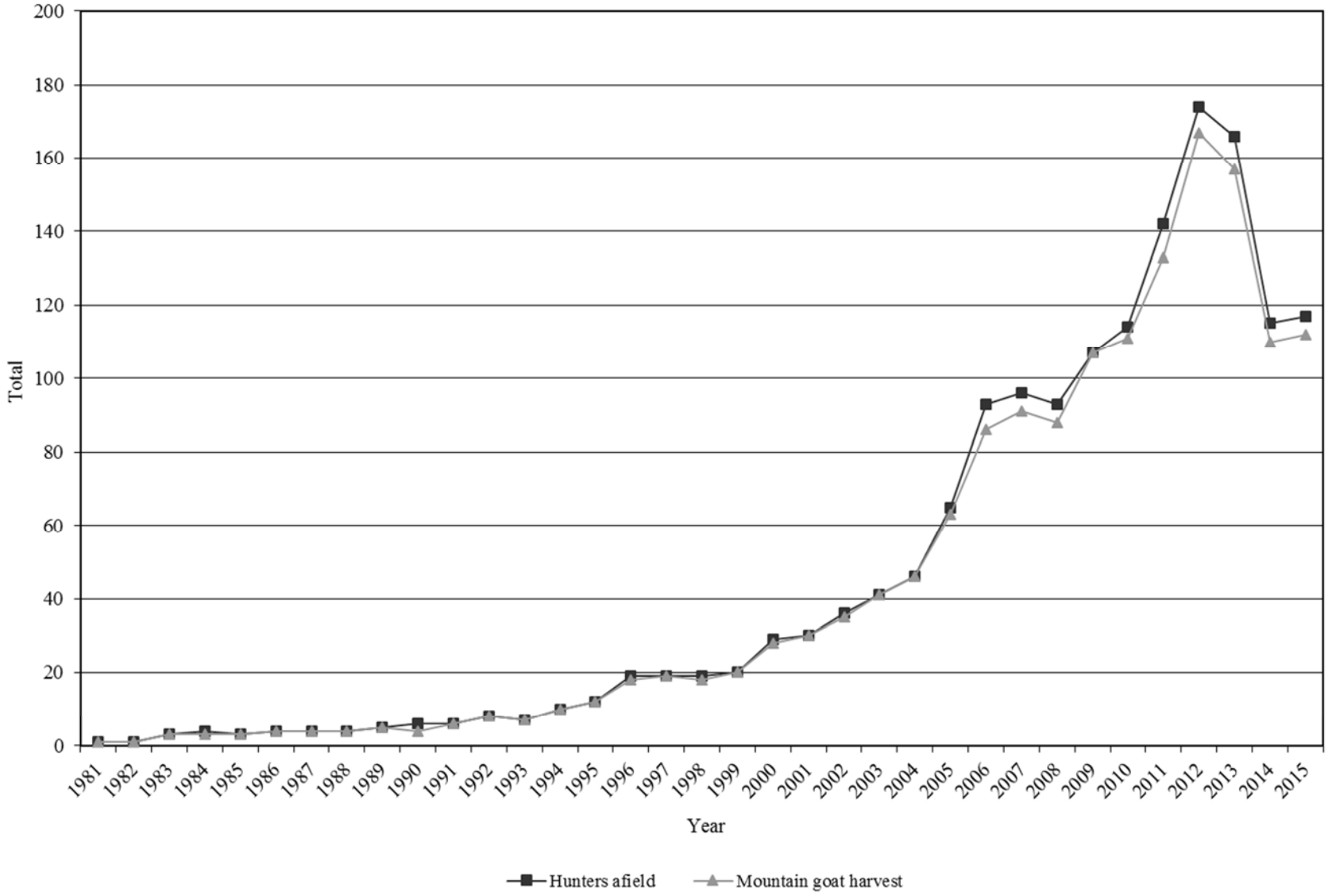
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Wasatch Mtns, West (Provo Peak/Rock Canyon/Timpanogos)

Year	n	Lambs / 100 ewes	Rams / 100 ewes
2006	—	—	—
2007	92	—	—
2008	57	—	—
2009	56	—	—
2010	—	—	—
2011	—	—	—
2012	—	—	—
2013	33	27	23
2014	—	—	—
2015	32	60	53

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Statewide trends of mountain goat harvest statistics, Utah 1981–2015.



Statewide mountain goat harvest statistics, Utah 1981–2015.

Year	Billy harvest	Nanny harvest	Total harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
1981	1	0	1	1	1	2.0	100.0
1982	0	1	1	1	1	2.0	100.0
1983	3	0	3	3	3	4.3	100.0
1984	2	1	3	4	4	4.0	75.0
1985	3	0	3	3	3	5.3	100.0
1986	2	2	4	4	4	6.5	100.0
1987	3	1	4	4	4	3.8	100.0
1988	3	1	4	4	4	3.5	100.0
1989	4	1	5	5	5	3.6	100.0
1990	4	0	4	6	6	4.8	66.7
1991	3	3	6	6	6	7.0	100.0
1992	8	0	8	8	8	5.8	100.0
1993	6	1	7	7	7	4.3	100.0
1994	10	0	10	10	10	—	100.0
1995	10	2	12	12	12	—	100.0
1996	16	2	18	19	19	4.2	94.7
1997	17	2	19	19	19	—	100.0
1998	18	0	18	19	19	3.5	94.7
1999	18	2	20	20	20	—	100.0
2000	19	9	28	29	29	3.2	96.6
2001	21	9	30	30	30	—	100.0
2002	25	10	35	36	36	—	97.2
2003	32	9	41	41	41	2.3	100.0
2004	31	15	46	46	46	2.6	100.0
2005	42	21	63	68	65	3.5	96.9
2006	48	38	86	94	93	3.3	92.5
2007	54	36	91	96	96	3.3	94.8
2008	57	30	88*	95	93	2.9	94.6
2009	77	30	107	108	107	2.8	100.0
2010	70	41	111	115	114	3.0	97.4
2011	91	42	133	143	142	3.4	93.7
2012	94	73	167	175	174	2.6	96.0
2013	87	70	157	170	166	2.7	94.6
2014	74	36	110	115	115	3.1	95.7
2015	77	35	112	118	117	3.2	95.7

*Includes one harvest of unknown sex.

Total mountain goat harvest by hunt, Utah 2015.

Unit	Hunt number	Hunt name	Billy harvest	Nanny harvest	Total harvest	Permits	Hunters afield	Mean days hunted	Success rate (%)
22	6800	Beaver (early)	6	1	7	8	8	1.1	87.5
22	6801	Beaver (late)	6	2	8	8	8	5.1	100.0
22	6802	Beaver (Female Goat Only)	0	8	8	8	8	3.6	100.0
16	6803	Central Mtns, Nebo	1	0	1	1	1	2.0	100.0
6/7	6804	Chalk Creek/Kamas	5	0	5	5	5	3.0	100.0
8/9	6805	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central	9	1	10	11	11	1.8	90.0
8/9	6806	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas East	4	0	4	4	4	2.8	100.0
8/9	6807	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Leidy Peak	2	0	2	2	2	1.0	100.0
8/9	6808	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West	16	5	21	23	22	4.2	95.2
3	6809	Ogden, Willard Peak	16	3	19	20	20	2.4	95.0
3	6810	Ogden, Willard Peak	5	3	8	8	8	2.5	100.0
3	6811	Ogden, Willard Peak (Female Goat Only)	0	10	10	10	10	1.3	100.0
17	6812	Wasatch Mtns, Box Elder Peak/Lone Peak/Timpanogos*	4	0	4	4	4	9.3	100.0
17	6813	Wasatch Mtns, Provo Peak	1	2	3	4	4	6.8	75.0
		Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	2	0	2	2	2	1.5	100.0
		Statewide totals	77	35	112	118	117	3.2	95.7

*Nonresidents could hunt all Wasatch Mtns subunits.

Total billy mountain goat harvest* by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit	Hunt name	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	5	10	13	24	18	24	18	20	20	14
16	Central Mtns, Nebo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	1
6/7	Chalk Creek/Kamas	2	2	2	2	5	4	3	5	3	5
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central	6	9	5	4	7	5	11	6	5	9
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas East	5	6	6	3	4	2	3	4	3	4
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Leidy Peak	5	3	3	2	3	4	2	1	1	2
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West	5	6	8	12	10	9	17	11	13	21
3	Ogden, Willard Peak	8	5	9	15	16	34	28	34	22	21
17	Wasatch Mtns, Box Elder Peak/Lone Peak/Timpanogos	9	10	7	11	3	7	10	2	4	4
17	Wasatch Mtns, Provo Peak	1	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	3	1

*Harvest taken by statewide sportsman and conservation permit holders were added to the unit where the harvest occurred. Also, some nonresident permit holders were allowed to hunt in multiple units – in this table, harvest is added to the unit where harvest occurred.

Total nanny mountain goat harvest by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit	Hunt name	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	9	2	3	9	4	2	30	22	10	11
16	Central Mtns, Nebo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	1	0
6/7	Chalk Creek/Kamas	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central	2	0	4	4	5	5	0	5	4	1
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas East	1	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	0
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Leidy Peak	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West	2	3	1	0	2	7	4	9	7	5
3	Ogden, Willard Peak	15	20	14	11	19	21	33	21	9	16
17	Wasatch Mtns, Box Elder Peak/Lone Peak/Timpanogos	8	6	4	2	9	3	2	9	0	0
17	Wasatch Mtns, Provo Peak	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	3	1	2

Total mountain goat hunters afield by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Unit	Hunt name	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22	Beaver	17	12	16	33	22	26	48	45	30	24
16	Central Mtns, Nebo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
6/7	Chalk Creek/Kamas	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	5	5
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central	8	10	10	8	13	12	11	11	10	11
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas East	6	10	8	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Leidy Peak	5	5	5	3	3	5	2	2	3	2
8/9	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West	8	9	9	12	12	17	21	21	20	22
3	Ogden, Willard Peak	24	26	25	26	36	57	64	59	32	38
17	Wasatch Mtns, Box Elder Peak/Lone Peak/Timpanogos	17	17	13	13	13	10	13	11	4	4
17	Wasatch Mtns, Provo Peak	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	4
	Statewide Sportsman/Conservation	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	2	2	2

Average age of harvested mountain goats, by management unit, 2006–2015.

Unit		Average age										3-year average
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
22	Beaver	6.2	5.2	5.5	4.2	4.9	4.9	3.5	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.4
16	Central Mtns	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.0	—	2.0	3.0	2.7
6/7	Chalk Creek/Kamas	3.5	5.0	5.5	—	4.6	6.5	6.3	3.3	5.0	5.3	5.5
8/9	North Slope/South Slope	3.2	5.0	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.7	4.9	4.7	5.4	5.3	5.2
3	Ogden, Willard Peak	3.7	4.7	3.5	3.2	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.9	2.8	3.6	3.4
17	Wasatch Mtns	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.0	7.4	4.0	6.8	4.1	5.4	8.0	6.7
	Statewide average	3.9	4.8	4.3	3.7	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5

Mountain goat trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015.

Beaver

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2006	140	49	62	29	—
2007	180	65	81	34	—
2008	133	—	—	14	119
2009	206	—	—	30	176
2010	—	—	—	—	—
2011	240	—	—	42	198
2012	—	—	—	—	—
2013	222	—	—	56	166
2014	—	—	—	—	—
2015	125	—	—	27	98

Central Mtns, Nebo

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2006	—	—	—	—	—
2007	2	2	—	—	—
2008	—	—	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—
2010	—	—	—	—	—
2011	—	—	—	—	—
2012	22	2	—	—	20
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	20	0	17	3	0
2015	29	7	16	6	0

Central Mtns, Loafer Mtn

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2012	26	2	14	10	0
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	19	4	11	4	0
2015	37	4	21	12	0

Mountain goat trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Chalk Creek/Kamas

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2006	24	8	13	3	—
2007	—	—	—	—	—
2008	37	3	25	9	—
2009	108	89	—	19	—
2010	—	—	—	—	—
2011	91	—	—	14	77
2012	—	—	—	—	—
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	129	—	—	15	114
2015	—	—	—	—	—

High Uintas fixed-wing flight for production trends (Kamas, North Slope, and South Slope)

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2006	236	—	—	70	166
2007	287	—	—	56	231
2008	197	—	—	41	156
2009	59	—	—	13	46
2010	124	—	—	30	94
2011	—	—	—	—	—
2012	—	—	—	—	—
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	—	—	—	—	—
2015	—	—	—	—	—

North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2006	228	48	112	68	—
2007	—	—	—	—	—
2008	153	27	104	22	—
2009	210	173	—	37	—
2010	—	—	—	—	—
2011	197	—	—	30	167
2012	—	—	—	—	—
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	206	—	—	41	165
2015	—	—	—	—	—

Mountain goat trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas East

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2006	166	31	97	38	—
2007	—	—	—	—	—
2008	95	34	47	14	—
2009	81	65	—	16	—
2010	—	—	—	—	—
2011	89	—	—	8	81
2012	—	—	—	—	—
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	64	—	—	4	60
2015	—	—	—	—	—

North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Leidy Peak

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2006	111	19	57	35	—
2007	—	—	—	—	—
2008	58	14	33	11	—
2009	77	62	—	15	—
2010	—	—	—	—	—
2011	41	—	—	7	34
2012	—	—	—	—	—
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	44	—	—	13	31
2015	—	—	—	—	—

North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2006	169	36	94	39	—
2007	—	—	—	—	—
2008	236	42	150	44	—
2009	294	233	—	61	—
2010	—	—	—	—	—
2011	440	—	—	58	382
2012	—	—	—	—	—
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	392	—	—	45	347
2015	—	—	—	—	—

Mountain goat trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Ogden, Willard Peak

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2006	72	—	—	31	41
2007	183	—	—	51	132
2008	115	—	—	26	89
2009	193	—	—	66	127
2010	218	—	—	57	161
2011	252	—	—	63	189
2012	—	—	—	—	—
2013	205	—	—	47	158
2014	197	—	—	50	147
2015	188	—	—	74	144

Wasatch Mtns, Box Elder Peak

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified
2006	—	—	—	—	—
2007	57	7	32	16	2
2008	—	—	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—
2010	54	8	36	10	0
2011	—	—	—	—	—
2012	30	10	12	6	2
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	34	0	24	10	0
2015	31	1	20	10	0

Wasatch Mtns, Lone Peak

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified adults
2006	—	—	—	—	—
2007	68	26	23	18	1
2008	—	—	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—
2010	67	26	23	17	1
2011	—	—	—	—	—
2012	13	9	0	0	4
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	27	4	14	9	0
2015	41	7	22	12	0

Mountain goat trend count data by management unit / subunit, Utah 2006–2015 (cont.)

Wasatch Mtns, Provo Peak

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified
2006	—	—	—	—	—
2007	95	18	5	23	49
2008	—	—	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—
2010	104	15	14	25	50
2011	—	—	—	—	—
2012	79	5	29	22	23
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	75	16	19	6	34
2015	76	6	51	19	0

Wasatch Mtns, Timpanogos

Year	n	Billies	Nannies / Immature males	Kids	Unclassified
2006	—	—	—	—	—
2007	113	14	4	28	67
2008	—	—	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—
2010	118	15	14	25	50
2011	—	—	—	—	—
2012	64	4	19	7	34
2013	—	—	—	—	—
2014	76	17	45	14	0
2015	92	16	50	26	0

May 30, 2017

To: Randy Bowman, Downey Magallanes

Re: Additional Information Requested for BENM

1) Information on a uranium mill in or near the Monument, including economic data to the extent available.

There are no active/permitted uranium mines within Bears Ears National Monument (BENM). Energy Fuels owns and operates the White Mesa Uranium Processing Mill, located on private lands outside of the BENM, south of the town of Blanding. The Energy Fuels website (http://www.energyfuels.com/investors/financials) includes annual financial reports and a presentation (http://www.energyfuels.com/investors/presentation) containing information on the economics of the White Mesa Mill.

2) A map showing where grazing occurs.

Attachments 1-3 show the areas where grazing currently occurs (grazing allotment and grazing exclusion maps from the 2008 Monticello RMP as well as BearsEarsGrazing.pdf, which display the overlay of the monument boundary with grazing information). There have been no changes to the availability of allotments for grazing since BENM designation, thus, the 2008 Monticello RMP contains the most current information.

3) A map showing hunting areas and/or information on numbers of hunters using the area/numbers of permits issued.

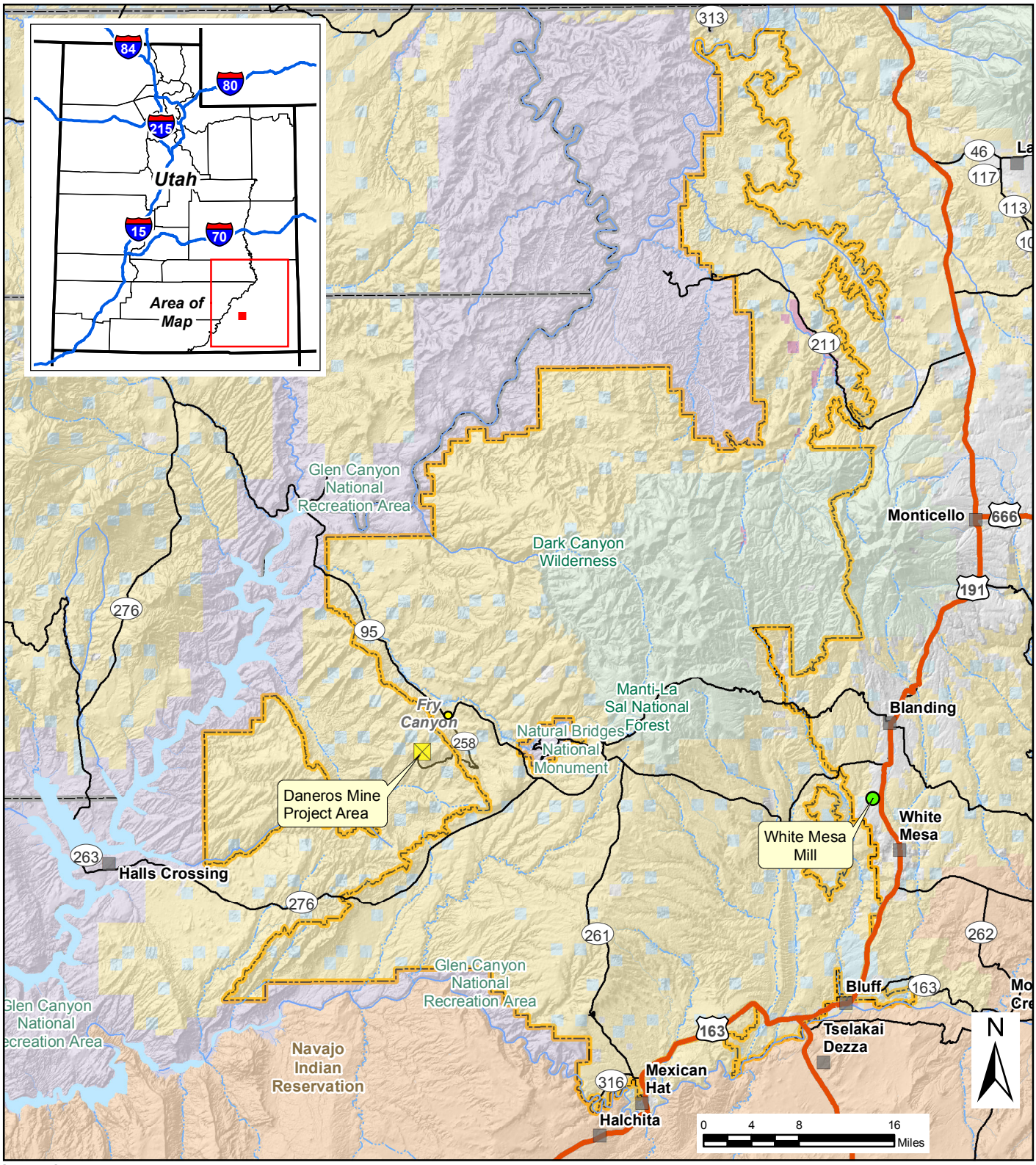
Hunting on BLM-managed lands within the national monument is managed by the Utah Department of Natural Resources (UDNR). The entire Bears Ears National Monument is open to hunting. The most recent big game hunting reports from UDNR are for 2015, prior to BENM designation (see Attachment 4. UDNR_2015_BigGameReport.pdf).

Note: The boundaries of hunting units do not coincide with the BENM boundary; therefore, a true comparison of hunting licenses issued within BENM is not possible. However, the following table shows the hunt units from the UDNR report that overlap with the BENM:

Unit Type	Unit Name	Hunters Afield in 2015
Mule Deer (Buck)	San Juan, Abajo Mountains	2,467
Mule Deer (Buck)	San Juan, Elk Ridge	56
Mule Deer (Antlerless)	San Juan, Abajo Mountains	34
Mule Deer (Antlerless)	San Juan, Elk Ridge	0 (consistent with past years)
Elk (Bull)	La Sal, La Sal Mountains	802
Elk (Bull)	San Juan	328

Elk (Antlerless)	La Sal, La Sal Mountains	241
Elk (Antlerless)	San Juan	288
Bighorn Sheep (Ram)	San Juan, Lockhart	1
Bighorn Sheep (Ram)	San Juan, South	1

Reports for additional species along with interactive maps that display hunt unit boundaries are also available on the UDNR website (https://wildlife.utah.gov/hunting-in-utah/61-hunting/hunting-permits/1697-annual-and-harvest-reports.html and https://wildlife.utah.gov/maps-first-page.html). For reference, the Bears Ears National Monument is located in the western portion of San Juan County. San Juan County is located in the southeast corner of the state.



Legend

- Highway
- Road
- Tribal Land
- Bureau of Land Management
- Forest Service
- National Park Service
- State Trust Land
- The Nature Conservancy
- Bears Ears National Monument

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Figure 1

General Location Map

Daneros Mine Plan Modification

San Juan County, UT 02 / 13 / 2017

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Issues I didn't get to Friday

"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Sun Jun 04 2017 17:09:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Issues I didn't get to Friday

There were 2 points I hadn't gotten to when the Secretary called - 1st, do you have any comments or edits to the economic report on Bears Ears?

2nd - do you have a contact at Energy? We are supposed to consult with them, and the only senior level contact I had there - a Navy Capt on detail to their Dep Sec office - has gone back to the Navy. If not I'll check with Jim and Doug tomorrow morning.

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Input on Monuments Q and A for Secretary's Hearing

"Moss, Adrianne" <adrianne_moss@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Moss, Adrianne" <adrianne_moss@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Sun Jun 04 2017 15:15:27 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Olivia Ferriter <olivia_ferriter@ios.doi.gov>, Denise Flanagan <Denise_Flanagan@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Input on Monuments Q and A for Secretary's Hearing

Downey,

I am preparing Qs and As for the Secretary's upcoming hearing which includes the topic of Monuments. As you know the hearing is June 8.

I am finalizing the Qs and As now. Olivia and Denise have not yet had a chance to review, however, I wanted to give you some time to make edits before the meeting on Monday at 2:00. The draft is below. I'd appreciate having your edits so I can incorporate before the meeting.

Thank you!

Monuments

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Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>

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Sent:	Sat Jun 03 2017 13:58:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: (HOLD) Bears Ears Call @ Mon Jun 5, 2017 5pm - 5:30pm (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)
Attachments:	invite.ics invite.ics

Cody Stewart has accepted this invitation.

(HOLD) Bears Ears Call

When	Mon Jun 5, 2017 5pm – 5:30pm Eastern Time
Where	Dial-in: (b) (5) [redacted] and code: (b) (5) [redacted] (map)
Video call	https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/downey-magallan
Calendar	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Who	• downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov - organizer • gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov - creator • ed_cox@hatch.senate.gov • Cody Stewart • Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov • stefanie.dearie@mail.house.gov • cam.madsen@mail.house.gov • Wade.garrett@mail.house.gov • chris_prandoni@lee.senate.gov • clay.white@mail.house.gov • adam.stewart@mail.house.gov • john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov

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"Garrett, Wade" <Wade.Garrett@mail.house.gov>

From:	"Garrett, Wade" <Wade.Garrett@mail.house.gov>
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"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>

From:	"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>
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To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: (HOLD) Bears Ears Call @ Mon Jun 5, 2017 5pm - 5:30pm (ryan_wilcox@lee.senate.gov)
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[Update] (HOLD) Bears Ears Call

gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov

From:	gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov
Sent:	Fri Jun 02 2017 15:17:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	clay.white@mail.house.gov, john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov, adam.stewart@mail.house.gov, cam.madsen@mail.house.gov, ed_cox@hatch.senate.gov, "Wade.garrett@mail.house.gov" <wade.garrett@mail.house.gov>, chris_prandoni@lee.senate.gov, downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov, gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov, stefanie.dearie@mail.house.gov, "Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov" <ryan_wilcox@lee.senate.gov>, codystewart@utah.gov
Subject:	[Update] (HOLD) Bears Ears Call

Good Evening,

Hoping you all are available for a call on Bears Ears this coming Monday, June 5. I have sent out a hold on all of your calendars. If you cannot make it please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Gisella Ojeda-Dodds

(HOLD) Bears Ears Call

When	Mon Jun 5, 2017 5pm – 5:30pm Eastern Time
Where	Dial-in: (b) (5) [redacted] and code: (b) (5) [redacted] (map)
Video call	https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/downey-magallan
Who	• downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov - organizer • gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov - creator • ed_cox@hatch.senate.gov • Cody Stewart • Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov • stefanie.dearie@mail.house.gov • cam.madsen@mail.house.gov • Wade.garrett@mail.house.gov • chris_prandoni@lee.senate.gov • clay.white@mail.house.gov • adam.stewart@mail.house.gov • john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov

"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>

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Subject: Re: [Update] (HOLD) Bears Ears Call

Got it. Thanks!

Ryan D. Wilcox
Energy & Natural Resources Policy Advisor
United States Senator Mike Lee
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Reply-To: "gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 at 3:17 PM
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update on monument review process

"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

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To:	Maureen Foster <Maureen_Foster@ios.doi.gov>, Scott Cameron <scott_cameron@ios.doi.gov>, Amy Holley <amy_holley@ios.doi.gov>, Michael Black <mike.black@bia.gov>, "Jorjani, Daniel" <daniel_jorjani@ios.doi.gov>, Casey Hammond <casey_hammond@ios.doi.gov>, Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>, Virginia Johnson <virginia_johnson@ios.doi.gov>, Weldon Loudermilk <weldon.loudermilk@bia.gov>
CC:	James Cason <james_cason@ios.doi.gov>, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	update on monument review process

A quick note to let you know that everything so far has gone unexpectedly well, to the point that I am waiting for a major problem to develop just by the law of averages.

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Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

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Sent:	Fri Jun 02 2017 09:17:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: update on monument review process

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2017, at 10:02 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Sent:	Fri Jun 02 2017 10:07:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: update on monument review process

This was the report for the other politicals you suggest a while back, not able to get to it until now. One update - all Bears Ears comments except some letters and postcards have now been reviewed; completed about an hour ago,

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 11:17 AM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Timothy Williams <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
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From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 02 2017 09:23:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
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From: "Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Jun 02 2017 09:25:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 02 2017 09:28:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Timothy Williams <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Bears Ears Pre-meeting Meeting?

Actually looks like Scott still wants to have the 11:30 let's talk after that

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Attachments:

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"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>

From:	"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 25 2017 10:59:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Thu May 25, 2017 3pm - 4pm (ryan_wilcox@lee.senate.gov)
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"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>

From:	"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 02 2017 06:52:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Thu May 25, 2017 3pm - 4pm (ryan_wilcox@lee.senate.gov)

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Ryan D. Wilcox
Northern Utah Director | Policy Advisor
U.S. Senator Mike Lee
Office: 801-392-9623 | Cell: 801-200-5595
Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov

On May 25, 2017, at 10:59, Wilcox, Ryan (Lee) <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov> wrote:

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Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 02 2017 08:24:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>
Subject:	Re: Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Thu May 25, 2017 3pm - 4pm (ryan_wilcox@lee.senate.gov)

Hi there. I actually just got back from out of town and things are crazy. If you want to chat today we can!

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Sent:	Thu Jun 01 2017 17:32:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov, laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	WH Meeting tomorrow

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Timothy Williams <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Timothy Williams <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 01 2017 17:33:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov" <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: WH Meeting tomorrow

Yes. Timothy Williams External and Intergovernmental Affairs Department of the Interior Cell: (202) 706-4982 > On Jun 1, 2017, at 7:32 PM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote: > > Are you or others from your shops available for a meeting at EEOB to > discuss rollout for June 10 report. 2:30 meeting. Will send WAVES link > when I get it. > > Sent from my iPhone

Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jun 01 2017 19:27:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: WH Meeting tomorrow

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From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 02 2017 03:48:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
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From:	Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jun 02 2017 03:57:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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Re: quick question

"Cason, James" <james_cason@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Cason, James" <james_cason@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed May 31 2017 16:15:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Kristen Brengel <kbrengel@npca.org>
CC:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, "Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: quick question

Kristen,

No specific decision or strategy been adopted, but I believe that the intention is to address Bears Ears only in the interim report.

Jim

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 2:15 PM, Kristen Brengel <kbrengel@npca.org> wrote:

> Jim-
>
> Hope you are doing well.
>
> I wanted to check with you on a rumor floating around. The Federal Register notice specified the comment period for Bears Ears was 15 days and the interim report to the President is expected at 45 days. Will the interim report include any other monuments or only Bears Ears?
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> Thanks so much,
>
> Kristen
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>
> Kristen Brengel
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> Vice President, Government Affairs
>
> National Parks Conservation Association
>
> 777 6th Street, NW, Suite 700

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Fwd: Public Comment Extension Request

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"Benedetto, Kathleen" <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Benedetto, Kathleen" <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed May 31 2017 10:03:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Public Comment Extension Request
Attachments:	UDB Letter to Zinke_Ext Req 5-24-17.pdf

This went to Bowman and others. KB

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Utah Dine Bikeyah** <protectbearsears@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 25, 2017 at 12:03 AM
Subject: Public Comment Extension Request
To: RR_Bowman@ios.doi.gov, kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov, marshall_critchfield@ios.doi.gov, timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov, micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov

Dear Secretary Zinke,

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Special Assistant to the Secretary
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May 24th, 2017

Ryan Zinke
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Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 5/30/17

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"Domenech, Douglas" <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Domenech, Douglas" <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Tue May 30 2017 12:06:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>, "Mashburn, Lori" <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>, "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, James Cason <james_cason@ios.doi.gov>, Daniel Jorjani <daniel_jorjani@ios.doi.gov>, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, "Bauserman, Christine" <christine_bauserman@ios.doi.gov>, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 5/30/17
Attachments:	DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS 5-30-17.docx

Attached and copied below.

DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 5/30/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

NOTE: Partners Outdoors is requesting a proclamation recognizing Great Outdoors Month. This has been done in the past. <u>They meet at Interior on May 31.</u>

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<u>Status of the Secretary</u>

TODAY: The Secretary will be in Anchorage, AK:

Morning Press Radio Interview with Rick Rydell Show AM 650 KENI

Meeting with Senator Dan Sullivan.

Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable with Senator Dan Sullivan.

Tour DOI Regional Office of Aviation Office.

Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting.

Energy Briefing, BOEM Office.

Arrive Dena'ina Convention Center & Proceed to DOI All Hands Employee Meeting

Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting with Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan, and Representative Don Young.

Alaska Chamber of Commerce Reception with Congressional Delegation.

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Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Visit DOI Alaska Office.

Meeting with Mayor Harry Brower, North Slope Borough

Remarks at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference

Media Availability

Nike Site Summit and hike.

Rep. Don Young Reception.

Dinner With Sportsmen's Group.

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Anchorage, AK (ANC) en route Boise, ID (BOI)

Friday, June 2, 2017

Idaho State Capitol Building

Breakfast with Governor Otter & Forestry Leaders

Depart State Capitol en route Boise State University

Joint Forest Speech

Depart Boise State University en route National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)

Brief Tour of National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC)

National Wildland Fire Activity Briefing

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Discussion

Press Availability

Flight Event with Smoke Jumpers

Wheels up Boise, ID (BOI) en route Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)

Wheels up Salt Lake City, UT (SLC) en route Washington, DC (IAD)

LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce $1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

Media Today

TOMORROW: **Secretary Zinke Signs Order to Jump-start Alaska Energy Production in ANWR & NPR-A**

(ANCHORAGE, AK) Flanked by members of Alaska's energy sector and elected officials at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association annual conference, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today signed a secretarial order <LINK> to jump-start Alaskan energy production in the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) and the 1002 section of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

SOON: **National Park Service Announces $1.6 Million in Grants to Preserve and Interpret World War II Japanese American Confinement Sites**

WASHINGTON – Today, the National Park Service announced $1.6 million in grants to fund preservation, restoration and education projects at several Japanese American confinement sites. The 14 grantees in four states and the District of Columbia will tell the story of the more than 120,000 Japanese Americans, two-thirds of whom were U.S. citizens, who were imprisoned by the U.S. government following the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan.

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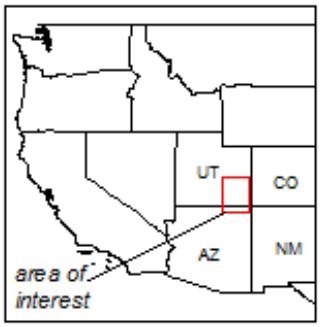

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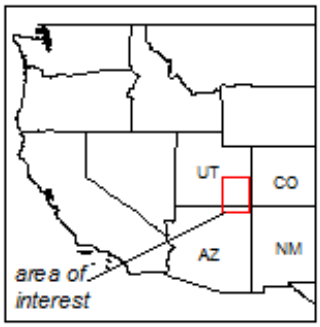

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- BLM's refusal to allow reasonable improvements to high use transportation facilities has required Garfield County to grade the entire 56 miles of the Hole in the Rock Road an average of 17 times per year over the last 3 years, making it the intensive maintenance need on the County's road network.
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- GSENM has prohibited maintenance of vegetative treatments which has reduced land health and negatively impacted wildlife and livestock, while increasing erosion.
- All mining, commercial timber harvest and other traditional industries have been eliminated.
- Installation of needed infrastructure, communication facilities, powerlines, fiber optic lines, etc. has been delayed or prohibited – even when upgrades are located in existing rights of way.
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- Only 6% of GSENM (113,000 acres) is managed to accommodate.
- Extraction of common sand & gravel needed for community development has been prohibited.
- Grazing has been reduced.
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Effects of Designation on Uses of Non-Federal Lands

Once again the best predictor of impacts in the Bears Ears Monument is irrefutable actions that have occurred in GSENM. All state lands in GSENM at the time of designation were subsequently transferred to BLM. The transfer included payments to the state as whole and some BLM properties outside the Monument. But those payments and lands benefitted populations outside Garfield and Kane Counties – the very counties impacted by GSENM. A similar fate is forecast for Bears Ears.

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GENM designation and subsequent land transfers foreclosed opportunities for sale of Trust lands to private parties. This eliminated commercial opportunities and opportunities to support County property taxes. This would be a problem in any county, but is a particular problem in counties such as Garfield and San Juan where private property is a rare and precious commodity.

Monument employees – GSENM's landscape architect in particular- have opposed reasonable projects outside GSENM and have lobbied against projects supported by the duly elected Garfield County Commission. They have continually harassed county employees engaged in authorized endeavors and have attempted to force monument authority outside their jurisdiction.

Based on our 21 year experience with the GSENM, Garfield County cannot identify a single benefit to the use of non-federal lands in and adjacent to GSENM. The Garfield County Commission strongly encourages San Juan County, the State of Utah and private individuals to resist all efforts to transfer any non-federal lands within the Bears Ears area to the federal government.

DOI also needs to be aware of serious unethical efforts by BLM to forcibly take private ground under the guise of federal authority. In 2009 BLM began organizing an armed occupation of a private property adjacent to GSENM in an effort to "encourage" the property owner to transfer a portion of the land to federal ownership. The action never took place, largely due to a monument employee's declaration that he would publicly disclose the operation if it was carried out. Garfield County's information regarding the armed operation is limited, but complete details can be obtained by contacting Drew Parkin, former GSENM Escalante Field Station Manager, at (435) 491-2160

Concerns of State, Tribal and Local Governments Affected by a Designation, Including Economic Development and Fiscal Condition

We defer to the San Juan County Commission for the official local position on economic development and fiscal condition. However, we offer our experience regarding local economic conditions.

Much has been claimed regarding economic impacts of monuments on local economies. Generalized studies, however do not always apply to the site specific conditions associated with individual monuments. For example, in 2011 headwaterseconomics.org produced a document entitled *The Economic Importance of National Monuments to Local Economies.* On the surface, the document indicates that growth in communities near monuments do not demonstrate a cause-and-effect relationship and there is no evidence that new monuments prevent continued economic growth. In GSENM's case, the document was flawed in that it a) considered major communities that were not in GSENM's service area as contributors to the monument's economy and b) incorrectly lumped the lightly populated, federally dominated communities of Kane and Garfield Counties in with major metropolitan areas where a monument made up a small percentage of the land base and local economy. Garfield County asserts economic conditions regarding monuments are site specific. Statistics and demographics can be manipulated to push a decision in almost any direction. Analysis of community conditions often gives a clearer picture. The following describes conditions in Garfield County since creation of GSENM since September 1996:

- Escalante High School enrollment (the school possibly most impacted by monument designation) has declined from 150 in 1996 to less than 60 in 2016, a decline of 60%. The decline has forced the County Commission to declare a local state of emergency. The trend is especially alarming when considering Utah has one of the fastest growing school-age populations in the nation.
- Garfield County has high school graduation rates in excess of the national average. Yet, college degrees are below national average, and advanced degrees are well below national averages. We assert this documents an outmigration of individuals with higher education that is tied to a lack of jobs.
- An economic snapshot produced by Utah Workforce Services indicated 71 new government jobs in Garfield County in the last year. However, an inventory conducted by the local school district indicates a loss of 10 school children from families employed by the federal government. (See Attached 2016 Economic up school down.pdf)
- A simple glance at the unemployment rates for Garfield County in the last 20 years will quickly demonstrate an unstable economy tied to tourism/recreation. Winter unemployment is far in excess of state and national averages. (See attached Garfield County economic data.pdf)

The reality is that traditional jobs have been lost and that these have been replace by low paying, seasonal jobs that typically go to people from outside the community. People attracted to the monument outbid local residents for housing, and young families are forced to leave. The people replacing these families seldom have children, and the result is that our schools contract. When the GSENM was designated in 1996, Escalante, the city most directly affected by the GSENM, had a stable population of about 1,000 people. That year the population started on a downward trend and the City now has approximately 800 residents. In addition, the student population at Escalante High School has decreased from 150 students in 1996 to 60 today.

The Garfield County Commission is committed to supporting the economic and social wellbeing of county residents, and if life in our County indicated the GSENM enhanced the lives of County residents, we would say so. But we have concluded otherwise. On balance, from an economic perspective, the County would be better off without the monument. Given the similarity between Garfield and San Juan

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Availability of Federal Resources to Manage Designated Areas

Garfield County's experience is that resources needed to manage large blocks of land designated as monuments are totally insufficient. Management of monuments tends to expand administrative positions and limit on-the-ground staff. Just the opposite should happen. Monuments should have programs that enhance resources rather than programs that restrict use and promote bureaucratic regulation.

Improvements in GSENM are often connected to local and state programs that provide necessary funding. Nearly all public services (law enforcement, emergency medical, search & rescue, solid waste collection & disposal, road maintenance, etc.) are funded by local or state government. Creation of GSENM has only increased the difficulty and expense associated with federal land management.

Conclusion

Thank you for allowing the Garfield County Commission to provide comments on the designation, management and community effects of national monuments, especially the Bears Ears National Monument. The decision that will be made concerning this matter will have dramatic effects on the future of this area and the surrounding region. We implore you to consider the effects that this decision will have on the people who have dedicated their lives to creating southern Utah's unique communities and culture. In this case, protection of antiquities located in the Bears Ears area is already required by numerous federal laws that were not in place when the Act was adopted in 1906. Implementation of existing laws and regulations adequately protect federal resources. Administration of the Bears Ears area should be conducted under reasonable multiple use management under the administration of the BLM's local area office and, on national forest system lands, the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Furthermore, it should be conducted in coordination and cooperation with local San Juan County officials.

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ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Garfield County

Updated 5/2/2017
Utah Department of Workforce Services

Year-to-Year Change in Nonfarm Jobs
DECEMBER 2016*

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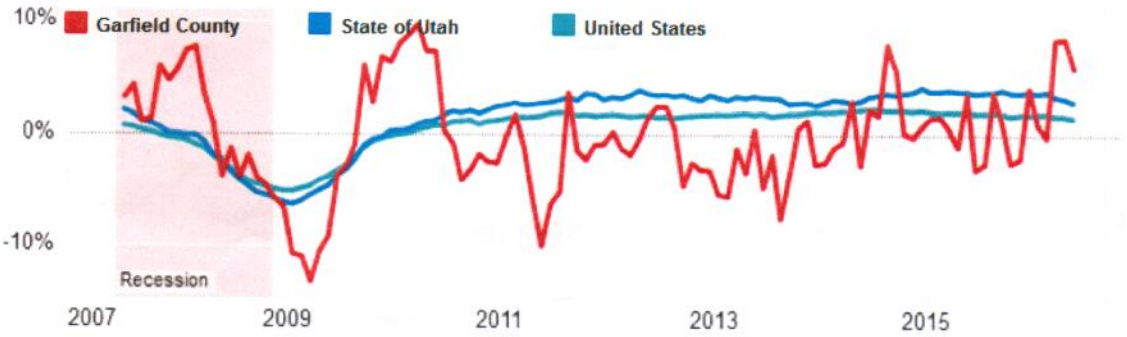
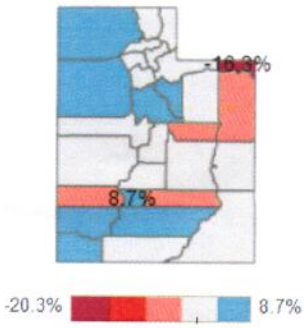
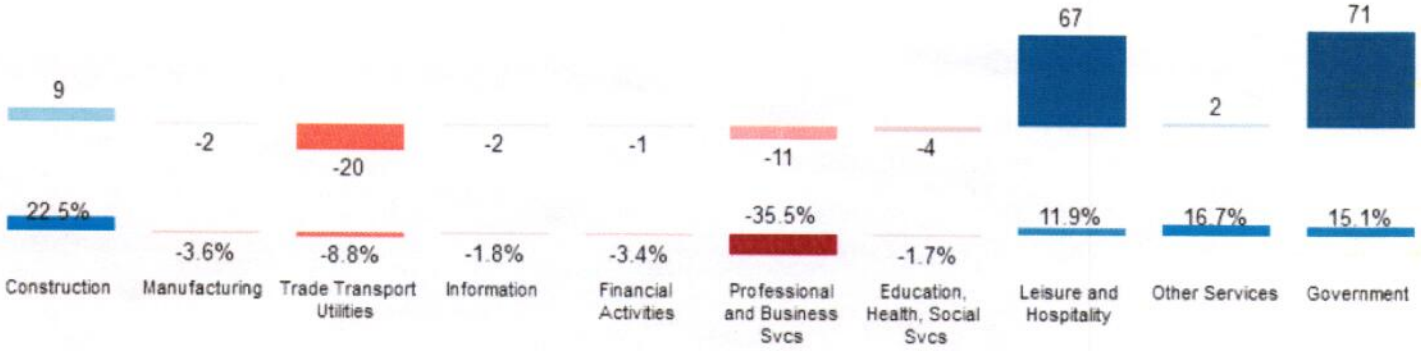
5.9%	2.9%	1.5%
Garfield County	State of Utah	United States







How's the economy?

After a period of vacillating employment expansion, Garfield County ended 2016 on a robust economic note. Jobs showed exuberant year-to-year job growth in every month of fourth quarter. The county's unemployment rate continues to edge lower and lower and currently measures at its lowest level since before the recession began. First-time claims for unemployment insurance are running at low seasonal levels and average wages are ticking upward. Gross taxable sales rounded out the positive economic picture with strong fourth quarter gains. All in all, the final quarter of 2016 showed Garfield County's strongest economic performance of the year.

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*Preliminary
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104	ARS								
108	BES								
112	BVES	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5
116	EES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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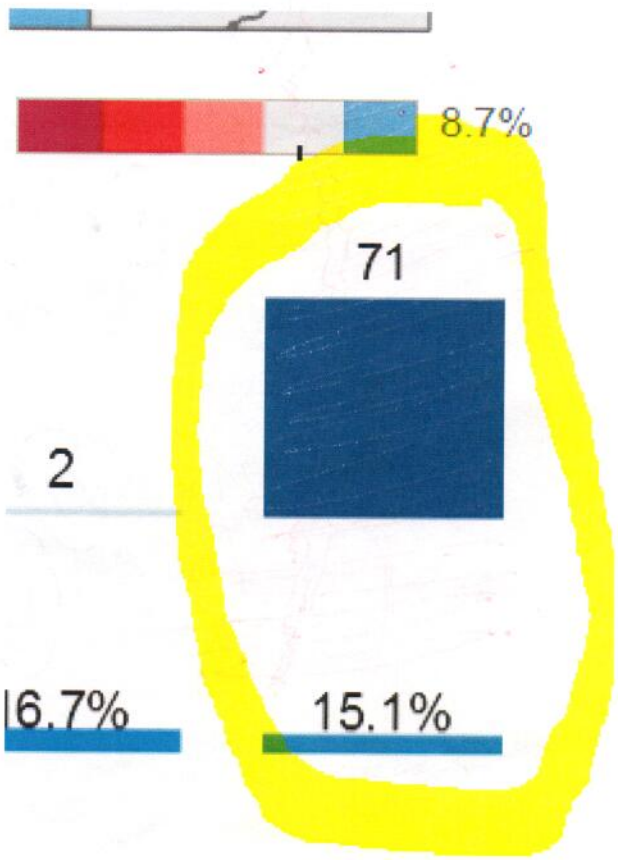

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Garfield County Economic Data

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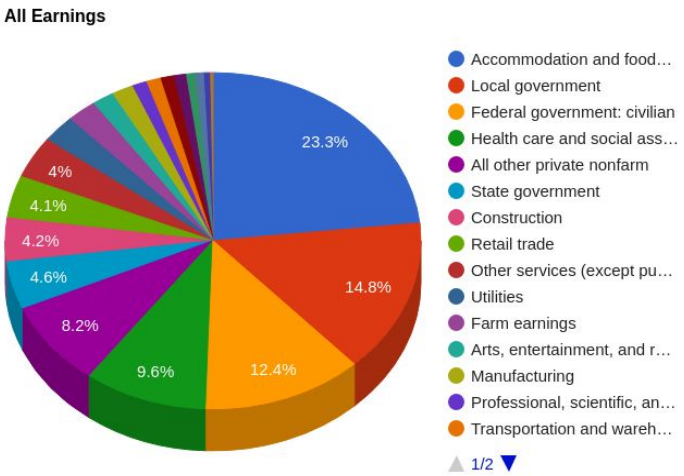

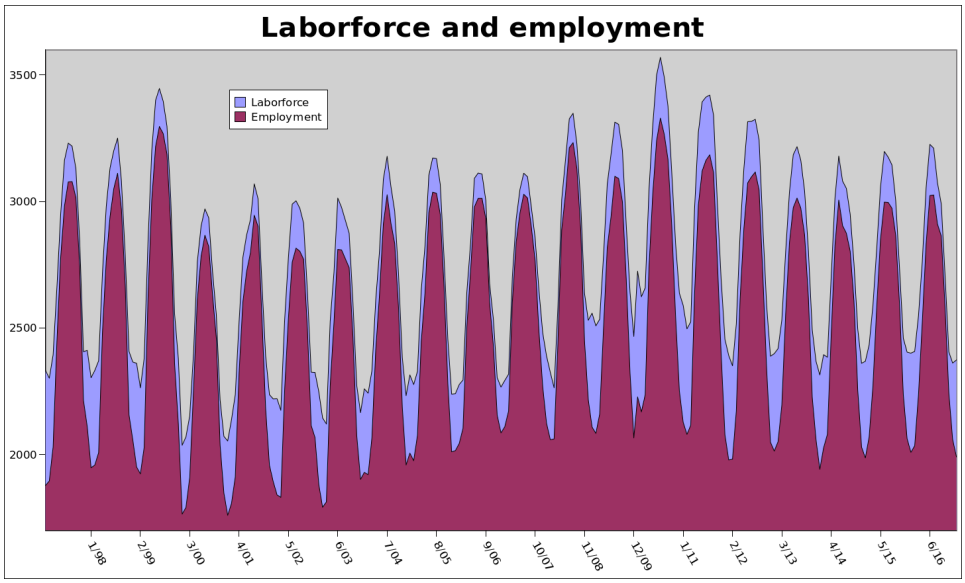

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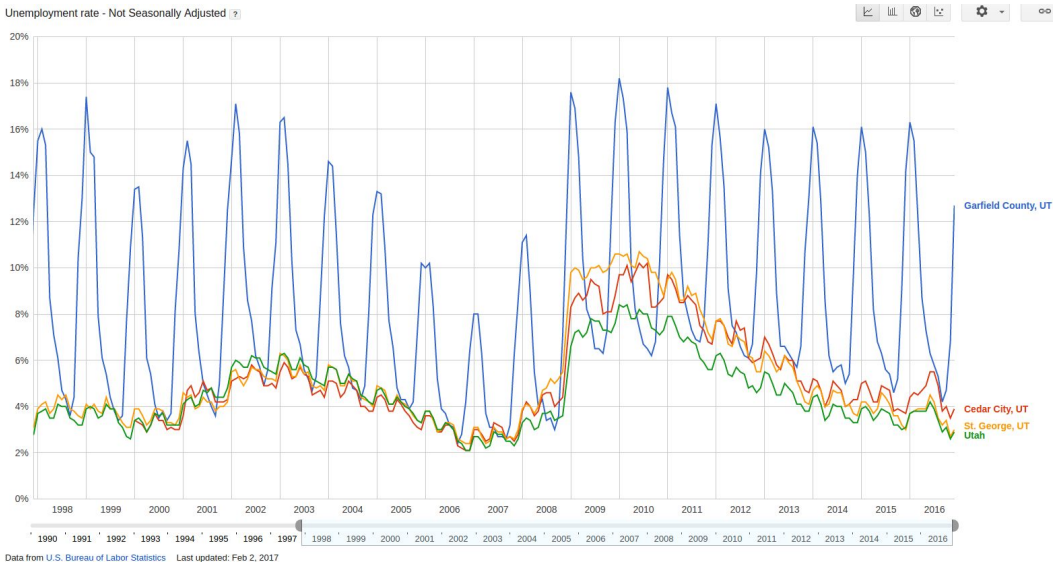

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While the process for Bears Ears may not have been as secretive as for GSENM, the Obama administration failed to truly communicate and coordinate with state and local officials. Rather, it conducted shuttle diplomacy with special interests and Native Americans whom special interests were using to bring legitimacy to their wilderness initiative. The president made the proclamation without any real consideration of the local officials in spite of lip service to the contrary.

Effects of Designation on Available Uses of Designated Federal Lands

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument provides a graphic example of the effects of recent, overly broad monument designations. The Antiquities Act was not intended to create or protect large swaths of wilderness. That purpose was established with the Wilderness Act of 1964. Unfortunately, beginning with the designation of the GSENM, and replicated with the designation of Bears Ears, the Antiquities Act has become a vehicle for creating wilderness without Congressional consent.

Historical facts associated with GSENM accurately forecast the effects of monument designation for resource uses in Bears Ears. Those facts include:

- Two thirds of the County maintained road mileage that existed at the time of designation has been closed to the public by BLM.
- Although BLM does not claim management authority over any roads in GSENM under 23 CFR 460, it refuses to acknowledge Garfield and Kane Counties' claims and has forced the local governments into expensive litigation.
- BLM's refusal to allow reasonable improvements to high use transportation facilities has required Garfield County to grade the entire 56 miles of the Hole in the Rock Road an average of 17 times per year over the last 3 years, making it the intensive maintenance need on the County's road network.
- BLM's refusal to allow the Counties to install drainage culverts in maintained roads results in resource damage, erosion, emergency rescues, and washouts many times each year.
- GSENM has prohibited maintenance of vegetative treatments which has reduced land health and negatively impacted wildlife and livestock, while increasing erosion.
- All mining, commercial timber harvest and other traditional industries have been eliminated.
- Installation of needed infrastructure, communication facilities, powerlines, fiber optic lines, etc. has been delayed or prohibited – even when upgrades are located in existing rights of way.
- 94% of GSENM (approximately 1.77 million acres) is managed for wilderness with services restricted to signs needed to warn of natural hazards.
- Only 6% of GSENM (113,000 acres) is managed to accommodate.
- Extraction of common sand & gravel needed for community development has been prohibited.
- Grazing has been reduced.
- On 66% of the monument families are prohibited from recreation activities that include more than 12 people.
- On an additional 28% of the monument is restricted to a 25 person limit.
- BLM refuses to install restrooms at high use areas such as Peekaboo/Spooky slot canyons resulting in human waste concentrations and health hazards.

Simply and bluntly stated, the designation of both GSENM and Bears Ears was intended as a means to bypass Congress and lock-up large areas of land under management that follows wilderness prescriptions. Monument designation was not intended to protect specific objects, structures and landmarks as specified by the Antiquities Act and was not intended to serve the vast majority of the American public. Almost all uses in the GSENM have been eliminated or significantly reduced. A similar fate is anticipated for Bears Ears.

Effects of Designation on Uses of Non-Federal Lands

Once again the best predictor of impacts in the Bears Ears Monument is irrefutable actions that have occurred in GSENM. All state lands in GSENM at the time of designation were subsequently transferred to BLM. The transfer included payments to the state as whole and some BLM properties outside the Monument. But those payments and lands benefitted populations outside Garfield and Kane Counties – the very counties impacted by GSENM. A similar fate is forecast for Bears Ears.

Payments to local schools and communities that are based on State trust land acreage were significantly reduced because state lands in GSENM were traded out the monument for lands outside Kane and Garfield Counties. Jobs associated with State Trust Lands were eliminated by monument regulations that prohibit continuation of traditional industries. Use of common materials needed in construction of homes, roads and communities available on the trust lands has been completely eliminated.

When state lands were transferred, it exposed the lands to the full complement of federal regulations and prohibited more efficient use of the lands. Livestock grazing permits were altered to comply with more onerous federal regulations. Permitting processes became more costly, and management moved from local control to the National Landscape Conservation System in Washington DC. The ability of lands to be sold or traded to communities for public purposes was lost, and local ability to improve facilities under beneficial laws such as the Recreation and Public Purpose Act was eliminated.

GENM designation and subsequent land transfers foreclosed opportunities for sale of Trust lands to private parties. This eliminated commercial opportunities and opportunities to support County property taxes. This would be a problem in any county, but is a particular problem in counties such as Garfield and San Juan where private property is a rare and precious commodity.

Monument employees – GSENM's landscape architect in particular- have opposed reasonable projects outside GSENM and have lobbied against projects supported by the duly elected Garfield County Commission. They have continually harassed county employees engaged in authorized endeavors and have attempted to force monument authority outside their jurisdiction.

Based on our 21 year experience with the GSENM, Garfield County cannot identify a single benefit to the use of non-federal lands in and adjacent to GSENM. The Garfield County Commission strongly encourages San Juan County, the State of Utah and private individuals to resist all efforts to transfer any non-federal lands within the Bears Ears area to the federal government.

DOI also needs to be aware of serious unethical efforts by BLM to forcibly take private ground under the guise of federal authority. In 2009 BLM began organizing an armed occupation of a private property adjacent to GSENM in an effort to "encourage" the property owner to transfer a portion of the land to federal ownership. The action never took place, largely due to a monument employee's declaration that he would publicly disclose the operation if it was carried out. Garfield County's information regarding the armed operation is limited, but complete details can be obtained by contacting Drew Parkin, former GSENM Escalante Field Station Manager, at (435) 491-2160

Concerns of State, Tribal and Local Governments Affected by a Designation, Including Economic Development and Fiscal Condition

We defer to the San Juan County Commission for the official local position on economic development and fiscal condition. However, we offer our experience regarding local economic conditions.

Much has been claimed regarding economic impacts of monuments on local economies. Generalized studies, however do not always apply to the site specific conditions associated with individual monuments. For example, in 2011 headwaterseconomics.org produced a document entitled *The Economic Importance of National Monuments to Local Economies.* On the surface, the document indicates that growth in communities near monuments do not demonstrate a cause-and-effect relationship and there is no evidence that new monuments prevent continued economic growth. In GSENM's case, the document was flawed in that it a) considered major communities that were not in GSENM's service area as contributors to the monument's economy and b) incorrectly lumped the lightly populated, federally dominated communities of Kane and Garfield Counties in with major metropolitan areas where a monument made up a small percentage of the land base and local economy. Garfield County asserts economic conditions regarding monuments are site specific. Statistics and demographics can be manipulated to push a decision in almost any direction. Analysis of community conditions often gives a clearer picture. The following describes conditions in Garfield County since creation of GSENM since September 1996:

- Escalante High School enrollment (the school possibly most impacted by monument designation) has declined from 150 in 1996 to less than 60 in 2016, a decline of 60%. The decline has forced the County Commission to declare a local state of emergency. The trend is especially alarming when considering Utah has one of the fastest growing school-age populations in the nation.
- Garfield County has high school graduation rates in excess of the national average. Yet, college degrees are below national average, and advanced degrees are well below national averages. We assert this documents an outmigration of individuals with higher education that is tied to a lack of jobs.
- An economic snapshot produced by Utah Workforce Services indicated 71 new government jobs in Garfield County in the last year. However, an inventory conducted by the local school district indicates a loss of 10 school children from families employed by the federal government. (See Attached 2016 Economic up school down.pdf)
- A simple glance at the unemployment rates for Garfield County in the last 20 years will quickly demonstrate an unstable economy tied to tourism/recreation. Winter unemployment is far in excess of state and national averages. (See attached Garfield County economic data.pdf)

The reality is that traditional jobs have been lost and that these have been replace by low paying, seasonal jobs that typically go to people from outside the community. People attracted to the monument outbid local residents for housing, and young families are forced to leave. The people replacing these families seldom have children, and the result is that our schools contract. When the GSENM was designated in 1996, Escalante, the city most directly affected by the GSENM, had a stable population of about 1,000 people. That year the population started on a downward trend and the City now has approximately 800 residents. In addition, the student population at Escalante High School has decreased from 150 students in 1996 to 60 today.

The Garfield County Commission is committed to supporting the economic and social wellbeing of county residents, and if life in our County indicated the GSENM enhanced the lives of County residents, we would say so. But we have concluded otherwise. On balance, from an economic perspective, the County would be better off without the monument. Given the similarity between Garfield and San Juan

counties, and the similarity between GSENM and Bears Ears, it is probable that after twenty years with Bears Ears San Juan County will experience similar difficulties. Garfield County's economic woes may not be connected solely to GSENM, but the monument has done nothing to relieve them. The best economic picture for Garfield County and its relationship with GSENM are the economic reports included in the GSENM Grazing EIS currently underway. Reports are available at the GSENM website.

Availability of Federal Resources to Manage Designated Areas

Garfield County's experience is that resources needed to manage large blocks of land designated as monuments are totally insufficient. Management of monuments tends to expand administrative positions and limit on-the-ground staff. Just the opposite should happen. Monuments should have programs that enhance resources rather than programs that restrict use and promote bureaucratic regulation.

Improvements in GSENM are often connected to local and state programs that provide necessary funding. Nearly all public services (law enforcement, emergency medical, search & rescue, solid waste collection & disposal, road maintenance, etc.) are funded by local or state government. Creation of GSENM has only increased the difficulty and expense associated with federal land management.

Conclusion

Thank you for allowing the Garfield County Commission to provide comments on the designation, management and community effects of national monuments, especially the Bears Ears National Monument. The decision that will be made concerning this matter will have dramatic effects on the future of this area and the surrounding region. We implore you to consider the effects that this decision will have on the people who have dedicated their lives to creating southern Utah's unique communities and culture. In this case, protection of antiquities located in the Bears Ears area is already required by numerous federal laws that were not in place when the Act was adopted in 1906. Implementation of existing laws and regulations adequately protect federal resources. Administration of the Bears Ears area should be conducted under reasonable multiple use management under the administration of the BLM's local area office and, on national forest system lands, the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Furthermore, it should be conducted in coordination and cooperation with local San Juan County officials.

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ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Garfield County

Updated 5/2/2017
Utah Department of Workforce Services

Year-to-Year Change in Nonfarm Jobs
DECEMBER 2016*

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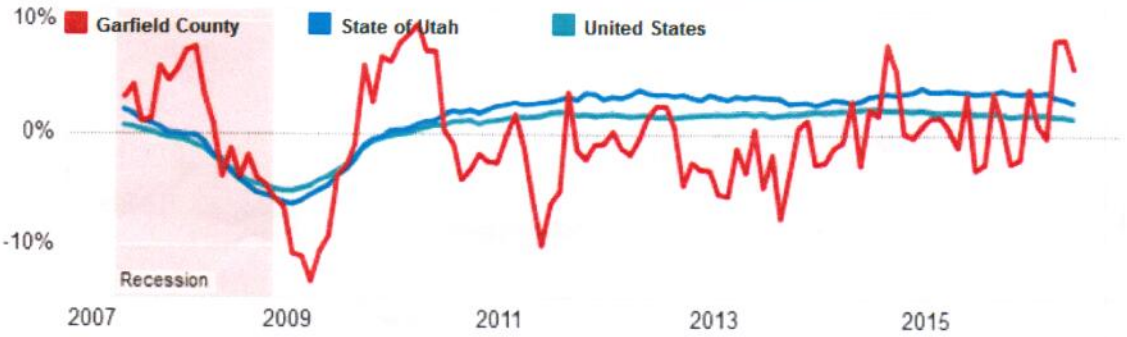
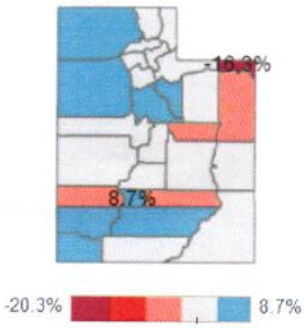
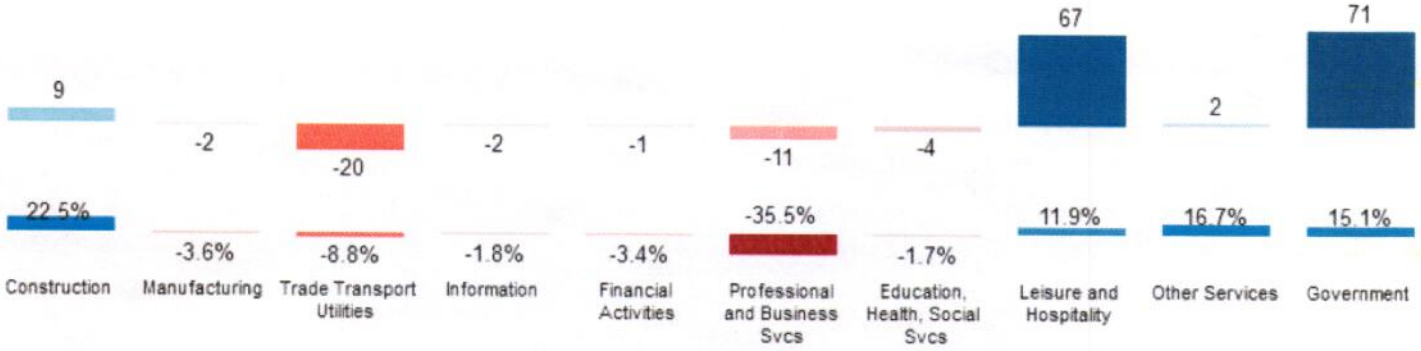
5.9%	2.9%	1.5%
Garfield County	State of Utah	United States







How's the economy?

After a period of vacillating employment expansion, Garfield County ended 2016 on a robust economic note. Jobs showed exuberant year-to-year job growth in every month of fourth quarter. The county's unemployment rate continues to edge lower and lower and currently measures at its lowest level since before the recession began. First-time claims for unemployment insurance are running at low seasonal levels and average wages are ticking upward. Gross taxable sales rounded out the positive economic picture with strong fourth quarter gains. All in all, the final quarter of 2016 showed Garfield County's strongest economic performance of the year.

Jobs

On a year-to-year basis, job growth proved particularly strong in fourth quarter 2016, ranging from 8.5 percent in November to 5.9 percent in December.

The county added almost 110 jobs between December 2015 and December 2016.

Most of the job gains occurred in leisure/hospitality services and the public sector.

On the flip side, both retail trade and professional/business services showed a noticeable employment drop.

*Preliminary
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Utah Deparment of Workforce Services.

Garfield County School District Move IN/OUT Stats for 2016

How many families **moved into** your school during the year 2016 that worked for a
State agency? A federal agency?

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Number	School	Families State IN	Families FED IN	Students State IN	Students FED IN	Families State OUT	Families FED OUT	Students State OUT	Students FED OUT
104	ARS								
108	BES								
112	BVES	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5
116	EES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
124	PES	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
304	PMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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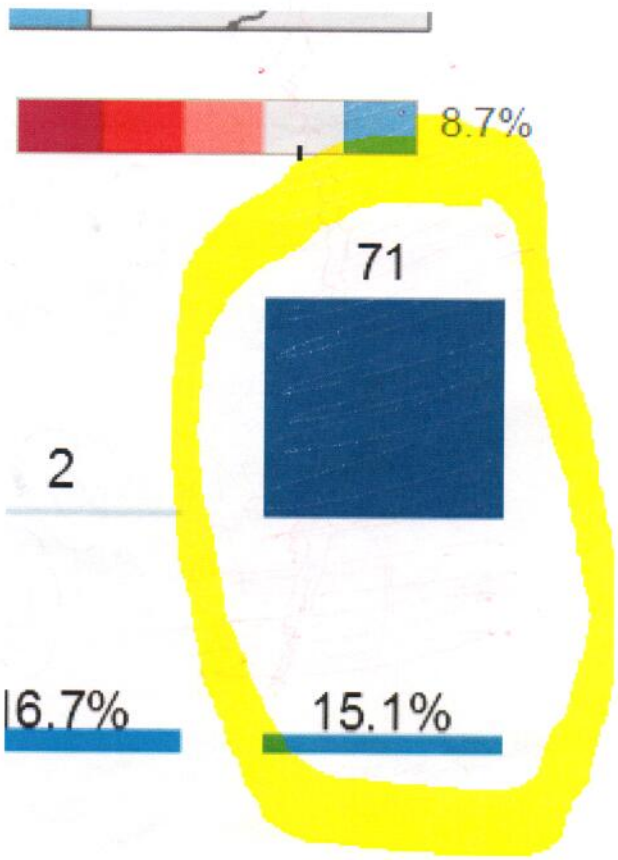

Comparison of Laws Protecting Antiquities 1906 vs 2017

1906	2017
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Garfield County Economic Data

In a county as small as Garfield County, GDP data are generally not available; however, there are data on personal earnings by industry. Half of all earnings in Garfield County are represented by three sectors: accommodation and food services, local government, and civilian federal government. It is likely that agriculture represents a greater share of Garfield County's economy than the graph shows because of the way farm earnings are calculated.

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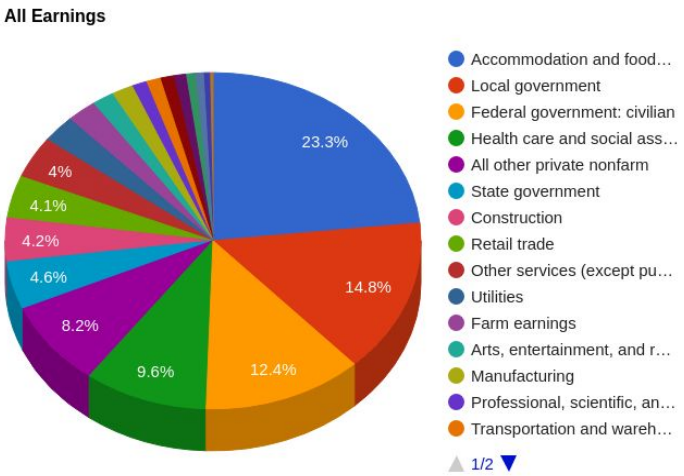
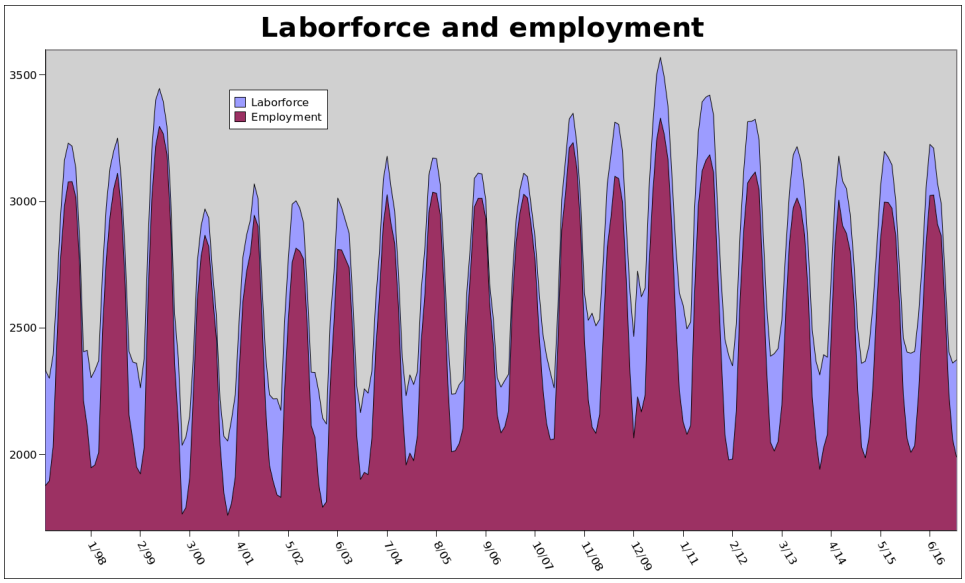


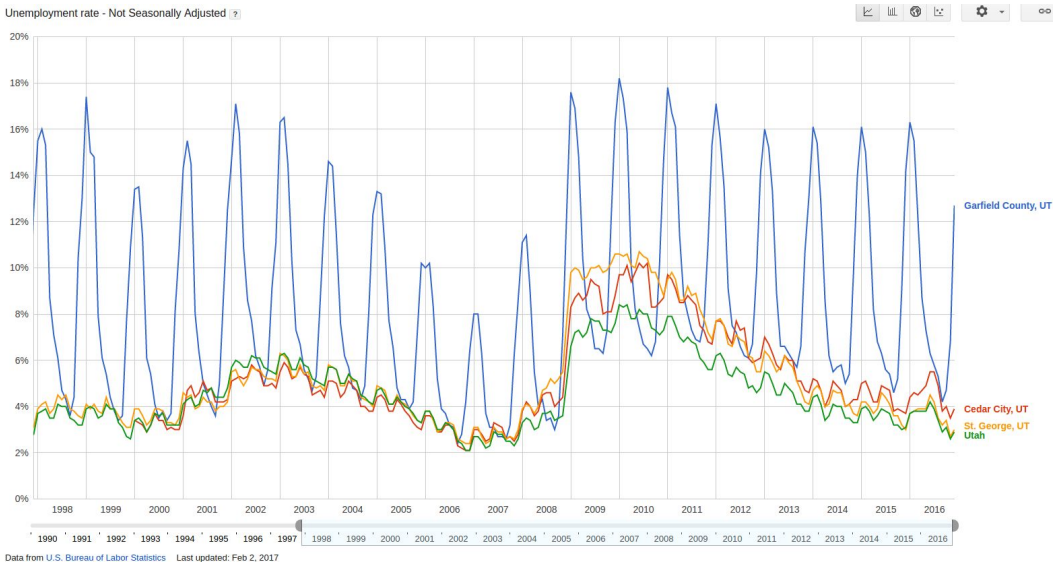


The year-round labor force in Garfield County consists of approximately 2,300 people. This swells to about 3,300 during summer months, given the seasonality of the accommodations and food services industry, and brings in transient employees from all over the world.

One result from this seasonal swell is difficulty providing housing in some areas of the county.

Among the permanent workforce, about one person in six will be unemployed in January every year.

While Garfield County unemployment dropped below the regional and state averages in the summer months during the early years of the Great Recession, it exceeds those areas in recent years.



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(Dig it up and haul it off)

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"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri May 26 2017 12:59:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Best time to drop off report and map?

OK enjoy your vacation

On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 2:58 PM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Never mind. This meeting is starting late so will go late. No worries please just leave what you have. We will talk on the phone next week. Have a good one.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On May 26, 2017, at 2:43 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> I'll come up at 4:30
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> > On May 26, 2017, at 12:08 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > I was thinking 4:15 - 4:30ish, but don't need to. I have a meeting with Jorjani at 1:45 and training on the comment sorting system 3-4
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> > On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 12:02 PM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

What time are you leaving today?

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 26, 2017, at 10:32 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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Conservation Alliance Comment Letter

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John Sterling <john@conservationalliance.com>

From:	John Sterling <john@conservationalliance.com>
Sent:	Fri May 26 2017 12:33:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Conservation Alliance Comment Letter
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Dear Downey,

Thank you again for making time to meet with our group of outdoor industry leaders in March. We appreciate the time to took to hear our perspective on public lands in general, and on the Bears Ears National Monument in specific.

Thank you also for the opportunity to comment on the National Monument review. I see from the online portal that you are receiving plenty of comments. Attached is a letter signed by 88 leading outdoor industry companies urging Secretary Zinke to recommend that the Bears Ears National Monument boundaries remain unchanged. We have submitted the letter online, so this is just an FYI.

Please let me know if we can provide additional information from our outdoor business community, which depends heavily on protected public lands.

I hope you have a good holiday weekend.

Best,

-John

John Sterling
Executive Director
The Conservation Alliance
PO Box 1275, Bend, OR 97709
541.389.2424

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The Conservation Alliance

Outdoor Business Giving Back to the Outdoors

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May 25, 2017

The Honorable Secretary Ryan Zinke
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Monument Review, MS-1530

Dear Secretary Zinke,

On behalf of 88 outdoor industry companies, thank you for the opportunity to comment on Monument Review, MS-1530. The Conservation Alliance is a group of more than 200 outdoor industry companies nationwide that manufacture and sell products for use in the outdoors. As engaged stakeholders that depend on the wild landscapes where our customers recreate, we strongly oppose any executive action that would reduce or rescind any National Monument under review.

The Bears Ears landscape is exactly the kind of place the Antiquities Act intended to protect. It is rich in cultural history and archaeological sites, which inspired a historic coalition of tribes to band together to push for its designation. This tribal coalition remains staunchly opposed to any changes to the monument boundaries.

The region also boasts world-class rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, canyoneering, whitewater paddling, and skiing. Whether it be climbing in Indian Creek, paddling the San Juan River, or backpacking in Grand Gulch, the iconic recreation opportunities within the monument directly benefit the outdoor industry and its customers. Please see the attached map that details the recreation opportunities on the landscape. Bears Ears National Monument is a place where outdoor enthusiasts have the opportunity to respectfully explore a protected landscape where past and present intersect.

Bears Ears National Monument can also help sustain a local recreation-based economy. According to a new study by the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation generates $12 billion in direct consumer spending and supports 122,000 jobs in Utah.

The process that led to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument was thorough and transparent. For more than 80 years, a wide array of decision makers presented proposals seeking permanent protection of all or part of this worthy landscape. The final boundaries closely resemble those proposed for legislative protection in the Public Lands Initiative (PLI), led by Representatives Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz. The PLI boundaries were drawn to include,

not exceed, the acreage necessary to preserve the rich cultural heritage, ecological values, and recreational opportunities found in the area.

The Conservation Alliance did not ultimately support the PLI legislation because it included provisions that undermined bedrock conservation laws, and the management of federally protected lands. However, groundwork and maps drawn throughout the three-year PLI process significantly influenced the boundary that would ultimately define Bears Ears National Monument. The PLI process incorporated perspectives from not only the tribal coalition, the outdoor industry, and conservation groups, but also San Juan county residents. We are confident that any credible review of the Bears Ears designation will confirm that the boundaries are more than justified.

Thank you for reviewing the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument, and for making the time to visit the region. We hope that your experiencing this landscape first-hand will help lead you to recommend that President Trump leave the Bears Ears National Monument fully intact.

We look forward to working with you to steward America's greatest public land treasures in a manner that allows future generations of Americans to enjoy these wild places. The Bears Ears National Monument is an iconic place worthy of protection for its cultural and recreation values. Preserving Bears Ears is an investment in our economic future.

Sincerely,

See reverse for signatures

John Sterling
Executive Director
The Conservation Alliance

Hans Cole
Director of Environmental Campaigns and Advocacy
Patagonia

Jon Hoerauf
President / General Manager
Arc'teryx Equipment

Seth Cobb
President
Chaco, Inc.

Ted Manning
CEO
Ibex Outdoor Clothing

Tyler LaMotte
VP Brand Marketing
KEEN, Inc.

Eric Greene
Division VP / General Manager
Sierra Designs

Buzz Burrell
Brand VP
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Kate Ketschek
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Steve Munn
Global President
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Arne Arens
Global President
The North Face

Marc Berejka
Director - Government & Community Affairs
Recreational Equipment, Inc.

Jim Pisani
Global Brand President
Timberland

Joe Flannery
Newell Brands
SVP & CM Technical Apparel
Marmot

Gordon Seabury
CEO
Toad&Co.

Elysa Hammond
Director of Environmental Stewardship
CLIF Bar & Company

Eric Greene
Division VP / General Manager
Kelty

Eric Hayes
CMO
Superfeet Worldwide

Roger Spatz
President
Eagle Creek Travel Gear

Brian Vaughan
CEO
GU Energy

Matthew Briggs
Director of Finance & Operations
Picky Bars, Inc.

Patrick Kruse
Founder & Director of R&D
Ruffwear

Jonathan Lantz
President
La Sportiva

Ryan Mayo
Founder
Last Exit Goods

Dave Engbers
President
Founders Brewng Company

Kay Martin
President
BOCO Gear

Mark Calbraith
GM
Nau International

Caroline Duell
Founder & CEO
All Good

Ben Moon
Founder
Moonhouse

Lisa Issenberg
Artist & Owner
Kittella

Stephen Sullivan
Founder & CEO
Stio

Annie Nyborg
Director of Corporate Responsibility
Peak Design

Jeff Cresswell
Co-Owner
Klean Kanteen

Bob Wade
Owner
Ute Mountaineer

Dustin Combs
President
Bogs Footwear

Eion Comerford
President & CEO
Moosejaw

Bill Gamber
Co-Founder & President
Big Agnes

Eric Rohr
Studio Manager
Jimmy Chin Productions

David Koorits
Founder & COO
Good To-Go

Rich Hill
President
Grassroots Outdoor Alliance

Nate Simmons
Managing Partner
Backbone Media

Paul Kirwin
CEO
Channel Signal

Craig Henry
Founder
Bonfire Studios

Brook Hopper
Founder / Principal
Brook Hopper Consulting

Jeff Welch
Founder & CEO
Mercury CSC

Chris Kostman
President & CEO
AdventureCORPS, Inc.

Shannon Stowell
President
Adventure Travel Trade Association

Blake DeMaso
President
Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine

Dustin Aherin
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Idaho River Adventures, Inc.

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COO
Menasha Ridge Press

Leta Kalfas
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Northwest Rafting Company

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Idaho Mountain Touring Inc

Roger Spatz
President
REEF

Brian Holcombe
Principal
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Phil Leeds & Scott O'Brien
Owners
Skinny Skis

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Subject:	Fwd: ACHP comments on Bears Ears NM-Chairman letter to SOI
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Randy - FYI for the record.
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From: **John Fowler** <jfowler@achp.gov>
Date: Fri, May 26, 2017 at 1:11 PM
Subject: ACHP comments on Bears Ears NM-Chairman letter to SOI
To: Dan Jorjani <daniel_jorjani@ios.doi.gov>

I wanted to put this in your hands. We are also filing it formally per the Federal Register notice.

Thanks,

John

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
Chairman

Leonard A. Forsman
Vice Chairman

John M. Fowler
Executive Director

Preserving America's Heritage

May 26, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
Monument Review, MS-1530
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

REF: Bears Ears National Monument Designation

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) appreciates the opportunity to provide its comments on the designation of the Bears Ears National Monument in response to your review of this designation pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 13792. Established by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, the ACHP's mission is to promote the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of our nation's diverse historic resources, and advise the President and the Congress on national historic preservation policy. While the ACHP focuses much of its efforts on oversight of the Section 106 review process established by the NHPA, we are well-aware that the Antiquities Act provides an important tool to assist the President in publicly recognizing and affirmatively protecting major aspects of America's irreplaceable heritage. The designation of the Bears Ears National Monument contributes significantly to achieving those goals, and its effect should not be diminished by revocation of the designation or a contraction of its boundaries.

It is important to note that the federal commitment to identify, manage, and protect important objects, sites, and properties began with passage of the Antiquities Act of 1906 but did not end there. Other statutes and executive orders, such as the Historic Sites Act of 1935, the NHPA, the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, the Archaeological Resource Protection Act of 1979, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, and EO 13287 "Preserve America" (2003) have reaffirmed and intensified the enduring federal interest in and commitment to the protection of places and objects of significance in our nation's history. Taken together, these authorities form a comprehensive national preservation program that provides all levels of government a broad range of tools to preserve and enhance the nation's cultural patrimony.

Starting with the Antiquities Act, the Congress and the Executive Branch have placed a special emphasis on the federal government's stewardship of those unique historic places under its jurisdiction. Section 110 of the NHPA and Section 3 of EO 13287 provide the most detailed set of instructions to federal managers about the importance of identifying and protecting historic properties in federal ownership, mandating

agency programs for preservation and establishing accountability systems to assess their effect. Special attention has been placed on those properties of national significance, recognizing their importance to all Americans. In that regard, designation of national monuments that contain highly significant historic objects and sites, such as the Bears Ears National Monument, is a critical management tool for affording the highest level of protection for such historic resources as part of this overall legal scheme, which has evolved over more than a century.

Few federal lands hold such rich and relatively pristine places, objects, and sites of importance to American culture and history as those within Bears Ears National Monument. This collection includes sacred places, traditional cultural landscapes, and intact pre-Columbian dwellings of profound significance to Indian tribes, many of which continue to play a role in the ongoing maintenance of their cultural and spiritual practices. Likewise, highly evocative archaeological resources abound there, above and below canyon walls, alongside historic resources that reflect early American movement into the West. For these reasons, tourists from every corner of our nation and beyond go there to see and experience these places, knowing they tell part of a widely shared and uniquely American story. Unfortunately, it is also well-documented that a number of these sites have been subject to active looting or inadvertent damage over many years. It is the nature of these resources, and the relatively undisturbed and often remote landscapes within the Bears Ears National Monument, that make this region worthy of the additional protections of National Monument designation.

While a definitive and complete inventory of all historic properties within and around the Bears Ears National Monument has not been completed, it is clear that thousands of highly significant places that are subject to protection under the Antiquities Act are present within its boundaries, and that these are tied together in a set of landscapes of extraordinary significance to all Americans, the boundaries of which likely go well beyond the Bears Ears National Monument. The ACHP's involvement in Section 106 reviews with similar sites in this region over the decades suggests that the entire area abounds with highly significant places such as these. Recognizing that other monuments have been designated with similar approaches to defining areas of significance, we remain confident that the entirety of the Bears Ears National Monument contains places worthy of protection.

We would also like to bring to your attention the requirements found in the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention (WHC.16/01 26 October 2016) with regard to buffer zones for World Heritage Sites. Paragraph 104 states:

> For the purposes of effective protection of the nominated property, a buffer zone is an area surrounding the nominated property which has complementary legal and/or customary restrictions placed on its use and development to give an added layer of protection to the property. This should include the immediate setting of the nominated property, important views and other areas or attributes that are functionally important as a support to the property and its protection. The area constituting the buffer zone should be determined in each case through appropriate mechanisms. Details on the size, characteristics and authorized uses of a buffer zone, as well as a map indicating the precise boundaries of the property and its buffer zone, should be provided in the nomination.

While we recognize that Bears Ears National Monument is not currently a World Heritage Site (although it may well meet the criteria for listing), the fundamental concept of resource protection set forth in Paragraph 104 has universal application to sites like Bears Ears National Monument that have been recognized to be of outstanding cultural significance. We would urge you to carefully consider the guidance in any evaluation of the appropriateness of the current boundaries for Bears Ears National Monument.

The ACHP is aware that concerns have been expressed about the effect that National Monument designation may have on the economic use and public enjoyment of these lands. However, it is important to note that most designations have not had a negative effect on the economy and, in the case of Bears Ears National Monument, certain economic and recreational uses have been expressly allowed as part of the designation. Our experience demonstrates that these uses can typically be accommodated without sacrificing protections to historic properties. For example, the ACHP is participating in Section 106 consultations to address the impacts of grazing at the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument in Utah and a similar effort to address carbon dioxide extraction within the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in Colorado. In both cases, the federal planning process for development activities has enabled consulting parties, including state, tribal, and local governments, as well as preservation organizations, commercial interests, and citizens, to consider such impacts and develop reasonable measures for accommodating such uses with the protection of historic properties through a Section 106 agreement document.

Beyond these two National Monuments, the ACHP can attest to the effectiveness of the federal historic preservation review process over a half century to balance the needs of preservation and contemporary use for sites like Bears Ears National Monument. This public process allows all with an interest in the use of federal lands to participate in the management decisions that federal agencies make for historic places, including National Monuments. We have no reason to doubt that the Section 106 process would effectively address future management decisions at the Bears Ears National Monument, giving local government and citizens an opportunity to shape those decisions.

We note also that the Bureau of Land Management, as the principal federal property owner within Bears Ears National Monument, is committed to meeting its responsibilities under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 in part by considering the continued development of existing mineral rights, grazing, and access by motorized and non-motorized constituents, even on lands within National Monuments under its management. If managed carefully, the ACHP believes that specified allowances for some forms of continued use and development in certain portions of Bears Ears National Monument can be accomplished without upsetting the overall protective goals of its establishment or requiring alteration to its boundaries.

In closing, the ACHP reiterates its support for the important protections this designation has provided to historic properties. Taken collectively, National Monuments contain some of the nation’s most significant objects, places, and sites that tell an important part of the American story, and the Bears Ears National Monument is no exception. As you conduct your review, we urge you to ensure the federal government maintains the level of protection to historic properties afforded by the designation of the Bears Ears National Monument.

Should you consider pursuing changes to the Bears Ears National Monument, we would also urge that you be expansive in your outreach to all interested parties regarding such changes. It is critical to conduct government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes that may ascribe cultural and religious significance to any of the properties there, including pre-Columbian resources, and we would urge also that you fully engage the public and other governments and organizations with a clear interest in the protections of these important places. We would further suggest you consider modeling such outreach after the process established within the regulations implementing Section 106 of the NHPA.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments and remain ready to assist you further on this review as we indicated in our letter of April 28, 2017. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly at mwdonaldson@achp.gov, or your staff may wish to follow up with John Fowler, Executive Director, at jfowler@achp.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA
Chairman

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Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 5/26/17

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Attached and copied below.

DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 5/26/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

NOTE: Partners Outdoors is requesting a proclamation recognizing Great Outdoors Month. This has been done in the past. They meet at Interior on May 31.

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Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary will be on a Senate CODEL:

Melkøya, Norway

Hammerfest Government Officials & Ceremony for Royal and Ancient Polar Bear Society

Trondheim, Norway>Erkebispegården (The Archbishop's Palace Garden), Trondheim

Dinner Hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Værnes Garrison // Breakfast with Marine Rotational Force-Europe (MRF-E)

Travel to Thule Air Base, Greenland

Welcome Briefing, Board Surreys, Windshield Tour of Installation & Control Tower, Military Meet & Greet

Travel to Deadhorse, AK, Tour of Pump Station One, Tour ConocoPhillips CD5 Drill Site

Travel to Fairbanks, AK, Media Availability at Airport, Dinner with Senator Murkowski & Delegation. CODEL ends.

Sunday/Monday, May 28-29, 2017

Arrive Byers Lake Memorial Day Events: Greet Rolling Thunder Bikers with Senator Lisa Murkowski;

Memorial Day Ceremony, Denali National Park & Preserve; Training Dog Sled Simulation & Volunteer Dog Walk & Visit Statewide NPS. Dinner with Governor Bill Walker.

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Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Anchorage, AK

Morning Press

Senator Dan Sullivan's Office

Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable with Senator Dan Sullivan

DOI Regional Office of Aviation

Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting

Energy Briefing, BOEM Office

Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting with Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan, and Representative Don Young

Reception with Congressional Delegation

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Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Remarks at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference

Media Availability

Nike Site Summit

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Anchorage, AK (ANC) en route Boise, ID (BOI)

Friday, June 2, 2017

Idaho State Capitol Building

Breakfast with Governor Otter & Forestry Leaders

Depart State Capitol en route Boise State University

Joint Forest Speech

Depart Boise State University en route National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)

Brief Tour of National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC)

National Wildland Fire Activity Briefing

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Discussion

Press Availability

Flight Event with Smoke Jumpers

Wheels up Boise, ID (BOI) en route Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)

Wheels up Salt Lake City, UT (SLC) en route Washington, DC (IAD)

LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce $1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

Media Today

Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke Tours the Arctic, Travels to Norway, Greenland and Alaska

(WASHINGTON) Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will kick off a nearly week-long trip around the Arctic Circle, beginning with a CODEL to Norway, Greenland and Alaska led by Chairman Lisa Murkowski (AK) and continuing through several Interior holdings through the the holiday weekend and into the following week.

U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to Attend NCAI's 2017 Mid Year Conference & Marketplace at Mohegan Sun. WASHINGTON, D.C. | U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke is confirmed to attend the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 2017 Mid Year Conference & Marketplace (Mid Year) at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville,

Connecticut held from Monday, June 12 to Thursday, June 15, 2017.

Interior Announces 18 New Hires (I am copying the full release below.)

(WASHINGTON) Today the Department of the Interior announced the addition of 18 individuals to lead and assist the Department during the Trump administration. Hires include key positions including the Chief of Staff to the Secretary, Associate Deputy Secretary, Principal Deputy Solicitor, and two Principal Deputy Assistant Secretaries among others.

"I'm incredibly honored to have so many experienced, capable and energetic individuals on the team at Interior," said Secretary Ryan Zinke. "Whether on a football team, SEAL team, or the Department of the Interior team, I've always said, everyone's job is just as mission-critical as my own in order for the team to operate at it's full potential. Together we will work toward modernizing the department and delivering better services and experiences to the taxpayer while cutting costs and protecting our most treasured places. I'm excited to continue the work we've already started."

<u>Office of the Secretary:</u>

Scott Hommel - Chief of Staff to the Secretary

Scott Hommel is a decorated Marine veteran who served in the Gulf War. He has two decades of experience in state and federal government as well as work on behalf of military organizations like the National Guard Association of the United States. Most recently, Mr. Hommel served as then-Congressman Zinke's Chief of Staff in the House.

Lori Mashburn - White House Liaison

Lori Mashburn brings with her more than a decade of experience in coalition and team building, business management, and academia. Prior to joining the Trump Administration, Ms. Mashburn helped lead the coalition relations office at the national think tank, The Heritage Foundation. Prior to her move to the nation's capital, she was a community banker and educator in North Carolina. Ms. Mashburn graduated cum laude from North Carolina State University.

Russell Roddy - Director of Scheduling and Advance

Russell Roddy is a veteran of the federal government, bringing with him three decades of experience working under Presidents Reagan, H.W. Bush, and W. Bush. In addition to work with the U.S. Departments of Energy and the Interior, Mr. Roddy also worked at the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the White House.

Amanda Kaster-Averill – Advisor

For the past two years, Mrs. Kaster-Averill served as then-Congressman Ryan Zinke's energy and natural resources Legislative Assistant, managing all House Committee on Natural Resources matters. Previously, she worked for the Bipartisan Policy Center and the office of U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME). Mrs. Kaster-Averill graduated summa cum laude from

Wilkes University.

Aaron Thiele - Advance Representative

Before joining Interior, Mr. Thiele worked for then-Congressman Ryan Zinke as his Military Legislative Assistant in the House. From 2012 to 2015, he worked in Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy's office. Born and raised on the Central Coast of California, Mr. Thiele earned a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Caroline Boulton - Special Assistant to the Secretary

Caroline Boulton previously served as the scheduler in then-Congressman Zinke's Montana Congressional office handling DC and district scheduling. She previously served as his Legislative Correspondent in the House office. She is a graduate of Colgate University.

Natalie Davis - Special Assistant to the Secretary

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6/28 Aspen Ideas Festival for Climate (Aspen, CO)

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Outstanding Invitations in Process

None

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Situational Awareness for the Weekend

The National Capital Region will host multiple events for Memorial Day weekend from 26 to 29 May. The largest gatherings include the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom, the Memorial Day

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Rolling Thunder activities are expected to attract approximately 900,000 participants. The Blessing of the Bikes at the National Cathedral starts the weekend's activities at 1700 ET, 26 May. The Ride for Freedom will begin at 1200 ET, 28 May in the parking lots at the Pentagon, proceed along the National Mall, and conclude at West Potomac Park. Thunder Alley, where merchandise and food vendors will be set up, will be open from 27 to 29 May at 22d St and Constitution Ave NW.

The Memorial Day Concert, on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, is expected to attract approximately 300,000 attendees to the National Mall area and will begin at 2000 ET, 28 May. Multiple wreath laying ceremonies are scheduled throughout the weekend at various sites. The National Memorial Day Parade, beginning at 1400 ET, 29 May at the corner of Constitution Ave NW and 7th St NW, will proceed past the White House and end at 17th St NW. The parade is the largest of its kind in the U.S. with an expected crowd of 250,000 attendees.

Numerous street closures are in effect throughout the weekend. The National Weather Service forecast for Memorial Day weekend is for mostly cloudy conditions with up to a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms each afternoon. High temperatures will be in the upper 70s with light winds.

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Emergency Management

Damage assessments at the Fort Pulaski National Monument continued yesterday following the severe weather that caused damage to portions of the park on May 23. The park will likely remain closed through the weekend, as debris removal and structural repairs continue. An Incident Management Team has been established. On May 24, the National Weather Service (NWS) sent personnel to the park to observe the damage caused by the storm. Based on their initial ground observations, the damage was likely caused by an EF1 tornado, but this has not yet been confirmed. The NPS reports that 3 structures were impacted by the severe weather, including the park's restroom facilities, visitor's center, and the fort itself.

Over the past few weeks, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G) have been assisting Tribes in Nevada prepare for potential flooding as a result of the excessive mountain snowpack. Due to warmer weather in the region, the excessive snowmelt may impact area rivers and waterways, threatening the lives and property of Tribal members, as well as roads, bridges, emergency response capabilities, and Tribal infrastructure. BIA and the TAC-G have worked together on efforts in the northern Nevada area to provide disaster response planning and pre-flood technical assistance to the Yerington Paiute, Walker River Paiute, and Fallon/Shoshone Paiute Tribes. Each Tribe is threatened with moderate to major flooding, as predicted by forecast and weather modeling.

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 152,478 (no change) acres. The fire is 65-percent (no change) contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team with 777 (-15) personnel, including 119 (-9) DOI personnel. There

have been 6 (no change) responder injuries reported, and portions of the refuge remain closed to the public. A drying trend commenced yesterday, as the weather system that brought widespread rainfall across Wednesday moved east of the fire area. The containment date is November 1.

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Media of Interest

Top House, Senate Dems Ask Interior Not To Eliminate National Monuments.

The Hill (5/25, Manchester) reports that "top Democrats in the House and Senate urged Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in a letter Thursday to not eliminate national monuments, warning that many national monuments across the country currently 'face an unprecedented threat.'" The Democrats said in the letter, "We are deeply troubled by the president's April 26 executive order establishing a process that could lead to the diminishment or outright repeal of national monuments designated by his predecessors." The Democrats wrote, "It is unconscionable to think that this administration would sell out America's outdoor heritage to benefit corporate interests in the oil, gas, and mining industries."

Bears Ears Monument Designation Draws Thousands Of Comments. …

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Secretary Zinke Headed To National Congress Of American Indians In June.

The Nation Sun News (5/25) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will "address the mid-year conference of the National Congress of American Indians" next month. Zinke said in a press release on Thursday, "It is a great honor to accept the invitation to speak at NCAI's Mid Year Conference. This will give tribal leaders and I an opportunity to discuss ways to empower the front lines of tribal communities. I am a supporter of building a stronger government-to-government relationship that will reaffirm tribal sovereignty, self-determination and self-governance in Indian Country."

Tribes Bash Proposed Trump Budget Cuts To Native Americans.

The AP (5/25, Flaccus) reports that "dozens of Native American tribes in six Western states expressed outrage Thursday at President Trump's proposed budget cuts to American Indian programs, saying they would erase significant progress on child welfare and climate change and gut social services and education on reservations across the U.S." According to the article, "members from tribes in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho and Alaska called on Congress to restore funding to tribes during budget negotiations." They claimed that "the cuts ignore the treaty responsibilities to federally recognized tribes...and put a stranglehold on programs that have been chronically underfunded."

Deepwater, US Wind Accept Maryland Terms For Offshore Wind Farms.

The Baltimore Sun (5/25, Dance) reports that “the developers of two wind farms planned off the coast of Ocean City are moving forward with their projects, accepting terms Maryland regulators laid out earlier this month in allowing them to collect subsidies from the state’s electricity customers.” The Sun adds, “Deepwater Wind and U.S. Wind have both notified the Public Service Commission that they have agreed to invest a collective $115 million in manufacturing facilities and port upgrades around Sparrows Point in southeastern Baltimore County, and to contribute $6 million to a state offshore wind business development fund.” The article also states that “the decisions mean Maryland is one step closer to being home to what would be the nation’s second – and by far its largest – array of offshore wind turbines.”

Enviros Add Endangered Species Claim To Keystone Suit.

Law360 (5/25, Sieniuc) reports that “environmental organizations on Wednesday added new claims against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in their suit against the U.S. Department of State and other agencies over the approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, telling a Montana federal court the service hasn’t seriously considered the project’s threat to whooping cranes and other endangered species.” According to the article, “in an amended complaint adding the FWS to the dispute, the environmental groups alleged the service’s finding that the pipeline would not likely harm certain endangered and threatened species.”

Time To Fix Our National Parks.

For the “Congress” blog of The Hill (5/25, Pierno, Contributor), Theresa Pierno, President and CEO of the National Parks Conservation Association, writes that “national parks are more popular than ever, welcoming a record-breaking 331 million visitors last year, and they pump more than $18 billion into local economies across the country.” However, “despite their enormous popularity and importance to our nation, our parks face many challenges, including $11.3 billion in needed repairs.” Pierno urges support for the National Park Service Legacy Act, “the House companion to an identical Senate bill introduced by Sens .Mark Warner (D-Va.) and Rob Portman (R-Ohio) earlier this year,” which “would allocate up to $500 million annually, through 2047, to the Park Service from existing revenues the government receives for oil and natural gas royalties.”

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WEEK AHEAD May 24 thru May 31, 2017

Announcements/Releases/Events

June 2: Office of Wildland Fire (OWF)—DOI and USDA at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise: 2017 Direction to Wildland Fire Leadership - Interior and Agriculture will improve the way that both agencies manage wildfires by ensuring that all of our firefighting assets are utilized in the most efficient way possible.

June 2: Wildfire suppression costs Forecast Report May 2017 - The Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (Title V of Division A of P.L. 111-88)

requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit an estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for each fiscal year during the first weeks of March, May, and July.

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Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Thursday.

REG0006973 BLM Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Land in Clark County, Nevada. The BLM is proposing a non-competitive (direct) sale of 3.75 acres of public land in Clark County, Nevada, to the Tabernacle of Praise Church, Inc. (Church) pursuant to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, as amended (SNPLMA), to resolve an unauthorized use of public lands. This Notice requests public comments on the proposed sale for 45 days. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0006999 FWS Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit. This is a weekly batched notice announcing the receipt of applications received by FWS for Endangered Species Act permits. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0007041 FWS Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities; Proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization for Pacific Walruses and Polar Bears in Alaska and Associated Federal Waters. In response to a request from Quintillion Subsea Operation, LLC (Quintillion), FWS proposes to authorize the incidental taking by harassment of small numbers of Pacific walruses and polar bears from July 1, 2017, through November 15, 2017, under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0006979 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate - Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society, Fort Wayne, IN N2779. Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this is a notice of intent to repatriate 30 cultural items under the control of the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0006985 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2785. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate 436 cultural items under the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, in Macon, Georgia. The items were removed from sites in Bibb County, Georgia, between 1933 and 1938. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0006986 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park

Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2784. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate 25,127 cultural items under the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, in Macon, Georgia. The items were removed from the Trading Post area of the Macon Plateau in Bibb County, Georgia, between 1933 and 1958. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0007014 NPS National Register of Historic Places, April 22, 2017. The NPS is soliciting comments on the significance of properties nominated before Apr. 22, 2017, for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or related actions. Notice 05/25/2017.

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DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 5/26/17
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NOTE: Partners Outdoors is requesting a proclamation recognizing Great Outdoors Month. This has been done in the past. They meet at Interior on May 31.

Status of the Secretary
TODAY: The Secretary will be on a Senate CODEL:
Melkøya, Norway
Hammerfest Government Officials & Ceremony for Royal and Ancient Polar Bear Society
Trondheim, Norway>Erkebispegården (The Archbishop's Palace Garden), Trondheim
Dinner Hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Saturday, May 27, 2017
Værnes Garrison // Breakfast with Marine Rotational Force-Europe (MRF-E)
Travel to Thule Air Base, Greenland
Welcome Briefing, Board Surreys, Windshield Tour of Installation & Control Tower, Military Meet & Greet
Travel to Deadhorse, AK, Tour of Pump Station One, Tour ConocoPhillips CD5 Drill Site
Travel to Fairbanks, AK, Media Availability at Airport, Dinner with Senator Murkowski & Delegation. CODEL ends.

Sunday/Monday, May 28-29, 2017
Arrive Byers Lake Memorial Day Events: Greet Rolling Thunder Bikers with Senator Lisa Murkowski; Memorial Day Ceremony, Denali National Park & Preserve; Training Dog Sled Simulation & Volunteer Dog Walk & Visit Statewide NPS. Dinner with Governor Bill Walker.

Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Anchorage, AK
Morning Press
Senator Dan Sullivan's Office
Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable with Senator Dan Sullivan
DOI Regional Office of Aviation
Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting
Energy Briefing, BOEM Office
Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting with Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan, and Representative Don Young
Reception with Congressional Delegation

Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Remarks at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference
Media Availability
Nike Site Summit

Thursday, June 1, 2017
Anchorage, AK (ANC) en route Boise, ID (BOI)

Friday, June 2, 2017
Idaho State Capitol Building
Breakfast with Governor Otter & Forestry Leaders
Depart State Capitol en route Boise State University
Joint Forest Speech
Depart Boise State University en route National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)
Brief Tour of National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC)
National Wildland Fire Activity Briefing
National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Discussion
Press Availability
Flight Event with Smoke Jumpers
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6/24 Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture Anniversary (Huntley, MT)
6/26 Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute Conference and Annual Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)
6/28 Aspen Ideas Festival for Climate (Aspen, CO)

Outstanding Invitations in Process
None

Situational Awareness for the Weekend
The National Capital Region will host multiple events for Memorial Day weekend from 26 to 29 May. The largest gatherings include the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom, the Memorial Day Concert, and the National Memorial Day Parade. Rolling Thunder's Thunder Alley and the Memorial Day Parade were assigned Special Event Assessment Ratings.

Rolling Thunder activities are expected to attract approximately 900,000 participants. The Blessing of the Bikes at the National Cathedral starts the weekend's activities at 1700 ET, 26 May. The Ride for Freedom will begin at 1200 ET, 28 May in the parking lots at the Pentagon, proceed along the National Mall, and conclude at West Potomac Park. Thunder Alley, where merchandise and food vendors will be set up, will be open from 27 to 29 May at 22d St and Constitution Ave NW.

The Memorial Day Concert, on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, is expected to attract approximately 300,000 attendees to the National Mall area and will begin at 2000 ET, 28 May. Multiple wreath laying ceremonies are scheduled throughout the weekend at various sites. The National Memorial Day Parade, beginning at 1400 ET, 29 May at the corner of Constitution Ave NW and 7th St NW, will proceed past the White House and end at 17th St NW. The parade is the largest of its kind in the U.S. with an expected crowd of 250,000 attendees.

Numerous street closures are in effect throughout the weekend. The National Weather Service forecast for Memorial Day weekend is for mostly cloudy conditions with up to a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms each afternoon. High temperatures will be in the upper 70s with light winds.

Emergency Management

Damage assessments at the Fort Pulaski National Monument continued yesterday following the severe weather that caused damage to portions of the park on May 23. The park will likely remain closed through the weekend, as debris removal and structural repairs continue. An Incident Management Team has been established. On May 24, the National Weather Service (NWS) sent personnel to the park to observe the damage caused by the storm. Based on their initial ground observations, the damage was likely caused by an EF1 tornado, but this has not yet been confirmed. The NPS reports that 3 structures were impacted by the severe weather, including the park's restroom facilities, visitor's center, and the fort itself.

Over the past few weeks, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G) have been assisting Tribes in Nevada prepare for potential flooding as a result of the excessive mountain snowpack. Due to warmer weather in the region, the excessive snowmelt may impact area rivers and waterways, threatening the lives and property of Tribal members, as well as roads, bridges, emergency response capabilities, and Tribal infrastructure. BIA and the TAC-G have worked together on efforts in the northern Nevada area to provide disaster response planning and pre-flood technical assistance to the Yerington Paiute, Walker River Paiute, and Fallon/Shoshone Paiute Tribes. Each Tribe is threatened with moderate to major flooding, as predicted by forecast and weather modeling.

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 152,478 (no change) acres. The fire is 65-percent (no change) contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team with 777 (-15) personnel, including 119 (-9) DOI personnel. There have been 6 (no change) responder injuries reported, and portions of the refuge remain closed to the public. A drying trend commenced yesterday, as the weather system that brought widespread rainfall across Wednesday moved east of the fire area. The containment date is November 1.

<u>Media of Interest</u>

Top House, Senate Dems Ask Interior Not To Eliminate National Monuments.

The Hill (5/25, Manchester) reports that "top Democrats in the House and Senate urged Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in a letter Thursday to not eliminate national monuments, warning that many national monuments across the country currently 'face an unprecedented threat.'" The Democrats said in the letter, "We are deeply troubled by the president's April 26 executive order establishing a process that could lead to the diminishment or outright repeal of national monuments designated by his predecessors." The Democrats wrote, "It is unconscionable to think that this administration would sell out America's outdoor heritage to benefit corporate interests in the oil, gas, and mining industries."

Bears Ears Monument Designation Draws Thousands Of Comments. …
Latest Polling Shows Overwhelming Support For Bears Ears….
Utah Law Professors Challenge President Trump's Right To Rescind Bears Ears….
Op-Ed: The Unintended Consequences Of Bears Ears National Monument. …
Time To Modernize The Antiquities Act….

Secretary Zinke Headed To National Congress Of American Indians In June.

The Nation Sun News (5/25) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will "address the mid-year conference of the National Congress of American Indians" next month. Zinke said in a press release on Thursday, "It is a great honor to accept the invitation to speak at NCAI's Mid Year Conference. This will give tribal leaders and I an opportunity to discuss ways to empower the front lines of tribal

communities. I am a supporter of building a stronger government-to-government relationship that will reaffirm tribal sovereignty, self-determination and self-governance in Indian Country."

Tribes Bash Proposed Trump Budget Cuts To Native Americans.
The AP (5/25, Flaccus) reports that "dozens of Native American tribes in six Western states expressed outrage Thursday at President Trump's proposed budget cuts to American Indian programs, saying they would erase significant progress on child welfare and climate change and gut social services and education on reservations across the U.S." According to the article, "members from tribes in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho and Alaska called on Congress to restore funding to tribes during budget negotiations." They claimed that "the cuts ignore the treaty responsibilities to federally recognized tribes...and put a stranglehold on programs that have been chronically underfunded."

Deepwater, US Wind Accept Maryland Terms For Offshore Wind Farms.
The Baltimore Sun (5/25, Dance) reports that "the developers of two wind farms planned off the coast of Ocean City are moving forward with their projects, accepting terms Maryland regulators laid out earlier this month in allowing them to collect subsidies from the state's electricity customers." The Sun adds, "Deepwater Wind and U.S. Wind have both notified the Public Service Commission that they have agreed to invest a collective $115 million in manufacturing facilities and port upgrades around Sparrows Point in southeastern Baltimore County, and to contribute $6 million to a state offshore wind business development fund." The article also states that "the decisions mean Maryland is one step closer to being home to what would be the nation's second – and by far its largest – array of offshore wind turbines."

Enviros Add Endangered Species Claim To Keystone Suit.
Law360 (5/25, Sieniuc) reports that "environmental organizations on Wednesday added new claims against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in their suit against the U.S. Department of State and other agencies over the approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, telling a Montana federal court the service hasn't seriously considered the project's threat to whooping cranes and other endangered species." According to the article, "in an amended complaint adding the FWS to the dispute, the environmental groups alleged the service's finding that the pipeline would not likely harm certain endangered and threatened species."

Time To Fix Our National Parks.
For the "Congress" blog of The Hill (5/25, Pierno, Contributor), Theresa Pierno, President and CEO of the National Parks Conservation Association, writes that "national parks are more popular than ever, welcoming a record-breaking 331 million visitors last year, and they pump more than $18 billion into local economies across the country." However, "despite their enormous popularity and importance to our nation, our parks face many challenges, including $11.3 billion in needed repairs." Pierno urges support for the National Park Service Legacy Act, "the House companion to an identical Senate bill introduced by Sens .Mark Warner (D-Va.) and Rob Portman (R-Ohio) earlier this year," which "would allocate up to $500 million annually, through 2047, to the Park Service from existing revenues the government receives for oil and natural gas royalties."

<u>White House Communications Report</u>
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Announcements/Releases/Events

June 2: Office of Wildland Fire (OWF)—DOI and USDA at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise: 2017 Direction to Wildland Fire Leadership - Interior and Agriculture will improve the way that both

agencies manage wildfires by ensuring that all of our firefighting assets are utilized in the most efficient way possible.

June 2: Wildfire suppression costs Forecast Report May 2017 - The Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (Title V of Division A of P.L. 111-88) requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit an estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for each fiscal year during the first weeks of March, May, and July.

LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce $1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Thursday.

REG0006973 BLM Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Land in Clark County, Nevada. The BLM is proposing a non-competitive (direct) sale of 3.75 acres of public land in Clark County, Nevada, to the Tabernacle of Praise Church, Inc. (Church) pursuant to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, as amended (SNPLMA), to resolve an unauthorized use of public lands. This Notice requests public comments on the proposed sale for 45 days. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0006999 FWS Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit. This is a weekly batched notice announcing the receipt of applications received by FWS for Endangered Species Act permits. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0007041 FWS Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities; Proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization for Pacific Walruses and Polar Bears in Alaska and Associated Federal Waters. In response to a request from Quintillion Subsea Operation, LLC (Quintillion), FWS proposes to authorize the incidental taking by harassment of small numbers of Pacific walruses and polar bears from July 1, 2017, through November 15, 2017, under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0006979 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate - Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society, Fort Wayne, IN N2779. Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this is a notice of intent to repatriate 30 cultural items under the control of the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0006985 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2785. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate 436 cultural items under the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, in Macon, Georgia. The items were removed from sites in Bibb County, Georgia, between 1933 and 1938. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0006986 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2784. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate 25,127 cultural items under the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument,

in Macon, Georgia. The items were removed from the Trading Post area of the Macon Plateau in Bibb County, Georgia, between 1933 and 1958. Notice 05/25/2017.

REG0007014 NPS National Register of Historic Places, April 22, 2017. The NPS is soliciting comments on the significance of properties nominated before Apr. 22, 2017, for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or related actions. Notice 05/25/2017.

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I don't have anything I need to ask at this point. Will have the economic report around noon, and can bring that up and leave on your chair if you are tied up. Also, I have from Jim's meeting 3 maps of Bears Ears, 2 from BLM about 2 x 3 feet, one with the Monument occupying about half the space and one where it occupies most of the space; and a laminated 3 x 4 foot copy of the latter map left by the Coalition. Could you use any of them?

I will be here before 8 in any case, so just let me know tomorrow.

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Sure I'll take the maps. No need to. Meet. Sent from my iPhone > On May 25, 2017, at 6:19 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote: > > > I don't have anything I need to ask at this point. Will have the economic report around noon, and can bring that up and leave on your chair if you are tied up. Also, I have from Jim's meeting 3 maps of Bears Ears, 2 from BLM about 2 x 3 feet, one with the Monument occupying about half the space and one where it occupies most of the space; and a laminated 3 x 4 foot copy of the latter map left by the Coalition. Could you use any of them? > > I will be here before 8 in any case, so just let me know tomorrow.

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Hi Jim,

Thanks again for meeting with the Tribe's today. We appreciate your consideration of the issues presented.

Please find attached the Ute Indian Tribe's comments on the review of the Bears Ears National Monument. I apologize for not having a hard copy ready for our meeting today.

The Tribe asked me to send you this copy directly, in addition to filing comments through regulations.gov, as this version includes a cover letter to Secretary Zinke regarding today's meeting. Unfortunately, the Tribe could not make the meeting today, but will be in DC June 20, 21, and 22 and would like to follow up with the Secretary and you at that time.

Thanks again for your consideration,

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May 25, 2017

Michael S. Black
Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
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1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Bears Ears National Monument Review Meeting

Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Black:

Thank you for your letter dated May 17, 2017 inviting the Ute Indian Tribe to a meeting at the Department of the Interior Headquarters with Acting Deputy Secretary Mr. James Cason regarding the Secretary's review of the Bears Ears National Monument. We understand that the meeting has been scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, May 25, 2017. Members of our Business Committee are not available to travel to Washington, D.C. for this meeting and we have designated our Washington, D.C. counsel, Rollie Wilson, to attend this meeting on behalf of the Tribe.

To help emphasize the Tribe's views at this meeting, please find enclosed a copy of the comments that the Tribe is filing in response to the Secretary's review of the Bears Ears National Monument. In particular, due to the short time frame provided in Executive Order No. 13792 for the Secretary's Interim Report, we recommend that the Interim Report focus on summarizing the comments received and proposing an appropriate schedule for review of the Monument. While we appreciate the meetings over the last couple of weeks, the Secretary has only just begun to engage the Bears Ears Commission as required under the Proclamation and consult with the Tribe as required by Executive Order No. 13792, other Executive Orders and Interior's Tribal Consultation Policy regarding specifics of the Monument review and any proposals.

Finally, the Business Committee plans to be in Washington, D.C. on June 20, 21 and 22, 2017 and appreciate the opportunity to meet with Secretary Zinke or Acting Deputy Secretary Cason regarding review of the Monument. Please contact Mr. Wilson directly regarding any logistics for the meeting on May 25 and to schedule a meeting on June 20, 21 or 22. 2017. He can be reached by phone at 202-340-8232 or by email at rwilson@ndnlaw.com.

Sincerely,

For Luke Duncan, Chairman
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Enclosure

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May 25, 2017

Monument Review
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Re: Review of Bears Ears National Monument
Docket No. DOI-2017-0002

Dear Secretary Zinke,

The Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation (Tribe) strongly opposes any changes to the Bears Ears National Monument (Monument) established by Presidential Proclamation No. 9558, 82 Fed. Reg. 1,139 (Dec. 28, 2016). The Tribe worked for many years alongside other tribes, local communities and stakeholders, federal, state and local politicians, and the Administration to recommend the establishment of the Monument for the protection of its sacred landscapes, waters, and natural and cultural resources. If anything, under this review the Monument should be expanded to its originally proposed size of 1.9 million acres to protect even more of the important cultural resources in the area.

Review of the Monument was announced by Executive Order No. 13792 entitled "Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act" and noticed in the Federal Register at 82 Fed. Reg. 22016 (May 11, 2017). As set out in the Federal Register Notice, comments regarding the review of the Monument are due on May 26, 2017. The Executive Order then requires that you provide an Interim Report to the President by June 10, 2017 which includes recommendations regarding the Monument.

As one of the five tribes who elects a representative to the Bears Ears Commission (Commission) created by the Proclamation establishing the Monument, the Tribe has a role in guiding the management of the Monument. The Proclamation requires that the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture "effectively partner with" and "meaningfully engage" the Commission. The Tribe has already begun working with other tribal members of the Commission, as well as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States Forest Service (USFS) to identify priorities for management. Under this existing law, any changes to the Monument proposed during your review must be reviewed and considered by the Bears Ears Commission.

In addition, the Ute Indian Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe with an interest in the resources protected by the Monument and must be consulted during any review of the Monument. Consultation with the Tribe is required under Executive Order No. 13792 establishing the review process, Executive Order No. 13175 entitled "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," and the Department of the Interior's Policy on Consultation with Indian Tribes (Interior's Consultation Policy). Executive Order No. 13175 requires that the Administration "work with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis" and "respect Indian tribal self-government and sovereignty, honor tribal treaty and other rights, and strive to meet the responsibilities that arise from the unique legal relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribal governments." Executive Order No. 13175 at Sections 2(b) and 3(a).

The Executive Order is reaffirmed and implemented by Interior's Consultation Policy which requires "a deliberative process that aims to create effective collaboration and informed Federal decision-making" that is "built upon government-to-government exchange of information and promotes enhanced communication that emphasizes trust, respect, and shared responsibility." Interior's Consultation Policy at 2. Interior's Consultation Policy also requires that "[c]ommunication will be open and transparent without compromising the rights of Indian Tribes or the government-to-government consultation process." *Id.* Finally, the Policy notes that "consultation conducted in a meaningful and good-faith manner further facilitates effective Department operations and governance practices." *Id.*

Under these existing laws and policies, the Ute Indian Tribe provides these comments as a starting point for a meaningful exchange of information during review of the Monument. These initial comments address many of the issues raised in the Federal Register Notice including: (1) that the lands within the Monument were properly classified as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest;" (2) how the boundaries of the Monument are already the smallest possible; (3) if the Secretary recommends the President modify or revoke Bears Ears, he would be recommending an *ultra vires* action; and (4) that during this review, the Secretary must consult with the Commission and the Tribe.

In particular and as an initial matter, due to the short time frame provided in the Executive Order for production of your Interim Report, the Tribe recommends that your Interim Report focus on summarizing all of the comments received and proposing an appropriate schedule for review of the Monument. This schedule should include coordinating with the Secretary of Agriculture, planning meetings with the Commission, consulting with affected Indian tribes and completing any other outreach required by the Executive Order. In addition, to fulfill the Proclamation and tribal consultation requirements, your meetings with the Commission and consultation with Indian tribes must allow for the exchange of information, discussion, and resolution of any issues.

I. THE MONUMENT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ANTIQUITIES ACT

Pursuant to 54 U.S.C. § 320301(a), the President can only designate national monuments for "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest." The Bears Ears area has long been recognized for its natural, scientific, and historic significance. For example in designating the Monument, the President stated that "The Bears Ears

area has been proposed for protection by members of Congress, Secretaries of the Interior, State and tribal leaders, and local conservationists for at least 80 years." 82 Fed. Reg. 1,139.

In fact, in 1906 when Congress was drafting the Antiquities Act, Congress was aware that substantial amounts of lands within southeastern Utah, the location of the Monument, needed protection. H.R. Rep. No. 224 at 2 (1906). In H. R. Rep. No. 224, (accompanying H.R. 11016, 59th Cong., 1st Sess. 1906, the bill introduced in the House which, after modifications, became the Antiquities Act) the Public Lands Committee found that:

> The importance of the large number of historic and prehistoric ruins scattered over the semiarid region of the southwestern part of the United States has gradually come to be recognized. Every cliff dwelling, every prehistoric tower, communal house, shrine, and burial mound is an object which can contribute something to the advancement of knowledge, and hence is worthy of preservation.

The Report specifically discussed several sites which are now protected within Bears Ears, namely the Cottonwood Wash, Butler Wash, Grand Gulch, and Comb Wash. *Id.* at 5. Thus, even Congress in passing the Antiquities Act in 1906 recognized the historic and scientific value of the Bears Ears lands, and the need for their protection.

Acting on this important purpose of the Antiquities Act, over more than one hundred years later, the President, with the assistance of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (Coalition), defined the lands of historic and scientific interest to be included within the boundaries of the Monument. Much of the information used to start this process was collected in an October 15, 2015 report of the Coalition entitled "*Proposal to President Barack Obama for the Creation of Bears Ears National Monument*" (Proposal). The 1.35 million acres of land now protected within the Monument has been inhabited and cherished by the Tribe and other tribes since time immemorial. Remnants of our ancestors who inhabited the area abound in petroglyphs, cliff dwellings, pueblos and other historic markers.

As noted in the Proposal, "Bears Ears is home to more than 100,000 Native American cultural sites." Proposal at 9. Based on this information and other reporting and studies on the Bears Ears sacred landscape, the Monument contains numerous "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest" as required by the Antiquities Act.

II. THE MONUMENT DELINEATES THE SMALLEST AREA COMPATIBLE WITH THE OBJECTS TO BE PROTECTED

The Antiquities Act limits national monument boundaries to "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." 54 U.S.C. § 320301(b). Based upon strong support in the record before the President, President Obama made the determination that Bears Ears National Monument is consistent with that provision of the Antiquities Act. When the Coalition submitted its Proposal to the President, it demarcated 1.9 million acres of land to be included within the Monument. The Coalition spent over five years developing the Proposal. Proposal at 19. In determining the proposed boundaries, the Coalition "had many discussions with elders who are familiar with traditional use areas." *Id.* at 20. The

boundaries were demarcated to "include land valued by Tribal members for gathering medicines and herbs, worshipping at sacred areas, holding ceremonies, protecting archeological sites, gathering firewood, hunting, protecting wildlife habitat for deer, elk, and bighorn sheep, and maintaining natural beauty and solitude." *Id.*

In its Proposal, the Coalition explained that Bears Ears was a landscape that needed to be protected in its entirety. In its supplement to the Proposal, the Coalition further explained that "[e]very object in the landscape – from the pattern on a shard of Ancestral Puebloan pottery or the opening in the forest used for the Bear Dance to the morphology of desert bighorn sheep – has been shaped and influenced by the long history of people on this landscape." *Id.* at 6. In sum, the "knowledgeable work of hundreds of Native people and dozens of academics. . . . shows that the Bears Ears landscape is one discrete unit, bound together in numerous ways."[1] *Protecting the Whole Bears Ears Landscape: A Call to Honor the Full Cultural and Ecological Boundaries* at 2 (2016).

Although the Coalition proposed a 1.9 million acre monument, in his the discretion, President chose to establish Bears Ears as 1.35 million acres. As the Proposal and Supplement to the Proposal show, and as the President, during the prior administration, has already determined, the Monument cannot be further reduced in size.

III. REVOKING OR REDUCING THE MONUMENT WOULD BE AN ULTRA VIRES ACTION

In the Antiquities Act, Congress only delegated to the President the power to establish national monuments. The Antiquities Act plainly states that "[t]he President of the United States is authorized, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated on land owned or controlled by the Federal Government *to be national monuments*." *Id.* § 320301(a) (emphasis added). Nothing in the Antiquities Act indicates that Congress delegated its authority to revoke or modify national monuments to the President.

This limitation on the delegation of power to the President was confirmed and further codified in the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA). Congress retained the authority to revoke or modify national monuments, as clearly shown in the text and legislative history of FLPMA. *See* Mark Squillace et al., *Presidents Lack the Authority to Abolish or Diminish National Monuments*, 103 VA. L. REV. ONLINE ___ (May 2017) (*available at* https://ssrn.com/abstract=2967807). In a review of the authority provided under FLPMA, it was determined that Section 204(j) of FLPMA was enacted "to constrain and systematize all Executive Branch withdrawal power, and *reserve to Congress the powers to modify or rescind monument designations*."

The legislative history of FLPMA plainly shows that Congress believed that only Congress has the authority to revoke or modify national monuments. The House Report on the bill, provided by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, states that the bill "would also specifically

[1] The Coalition stated that "[w]ondrous though the natural formations are, the most profound aspect of Bears Ears is the Native presence that has blended into every cliff and corner. This spirit is the beating heart of Bears Ears." *Id.* at 8.

reserve to the Congress the authority to modify and revoke withdrawals for national monuments created under the Antiquities Act." H.R. Rep. 94-1163, at 9 (1976) (emphasis added).

Because the President lacks the authority to modify or revoke national monuments, if President Trump revokes or modifies the Monument, the action would be *ultra vires*.

IV. CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION AND THE TRIBE IS REQUIRED.

Under the Proclamation, the Commission must be engaged in partnership with the BLM and USFS management of Bears Ears. The Proclamation provides that the Commission will "effectively partner with the Federal agencies by making contributions to inform decisions regarding the management of the monument." 82 Fed. Reg. 1,139. Additionally, the Proclamation requires that "[t]he Secretaries shall meaningfully engage the Commission . . . in the development of the management plan and to inform subsequent management of the monument," and that in developing the management plan, "the Secretaries shall carefully and fully consider integrating the traditional and historical knowledge and special expertise of the Commission." *Id.* These requirements for consultation under existing law cannot be ignored. As noted above, the Initial Report to the President should primarily set out a schedule for effective and meaningful engagement of the Commission as a part of this review process.

A schedule is also needed to fulfill tribal consultation requirements. Setting out the review process, Executive Order No. 13792 specifically states that, "the Secretary shall, as appropriate, consult and coordinate with the Governors of States affected by monument designations or other relevant officials of affected State, tribal, and local governments." 82 Fed. Reg. 20,429. Such consultation is also required by the Proclamation designating the Monument, Executive Order No. 13175 and the Interior Consultation Policy. For example, the Proclamation states that the "Secretaries shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law and *in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of Indian sacred sites and traditional cultural properties in the monument*." 82 Fed. Reg. 1,139 (emphasis added).

Most important, consultation is needed to ensure protection of sacred sites and traditional cultural properties. Executive Order No. 13792 requires a determination of whether the Monument's boundaries encompasses "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected," and whether the Monument's lands are appropriately classified as lands of historic and scientific interest. These determinations cannot be made without consulting with the Tribe and other tribes because only tribes have the "expertise and traditional and historical knowledge" to make these determinations. *Id.*

In another example, the Executive Order requires review of certain aspects of the Monument, including "the availability of Federal resources to properly manage" the Monument. 82 Fed. Reg. 20,429. It would be impossible to determine if there are Federal resources available to properly manage the Monument without knowing roughly what it will cost to properly manage the Monument. A consultation schedule is needed to set out how and when this information will be exchanged and discussed.

The Tribe will be significantly affected by any review of the Monument. In particular, modification or revocation of the Monument could remove protections against looting, vandalism, mining, oil and gas development, certain off-road vehicle use, construction and other acts currently prohibited in Bears Ears. To ensure that tribal interests and resources are not adversely affected, meaningful consultation with the Tribe and other tribes according to an appropriate schedule is needed.

The significance of the Monument to the Tribe and other tribes developed over centuries, and it should not be lost in a rush to judgment or an expedited review. It took a decade to establish the Monument. There is no rational basis for concluding review within 45 days. An appropriate schedule is needed to coordinate with the Secretary of Agriculture, plan meetings with the Commission, consult with affected Indian tribes and complete any other outreach required by the Executive Order.

While we appreciate the introductory meetings over the last couple weeks and the opportunity to submit these initial comments, engagement of the Commission and tribal consultation has only just begun. Numerous requirements for consultation and coordination must be fulfilled to comply with Executive Order No. 13792 and other applicable laws.

To schedule meetings with the Commission and further tribal consultation regarding your review of the Monument please call my Washington, DC counsel, Rollie Wilson, at 202-340-8232. Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,

For Luke Duncan, Chairman
Ute Tribal Business Committee

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Cc: 'Byrne, Sean (Schumer)'; Hunt, Jasmine (Durbin); Amador, Adela
Subject: LETTER TO SEC ZINKE 5-25-17

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Thanks for your attention

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 25, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

Over a century ago, the Congress afforded the President unique authority under the Antiquities Act to protect certain public lands that have significant natural, cultural and scientific value. Since that time, sixteen presidents from both parties have used the Act to designate a total of 157 national monuments, protecting iconic American landscapes, such as the Grand Canyon, and historic landmarks, such as the Statue of Liberty and the birthplace of George Washington, for future generations. These treasured landscapes and cultural and historic landmarks are woven into the fabric of our country.

That is why we are deeply troubled by the President's April 26th executive order establishing a process that could lead to the diminishment or outright repeal of national monuments designated by his predecessors. It is unconscionable to think that this Administration would sell out America's outdoor heritage to benefit corporate interests in the oil, gas, and mining industries.

In establishing the Antiquities Act and through its repeated use, the Congress and past Presidents recognized that there are certain places too special to be spoiled by industrial development or commercial use. We recognized then, as we do now, that our society benefits from protecting these special places in perpetuity, to be enjoyed by current and future generations. National monuments are critical to the telling of our nation's story and are enjoyed by Americans of all ages to hike, hunt and fish.

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Inherent in the establishment of the Antiquities Act in 1906 is one important truth: protecting America's outdoor heritage and making use of America's abundant natural resources on our public lands are not mutually exclusive goals. Millions of acres of public lands are and remain open for commercial activity while certain areas warrant protection from those activities. The Antiquities Act focuses on protecting those public lands that cannot nor should not be touched by extractive industries.

Many of the monuments under threat from the President's executive order tell important stories from countless Americans who have helped shape our rich cultural history. Some of those sites are considered sacred by Native Americans, including Bears Ears in Utah and Chimney Rock in Colorado. Other monuments mark the significant contributions African Americans have made to our great nation, including Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers in Ohio, Pullman in Illinois, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad in Maryland. Cesar Chavez in California and Stonewall in New York recognize important landmarks for America's Latino and LGBT communities, respectively.

As public servants, we have a moral obligation to protect America's natural places – our outdoor heritage – and important cultural and historic landmarks for our children and grandchildren to enjoy. For these reasons, we urge you to reject any attempt to diminish or eliminate national monuments in carrying out the President's executive order.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pelosi

NANCY PELOSI
House Democratic Leader

Charles Schumer

CHARLES E. SCHUMER
Senate Democratic Leader

Steny Hoyer

STENY H. HOYER
House Democratic Whip

Richard Durbin

RICHARD J. DURBIN
Senate Democratic Whip

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Manti-LaSalle NF

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One likely reason for it being included is that the actual Bears Ears rock formation is in the Forest (from BLM - I didn't know that). Am still checking to see if anyone at FS has more information.

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Cody Stewart has accepted this invitation.

Bears Ears Call

When	Thu May 25, 2017 3pm – 4pm Eastern Time
Where	Dial-in: (b) (5) [redacted] and code: (b) (5) [redacted] (map)
Video call	https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/downey-magallan
Calendar	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
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Attached and coped below.

DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 5/25/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

NOTE: Partners Outdoors is requesting a proclamation recognizing Great Outdoors Month. This has been done in the past. They meet at Interior on May 31.

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Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary will:

5/25: Address the US Oil & Gas Association Board Meeting

5/25: PM Departs to participate in a CODEL sponsored by Senator Murkowski and the Arctic Council.

Details of the Senate CODEL

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Thursday, May 25, 2017

7:00pm EDT: Wheels up Washington, DC en route Tromso, Norway (TOS)

Friday, May 26, 2017

9:45-10:30am CEST: Wheels down Tromso, Norway

10:30am CEST-11:20am CEST: Wheels up Tromso, Norway (TOS) en route Hammerfest, Norway (HFT)

11:20-11:30pm CEST: Wheels Down Hammerfest, Norway (HFT)

11:30-11:40am CEST: Depart Airport en route Melkøya, Norway

11:40am CEST: Arrive Statoil Facility

11:40-12:30pm CEST: Lunch & Briefing at Statoil Facility

12:30-1:30pm CEST: Tour of Snohvit Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) Facility

1:30-1:45pm CEST: Depart Melkøya en route Hammerfest

1:45-3:15pm CEST: Meeting with Hammerfest Government Officials & Ceremony for Royal and Ancient

Polar Bear Society (Isbjørnklubben)

3:15-3:25pm CEST: Depart City Hall en route Airport

3:30pm CEST-5:40pm CEST: Wheels up Hammerfest, Norway (HFT) en route Trondheim, Norway (TRD)

5:40-5:45pm CEST: Wheels down Trondheim, Norway

6:25-7:00pm CEST: Depart RON en route Erkebispegården (The Archbishop's Palace Garden), Trondheim

7:00-9:00pm CEST: Dinner Hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Saturday, May 27, 2017

7:15-7:30am CEST: Depart Scandic Hell Hotel en route Værnes Garrison

7:30-8:40am CEST: Arrive Værnes Garrison // Breakfast with Marine Rotational Force-Europe (MRF-E)

8:40-8:55am CEST: Depart Værnes Garrison en route Airport

9:00am CEST-9:45am ADT: Wheels up Trondheim, Norway (TRD) en route Thule Air Base,

Greenland

9:45-9:55am ADT: Wheels down Thule Air Base, Greenland // Welcome Briefing

9:55-11:00am ADT: Board Surreys, Windshield Tour of Installation & Control Tower

11:00-11:15am ADT: Return to Terminal // Military Meet & Greet

11:15am ADT-9:55am AKDT: Wheels up Thule Air Base, Greenland (THU) en route Deadhorse, AK (SCC)

9:55-10:00am AKDT: Wheels Down Deadhorse, AK

10:00-10:40am AKDT: Depart Airport en route Pump Station One

10:40-11:15am AKDT: Tour of Pump Station One

11:15-11:35am AKDT: Depart Pump Station One en route Airport

11:35-12:00pm AKDT: Wheels up Deadhorse, AK (SCC) en route Alpine

12:00-3:30pm AKDT: Arrive ConocoPhillips CD5 Drill Site // Lunch // Tour of Drill Site

3:30pm AKDT-6:00pm AKDT: Wheels up Alpine, AK en route Fairbanks, AK

6:00-6:05pm AKDT: Wheels down Fairbanks, AK

6:05-6:20pm AKDT: Media Availability at Airport

6:20-6:35pm AKDT: Depart Airport en route RON

7:00-8:30pm AKDT: Dinner with Senator Murkowski & Delegation. CODEL ends.

Sunday/Monday, May 28-29, 2017

Arrive Byers Lake Memorial Day Events: Greet Rolling Thunder Bikers with Senator Lisa Murkowski;

Memorial Day Ceremony, Denali National Park & Preserve; Training Dog Sled Simulation & Volunteer Dog Walk & Visit Statewide NPS. Dinner with Governor Bill Walker.

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Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Anchorage, AK

Morning Press

Senator Dan Sullivan's Office

Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable with Senator Dan Sullivan

DOI Regional Office of Aviation

Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting

Energy Briefing, BOEM Office

Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting with Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan, and Representative Don Young

Reception with Congressional Delegation

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Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Remarks at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference

Media Availability

Nike Site Summit

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Anchorage, AK (ANC) en route Boise, ID (BOI)

Friday, June 2, 2017

Idaho State Capitol Building

Breakfast with Governor Otter & Forestry Leaders

Depart State Capitol en route Boise State University

Joint Forest Speech

Depart Boise State University en route National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)

Brief Tour of National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC)

National Wildland Fire Activity Briefing

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Discussion

Press Availability

Flight Event with Smoke Jumpers

Wheels up Boise, ID (BOI) en route Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)

Wheels up Salt Lake City, UT (SLC) en route Washington, DC (IAD)

LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce $1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

Media Today

Reclamation and BIA Seek Public Comments on Navajo Generating Station Operations through December 2019 and Potential Retirement Activities Post-2019

PHOENIX – The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are seeking public comments on a proposed action for potential Federal decisions needed to operate Navajo Generating Station (NGS) near Page, Arizona, through December 2019 and to conduct retirement activities post-2019. Operating NGS through December 2019 and conducting retirement activities post-2019 will require land use agreements that will likely require Federal approvals. Because of these potential Federal approvals, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to help assess the effects the proposed action would have on the environment and natural resources. This information will aid in decisions regarding a land use agreement and required rights-of-way, which are the subject of current negotiations between the Navajo Nation (Nation) and the non-Federal participants (Lessees).

Speaking Invitations

Accepted

5/31 Alaska Oil and Gas Association Conference remarks in Anchorage

6/6 Recreation Vehicle Industry Association Joint Committee Lunch (DC)

6/13 National Conference of American Indians (Mohegan Sun, CT)

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Regretted

5/28 Rolling Thunder Demonstration Run (DC)

5/29 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Memorial Day Event (DC)

6/3 Ducks Unlimited National Convention (San Antonio, TX)

6/4 Annual Native American Economic Development Conference (Las Vegas, NV)

6/4 Montana American Legion Boys State Session (Helena, MT)

6/5 Society of American Indian Government Employees Annual Training Program (Scottsdale, AZ)

6/12 Association of American State Geologists Annual Meeting (Branson, MO)

6/13 National Marine Sanctuary Foundations' Ocean Awards Gala (DC)

6/14 Western Farm Bureaus Meeting (Coeur d'Alene, ID)

6/16 Corps Day of Service (DC)

6/20 Conservation Fund's National Summit on Infrastructure and the Environment (DC)

6/21 Independent Petroleum Association of America (Laguna Niguel, CA)

6/21 Energy Exposition (Loveland, CO)

6/21 Congressional Travel & Tourism Summit (DC)

6/23 US Conference of Mayors (Miami, FL)

6/24 Outdoor Writers Association of America Annual Conference (Duluth, MN)

6/24 Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture Anniversary (Huntley, MT)

6/26 Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute Conference and Annual Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)

6/28 Aspen Ideas Festival for Climate (Aspen, CO)

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Outstanding Invitations in Process

None

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Emergency Management

On May 23, severe weather caused damage to the Fort Pulaski National Monument in Georgia, and the National Park Service (NPS) has closed the park until further notice. There were no injuries reported, and all NPS personnel are accounted for. An Incident Management Team is in the process of assessing the damages.

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 152,478 (no change) acres. The fire is 65-percent (+5) contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team with 792 (-41) personnel, including 128 (-7) DOI personnel. There are 320 (no change) residences and 7 (no change) commercial structures threatened. There have been 6 (no change) responder injuries reported, and portions of the refuge remain closed to the public. Rain occurred over much of the fire area on Wednesday. The containment date is November 1.

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Media of Interest

Interior Sued For Documents On Monument Designations.
The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (5/24, Burr) reports that "a government watchdog group is suing the Interior Department for any records relating to five national monuments named under President Barack Obama, arguing the public deserves to see just how much the Obama administration solicited input on the designations despite what Republicans are saying now." The Western Values Project filed suit Wednesday in the federal court for the District of Columbia, "asking a judge to force Interior to turn over a slew of documents the group had requested in January but that Interior has yet to produce." The Montana-based group "says Republicans have been pushing the false narrative that the Obama administration didn't invite public input into the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and four others, and the documents will prove that the Interior department under Obama asked for and received a deluge of comments."

Plans For RFK Memorial Move Forward.
The Washington Business Journal (5/24, Goff) reports that "Events D.C. and the family of Robert F. Kennedy are moving forward on plans for a memorial honoring the late senator, which will stand on the site of the current, but aging, stadium bearing his name." Mayor Muriel Bower, Events D.C. and "members of the Kennedy family met in the District on Wednesday to discuss the memorial and announce a newly formed memorial committee." Bowser was also "scheduled to meet Wednesday afternoon with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke." The mayor sent a letter to President Trump "in March

requesting that RFK and two other NPS-controlled properties be transferred to D.C."

Trump Administration Urged To Rescind Bears Ears Designation.

In an op-ed for the Logan (UT) Herald Journal (5/24, Anderson), Matthew Anderson, a policy analyst for the Coalition for Self-Government in the West, writes that the Obama Administration, when it designated the Bears Ears National Monument, "ignored those most impacted by his decision – turning a deaf ear to San Juan County residents' fears that the monument will restrict access, weaken the economy, and corrode their community." According to Anderson, "these concerns are not unfounded, as locals have seen firsthand how grazing, woodcutting, outdoor recreation and other traditional uses of the land have been constrained – and, in some cases, eliminated – by national monuments." Anderson argues that by rescinding the monument, the Trump Administration "can usher in a new age of land management that will heed local voices, protect antiquities and restore the American dream to San Juan County."

BOEM Releases High Resolution Maps Of Ocean Floor.

Gizmodo (5/24, Mandelbaum) reports that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has "released a new set of super high-resolution bathymetry data of the Northern Gulf of Mexico for anyone with a computer to enjoy." According to the article, "it uses 90,000 square miles worth of 3D seismic data to increase the resolution of the regional maps 10 to 50 fold." The article says that "it's made up of 1.4 billion 40x40 foot pixels, according to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management website, which is incredibly high resolution compared with what we had before."

Environmental Groups Seek To Block BLM Oil And Gas Lease Auction In Central Nevada.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (5/24, Brean) reports that the Bureau of Land Management has "scheduled a June 13 auction for new oil and gas leases across almost 196,000 acres in central Nevada." According to the article, "a coalition of environmental groups will file an administrative protest Thursday in hopes of blocking the online auction and any future fossil fuel development, which they say could contaminate land, air and water in Nevada while contributing to global warming." The article says that "the Center for Biological Diversity, Great Basin Resource Watch, the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, the Sierra Club and the Western Watersheds Project teamed up to submit the protest." Meanwhile, "two other conservation groups, the Wilderness Society and WildEarth Guardians, are planning their own administrative protests of BLM's upcoming auction."

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White House Communications Report

WEEK AHEAD May 24 thru May 31, 2017

Announcements/Releases/Events

U.S. Department of the Interior | Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

NOTE: The Secretary shot a video for Great Outdoors Month. They meet at Interior on May 31 and an EO has been circulated for Presidential review. We also shot a video for Memorial Day weekend honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

June 2: Office of Wildland Fire (OWF)—DOI and USDA at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise: 2017 Direction to Wildland Fire Leadership - Interior and Agriculture will improve the way that both agencies manage wildfires by ensuring that all of our firefighting assets are utilized in the most efficient way possible.

June 2: Wildfire suppression costs Forecast Report May 2017 - The Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (Title V of Division A of P.L. 111-88) requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit an estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for each fiscal year during the first weeks of March, May, and July.

LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce $1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

Media Tomorrow: Tomorrow's POLITICO's Morning Energy will include the announcement of the Secretary's participation in the CODEL.

National Park Service: May 25 (Pending): NPS Local News Release: Nathan Souder Selected as New Superintendent of De Soto National Memorial

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: May 31 & June 1: FWS and partners will participate in the first South-Central Monarch Symposium at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas. Hosted by Texan By Nature, a nonprofit organization founded by former First Lady Laura Bush, the symposium will highlight research and monitoring, land management practices, and private landowner initiatives that benefit the monarch butterfly.

•TBD: FWS plans to send to the FR a final determination on the bureau's March 11, 2016, proposal to identify the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) grizzly bear population of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming as a distinct population segment (DPS) and revise the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife by removing grizzly bears within the GYE DPS due to recovery.

Bureau of Land Management: Week of May 22: BLM-UT Monticello Field Office intends to open a 30-day public comment period to review and provide comment on an EA analyzing commercial climbing opportunities in the Indian Creek Area, which lies within Bears Ears National Monument.

•Week of May 22: BLM-UT Price Field Office intends to issue a final decision on proposed construction of a water pipeline for the Deer Creek Mine in Emery County to convey mine drainage. Total disturbance is estimated to be fewer than seven acres on U.S. Forest Service

lands and five acres on BLM-managed public lands.

U.S. Geological Survey: May 25: Local News Release/Public Announcement: Scientific Surveys Conducted on Leased Lands in Montana by USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center scientists. Near roadsides and on public lands in Phillips and Valley counties.

•May 30: Technical Announcement: Groundwater Ages Indicate Decades May be Required to Fully Assess Effects of Unconventional Oil and Gas Production on 116 Drinking-Water Wells in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas

•May 31: National News Release: USGS Study determines there were 28 species of cyanobacterium present during 2016 Lake Okeechobee Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) event in Florida

•June 1: Technical Release: New USGS Integrated Drought Science Plan Paves Path Forward for Drought Resilience—a coordinated, multi-discipline science approach that brings the full USGS capacity to bear on this national crisis.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: May 23-24: Note to Stakeholders on start of construction for four Dare County, NC, Marine Mineral Program projects -- Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills. (sand from OCS for coastal replenishment)

TBD: Press Release on GoMMAPPS, a partnership program to improve protected species assessments in the Gulf of Mexico.

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

REG0006810 FWS Draft Texas Coastal Bend Shortgrass Prairie Multi-Species Recovery Plan: Slender Rush-Pea and South Texas Ambrosia. One of the Endangered Species Act's primary goals is to recover endangered and threatened animals and plants to the point they are again secure, self-sustaining ecosystem members. The ESA requires recovery plans for listed species. The recovery plan this notice discusses is designed to recover (delist) these two plant species, both of which are listed as endangered. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006997 FWS Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Control Number 1018-0095; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that the FWS will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of an information collection pertaining to Experimental Populations. FWS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice

05/24/2017.

REG0007001 FWS Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Control Number 1018-0022; Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports-Migratory Birds and Eagles. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that the FWS will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of an information collection pertaining to permit applications. FWS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 30 days. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007010 FWS Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for South Sacramento County, California; Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. The notice requests public comments and initiates a 90-day review period. The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan will balance the need for new urban growth with the need to conserve natural landscapes, aquatic resources, and native wildlife and plant species in Sacramento County, California. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007013 FWS Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report, Joint Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan; Yolo County, California. The notice requests public comments and initiates a 90-day review period. The activities include urban and rural development, public services, infrastructure, utilities, agricultural economic development, and various operations and maintenance activities in Yolo County, Ca. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007025 FWS Endangered And Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the Texas Hornshell. FWS received several requests for public hearings on the proposed rule to list the Texas hornshell as an endangered species. FWS is reopening the comment period on the proposed listing rule for 30 days and announcing the dates and locations of these public hearings. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006981 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, KS (N2778). This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) in Topeka, Kansas, has completed an inventory of human remains removed from a site in Shawnee County, Kansas, in 2012 and 2013. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006987 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Lava Beds National Monument, Tulelake, CA N2787. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Lava Beds National Monument has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects. The remains and objects were removed from sites within the Monument in Siskiyou and Modoc Counties in California in 1952. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007034 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park

Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2786. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate 99 cultural items under the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007035 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2781. This Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) announces that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia, has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects. The remains and objects were removed from Bibb County, Georgia, between 1933 and 1934. Notice 05/24/2017.

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Doug Domenech
Senior Advisor
US Department of the Interior

DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 5/25/17
Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

NOTE: Partners Outdoors is requesting a proclamation recognizing Great Outdoors Month. This has been done in the past. They meet at Interior on May 31.

Status of the Secretary
TODAY: The Secretary will:
5/25: Address the US Oil & Gas Association Board Meeting
5/25: PM Departs to participate in a CODEL sponsored by Senator Murkowski and the Arctic Council.

Details of the Senate CODEL

Thursday, May 25, 2017
7:00pm EDT: Wheels up Washington, DC en route Tromso, Norway (TOS)

Friday, May 26, 2017
9:45-10:30am CEST: Wheels down Tromso, Norway
10:30am CEST-11:20am CEST: Wheels up Tromso, Norway (TOS) en route Hammerfest, Norway (HFT)
11:20-11:30pm CEST: Wheels Down Hammerfest, Norway (HFT)
11:30-11:40am CEST: Depart Airport en route Melkøya, Norway
11:40am CEST: Arrive Statoil Facility
11:40-12:30pm CEST: Lunch & Briefing at Statoil Facility
12:30-1:30pm CEST: Tour of Snohvit Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) Facility
1:30-1:45pm CEST: Depart Melkøya en route Hammerfest
1:45-3:15pm CEST: Meeting with Hammerfest Government Officials & Ceremony for Royal and Ancient Polar Bear Society (Isbjørnklubben)
3:15-3:25pm CEST: Depart City Hall en route Airport
3:30pm CEST-5:40pm CEST: Wheels up Hammerfest, Norway (HFT) en route Trondheim, Norway (TRD)
5:40-5:45pm CEST: Wheels down Trondheim, Norway
6:25-7:00pm CEST: Depart RON en route Erkebispegården (The Archbishop's Palace Garden), Trondheim
7:00-9:00pm CEST: Dinner Hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Saturday, May 27, 2017
7:15-7:30am CEST: Depart Scandic Hell Hotel en route Værnes Garrison
7:30-8:40am CEST: Arrive Værnes Garrison // Breakfast with Marine Rotational Force-Europe (MRF-E)
8:40-8:55am CEST: Depart Værnes Garrison en route Airport
9:00am CEST-9:45am ADT: Wheels up Trondheim, Norway (TRD) en route Thule Air Base, Greenland
9:45-9:55am ADT: Wheels down Thule Air Base, Greenland // Welcome Briefing
9:55-11:00am ADT: Board Surreys, Windshield Tour of Installation & Control Tower
11:00-11:15am ADT: Return to Terminal // Military Meet & Greet
11:15am ADT-9:55am AKDT: Wheels up Thule Air Base, Greenland (THU) en route Deadhorse, AK (SCC)
9:55-10:00am AKDT: Wheels Down Deadhorse, AK
10:00-10:40am AKDT: Depart Airport en route Pump Station One
10:40-11:15am AKDT: Tour of Pump Station One
11:15-11:35am AKDT: Depart Pump Station One en route Airport
11:35-12:00pm AKDT: Wheels up Deadhorse, AK (SCC) en route Alpine
12:00-3:30pm AKDT: Arrive ConocoPhillips CD5 Drill Site // Lunch // Tour of Drill Site

3:30pm AKDT-6:00pm AKDT: Wheels up Alpine, AK en route Fairbanks, AK
6:00-6:05pm AKDT: Wheels down Fairbanks, AK
6:05-6:20pm AKDT: Media Availability at Airport
6:20-6:35pm AKDT: Depart Airport en route RON
7:00-8:30pm AKDT: Dinner with Senator Murkowski & Delegation. CODEL ends.

Sunday/Monday, May 28-29, 2017
Arrive Byers Lake Memorial Day Events: Greet Rolling Thunder Bikers with Senator Lisa Murkowski; Memorial Day Ceremony, Denali National Park & Preserve; Training Dog Sled Simulation & Volunteer Dog Walk & Visit Statewide NPS. Dinner with Governor Bill Walker.

Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Anchorage, AK
Morning Press
Senator Dan Sullivan's Office
Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable with Senator Dan Sullivan
DOI Regional Office of Aviation
Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting
Energy Briefing, BOEM Office
Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting with Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan, and Representative Don Young
Reception with Congressional Delegation

Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Remarks at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference
Media Availability
Nike Site Summit

Thursday, June 1, 2017
Anchorage, AK (ANC) en route Boise, ID (BOI)

Friday, June 2, 2017
Idaho State Capitol Building
Breakfast with Governor Otter & Forestry Leaders
Depart State Capitol en route Boise State University
Joint Forest Speech
Depart Boise State University en route National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)
Brief Tour of National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC)
National Wildland Fire Activity Briefing
National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Discussion
Press Availability
Flight Event with Smoke Jumpers
Wheels up Boise, ID (BOI) en route Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)
Wheels up Salt Lake City, UT (SLC) en route Washington, DC (IAD)

LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce $1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

Media Today

Reclamation and BIA Seek Public Comments on Navajo Generating Station Operations through December 2019 and Potential Retirement Activities Post-2019
PHOENIX – The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are seeking public comments on a proposed action for potential Federal decisions needed to operate Navajo Generating Station (NGS) near Page, Arizona, through December 2019 and to conduct retirement activities post-2019. Operating NGS through December 2019 and conducting retirement activities post-2019 will require land use agreements that will likely require Federal approvals. Because of these potential Federal approvals, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to help assess the effects the proposed action would have on the environment and natural resources. This information will aid in decisions regarding a land use agreement and required rights-of-way, which are the subject of current negotiations between the Navajo Nation (Nation) and the non-Federal participants (Lessees).

Speaking Invitations
Accepted
5/31 Alaska Oil and Gas Association Conference remarks in Anchorage
6/6 Recreation Vehicle Industry Association Joint Committee Lunch (DC)
6/13 National Conference of American Indians (Mohegan Sun, CT)

Regretted
5/28 Rolling Thunder Demonstration Run (DC)
5/29 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Memorial Day Event (DC)
6/3 Ducks Unlimited National Convention (San Antonio, TX)
6/4 Annual Native American Economic Development Conference (Las Vegas, NV)
6/4 Montana American Legion Boys State Session (Helena, MT)
6/5 Society of American Indian Government Employees Annual Training Program (Scottsdale, AZ)
6/12 Association of American State Geologists Annual Meeting (Branson, MO)
6/13 National Marine Sanctuary Foundations' Ocean Awards Gala (DC)
6/14 Western Farm Bureaus Meeting (Coeur d'Alene, ID)
6/16 Corps Day of Service (DC)
6/20 Conservation Fund's National Summit on Infrastructure and the Environment (DC)
6/21 Independent Petroleum Association of America (Laguna Niguel, CA)
6/21 Energy Exposition (Loveland, CO)
6/21 Congressional Travel & Tourism Summit (DC)
6/23 US Conference of Mayors (Miami, FL)
6/24 Outdoor Writers Association of America Annual Conference (Duluth, MN)
6/24 Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture Anniversary (Huntley, MT)
6/26 Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute Conference and Annual Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)
6/28 Aspen Ideas Festival for Climate (Aspen, CO)

Outstanding Invitations in Process
None

Emergency Management

On May 23, severe weather caused damage to the Fort Pulaski National Monument in Georgia, and the National Park Service (NPS) has closed the park until further notice. There were no injuries reported, and all NPS personnel are accounted for. An Incident Management Team is in the process of assessing the damages.

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 152,478 (no change) acres. The fire is 65-percent (+5) contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team with 792 (-41) personnel, including 128 (-7) DOI personnel. There are 320 (no change) residences and 7 (no change) commercial structures threatened. There have been 6 (no change) responder injuries reported, and portions of the refuge remain closed to the public. Rain occurred over much of the fire area on Wednesday. The containment date is November 1.

Media of Interest

Interior Sued For Documents On Monument Designations.

The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (5/24, Burr) reports that "a government watchdog group is suing the Interior Department for any records relating to five national monuments named under President Barack Obama, arguing the public deserves to see just how much the Obama administration solicited input on the designations despite what Republicans are saying now." The Western Values Project filed suit Wednesday in the federal court for the District of Columbia, "asking a judge to force Interior to turn over a slew of documents the group had requested in January but that Interior has yet to produce." The Montana-based group "says Republicans have been pushing the false narrative that the Obama administration didn't invite public input into the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and four others, and the documents will prove that the Interior department under Obama asked for and received a deluge of comments."

Plans For RFK Memorial Move Forward.

The Washington Business Journal (5/24, Goff) reports that "Events D.C. and the family of Robert F. Kennedy are moving forward on plans for a memorial honoring the late senator, which will stand on the site of the current, but aging, stadium bearing his name." Mayor Muriel Bower, Events D.C. and "members of the Kennedy family met in the District on Wednesday to discuss the memorial and announce a newly formed memorial committee." Bowser was also "scheduled to meet Wednesday afternoon with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke." The mayor sent a letter to President Trump "in March requesting that RFK and two other NPS-controlled properties be transferred to D.C."

Trump Administration Urged To Rescind Bears Ears Designation.

In an op-ed for the Logan (UT) Herald Journal (5/24, Anderson), Matthew Anderson, a policy analyst for the Coalition for Self-Government in the West, writes that the Obama Administration, when it designated the Bears Ears National Monument, "ignored those most impacted by his decision – turning a deaf ear to San Juan County residents' fears that the monument will restrict access, weaken the economy, and corrode their community." According to Anderson, "these concerns are not unfounded, as locals have seen firsthand how grazing, woodcutting, outdoor recreation and other traditional uses of the land have been constrained – and, in some cases, eliminated – by national monuments." Anderson argues that by rescinding the monument, the Trump Administration "can usher in a new age of land management that will heed local voices, protect antiquities and restore the American dream to San Juan County."

BOEM Releases High Resolution Maps Of Ocean Floor.

Gizmodo (5/24, Mandelbaum) reports that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has "released a new set of super high-resolution bathymetry data of the Northern Gulf of Mexico for anyone with a computer to enjoy." According to the article, "it uses 90,000 square miles worth of 3D seismic data to increase the resolution of the regional maps 10 to 50 fold." The article says that "it's made up of 1.4 billion 40x40 foot pixels, according to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management website, which is incredibly high resolution compared with what we had before."

Environmental Groups Seek To Block BLM Oil And Gas Lease Auction In Central Nevada.
The Las Vegas Review-Journal (5/24, Brean) reports that the Bureau of Land Management has "scheduled a June 13 auction for new oil and gas leases across almost 196,000 acres in central Nevada." According to the article, "a coalition of environmental groups will file an administrative protest Thursday in hopes of blocking the online auction and any future fossil fuel development, which they say could contaminate land, air and water in Nevada while contributing to global warming." The article says that "the Center for Biological Diversity, Great Basin Resource Watch, the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, the Sierra Club and the Western Watersheds Project teamed up to submit the protest." Meanwhile, "two other conservation groups, the Wilderness Society and WildEarth Guardians, are planning their own administrative protests of BLM's upcoming auction."

White House Communications Report
WEEK AHEAD May 24 thru May 31, 2017
Announcements/Releases/Events

U.S. Department of the Interior | Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

NOTE: The Secretary shot a video for Great Outdoors Month. They meet at Interior on May 31 and an EO has been circulated for Presidential review. We also shot a video for Memorial Day weekend honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

June 2: Office of Wildland Fire (OWF)—DOI and USDA at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise: 2017 Direction to Wildland Fire Leadership - Interior and Agriculture will improve the way that both agencies manage wildfires by ensuring that all of our firefighting assets are utilized in the most efficient way possible.

June 2: Wildfire suppression costs Forecast Report May 2017 - The Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (Title V of Division A of P.L. 111-88) requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit an estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for each fiscal year during the first weeks of March, May, and July.

LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce $1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

Media Tomorrow: Tomorrow's POLITICO's Morning Energy will include the announcement of the Secretary's participation in the CODEL.

National Park Service: May 25 (Pending): NPS Local News Release: Nathan Souder Selected as New Superintendent of De Soto National Memorial

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: May 31 & June 1: FWS and partners will participate in the first South-Central Monarch Symposium at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas. Hosted by Texan By Nature, a nonprofit organization founded by former First Lady Laura Bush, the symposium will highlight research and monitoring, land management practices, and private landowner initiatives that benefit the monarch butterfly.

•TBD: FWS plans to send to the FR a final determination on the bureau's March 11, 2016, proposal to identify the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) grizzly bear population of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming as a distinct population segment (DPS) and revise the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife by removing grizzly bears within the GYE DPS due to recovery.

Bureau of Land Management: Week of May 22: BLM-UT Monticello Field Office intends to open a 30-day public comment period to review and provide comment on an EA analyzing commercial climbing opportunities in the Indian Creek Area, which lies within Bears Ears National Monument.

•Week of May 22: BLM-UT Price Field Office intends to issue a final decision on proposed construction of a water pipeline for the Deer Creek Mine in Emery County to convey mine drainage. Total disturbance is estimated to be fewer than seven acres on U.S. Forest Service lands and five acres on BLM-managed public lands.

U.S. Geological Survey: May 25: Local News Release/Public Announcement: Scientific Surveys Conducted on Leased Lands in Montana by USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center scientists. Near roadsides and on public lands in Phillips and Valley counties.

•May 30: Technical Announcement: Groundwater Ages Indicate Decades May be Required to Fully Assess Effects of Unconventional Oil and Gas Production on 116 Drinking-Water Wells in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas

•May 31: National News Release: USGS Study determines there were 28 species of cyanobacterium present during 2016 Lake Okeechobee Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) event in Florida

•June 1: Technical Release: New USGS Integrated Drought Science Plan Paves Path Forward for Drought Resilience—a coordinated, multi-discipline science approach that brings the full USGS capacity to bear on this national crisis.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: May 23-24: Note to Stakeholders on start of construction for four Dare County, NC, Marine Mineral Program projects -- Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills. (sand from OCS for coastal replenishment)

TBD: Press Release on GoMMAPPS, a partnership program to improve protected species assessments in the Gulf of Mexico.

<u>Federal Register Listings</u>
Items cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

REG0006810 FWS Draft Texas Coastal Bend Shortgrass Prairie Multi-Species Recovery Plan: Slender Rush-Pea and South Texas Ambrosia. One of the Endangered Species Act's primary goals is to recover endangered and threatened animals and plants to the point they are again secure, self-sustaining

ecosystem members. The ESA requires recovery plans for listed species. The recovery plan this notice discusses is designed to recover (delist) these two plant species, both of which are listed as endangered. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006997 FWS Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Control Number 1018-0095; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that the FWS will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of an information collection pertaining to Experimental Populations. FWS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007001 FWS Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Control Number 1018-0022; Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports-Migratory Birds and Eagles. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that the FWS will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of an information collection pertaining to permit applications. FWS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 30 days. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007010 FWS Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for South Sacramento County, California; Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. The notice requests public comments and initiates a 90-day review period. The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan will balance the need for new urban growth with the need to conserve natural landscapes, aquatic resources, and native wildlife and plant species in Sacramento County, California. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007013 FWS Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report, Joint Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan; Yolo County, California. The notice requests public comments and initiates a 90-day review period. The activities include urban and rural development, public services, infrastructure, utilities, agricultural economic development, and various operations and maintenance activities in Yolo County, Ca. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007025 FWS Endangered And Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the Texas Hornshell. FWS received several requests for public hearings on the proposed rule to list the Texas hornshell as an endangered species. FWS is reopening the comment period on the proposed listing rule for 30 days and announcing the dates and locations of these public hearings. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006981 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, KS (N2778). This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) in Topeka, Kansas, has completed an inventory of human remains removed from a site in Shawnee County, Kansas, in 2012 and 2013. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0006987 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Lava Beds National Monument, Tulelake, CA N2787. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Lava Beds National Monument has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects. The remains and objects were removed from sites within the Monument in Siskiyou and Modoc Counties in California in 1952. Notice 05/24/2017.

REG0007034 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, GA N2786. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate 99 cultural items under the

control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Georgia. Notice 05/24/2017.

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Conversation Contents

your requests

"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 25 2017 11:34:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	your requests

1) Struck out on map of tribal practice/sacred sites. see below. BLM thought that information would be in the Tribal proposal for the Monument, but I've gone through that and it isn't, except for general statements such as over 100,000 cultural sites; no maps showing those in specific or even in general.

Map issue reply:

I checked with the Utah state office and tribal cultural properties information would be included in the tribal proposal [were not] and not typically something the BLM would provide on behalf of the tribes. The BLM did initiate a cultural landscape assessment that would include geospatial data that identifies areas that may be of cultural importance to each tribe, but the report/product will not be available for at least a year.

2) Allison Ginn is the person BLM selected to work directly with you on Bears Ears and map questions. She is National Conservation Lands Program Lead, BLM Utah State Office 801-539-4053. Not sure she is exactly what you wanted, but since Kathy talked to you after I did she may have suggested a slightly different approach.

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Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Thu May 25, 2017 3pm - 4pm (EDT) (clay.white@mail.house.gov)

Attachments:

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"White, Clay" <Clay.White@mail.house.gov>

From:	"White, Clay" <Clay.White@mail.house.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 25 2017 10:28:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Thu May 25, 2017 3pm - 4pm (EDT) (clay.white@mail.house.gov)
Attachments:	invite.ics

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Bears Ears Conference Call

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

From:	"Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed May 24 2017 08:35:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>, Wade.Garrett@mail.house.gov, Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov, "Stewart, Adam" <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov>, Clay.White@mail.house.gov, "Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>, Wilcox Ryan <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>, Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, Stefanie.Dearie@mail.house.gov, Cam.Madsen@mail.house.gov
BCC:	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Bears Ears Conference Call

Good Morning,

Downey Magallanes would like to have a conference call this week concerning Bears Ears. She is hoping you may be available on the following dates and times:

Thursday, May 25, 2017
- between 2:30-4PM
- 4:30PM

Friday, May 26, 2017

- between 1-2PM
- between 3-4PM
- after 4:30PM

Please let me know which date and time is best and I will send everyone out an invite with dial-in information.

Sincerely,

Gisella

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From: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed May 24 2017 08:49:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Bears Ears Conference Call

I just booked a Friday lunch until 2

Sent from my iPhone

On May 24, 2017, at 10:35 AM, Ojeda-dodds, Gisella <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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BCC: downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Bears Ears Conference Call

Good Afternoon,

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Thanks so much!

Gisella

On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 12:11 PM, Wilcox, Ryan (Lee) <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov> wrote:

> Either time works.
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> Ryan D. Wilcox
> ENR Policy Advisor
> U.S. Senator Mike Lee
> Office: 801-392-9623 | Cell: 801-200-5595
> Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov
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From:	"Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 25 2017 10:26:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>, "Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Bears Ears Conference Call

I have a conflict at 3:00. Ed will take the lead for Hatch. I will join when I can.

From: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 12:09 PM
To: "Wilcox, Ryan (Lee)" <Ryan_Wilcox@lee.senate.gov>, Wade Garrett <Wade.Garrett@mail.house.gov>, "adam.stewart@mail.house.gov" <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov>, John Tanner <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>, Ed Cox <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>, "Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>, Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, "Clay.White@mail.house.gov" <Clay.White@mail.house.gov>, "Stefanie.Dearie@mail.house.gov" <Stefanie.Dearie@mail.house.gov>, "cam.madsen@mail.house.gov" <Cam.Madsen@mail.house.gov>
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Attachments:

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"Stewart, Adam" <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov>

From:	"Stewart, Adam" <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 25 2017 10:25:28 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Thu May 25, 2017 3pm - 4pm (EDT) (adam.stewart@mail.house.gov)
Attachments:	invite.ics

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Attachments:

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

From:	"Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 25 2017 10:24:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Thu May 25, 2017 3pm - 4pm (EDT) (ed_cox@hatch.senate.gov)
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"Madsen, Cam" <Cam.Madsen@mail.house.gov>

From:	"Madsen, Cam" <Cam.Madsen@mail.house.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 25 2017 10:20:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"'downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov'" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Accepted: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Thu May 25, 2017 3pm - 4pm (EDT) (cam.madsen@mail.house.gov)
Attachments:	invite.ics

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Automatic reply: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Thu May 25, 2017 3pm - 4pm (EDT) (chris_prandoni@lee.senate.gov)

"Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>

From:	"Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 25 2017 10:08:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Automatic reply: Invitation: Bears Ears Call @ Thu May 25, 2017 3pm - 4pm (EDT) (chris_prandoni@lee.senate.gov)

I will be out of the office until Wednesday, May 31. If you need assistance before then, please call 202-224-5444 or email Carolyn_Hansen@Lee.Senate.Gov.

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Utah staff contacts for Bears Ears conference call

Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>

From: Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
Sent: Fri May 19 2017 14:05:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Utah staff contacts for Bears Ears conference call

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Ed Cox (Hatch) Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov

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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon May 22 2017 17:03:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
Subject: Re: Utah staff contacts for Bears Ears conference call

what about love's office?

On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 4:05 PM, Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov> wrote:

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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Mon May 22 2017 17:04:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Utah staff contacts for Bears Ears conference call

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Thank you

Downey

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Date: Fri, May 19, 2017 at 4:05 PM
Subject: Utah staff contacts for Bears Ears conference call
To: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

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Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>

From:	Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
Sent:	Mon May 22 2017 17:22:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Utah staff contacts for Bears Ears conference call

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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Mon May 22 2017 17:38:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
Subject:	Re: Utah staff contacts for Bears Ears conference call

I am going to add them. It feels weird not to. Hopefully no one will care

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Sent:	Mon May 22 2017 17:38:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Utah staff contacts for Bears Ears conference call

And add

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Sent:	Wed May 24 2017 08:37:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Utah staff contacts for Bears Ears conference call

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Re: Quick question

Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed May 24 2017 07:22:31 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Bell, Allyson (Lee)" <Allyson_Bell@lee.senate.gov>
CC:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Quick question

Downey is CC'd. I'll let her figure out how she'd like it. Thank you for your reminder

Sent from my iPhone

On May 24, 2017, at 8:51 AM, Bell, Allyson (Lee) <Allyson_Bell@lee.senate.gov> wrote:

> Hi Micah,
>
> I mentioned when we last talked that we have video of San Juan County residents supporting the rescission of Bears Ears. Well over a hundred. We are just trying to figure out how to submit it. Is there a contact person you can give me that I can share with our media team. Thanks.
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> Allyson Bell
> Chief of Staff
> U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah)
> (202) 224-5444
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"Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Tue May 23 2017 14:05:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: FW: Official Deadline for Bears Ears Comments?
Attachments:	image001.jpg

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Dan Hartinger** <dan_hartinger@tws.org>
Date: Tue, May 23, 2017 at 4:03 PM
Subject: FW: Official Deadline for Bears Ears Comments?
To: "timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Tim,

I reached out to Randal regarding this note below on the official deadline for comments regarding Bears Ears and clarifying if the deadline is 11:59 pm on May 26th. I only got an automated response after my email.

Would you be able to confirm for me that the deadline is indeed 11:59 pm ET on May 26th?

Based on the context in the regulations.gov posting that indicates a deadline for all comments of 11:59 pm on July 10 it would stand to reason it was, but I wanted to confirm officially if at all possible.

Thanks for your help and attention to this!

Best,

Dan Hartinger

From: Dan Hartinger
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:00 PM
To: 'RR_Bowman@ios.doi.gov' <RR_Bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Official Deadline for Bears Ears Comments?

Hi Mr. Bowman,

I was hoping you could confirm the final deadline for submittal of comments regarding Bears Ears National Monument via regulations.gov.

The 15-day period would seem to end at 11:59 pm on May 26th but the federal register notice and regulations.gov simply say before May 26th.

However, the docket on regulations.gov also indicates that comments are due for all other monuments before July 10 and then lists a deadline of 11:59 pm on July 10.

Could you confirm that the deadline for Bears Ears is May 26 at 11:59 pm? If not, is the deadline 11:59 pm on May 25th?

Thanks for your clarification.

Best,

Dan

Dan Hartinger
Deputy Director, Parks & Public Lands Defense Campaign

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From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Tue May 23 2017 16:20:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov
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Thoughts?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

NOTE: Partners Outdoors is requesting a proclamation recognizing Great Outdoors Month. This has been done in the past.

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary will:

5/23: Budget rollout media, Governors, and stakeholder calls.

5/23: Call with Senator Tillis.

5/23: Meeting with Scott Angelle

THIS WEEK

5/24: Meeting with CLUB 20

5/24: Newfield Exploration Company

5/24: Call with Governor Scott of Florida.

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5/24: Meeting with Chairman Lamar Smith.

5/24: Meeting with DC Mayor Bowser.

5/25: US Oil & Gas Association Board Meeting

5/25: International Association of Drilling Contractors Meeting

5/25: Meeting at USGS.

5/25 PM Departs to participate in a CODEL sponsored by Senator Murkowski and the Arctic Council.

5/26 CODEL: Norway

5/27 CODEL: Greenland, Alaska (National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska), Fairbanks

5/28 Denali National Park, Alaska

5/29 Denali, Anchorage

5/30 Anchorage (Internal meetings)

5/31 Anchorage (Alaska Oil & Gas Association Remarks)

6/1 Depart for Boise, ID

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LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce $1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

<u>Media Today</u>

President Proposes $11.7 Billion Budget for Interior in FY2018

Budget saves taxpayers $1.6B and increases funding for National Parks Infrastructure and Responsible Energy Development

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Acting Deputy Secretary Jim Cason to Testify: House Natural Resources Oversight Hearing on the Status and Future of the Cobell Land Consolidation

FURTHER OUT PLANS:

May 24: Cameron and Mikkelsen to Testify on Reclamation Budget: Special Assistant to the Secretary Scott Cameron and Acting Commissioner Alan Mikkelsen will testify before the House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Committee, in a joint hearing with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on the Bureau of Reclamation's fiscal year 2018 budget proposal.

U.S. Geological Survey

May 23: USGS National News Release: *draft* New Iguana Species Discovered

May 23: Joint National News Release: Searching to Study the Remaining Few - USGS Science on World Turtle Day
TBD: Strategic Minerals Release

Speaking Invitations

Accepted

5/25 US Oil & Gas Association Board of Directors Meeting (DC)

5/31 Alaska Oil and Gas Association Conference remarks in Anchorage

6/6 Recreation Vehicle Industry Association Joint Committee Lunch (DC)

6/13 National Conference of American Indians (Mohegan Sun, CT)

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Regretted

5/24 Virginia Chamber of Commerce Energy Conference (Surrogate is V Devito)

5/24 National Wildlife Refuge Association (DC)

5/28 Rolling Thunder Demonstration Run (DC)

5/29 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Memorial Day Event (DC)

6/3 Ducks Unlimited National Convention (San Antonio, TX)

6/4 Annual Native American Economic Development Conference (Las Vegas, NV)

6/4 Montana American Legion Boys State Session (Helena, MT)

6/5 Society of American Indian Government Employees Annual Training Program (Scottsdale, AZ)

6/12 Association of American State Geologists Annual Meeting (Branson, MO)

6/13 National Marine Sanctuary Foundations' Ocean Awards Gala (DC)

6/14 Western Farm Bureaus Meeting (Coeur d'Alene, ID)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

5/23 Southwest Border Forum (Phoenix, AZ)

Emergency Management

On May 22, at approximately 6:30 p.m. EDT, an explosion occurred at the Manchester Arena in Manchester, United Kingdom (UK). The incident occurred at the end of a performance as patrons were departing. Greater Manchester Police have confirmed at least 22 fatalities and 59 injured. There are no reports of U.S. victims. Local police confirmed the attacker detonated an Improvised Explosive Device. At this time, no responsibility has been claimed for the attack.

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Media Today

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Outstanding Invitations in Process
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Bureau of Land Management

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> More asap.
> Thanks and sorry for the delay!
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WEEK AHEAD May 22 thru May 31 2017
Announcements/Releases/events for
BOEM, BSEE, AS-IA, OSM, ONRR, OST, OIA

BSEE-May 22 (Monday): DOI News Release Secretary announcing new BSEE Director (his first day in office is May 23. BSEE planning round of media interviews on 24 and 25 with state and local GOM media. (If we wait until May 23 to announce, gets lost in Budget rollouts) BSEE's Eileen Angelico sending a comms plan with Talking Points for May 24 and May 25 media interviews for new BSEE secretary.

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BOEM/BSEE/OSM/Indian Affairs-May 23 (Tuesday): DOI and Bureaus issue News Releases on President's FY18 Budget

BOEM-May 23-24: (**Tuesday or Wednesday**) Note to Stakeholders on start of construction for four Dare County, NC, Marine Mineral Program projects -- Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills. (sand from OCS for coastal replenishment)

LBBP: May 23: (**Tuesday)** Oversight Hearing on the Status and Future of the Cobell Land Consolidation Program **(**Testimony by Act Dep Sec Jim Cason) http://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=401950

BOEM-May 25 or 26: (Thursday or Friday) Press Release on GoMMAPPS, a partnership program to improve protected species assessments in the Gulf of Mexico.

ONRR-May 25(Thursday): Federal Register Notice to postpone EITI meetings for the rest of the year. (no news release; just FR filing)

BOEM-May (31-June 1 during Secretary's Visit to Alaska): Press Release on Eni US Exploration Plan for Beaufort Sea being deemed submitted. BOEM has received final info from ENI and is evaluating. Could be ready to announce during Secretary's visit to Alaska.

BOEM- May 31-June 1 during Secretary's visit to Alaska) Release announcing a Request for Information (RFI) on the new National OCS Oil and Gas Program. This is first step in developing a new plan to replace the 2017-2022 OCS Oil and gas Program developed by previous administration. RFI seeks public comment and information on what the new plan should consider, or change existing program, issues to consider, etc.

BSEE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

May 23 (Tuesday) *New BSEE Director interviewed by The Record newspaper in New Orleans*

May 24 (Wednesday) New BSEE Director media telephone interviews

BOEM SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

May 22-25: AWEA WINDPOWER 2017 Conference & Exhibition: Anaheim, CA. The Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP) will exhibiting at the conference.

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June 2: Office of Wildland Fire (OWF)—DOI and USDA at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise: 2017 Direction to Wildland Fire Leadership - Interior and Agriculture will improve the way that both agencies manage wildfires by ensuring that all of our firefighting assets are utilized in the most efficient way possible. Other options include the West Mims Fire as requested by FWS or here in DC. Other opportunities will be offered as they come up. The letter is currently in ExecSec in the last stage of the surnaming process before it goes up for initial review to the front office.

June 2: Wildfire suppression costs Forecast Report May 2017 - The Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (Title V of Division A of P.L. 111-88) requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit an estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for each fiscal year during the first weeks of March, May, and July.

June 27: (PILT) Payments in Lieu of Taxes: Release of electronic payments to counties will be on June 27 to coincide with Secretary's announcement at Western Governors' Conference, where he will sign a PILT Notification Letter, as part of the event. Release goes out from DC at same time and is posted along with attachment that lists payments by state. Budget Shop handles media inquiries. Total variesbetween $300 and $400 million distributed to 1900 county and local governments to compensate them for loss of taxation and other revenues from federal lands in their jurisdictions.

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Members, Senators, Delegates

Monument Review List

1. Basin and Range National Monument:
    a. Rep. Ruben Kihuen (D-NV-4)
    b. Sen. Dean Heller (R)
    c. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D)
2. Bears Ears National Monument:
    a. Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT-3),
    b. Sen. Mike Lee (R)
    c. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R)
3. Berryessa Snow Mountains National Monument:
    a. Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-05)
    b. Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3)
    c. Sen. Kamala Harris (D)
    d. Sen. Diane Feinstein (D)
4. Canyons of the Ancients National Monument:
    a. Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO-3)
    b. Sen. Michael Bennet (D)
    c. Sen. Cory Gardner (R)
5. Carrizo Plain National Monument:
    a. Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23)
    b. Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24)
    c. Sen. Kamala Harris (D)
    d. Sen. Diane Feinstein (D)
6. Cascade Siskiyou National Monument:
    a. Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1)
    b. Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR-2)
    c. Sen. Ron Wyden (D)
    d. Sen. Jeff Merkley (D)
    e. Sen. Kamala Harris (D)
    f. Sen. Diane Feinstein (D)
7. Craters of the Moon National Monument:
    a. Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID-2)
    b. Sen. Mike Crapo (R)
    c. Sen. James Risch (R)
8. Giant Sequoia National Monument:
    a. Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23)
    b. Sen. Kamala Harris (D)
    c. Sen. Diane Feinstein (D)
9. Gold Butte National Monument:
    a. Rep. Ruben Kihuen (D-NV-4)
    b. Sen. Dean Heller (R)
    c. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D)

10. Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument:
    a. Rep. Tom O'Halleran (R-AZ-1)
    b. Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4)
    c. Sen. Jeff Flake (R)
    d. Sen. John McCain (R)
11. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument:
    a. Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT-2)
    b. Sen. Mike Lee (R)
    c. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R)
12. Ironwood Forest National Monument:
    a. Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3)
    b. Sen. Jeff Flake (R)
    c. Sen. John McCain (R)
13. Mojave Trails National Monument:
    a. Rep. Paul Cook (R-CA-8)
    b. Sen. Kamala Harris (D)
    c. Sen. Diane Feinstein (D)
14. Organ Mountains – Desert Peaks National Monument:
    a. Rep. Steven Pearce (R-NM-2)
    b. Sen. Martin Heinrich (D)
    c. Sen. Tom Udall (D)
15. Rio Grande del Norte National Monument:
    a. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (R-NM-3)
    b. Sen. Martin Heinrich (D)
    c. Sen. Tom Udall (D)
16. Sand to Snow National Monument:
    a. Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36)
    b. Rep. Paul Cook (R-CA-8)
    c. Sen. Kamala Harris (D)
    d. Sen. Diane Feinstein (D)
17. San Gabriel Mountains National Monument:
    a. Rep. Judy Chu (R-CA-27)
    b. Sen. Kamala Harris (D)
    c. Sen. Diane Feinstein (D)
18. Sonoran Desert National Monument:
    a. Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3)
    b. Sen. Jeff Flake (R)
    c. Sen. John McCain (R)
19. Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument:
    a. Sen. Jon Tester (D)
    b. Sen. Steve Daines (R)
20. Vermillion Cliffs National Monument:
    a. Rep. Tom O'Halleran (R-AZ-1)
    b. Sen. Jeff Flake (R)

    c. Sen. John McCain (R)
21. Hanford Reach National Monument:
    a. Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4)
    b. Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
    c. Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
22. Marianas Trench Marine National Monument:
    a. Del. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-CNMI-AL)
    b. Del. Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam-AL)
23. Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument:
    a. Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)
    b. Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)
    c. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI-2)
    d. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI-1)
24. Rose Atoll Marine National Monument:
    a. Del. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (R-American Samoa-AL)
25. Katahdin Woods and Waters:
    a. Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-ME-02)
    b. Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)
    c. Sen. Angus King (I-ME)

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Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 5/22/17

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DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 5/22/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary will:

Meet with White Stallion Energy.

Prep for the Budget Rollout.

Stop by a meeting with Blackfeet Tribe.

Meet with Senator Cortez Masto.

Meet with the American Petroleum Institute.

THIS WEEK

5/23: Budget rollout media.

5/23: Call with Senator Tillis.

5/24: Meeting with CLUB 20

5/24: Newfield Exploration Company

5/24: Call with Governor Scott

5/24: Call with Governor Kate Brown

5/24: Meeting with Chairman Lamar Smith

5/24: Meeting with Mayor Bowser

5/25: US Oil & Gas Association Board Meeting

5/25: International Association of Drilling Contractors Meeting

5/25: Meeting at USGS

5/25 PM Departs to participate in a CODEL sponsored by Senator Murkowski and the Arctic Council.

5/26 CODEL: Norway

5/27 CODEL: Greenland, Alaska (National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska), Fairbanks

FURTHER OUT:

5/28 Denali National Park, Alaska

5/29 Denali, Anchorage

5/30 Anchorage (Internal meetings)

5/31 Anchorage (Alaska Oil & Gas Association Remarks)

6/1 Depart for Boise, ID

6/2 Boise, ID (NIFC with Sec. Perdue)

6/3 Depart for DC

LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce $1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

Media

Secretary Zinke released “An Armed Forces Day Message from the Secretary”

https://www.doi.gov/video/armed-forces-day-message-secretary

“Former Louisiana State Official Scott A. Angelle Named as Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement” WASHINGTON, D.C. – Former Louisiana state official Scott A. Angelle will head-up the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. As part of the Department of the Interior, BSEE fosters safe and responsible energy production on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf through regulatory oversight of oil and gas operations. Angelle, who most recently served as Vice Chairman of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, will assume his new position May 23.

FURTHER OUT PLANS:

May 23: DOI and Bureaus issue News Releases on President’s FY18 Budget
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May 24: Cameron and Mikkelsen to Testify on Reclamation Budget: Special Assistant to the Secretary Scott Cameron and Acting Commissioner Alan Mikkelsen will testify before the House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Committee, in a joint hearing with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on the Bureau of Reclamation’s fiscal year 2018 budget proposal.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
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U.S. Geological Survey

May 23: USGS National News Release: *draft* New Iguana Species Discovered

May 23: Joint National News Release: Searching to Study the Remaining Few - USGS Science on World Turtle Day
TBD: Strategic Minerals Release

Speaking Invitations

Accepted

5/25 US Oil & Gas Association Board of Directors Meeting (DC)

5/31 Alaska Oil and Gas Association Conference remarks in Anchorage

6/6 Recreation Vehicle Industry Association Joint Committee Lunch (DC)

6/13 National Conference of American Indians (Mohegan Sun, CT)

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Regretted

5/24 Virginia Chamber of Commerce Energy Conference (Surrogate is V Devito)

5/24 National Wildlife Refuge Association (DC)

5/28 Rolling Thunder Demonstration Run (DC)

5/29 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Memorial Day Event (DC)

6/3 Ducks Unlimited National Convention (San Antonio, TX)

6/4 Annual Native American Economic Development Conference (Las Vegas, NV)

6/4 Montana American Legion Boys State Session (Helena, MT)

6/5 Society of American Indian Government Employees Annual Training Program (Scottsdale, AZ)

6/12 Association of American State Geologists Annual Meeting (Branson, MO)

6/13 National Marine Sanctuary Foundations' Ocean Awards Gala (DC)

6/14 Western Farm Bureaus Meeting (Coeur d'Alene, ID)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

5/23 Southwest Border Forum (Phoenix, AZ)

Emergency Management

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 152,231 (+247) acres. The fire is 60 (+20)-percent contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team with 989 (-75) personnel, including 147 (-22) DOI personnel. There are 320 (no change) residences and 7 (no change) commercial structures threatened. Firefighters contend with low fuel moisture, high winds, and reduced accessibility. The containment date remains November 1.

The Office of Environment Policy and Compliance (OEPC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) continue with their unified command response activities regarding the May 11 jet fuel spill at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach. The spill is affecting Wolfsnare Creek

and the adjacent residential areas. The USFWS, Virginia Ecological Services - Environmental Contaminants Program, is on scene as subject matter experts for the wildlife response operation. Spill impact to trust species remains relatively low.

The US Geological Survey (USGS) has deployed seven crews to respond to river flooding in Kansas, Nevada and California. Crews are measuring high water marks and installing emergency gages to support local flood response activities.

Media of Interest

Interior Denies Secretary Zinke Will Recommend Rescinding Bears Ears Designation.

The Huffington Post (5/19, D'angelo) reports that the Interior Department has "denied that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke told Utah officials he will recommend the 1.35-million acre Bears Ears National Monument be abolished." E&E News reported Friday that San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman "told the publication Zinke disclosed his plans during a meeting with the commission earlier this month." But "shortly after the story published was, Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift said on Twitter that such reports were 'not accurate.'" Swift wrote in a statement, "The Secretary is listening to and talking with advocates on all sides of the issue in Utah. He has not yet reached a decision."

Secretary Zinke Plans To Visit Everglades.

The Palm Beach (FL) Post (5/19, Bennett) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "plans to visit the Everglades after being invited to tour the River of Grass by Florida's two senators and most of the state's U.S. House delegation." Heather Swift, the Interior Department's press secretary, said, "The Secretary believes the best way to learn about a location is with boots on the ground." Swift said, "He's visited Utah, California, Wyoming, Montana, and several other locations and looks forward to seeing the Everglades and other Florida public lands. The Secretary is thankful for the warm invitation from the senators."

Secretary Zinke's Personal Schedule Shows Industry Leaders Have Frequent Access.

The Washington Post (5/19, Eilperin) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "spent much of his first two months in office meeting with energy and other industry groups, according to personal schedules released this week under the Freedom of Information Act." The schedules, "which cover March and April, detail a slew of meetings with oil and gas producers as well as officials representing gun owners, marine industries, automobile dealers and builders." Zinke "also met with representatives of the Navajo Nation and Montana's Little Shell Tribe, as well as numerous lawmakers and officials from a range of states and U.S. territories."

Maine Gov. LePage Bans Signs To Katahdin Woods And Waters.

The Guardian (UK) (5/21, Helmore) reports that a decision by the Maine Gov. Paul LePage to ban signs to Katahdin Woods and Waters "has been described as 'sophomoric and petty' by a member of the family that donated the 87,563-acre tract to the nation." A state transportation spokesman, Ted Talbot, "said in remarks reported by the Bangor Daily News that the refusal to allow official signs for Katahdin to be placed along main roads including Interstate 95 and

Routes 11, 157 and 159 was a cost-saving measure." But Lucas St Clair, "whose family acquired the land using the Burt's Bees fortune, told

Supreme Court's Decision In Spider Case Has Implications For Limits Of Federal Power.

In his column for the Washington Post (5/19, Will), George F. Will writes that a case involving the Bone Cave Harvestman spider species "might be heading to the Supreme Court." The case hinges on the interpretation of the Constitution's commerce clause, and the court's decision will have implications for the limits of federal power. Will hopes that the court will "apply its 2005 ruling that congressional regulation of intrastate, noncommercial activity is proper only when the activity is an 'essential part of a larger regulation of economic activity, in which the regulatory scheme could be undercut unless the intrastate activity were regulated.'"

Editorial: Wild Horse Population Needs To Be Controlled.

In an editorial, the Bend (OR) Bulletin (5/21) draws attention to the problem of wild horse overpopulation. It says that "too many Americans see the mythical horse when the discussion begins and recoil at solutions that reduce wild horse herds." However, the paper argues that "it's doing wild horses no favor to allow their population to overwhelm the landscape."

BOEM Schedules Cook Inlet Lease Sale For June.

UPI (5/19, Graeber) reports that "after a careful environmental review, the U.S. government said it was putting a section of the Alaskan coast up for auction for oil and gas explorers." Walter Cruickshank, the acting director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, said in a statement, "We conducted a robust environmental analysis and look forward to holding Alaska's first Outer Continental Shelf lease sale since 2008." According to the article, "the lease covers about 1 million acres off the south-central Alaskan coast in the Cook Inlet." Cruickshank added, "The areas offered for leasing represent a careful balance between jobs, energy development, and natural resource protection." The auction opens June 21.

Offshore Wind Farms Planned South Of Martha's Vineyard.

The Falmouth (MA) Enterprise (5/19, Feldott) reports that in the next few years, "three wind energy developers plan to install" Massachusetts's "first offshore wind farms about 14 miles south of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket." The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center hosted a meeting on Tuesday, May 16 "to update the public on the state of offshore wind energy development off the coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island." According to the article, "about 70 people attended the meeting, which featured presentations from representatives of the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and offshore wind developers."

<u>White House Communications Report</u>

No WH Comms on was submitted on 05/19/2017

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Federal Register Listings

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DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 5/22/17
Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Status of the Secretary
TODAY: The Secretary will:
Meet with White Stallion Energy.
Prep for the Budget Rollout.
Stop by a meeting with Blackfeet Tribe.
Meet with Senator Cortez Masto.
Meet with the American Petroleum Institute.

THIS WEEK
5/23: Budget rollout media.
5/23: Call with Senator Tillis.
5/24: Meeting with CLUB 20
5/24: Newfield Exploration Company
5/24: Call with Governor Scott
5/24: Call with Governor Kate Brown
5/24: Meeting with Chairman Lamar Smith
5/24: Meeting with Mayor Bowser
5/25: US Oil & Gas Association Board Meeting
5/25: International Association of Drilling Contractors Meeting
5/25: Meeting at USGS
5/25 PM Departs to participate in a CODEL sponsored by Senator Murkowski and the Arctic Council.
5/26 CODEL: Norway
5/27 CODEL: Greenland, Alaska (National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska), Fairbanks

FURTHER OUT:
5/28 Denali National Park, Alaska
5/29 Denali, Anchorage
5/30 Anchorage (Internal meetings)
5/31 Anchorage (Alaska Oil & Gas Association Remarks)
6/1 Depart for Boise, ID
6/2 Boise, ID (NIFC with Sec. Perdue)
6/3 Depart for DC

LONG RANGE: Interior Secretary Zinke to participate in an event on June 13 at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire to announce $1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country.

Media
Secretary Zinke released "An Armed Forces Day Message from the Secretary"
https://www.doi.gov/video/armed-forces-day-message-secretary

"Former Louisiana State Official Scott A. Angelle Named as Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement" WASHINGTON, D.C. – Former Louisiana state official Scott A. Angelle will head-up the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. As part of the Department of the Interior, BSEE fosters safe and responsible energy production on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf

through regulatory oversight of oil and gas operations. Angelle, who most recently served as Vice Chairman of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, will assume his new position May 23.

FURTHER OUT PLANS:
May 23: DOI and Bureaus issue News Releases on President's FY18 Budget
May 23: Acting Deputy Secretary Jim Cason to Testify: House Natural Resources Oversight Hearing on the Status and Future of the Cobell Land Consolidation
May 24: Cameron and Mikkelsen to Testify on Reclamation Budget: Special Assistant to the Secretary Scott Cameron and Acting Commissioner Alan Mikkelsen will testify before the House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Committee, in a joint hearing with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on the Bureau of Reclamation's fiscal year 2018 budget proposal.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
May 23: Bloomberg Government Event: Jim Bennett to speak during Bloomberg government event, "Invest in Innovation: Building the Economy of the Future." Event is from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Bloomberg global headquarters in New York. The program will be staged before a live audience of 100 senior investors, including asset managers, institutional investors and private equity investors, executives from energy companies, and top government officials focused on clean energy and sustainable investing. It will be open to the media and will be on the record.

Bureau of Indian Affairs
May 22: The Land Buy Back Program would like to issue its next release, announcing that $$ millions in buyback offers have been mailed to enrolled members of the Winnebago (Wisconsin) and Omaha (Nebraska) Tribes. (This is the latest in a series of releases when buy-back offers are made to tribal members) Note May 23: House Oversight Hearing on LBBP.

U.S. Geological Survey
May 23: USGS National News Release: *draft* New Iguana Species Discovered
May 23: Joint National News Release: Searching to Study the Remaining Few - USGS Science on World Turtle Day
TBD: Strategic Minerals Release

Speaking Invitations
Accepted
5/25 US Oil & Gas Association Board of Directors Meeting (DC)
5/31 Alaska Oil and Gas Association Conference remarks in Anchorage
6/6 Recreation Vehicle Industry Association Joint Committee Lunch (DC)
6/13 National Conference of American Indians (Mohegan Sun, CT)

Regretted
5/24 Virginia Chamber of Commerce Energy Conference (Surrogate is V Devito)
5/24 National Wildlife Refuge Association (DC)
5/28 Rolling Thunder Demonstration Run (DC)
5/29 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Memorial Day Event (DC)
6/3 Ducks Unlimited National Convention (San Antonio, TX)
6/4 Annual Native American Economic Development Conference (Las Vegas, NV)
6/4 Montana American Legion Boys State Session (Helena, MT)
6/5 Society of American Indian Government Employees Annual Training Program (Scottsdale, AZ)

6/12 Association of American State Geologists Annual Meeting (Branson, MO)
6/13 National Marine Sanctuary Foundations' Ocean Awards Gala (DC)
6/14 Western Farm Bureaus Meeting (Coeur d'Alene, ID)

Outstanding Invitations in Process
5/23 Southwest Border Forum (Phoenix, AZ)

Emergency Management
In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 152,231 (+247) acres. The fire is 60 (+20)-percent contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team with 989 (-75) personnel, including 147 (-22) DOI personnel. There are 320 (no change) residences and 7 (no change) commercial structures threatened. Firefighters contend with low fuel moisture, high winds, and reduced accessibility. The containment date remains November 1.

The Office of Environment Policy and Compliance (OEPC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) continue with their unified command response activities regarding the May 11 jet fuel spill at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach. The spill is affecting Wolfsnare Creek and the adjacent residential areas. The USFWS, Virginia Ecological Services - Environmental Contaminants Program, is on scene as subject matter experts for the wildlife response operation. Spill impact to trust species remains relatively low.

The US Geological Survey (USGS) has deployed seven crews to respond to river flooding in Kansas, Nevada and California. Crews are measuring high water marks and installing emergency gages to support local flood response activities.

Media of Interest
Interior Denies Secretary Zinke Will Recommend Rescinding Bears Ears Designation.
The Huffington Post (5/19, D'angelo) reports that the Interior Department has "denied that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke told Utah officials he will recommend the 1.35-million acre Bears Ears National Monument be abolished." E&E News reported Friday that San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman "told the publication Zinke disclosed his plans during a meeting with the commission earlier this month." But "shortly after the story published was, Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift said on Twitter that such reports were 'not accurate.'" Swift wrote in a statement, "The Secretary is listening to and talking with advocates on all sides of the issue in Utah. He has not yet reached a decision."

Secretary Zinke Plans To Visit Everglades.
The Palm Beach (FL) Post (5/19, Bennett) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "plans to visit the Everglades after being invited to tour the River of Grass by Florida's two senators and most of the state's U.S. House delegation." Heather Swift, the Interior Department's press secretary, said, "The Secretary believes the best way to learn about a location is with boots on the ground." Swift said, "He's visited Utah, California, Wyoming, Montana, and several other locations and looks forward to seeing the Everglades and other Florida public lands. The Secretary is thankful for the warm invitation from the senators."

Secretary Zinke's Personal Schedule Shows Industry Leaders Have Frequent Access.
The Washington Post (5/19, Eilperin) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "spent much of his first two months in office meeting with energy and other industry groups, according to personal schedules released this week under the Freedom of Information Act." The schedules, "which cover March and

April, detail a slew of meetings with oil and gas producers as well as officials representing gun owners, marine industries, automobile dealers and builders." Zinke "also met with representatives of the Navajo Nation and Montana's Little Shell Tribe, as well as numerous lawmakers and officials from a range of states and U.S. territories."

Maine Gov. LePage Bans Signs To Katahdin Woods And Waters.
The Guardian (UK) (5/21, Helmore) reports that a decision by the Maine Gov. Paul LePage to ban signs to Katahdin Woods and Waters "has been described as 'sophomoric and petty' by a member of the family that donated the 87,563-acre tract to the nation." A state transportation spokesman, Ted Talbot, "said in remarks reported by the Bangor Daily News that the refusal to allow official signs for Katahdin to be placed along main roads including Interstate 95 and Routes 11, 157 and 159 was a cost-saving measure." But Lucas St Clair, "whose family acquired the land using the Burt's Bees fortune, told

Supreme Court's Decision In Spider Case Has Implications For Limits Of Federal Power.
In his column for the Washington Post (5/19, Will), George F. Will writes that a case involving the Bone Cave Harvestman spider species "might be heading to the Supreme Court." The case hinges on the interpretation of the Constitution's commerce clause, and the court's decision will have implications for the limits of federal power. Will hopes that the court will "apply its 2005 ruling that congressional regulation of intrastate, noncommercial activity is proper only when the activity is an 'essential part of a larger regulation of economic activity, in which the regulatory scheme could be undercut unless the intrastate activity were regulated.'"

Editorial: Wild Horse Population Needs To Be Controlled.
In an editorial, the Bend (OR) Bulletin (5/21) draws attention to the problem of wild horse overpopulation. It says that "too many Americans see the mythical horse when the discussion begins and recoil at solutions that reduce wild horse herds." However, the paper argues that "it's doing wild horses no favor to allow their population to overwhelm the landscape."

BOEM Schedules Cook Inlet Lease Sale For June.
UPI (5/19, Graeber) reports that "after a careful environmental review, the U.S. government said it was putting a section of the Alaskan coast up for auction for oil and gas explorers." Walter Cruickshank, the acting director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, said in a statement, "We conducted a robust environmental analysis and look forward to holding Alaska's first Outer Continental Shelf lease sale since 2008." According to the article, "the lease covers about 1 million acres off the south-central Alaskan coast in the Cook Inlet." Cruickshank added, "The areas offered for leasing represent a careful balance between jobs, energy development, and natural resource protection." The auction opens June 21.

Offshore Wind Farms Planned South Of Martha's Vineyard.
The Falmouth (MA) Enterprise (5/19, Feldott) reports that in the next few years, "three wind energy developers plan to install" Massachusetts's "first offshore wind farms about 14 miles south of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket." The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center hosted a meeting on Tuesday, May 16 "to update the public on the state of offshore wind energy development off the coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island." According to the article, "about 70 people attended the meeting, which featured presentations from representatives of the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and offshore wind developers."

<u>White House Communications Report</u>

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Afternoon Energy

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By Kelsey Tamborrino | 05/19/2017 04:46 PM EDT

With help from Darius Dixon and Esther Whieldon

LEAKED BUDGET SUGGESTS EPA STILL TARGETED: A leaked draft of President Donald Trump's fiscal 2018 budget proposal suggests EPA is still a significant target within the White House. Alex Guillén and Annie Snider report the budget proposal will include significant spending cuts for programs championed by lawmakers from both parties and would eliminate hundreds of millions of dollars for popular grant programs, according to a summary document

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EPA declined to comment on the veracity of the document. But spokeswoman Liz Bowman said the administration's budget request "prioritizes federal funding for work in infrastructure, air and water quality, and ensuring the safety of chemicals in the marketplace" and "aims to reduce redundancies and inefficiencies."

Welcome to Afternoon Energy and happy Friday! I'm your host Kelsey Tamborrino. Send your thoughts, news and tips to ktamborrino@politico.com, mdaily@politico.com and njuliano@politico.com, and keep up with us on Twitter at @kelseytam, @dailym1, @nickjuliano, @Morning_Energy and @POLITICOPro.

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PERRY: LEAKERS SHOULD LEAVE GOVERNMENT: Energy Secretary Rick Perry was on Fox News today, where he said government officials who leak damaging information to the press should leave their jobs. "I'll be pretty blunt about it," he said. "Those that want to govern through leaking, go to work somewhere else." The secretary went on to say the most effective way to stop leaks is to put the right people in the government, the Washington Examiner reports . "No. 1, have a cadre of people around you that are loyal, that believe in your philosophy, want to go where you want to go," Perry said.

COURT SIDES WITH COMPANY IN DOE LOAN SUIT: The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals today sided with an automotive startup in a decision that keeps alive a long-running legal dispute over the Energy Department's loan guarantee program. Darius Dixon reports the court "reversed a lower court's approval of a DOE proposal to consider a new loan guarantee application from the company, effectively ending the case. Now, the D.C. District Court will have to decide a new path forward for the dispute." Read more.

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HOUSE SCIENCE DEM CAUTIOUSLY EYES ARPA-E THAW: Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas), the top Democrat on the House Science Committee, is happy that the Energy Department started finalizing ARPA-E contracts that were in limbo at the beginning of the Trump administration. But she's still plenty concerned about the grants still up in the air. "While this is a step in the right direction, I still have serious concerns given that at least twenty additional competitively selected awardees are still awaiting notice that contract negotiations with ARPA-E can resume," Johnson said in a statement. "I will continue to raise questions until ARPA-E's FY2016 appropriations are fully distributed in accordance with the law and its mission." Last week, Johnson asked the GAO to probe the funding freeze.

CALIFORNIA REGULATORS MULL RETAIL CHOICE OPTIONS : The California Energy Commission and California Public Utilities Commission are holding a daylong joint conference today examining the changing status of retail choice in the state and potential changes that may be needed to the utility business model as more distributed generation and storage is brought online. In his opening statement at the event, CPUC Chairman Michael Picker said the agencies, along with the state's grid operator, must also decide "how regulatory models themselves must change to accommodate this transition from a few very, very long utility decision makers to millions of distributed market participants."

GAME OF THRONES: Senior House Republicans want Rep. Jason Chaffetz to give up his Oversight chairmanship well before he resigns from Congress, POLITICO's Rachael Bade reports. The Utah Republican is being quietly encouraged by several senior GOP lawmakers to step down from his role soon, even though he doesn't plan to resign from Congress until June 30. GOP insiders, however, "say Chaffetz has been reluctant to let go of his panel's leadership before he leaves Congress — and now he's thrown himself into the thick of the Russia scandal that's consuming Washington. It's made for an uncertain transition at the committee and a sore subject for House Republicans." Read more .

RIG COUNT SURGES: The Baker Hughes oil and gas rig count "climbed by 16 in the past week, marking the 18th consecutive weekly increase," FuelFix reports. The count has reached 901, up from a record low of 404 last May. The oil rig count is up by eight, bringing its total to 720 this week, while the gas rig count is also up by eight, to 180. Miscellaneous rigs stayed at one.

MOVERS, SHAKERS: Alex Dominguez is moving to EPA to serve as the policy analyst to the senior adviser to the administrator for air and radiation starting Monday. Today is his last day as energy and trade LA for Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Ohio). (h/t Playbook)

QUICK HITS:

— Exxon Mobil to invest $300 million for a share of Mexico's gasoline market, Dallas Morning News.

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Leaked budget document shows EPA still targeted for sharp cuts Back

By Alex Guillén and Annie Snider | 05/19/2017 02:56 PM EDT

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But the budget would slash water spending elsewhere, including for research and water quality work. And it would zero out funding for popular watershed programs like the Chesapeake Bay and Great Lakes, which Congress explicitly protected from the Trump administration's proposed cuts when it passed its funding measure for the remainder of 2017.

While EPA would not verify the numbers in the document, a spokeswoman reiterated the administration's priorities.

"The budget prioritizes federal funding for work in infrastructure, air and water quality, and ensuring the safety of chemicals in the marketplace," EPA spokesman Liz Bowman said via email. "The budget aims to reduce redundancies and inefficiencies and focus on our core statutory mission."

Despite the boosts to the State Revolving Fund budgets, overall state and tribal assistance grants would be cut by $96 million from the 2017 level of $2.4 billion, not including one-time funding of $100 million for Flint, Mich., according to the summary from NACA. The proposal maintains plans to eliminate funding for grant programs covering Alaska Native villages, the Mexican border and targeted airshed grants. Additional cuts would be made to the popular Brownfields and Diesel Emissions Reduction programs.

Categorical grants, which pay for state environmental programs, would drop by $481 million from the current $1.08 billion budget. Several grant categories are completely zeroed out, including radon, lead, pollution prevention, beach protection and nonpoint source pollution.

The proposed cuts to grants and the rest of the budget would "devastate state and local governmental air pollution control agencies," NACAA Executive Director Bill Becker said in a statement. "While the Trump Administration has been touting its commitment to 'cooperative federalism,' these proposed cuts belie that assertion."

The budget also continues to go after programs Pruitt has championed as the "basic" work of EPA. The Superfund cleanup program, for example, would get a $194 million cut, down to $516 million. That's a major reduction from this year's budget of $710 million, which was below the $780 million in fiscal 2016.

Two Superfund enforcement programs are also on the chopping block: one program enforcing Superfund at federal sites would be zeroed out, while a broader enforcement program would lose $56 million of its $150 million 2017 budget.

EPA's Brownfields cleanup program would be cut $9.4 million, down to $16 million, while two Brownfields grants programs are also in line for significant cuts.

In EPA's primary compliance budget, criminal enforcement would lose $3 million, dropping to $4.1 million, while the small environmental justice spending would be eliminated.

One of the few areas to get a budget boost is the agency's chemical risk review program, which would get an extra $6.6 million, up to $65 million. However, the proposal more than offsets that increase by zeroing out a lead risk reduction program and a pollution prevention program.

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BOEM puts Alaska's Cook Inlet waters up for drilling leases Back

By Ben Lefebvre | 05/19/2017 12:25 PM EDT

BOEM is offering offshore drilling leases in the northern part of Alaska's Cook Inlet, opening the door for new oil and gas development in the area.

BOEM's announcement in the Federal Register follows President Donald Trump's promise to open more offshore areas for energy development, raising concerns among greens about the possibility of an oil spill in environmentally sensitive areas. The lease sale will indicate how much interest oil and gas companies have in drilling in the waters along Alaska's southern coast while much of the industry is focused on onshore fields where fracking has driven down production costs.

BOEM estimated the new lease areas in Cook Inlet held a potential 215 million barrels of oil and 571 billion cubic feet of natural gas. Companies that seek to drill in the area, which BOEM said does not contain any active leases, would have to take measures to mitigate risks for aquatic wildlife, including beluga whale habitats.

WHAT'S NEXT: Companies have until June 19 to bid on the Cook Inlet leases, which will run for 10 years, and BOEM will release the results two days later.

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A federal appeals court today sided with an automotive startup in a decision that keeps alive a long-running legal dispute over the Energy Department's loan guarantee program.

The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a lower court's approval of a DOE proposal to consider a new loan guarantee application from the company, effectively ending the case. Now, the D.C. District Court will have to decide a new path forward for the dispute.

The case started with allegations from the now-defunct firm XP Vehicles and partner Limnia Inc. that DOE inappropriately rejected their loan application in 2009. The companies sought backing from both the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing loan program and a parallel 1703 loan guarantee, but DOE rejected both applications.

Limnia and XP alleged the application was rejected because of "political cronyism that taints DOE's decision-making," a charge the agency has consistently denied. The companies want a court to decide whether the Obama administration violated the Administrative Procedure Act in turning it down.

A D.C. Circuit panel today said the lower court acted in error when it granted DOE a "voluntary remand" to consider a new application, because the department said it would not take another look at the company's original submission.

A "voluntary remand is typically appropriate only when the agency intends to revisit the challenged agency decision on review. That prerequisite was not met in this case," Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh wrote for a three-judge panel.

WHAT'S NEXT: The case returns to the D.C. district court to sort out Limnia's procedural claims against DOE.

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House Democrat asks GAO to probe DOE's ARPA-E funding Back

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The top Democrat on the House Science Committee today asked the GAO to probe whether the Energy Department is illegally withholding funding for projects under the agency's ARPA-E program.

"I have serious concerns that the actions which have been reported to me at ARPA-E may constitute violations of the Impoundment Control Act," Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson said in a letter to GAO Director Gene Dodaro. "I would ask that you look into these allegations with all due haste, and take any actions you feel are necessary to ensure Executive compliance with Congressional direction."

Sources told POLITICO last month that the agency was withholding money on grants already approved under ARPA-E, which selects technology projects and awards funding as those ventures meet development milestones. But those sources said even projects that received initial ARPA-E backing were having their money withheld regardless of whether they met their milestones because of a "procurement hold" or "no contract action."

Johnson said more than $100 million in fiscal 2017 funds have been appropriated to ARPA-E. The spending bill that averted a government shutdown last week also included a budget increase for ARPA-E through the remainder of 2017.

"[T]he courts have declared that agencies may not attempt to thwart the intent of Congress by withholding or impounding funds intended for a specific purpose. If the Department of Energy has subjected ARPA-E to a 'no contract action' which has this effect, the Department could be in

violation of the law," Johnson wrote.

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Republicans shove Chaffetz on his way out Back

By Rachael Bade | 05/19/2017 05:08 AM EDT

A handful of top Republicans have a message for outgoing Rep. Jason Chaffetz: It's time to relinquish the House Oversight Committee gavel.

Several senior GOP lawmakers are quietly encouraging Chaffetz to step down from his chairmanship soon, even though the Utah Republican doesn't plan to resign from Congress until June 30. While his retirement announcement Thursday said nothing about his future work, Chaffetz has told lawmakers he'll be heading to Fox News.

But GOP insiders say Chaffetz has been reluctant to let go of his panel's leadership before he leaves Congress — and now he's thrown himself into the thick of the Russia scandal that's consuming Washington. It's made for an uncertain transition at the committee and a sore subject for House Republicans.

"If the chairman is on his way out ... he should step down and allow the Steering Committee to move immediately to appoint a new chairman," said Rep. Steve Womack (R-Ark.), who sits on the Steering panel, which selects committee chairmen. "Sooner, not later."

Critics are grumbling that even as Chaffetz was planning his retirement, he summoned newly fired FBI Director James Comey to testify before his panel next week. Chaffetz said he wants to question Comey about allegations that President Donald Trump tried to pressure him to drop an investigation of former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

The explosive hearing announcement — and Chaffetz's threat to subpoena related FBI documents should they refuse to hand them over — has annoyed a number of GOP lawmakers. They worry that a major chairmanship transition in the middle of a high-profile probe of the president's actions could create confusion at the committee.

These sources believe it would make more sense if a new chairman took the lead before the committee's Comey probe takes off.

"Chaffetz is job-hunting when he should be doing the people's business," said one Republican who asked not to be named.

Chaffetz, reached by phone Thursday night, said he was "trying to do the right thing" by notifying colleagues of his departure weeks before he steps down. He said he still has a number of ongoing investigations and doesn't plan to drop them just yet.

The transition to a new chairman, Chaffetz continued, "doesn't have to be immediate but also doesn't have to be on my last day either." He said he wants to work with leaders and committee members to ensure a smooth hand-off.

The House Steering Committee announced Thursday that it will meet the week of June 5 to consider his replacement.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, who previously ran the House Select Committee on Benghazi, is expected to take the reins of the Oversight Committee and is already making his case to Steering panel

members. GOP insiders say the South Carolina Republican has the position locked up.

Behind the scenes, there is some concern that Chaffetz is hanging on to Oversight for the wrong reasons. The telegenic 50-year-old would garner major publicity for chairing a high-profile interrogation of Comey, whose story is one of the most sought after inside the Beltway.

At least one Republican mused to POLITICO that Chaffetz's continued chairmanship could create a conflict given his possible future endeavors in television. Asked about a potential conflict with Chaffetz during a press conference Thursday, Speaker Paul Ryan demurred, saying he had not yet heard the news that Chaffetz planned to leave June 30 for Fox.

Most Republicans, however, are just concerned about the transition.

"If he's a lame duck for another five weeks ... why would you start such a big event, with the Comey hearing, and then switch horses in the middle of the stream?" asked one senior House Republican aide.

Chaffetz said he's still unsure whether Comey will testify next week. He has yet to hear back from the former FBI director.

Not everyone is anxious about the looming transition. Freedom Caucus Chairman Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) doesn't believe there is any rush to move Chaffetz out of the post. Republican Study Committee Chairman Mark Walker (R-N.C.) also said that while "normally I would be" worried about a transition in the middle of such an investigation, "there's one reason I'm not.

"That is because that transition would probably go to Trey Gowdy," he said, before praising the former federal prosecutor at length.

A fifth-term lawmaker, Chaffetz is no stranger to high-profile interrogations. He was one of the all-star questioners of former IRS chief Lois Lerner, whom Republicans blamed for the agency mistreating conservatives groups. Chaffetz was also a key investigator on the Benghazi probe and during the "Fast and Furious" gun-walking investigation.

On Capitol Hill, he's known for his ambition to climb the ranks. After Speaker John Boehner resigned, he challenged Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) for the top job, before Ryan was ultimately drafted.

Many believed Chaffetz would run for leadership again someday. That's why his retirement caught much of Washington off guard. Insiders, however, believe he could run for Utah governor in the future. And should that be his ultimate goal, his position as Oversight chairman is not necessarily conducive to helping him attain it.

While it's easier to grill an administration run by the opposite party, Chaffetz in recent months has had to become Trump's watchdog in Congress. That means he has found himself in the middle of Democratic calls to investigate Trump's finances and ties to Moscow.

And back home, Chaffetz has been slammed by left-leaning constituents who want him to do more to uncover Trump's tax returns. Should he act on that, Chaffetz risks alienating the GOP base. If he doesn't act forcefully, however, he could be accused of giving the president a pass.

Kyle Cheney contributed to this report.

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Why California Republicans aren't as vulnerable as they look Back

By David Siders | 05/19/2017 05:26 AM EDT

RIVERBANK, Calif. — No state is more critical to the battle for the House in 2018 than California, and Democrats here rushed last week to tear into vulnerable Republicans over their support for the health care repeal and replace bill.

Yet in a sign of how difficult it will be for Democrats to win back a House majority — even when armed with high-caliber ammunition — doubts about the lasting political potency of the Affordable Health Care Act already are emerging.

Within days of the bill's passage, focus in Washington spun to the ouster of FBI Director James Comey - and then to Trump's disclosure of allegedly classified information to Russian officials and the appointment of a special prosecutor — while Senate amendments to the health care bill appeared likely to recast the debate long before voters turn their attention to the 2018 campaign.

And the seven congressional districts targeted by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee hardly qualify as low-hanging fruit. While Hillary Clinton won all of them, voters in these California districts have remained largely conservative in their overall voting behavior, according to an analysis prepared exclusively for POLITICO by Darry Sragow and Rob Pyers of the California Target Book, which handicaps races in the state.

"You have to remember something," said Mike Madrid, a Republican consultant in California. "The Democrats were absolutely convinced that running against Trump down-ticket was going to create the biggest Democratic blue wave of all time, and it did not work at all ... What we're really seeing in America right now is incredibly intense, wired up Democratic base that's lighting its hair on fire and driving the media narrative, but it's not driving polling data, and you're not seeing it in increased turnout in elections."

In the week after the House vote, liberal activists confronted Republican lawmakers in Orange County and the Central Valley during the House recess. Democrats aired radio ads in Southern California targeting Republican lawmakers who supported the health care bill, while Democrat Harley Rouda made headlines with an online ad attacking Rep. Dana Rohrabacher.

But even in a state that embraced Obamacare more fully than any other, reason for skepticism hangs heavy. Despite the Democratic Party's statewide dominance and Hillary Clinton's lopsided victory over Trump in California, Democrats made no House gains here in 2016.

"Democrats are guilty of excessive optimism if they think they're going to wipe the floor in next year's elections with the California House Republicans who voted to repeal and replace Obamacare," Willie Brown, the former San Francisco mayor and Democratic state Assembly speaker, wrote in the San Francisco Chronicle.

While predicting Republicans "will catch grief in their districts over the next few days," Brown wrote soon after the vote, Senate amendments will likely render the House vote "a very distant memory" in 2018.

For Democrats, California gains are essential to any hopes of capturing the House. Of the 59 Republican-held districts House Democrats plan to target in 2018, seven are in California.

Returning home to the Central Valley to face a battering at a community meeting in this small city last week, Rep. Jeff Denham cast the health care bill as a work in progress and drew jeers when he said it was the product of a "bipartisan" process, despite the fact no Democrats supported it. On the sidelines, activists plotted their next meetings and promised to make health care a salient issue in 2018.

But Denham and his Republican peers may not be as vulnerable as the presidential numbers suggest. In five of the seven districts, voters opposed a school construction bond measure that passed statewide, and voters in every district went against a bid to repeal the death penalty. A prescription drug pricing initiative that Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders championed last year failed by a wide margin in each of the districts, according to the California Target Book analysis.

One California Republican, Rep. Darrell Issa, was nearly toppled in 2016, and Denham won by less than 5 percentage points. But GOP Rep. Steve Knight carried his district by a more comfortable margin and four other targeted Republicans won by more than 10 percentage points, performances that signaled they were capable of running well ahead of the national ticket.

Of the Republican lawmakers' votes on health care, Sragow said, "Presumably they know their own districts."

For many Democrats who recall their own party's losses amid health care controversies in the 1990s and again in 2010, the prospect of Republicans escaping unscathed next year remains implausible. These Democrats are buoyed, too, by Trump's unpopularity and the historic success in midterm elections of the party not occupying the White House.

"Can you look back over history and deny that health care is a very explosive and toxic issue?" asked Garry South, a Democratic consultant in California. "Because it certainly was in 1994 and it certainly was in 2010."

South described vulnerable California Republicans voting for the health care bill as "one of the most stark examples I've ever seen of politicians walking the plank," adding, "Any Republican in California who is not concerned about 2018, you know, has their head up where the sun doesn't shine."

Within minutes of the health care measure's passage, Democratic challengers went on the offensive. Katie Porter, who is challenging Orange County-based Rep. Mimi Walters, sent a fundraising appeal with a photograph of Walters and Trump standing together after the vote, calling it a "picture worth a thousand words."

Josh Harder, who is challenging Denham, recounted the large proportion of district residents on Medicaid, saying "every single person in my district knows someone who's going to get hurt." And Eddie Kurtz, president and executive director of the liberal advocacy group Courage Campaign, said it is "my job to make sure [the health care vote] isn't a flash in the pan, that it is hung around these folks' necks every way possible."

"If it doesn't have consequences for all of them," Kurtz said, "our side has just proven to be completely inept."

Still, Kurtz said he cautioned his staff, many of them young progressives not steeped in the history of California GOP districts, that "it's not like these [Republican] folks have gone unchallenged." Many Republicans gained their seats promising to repeal Obamacare, which remains unpopular in many conservative districts.

Dave Gilliard, a strategist for four of California's seven targeted Republicans — Denham, Walters, Issa and Rep. Ed Royce — said "all four of them had campaigns for re-election saying they were going to repeal Obamacare in favor of something better ... They all came to the conclusion that this was better than Obamacare, and that was what they campaigned for re-election on."

Gilliard called concerns about damage to Republicans from the health care vote "overblown," saying political fallout would have been worse had Republicans withheld their votes.

"When you take over both houses of Congress and the White House, Republican voters expect

some action, they expect movement on their issues," he said.

Republican and Democratic strategists alike expect the long-term effect of the House vote to be softened by anticipated amendments to the bill in the Senate. The Congressional Budget Office estimated an earlier version of the bill could have resulted in 24 million more people going without insurance within a decade; Republicans contest criticism that the bill would undermine health care access for people with preexisting conditions.

In California, which dramatically expanded its Medicaid rolls under Obamacare, the effect could be especially severe. According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, 4.6 million Californians had obtained Affordable Care Act-funded coverage as of fall 2016, with large populations of enrollees in California's conservative, inland reaches.

In Riverbank last week, Denham suggested House Republicans from California had considered the potential fallout in their home state, discussing with one another the likelihood that California would not opt out of requiring health insurance companies to cover people with pre-existing conditions.

"Do you think California's ever going to opt out?" Denham asked an activist questioning him on Tuesday. "Do you have concerns that [Democratic Gov.] Jerry Brown would try to opt out? ... I look at every vote from a state perspective and a Valley perspective."

Following the health care vote, Cook Political Report downgraded Republicans' prospects in 20 districts -- including four in California. Gilliard acknowledged Democrats "are doing a very good job of recruiting candidates based on all this energy on their side," while left-leaning groups have reported raising millions of dollars in the days following the vote.

The organizational and fundraising lift that the health care vote has given Democrats could have a lasting effect in 2018, but Paul Mitchell of Political Data Inc., the voter data firm used by both Republicans and Democrats in California, said "it's kind of a fool's errand to say what's going to be the topic du jour in 16 months."

Despite majority support for Obamacare in California, health care as an issue ranked below jobs and the economy, education and immigration, according to a January poll by the Public Policy Institute of California.

Before Senate amendments are taken up and the bill is signed into law, said longtime California pollster Mark DiCamillo, director of the Berkeley IGS Poll, "it's way too early" to assess the electoral impact.

Unlike the economy, he said, "Issues like health care kind of go up and down with the news cycles. It depends on what happens next."

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Trump shows wear from a brutal week Back

By Matthew Nussbaum | 05/18/2017 05:14 PM EDT

President Donald Trump is tired of not winning.

He wants to talk about jobs, or trade, or combating illegal immigration, or his victory in the 2016 election. But reality continues to intervene.

Trump appeared at a news conference for the first time since April 12 on Thursday amid the most tumultuous stretch of his young presidency. His firing of the FBI director almost two weeks ago and the appointment of a special counsel to investigate possible collusion between Russia and his campaign book-ended a torrent of bad news for the president, including allegations that he had leaked classified information to Russian officials and new bombshells about his former national security adviser.

He is wounded, offended and convinced that certain forces are working to bring down his presidency. The problem, he has said again and again, is not him or his own actions. It is how he is being treated and received — by the media, by the FBI, by Democrats, by his own staff.

"The entire thing has been a witch hunt, and there was no collusion," Trump said Thursday when asked about the appointment of the special prosecutor.

"Believe me," he added later, "there's no collusion."

And when pressed on whether, as reported, he had asked Comey to drop the investigation into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, he responded forcefully: "No. No. Next question."

But as he stood beside the president of Colombia in the East Room and tried to pivot to discussing jobs and trade and crime, the strain of the week was apparent on the president. He was more reserved than usual and gave short, if still winding, answers to questions. At one point, he called on a New York Times reporter who was not at the news conference, and his staff handed the microphone to a local Washington television reporter.

Seated before the president were top advisers including chief of staff Reince Priebus and Trump's son-in-law and top adviser Jared Kushner. He has grown irritated with both in recent weeks according to reports. Off to the side stood embattled press secretary Sean Spicer, whose days behind the podium appear to be numbered.

The closest Trump came to admitting mistake was stating he misread how his firing of former FBI Director James Comey would be received — though it also served as an accusation of hypocrisy.

"Director Comey was very unpopular with most people," Trump said. "I thought that it would be a bipartisan decision."

The decision was anything but, and paved the way for the special prosecutor, arguably the most serious threat to Trump's agenda in an administration that has suffered a series of missteps.

Trump greeted the special counsel appointment with equanimity Wednesday night, according to White House officials. He released a measured statement, saying he would be exonerated.

But by Thursday morning, that calm acceptance had vanished.

"This is the single greatest witch hunt of a politician in American history!" Trump tweeted.

"With all of the illegal acts that took place in the Clinton campaign & Obama Administration, there was never a special counsel appointed!" he added minutes later.

In the afternoon, he told television network anchors at a lunch that the appointment of a special counsel "hurts our country terribly." The investigation merely represents "a pure excuse for the Democrats having lost an election that they should have easily won," he said.

He also criticized the media for not covering his successes at the lunch.

Though he was relaxed, attendees said he went through his usual pronouncements, making

clear he doesn't think the media covers all the good work the White House is doing. "I don't watch you guys as much anymore because if I did, it would be all hell. You couldn't tell that i went to a good school, studied, that I succeeded in my companies," he griped.

In public, Trump is doing nothing to hide his hurt at the way he feels he is being mistreated.

"Look at the way I've been treated lately, especially by the media," Trump told Coast Guard Academy graduates on Wednesday. "No politician in history — and I say this with great surety — has been treated worse or more unfairly."

"Nothing is easier or more pathetic than being a critic, because they're people that can't get the job done," Trump told graduates at Liberty University this past Saturday. "But the future belongs to the dreamers, not to the critics."

It was clear in which category he considers himself.

Hadas Gold contributed to this report.

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5 things to watch on Trump's foreign trip Back

By Michael Crowley | 05/19/2017 05:13 AM EDT

President Donald Trump departs Friday for his first foreign trip, a nine-day voyage that will take him across the Middle East and Western Europe. Although the trip will be shadowed by Trump's growing problems at home, it could shape his foreign policy in important and lasting ways.

Trump will encounter a slew of thorny foreign policy issues on his trip, which features stops in Saudi Arabia, Israel, a G7 meeting in Sicily, a NATO summit in Brussels and a visit to the Vatican.

Here are five things to watch:

1. Will he say "radical Islamic terrorism"?

During his first stop in Saudi Arabia, Trump will give a speech focused on Islam and terrorism. He might come in with rhetorical guns blazing. Trump once said that Saudi Arabia "blew up the World Trade Center" and has accused it and other Gulf Arab states of supporting terrorism. He said in March 2016 that "Islam hates us."

But fans of Trump's tough talk may be disappointed. His Saudi hosts, and the Muslim leaders who will gather in Riyadh for a summit while Trump is there, would be infuriated by such rhetoric from their guest. They will be expecting a more temperate message in the vein of Trump's predecessors, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, who argued that Islam is a religion of peace and that the United States is not at war with the world's Muslims. In a briefing last week, national security adviser H.R. McMaster said Trump's speech would be "respectful."

One thing to watch is whether Trump's address uses the phrase "radical Islamic terrorism." McMaster has urged Trump to avoid using that phrase, which Trump often repeated as a candidate but which Obama and Bush both avoided because it offends many Muslims. Trump has used the construction publicly at least twice since McMaster took the job in February—though McMaster hinted at a possible compromise during a briefing at the White House last week, when he said Trump would speak about "radical Islamist ideology," which he said "uses a

perverted interpretation of Islam to justify crimes against all humanity."

2. Will he play Middle East peacemaker?

Trump's second stop will be in Israel. The visit itself will draw an implicit contrast with Obama, who had testy relations with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and who did not stop in Israel during his first visit to the Middle East in 2009. Despite the controversy over whether Trump shared classified intelligence provided by Israel with Russian officials in the Oval Office last week, a bigger focus of his visit will be the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Trump insists he wants to broker a historic agreement between the two sides, despite decades of failed efforts to reach one—and despite wariness among Israeli officials that Trump might want a deal more than they do.

Close observers of the region will be watching not only Trump's interactions with Netanyahu but also with the Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas. Trump has a meeting with Abbas planned, but a key question is whether he will convene Abbas and Netanyahu in an effort to jump-start peace talks that have been dormant for three years. "Will there be a three-way Trump-Bibi-Abbas meeting—and if so will there be any announced understandings from it?" asked Dennis Ross, a former Middle East policy adviser to several presidents.

3. Does he *really* support NATO?

Trump spent much of the 2016 campaign criticizing NATO. Many European leaders were relieved to hear Trump say in an April press conference with Italy's prime minster that the 28-member military alliance is "no longer obsolete." But Trump said that in response to what he says is NATO's new attention to terrorism, which in fact remains a secondary mission for the alliance.

What Trump has still not done as president is affirm NATO's role as a guarantor of European security—particularly against Russia, the country NATO was formed to defend against. Trump has also not committed to observe the part of the treaty that commits every member to defend one another against aggression. During the campaign, Trump suggested that the United States might not come to the defense of a NATO member that had not met its budgetary commitments to the organization. (Most NATO members spend less on defense than they have pledged.)

"To me the big question is if he endorses the original mission, which he hasn't done," said Thomas Wright, director of the Center on the United States and Europe at the Brookings Institution.

4. Can he stick to a script?

Longtime Trump watchers are keen to see how he'll handle the many opportunities to stray from the script prepared for him by McMaster and other national security professionals. A shoot-from-the-hip president on a long and tiring first trip out of the country is a recipe for multiple missteps, gaffes and comments that could send confusing messages about U.S. policy. Distracted by a barrage of controversies at home, including Wednesday's appointment of a special prosecutor to probe Russia's involvement in the 2016 election, Trump has had little time to focus on the briefing materials his staff has prepared for him. Events like G7 and NATO meetings are typically choreographed affairs in which everyone knows what everyone else will say in advance, but no one is sure just what to expect from Trump.

"This is not a president who tends to follow the script," said Charles Kupchan, a Georgetown University professor who served as the Obama National Security Council's top aide for Europe. Anytime Trump meets with a foreign leader, "you don't know what you're going to get," Kupchan said.

That's even more likely in multilateral meetings like the ones Trump will attend next week, "when everyone's just kind of speaking extemporaneously," Kupchan said.

5. Can he change the subject?

Presidents have long savored the opportunity to skip town at times of domestic trouble and drag a captive White House press corps through foreign meetings where the commander in chief is treated like a potentate. Regardless of a president's approval ratings at home, foreign officials always welcome an American leader with camera-friendly pomp and circumstance.

But presidents often find that a change of scenery isn't enough. "You can't really change the subject," said one former senior Obama White House official who recalled long trips abroad in which White House reporters cared less about Obama's interactions with foreign leaders than about controversies brewing back in Washington. Obama and his aides spent much of a November 2012 trip to Asia, for instance, fielding questions about a looming fiscal crisis in Washington that overshadowed his diplomatic message. On another Asia trip in the fall of 2015, Obama parried tough questions about GOP criticism of his policy toward the Islamic State and Muslim refugees. (It is unclear how often Trump will field questions from the reporters traveling with him—or whether he will at all.)

The good news for Trump is that the particulars of his first foreign trip will attract more play-by-play attention than most presidential jaunts. The bad news is that the easiest way to change the subject from his headaches at home is to commit a gaffe that adds to his mounting woes.

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Our 2 experts have not come up with any names or offices yet, and in searching EPA's web site for the last 30 minutes I cannot find anything that says which office manages the system.

In any event, you will almost certainly need to go to the Administrator's office to get them to change the planned shutdown. Absent further information, you might want to say that EPA manages the regs. gov system, on short turnaround we don't know which office does that, but we would like the upcoming shutdown of the system postponed because ....

However - 1) if the downtime is to put security patches in place, delaying it could cause worse publicity than any accompanying the impact of a 12-hour routine shutdown on the Bears Ears comment period, and EPA would certainly point the finger here; and
2) there are no management issues in extending the comment period - just issue a press

release. In the rush to get the FR notice out, Exec Sec set up a single docket for all comments, and the regs.gov system will accept anything submitted on our docket until the July 10 closing period. We plan to manage the early Bears Ears closure by sorting any comments on Bears Ears received after the closure of that comment period into a bucket and not reviewing them. We will not do that until the closure time, so a change in date will not impact processing or require any additional notifications beyond s press release.

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Naturally, the name came in as soon as I sent the last message. The program manager is likely a career GS-14 technical type, so don't suggest contacting him directly

Edward Cottrill, Program Director
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Sent:	Mon May 15 2017 17:30:38 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Michael Black <mike.black@bia.gov>
CC:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Inter-tribal coalition

Hi Mike,

Below is the information to follow on your discussions with Jim. Could you fill Randy in on the conversation today? Thanks.

The Inter-tribal coalition co chairs are the Honorable Carleton Bowekaty from the Zuni tribe and the Honorable Alfred Lomahquahu from the Hopi tribe. Below are the email addresses that we sent invitations to:

bearsearscommission@gmail.com plus:

Councilman Carleton Bowekaty, carleton.bowekaty@ashiwi.org
President Russell Begaye, russellbegaye@gmail.com
Vice President Jonathan Nez, (b) (6) [redacted]
Speaker Lorenzo Bates, (b) (6) [redacted]
Council Delegate Davis Filfred, dave.fred23@yahoo.com
Chairman Shaun Chapoose, shaunc@utetribe.com
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Sent: Thu May 18 2017 09:39:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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To: "Howarth, Robert" <robert_howarth@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Inter-tribal coalition

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The Honorable Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr.
Interim Co-Chair
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P.O. Box 158
Kyktosmovi, Arizona 86039

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Sincerely,

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Interim Co-Chair
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P.O. Box 339
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The Honorable Jonathan Nez
Vice President, Navajo Nation
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The AP (5/18) reports the National Park Service on Thursday "will accept a plaque from the people of Ireland that will be hung in the staircase of the monument." The plaque "highlights the connection between the 2016 centennials of the park service and Ireland's Easter Rising." The monument's stairwell "has scores of commemorative stones, most of which were received in the mid-19th century," and the NPS says news donations are accepted "only in very rare circumstances."

Ex-BLM Head Tells US House Committee National Monuments Hurt Local Economies.
The Lake Powell Life (5/17) reports former BLM head Kathleen Clarke appeared before a US House committee and "blasted national monuments for harming local economies and communities' way of life." She told the committee, "Monuments have had significant and negative impacts on the traditional uses of these lands and on the lives and livelihoods of local populations." She added, "Landscapes don't disappear, but jobs do." The article mentions her position "contradicts the findings of two recent studies into the effects of monument creation."

BLM Looking For Ways To Speed Up Application Process.
Fuel Fix (TX) (5/17, Osborne) reports that a drilling application backlog is hampering new oil and gas drilling on federal lands, as more than 3,000 applications for drilling permits are awaiting review at the Bureau of Land Management, according to E&E News. Acting Director Mike Nedd said the agency is working on several strategies to speed up the application process. He said, "It may be a strike team. It may be shifting the workload to a different office." Neal Kirby, spokesman for the Independent Petroleum Association of America, said, "Every day that goes by while independent producers — companies with an average of 12 employees — wait for their permits to be approved means more money out of their own pockets."

SCOTUS Denies Challenge To New York Land Trust Decision.

The Rome (NY) Sentinel (5/17) reports the US Supreme Court on Monday denied a petition from a group of plaintiffs challenging "a New York federal judge's March 2015 ruling that Interior had reasonably decided to take thousands of acres in Oneida and Madison counties, including the Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona and the Oneidas' 32 acres of reservation land in Madison County, into trust for the Oneidas." Interior placed the land into a trust "following the 2013 agreement with the state, Oneidas, and Oneida and Madison counties that settled trust land and tax issues."

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Inquiries

- A number of local outlets (REQUEST) Looking for the Department's statement regarding the temporary pause in FACA committees. (RESPONSE) – "The Secretary is committed to restoring trust in the Department's decision-making and that begins with institutionalizing state and local input and ongoing collaboration, particularly in communities surrounding public lands. The Department currently has more than 200 boards, committees, and other internal and external advisory functions that are authorized to solicit input and meet periodically. To maximize feedback from these boards and ensure their compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the President's recent executive orders, the Department is currently reviewing the charter and charge of each Board/Advisory Committee. This review process necessitates the temporary postponement of advisory committee meetings. As the Department concludes its review in the weeks ahead, agencies will notice future meetings to ensure that the Department continues to get the benefit of the views of local communities in all decision-making on public land management."

Top Stories

- E&E Daily: 3K drilling permit applications await BLM approval
- Washington Examiner: Environmental groups seek to block Bernhardt's confirmation at Interior
- KPAX TV (MT): National Bison Range to retain federal management

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- FYI – 150 Left Green Groups urge Senate to vote no on Dep Sec Nominee Bernhardt. The Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable wrote a letter supporting.
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- THURSDAY – Zinke will complete first interview by GQ for a feature profile.
- FRIDAY – Zinke will be interviewed by Fox News for national and affiliate Memorial Day special.
- FRIDAY – The National Park Service will announce the price of the Senior Pass will increase to $80. This is a Congressionally-mandated increase.
- NEXT WEEK – The NPS will announce the cost of the deferred maintenance backlog

Federal Register Listings
No items were cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

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DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 5/17/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

NOTE: David Bernhardt, the President's nominee for Deputy Secretary will have his confirmation hearing on Thursday.

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary will:

5/17: Meet with the Alaska Federation of Natives

5/17: Meet with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

5/17: Meet with Rep. Collins

THIS WEEK

5/18: Interview with GQ.

5/18: Call with Senator King

5/19: Call scheduled with Rep. Greg Walden, Rep. Culberson, Rep. Tom Cole.

5/22-5/24 DC

5/25 PM The Secretary will participate in a CODEL sponsored by Senator Murkowski and the Arctic Council.

5/26 CODEL: Norway

5/27 CODEL: Greenland, Alaska (National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska), Fairbanks

5/28 Denali

5/29 Denali, Anchorage

5/30 Anchorage (Internal meetings)

5/31 Anchorage (Alaska Oil & Gas Association Remarks)

6/1 Depart for Boise, ID

6/2 Boise, ID (NIFC with Sec. Perdue)

6/3 Depart for DC

Upcoming Media

No media planned today.

Speaking Invitations

Accepted

5/25 US Oil & Gas Association Board of Directors Meeting (DC)

5/31 Alaska Oil and Gas Association Conference remarks in Anchorage

6/6 Recreation Vehicle Industry Association Joint Committee Lunch (DC)

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Regretted

5/19 Montana Logging Association Annual Meeting (Bozeman, MT)

5/19 Haskell Indian Nations University Commencement (Lawrence, KS)

5/19 Montana Marine Corps League Convention (Anaconda, MT)

5/19 Laffer Associates Conference (DC)

5/20 Zoar Maifest National Historic Landmark Designation (Zoar, OH)

5/20 Mineral County Community Support Group's Annual Armed Forces Appreciation Day (Superior, MT)

5/23 7th Annual Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Dinner (Boston, MA)

5/23 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Mid-Year Convention (Portland, OR)

5/24 Virginia Chamber of Commerce Energy Conference (Surrogate is V Devito)

5/24 National Wildlife Refuge Association (DC)

5/28 Rolling Thunder Demonstration Run (DC)

5/29 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Memorial Day Event (DC)

6/3 Ducks Unlimited National Convention (San Antonio, TX)

6/4 Annual Native American Economic Development Conference (Las Vegas, NV)

6/4 Montana American Legion Boys State Session (Helena, MT)

6/5 Society of American Indian Government Employees Annual Training Program (Scottsdale, AZ)

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The EO was signed April 26, 2017. According to my calculations the draft report would be due by Saturday, June 10th (45 days from signing). The final report would be due by Thursday August 24 (120 days from signing). Below are the due dates described in section 2.

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Op-Ed: Secretary Zinke Is "Promoting True Conservation".

For the "Pundits" blog of The Hill (5/15, Hoffman, Contributor), Gabriella Hoffman, a

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Petition Seeks Halt To Cape Cod National Seashore Coyote Hunts.

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<u>White House Communications Report</u>

Report was sent Monday.

Inquiries

• A number of local outlets (REQUEST) Looking for the Department's statement regarding the temporary pause in FACA committees. (RESPONSE) – "The Secretary is committed to restoring trust in the Department's decision-making and that begins with institutionalizing state and local input and ongoing collaboration, particularly in communities surrounding public lands. The Department currently has more than 200 boards, committees, and other internal and external advisory functions that are authorized to solicit input and meet periodically. To maximize feedback from these boards and ensure their compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the President's recent executive orders, the Department is currently reviewing the charter and charge of each Board/Advisory Committee. This review process necessitates the temporary postponement of advisory committee meetings. As the Department concludes its review in the weeks ahead, agencies will notice future meetings to ensure that the Department continues to get the benefit of the views of local communities in all decision-making on public land management."

Top Stories

• Washington Examiner: Secretary Zinke Lays Out Vision For His Department.

• Deseret News: Our journalists applied a little horse sense to Zinke's visit

Additional coverage of Zinke's trip to Utah was provided by the New York (NY) Times (5/14, Turkewitz), the Deseret (UT) News (5/13, Wilks), the Kitsap (WA) Sun (5/12, DeMille), the St. George (UT) Spectrum (5/12, DeMille), and the High Country (CO) News (5/12, Worby) Sacramento (CA) Bee (5/14, Madrigal), the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (5/13), the Albuquerque (NM) Journal (5/14, Simon), the Ventura County (CA) Star (5/14), the Ukiah (CA) Daily Journal (5/14), the Flathead (MT) Beacon (5/13, Sr.), Townhall (5/13, Driessen), and the Canada Free Press (5/14, Driessen)

• Billings Gazette: VP Mike Pence says 'war on coal' is over during visit to Crow coal mine

• E&E Daily: Lawmakers Urge Secretary Zinke To Not Issue New Offshore Leases.

• Democrats Raise Concerns About Nominee For Interior Deputy. (Washington Examiner) (Huffington Post) (San Francisco Chronicle)

Top Issues and Accomplishments

• Last week Secretary Zinke toured the Grand Staircase Escalante and the Bears Ears national monuments as part of President Trump's EO reviewing a number of large and controversial monuments. Dozens of media followed the trip. Very positive local coverage. A physical package of local clips will be sent.

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• TODAY – Secretary Zinke tweeted a Police Week video (featuring VP Pence)

• TOMORROW – DOI will send the Police Week video (featuring VP Pence) to newsletter subscribers

• FRIDAY – The National Park Service will announce the price of the Senior Pass will increase to $80. This is a Congressionally-mandated increase.

• NEXT WEEK – The NPS will announce the cost of the deferred maintenance backlog

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Federal Register Listings

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0007000 FWS Incidental Take Permit Applications Received to Participate in American Burying Beetle Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan in Oklahoma This is a batched notice of availability for Incidental Take Permit applications under the amended Industry Conservation Plan for American Burying Beetle. Notice 05/15/2017.

REG0006995 ONRR Postponement of Public Meeting: U.S. Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee. Postponement of the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for June 7-8, 2017. Notice 05/15/2017.

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The Hill (5/15, Cama, Henry) reports that Interior Deputy Secretary nominee David Bernhardt is scheduled to testify before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Thursday. The article notes that "the former George W. Bush administration veteran was unanimously confirmed to the No. 3 spot at Interior in 2006, a fact likely to come up from Bernhardt's supporters at the hearing." However, "greens and conservation groups, not to mention some Democrats, oppose Bernardt's nomination on conflict of interest grounds, raising the prospect of a more bitter confirmation process than for other nominees who went through the energy panel." But "Bernhardt is likely to find strong support among Republicans: Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has praised his 'extensive experience' and 'legal career' as 'exactly what is needed to help streamline government and make the Interior and our public lands work for the American economy.'"

Op-Ed: Secretary Zinke Is "Promoting True Conservation".
For the "Pundits" blog of The Hill (5/15, Hoffman, Contributor), Gabriella Hoffman, a conservative media strategist and consultant, writes that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's "reverence for angling, hunting and the outdoors means that he is promoting true conservation in his new post instead of preservation." Hoffman draws a distinction between conservation, which is "seen as the proper use of nature," and preservation, which "aims to protect nature from any use." According to Hoffman, "the latter philosophy has prevented Americans from fully enjoying opportunities in nature."

Petition Seeks Halt To Cape Cod National Seashore Coyote Hunts.
The Cape Cod (MA) Times (5/15, List) reports that "nearly 3,000 people have signed a petition calling for the Cape Cod National Seashore to ban the hunting of carnivores, such as coyotes, shorten the hunting season for other animals and fund the research of carnivores in the park." The petition "also asks the Seashore to hire Jonathan Way, who currently works as a part-time ranger, for a full-time or term position as a biologist to study Eastern coyotes in the Seashore."

Pence Tells Crow Tribe: "War On Coal Is Over."
Montana Public Radio (5/15, Yamanaka) reports Vice President Pence told the Crow Tribe on Friday in Montana, "On behalf of the President of the United States I am here to announce the war on coal is over." Crow Tribe Vice Chairman Carlson Goes Ahead told Pence during the visit that the tribe's coal mine is "the lifeblood of the Crow," but he said the recent downturn in the coal market and EPA regulations have hurt their economy. Goes Ahead advocated for the Administration having coal export terminals built on the Pacific Northwest coast to link US coal markets to Asia and for Congress making permanent the Indian Coal Production Tax Credit.

<u>White House Communications Report</u>
Report was sent Monday.

Inquiries

• A number of local outlets (REQUEST) Looking for the Department's statement regarding the temporary pause in FACA committees. (RESPONSE) – "The Secretary is committed to restoring trust in the Department's decision-making and that begins with institutionalizing state and local input and ongoing collaboration, particularly in communities surrounding public lands. The Department currently has more than 200 boards, committees, and other internal and external advisory functions that are authorized to solicit input and meet periodically. To maximize feedback from these boards and ensure their compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the President's recent executive orders, the Department is currently reviewing the charter and charge of each Board/Advisory Committee. This review process necessitates the temporary postponement of advisory committee meetings. As the Department concludes its review in the weeks ahead, agencies will notice future meetings to ensure that the Department continues to get the benefit of the views of local communities in all decision-making on public land management."

Top Stories

• Washington Examiner: Secretary Zinke Lays Out Vision For His Department.
• Deseret News: Our journalists applied a little horse sense to Zinke's visit
Additional coverage of Zinke's trip to Utah was provided by the New York (NY) Times (5/14, Turkewitz), the Deseret (UT) News (5/13, Wilks), the Kitsap (WA) Sun (5/12, DeMille), the St. George (UT) Spectrum (5/12, DeMille), and the High Country (CO) News (5/12, Worby) Sacramento (CA) Bee (5/14, Madrigal), the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (5/13), the Albuquerque (NM) Journal (5/14, Simon), the Ventura County (CA) Star (5/14), the Ukiah (CA) Daily Journal (5/14), the Flathead (MT) Beacon (5/13, Sr.), Townhall (5/13, Driessen), and the Canada Free Press (5/14, Driessen)
• Billings Gazette: VP Mike Pence says 'war on coal' is over during visit to Crow coal mine
• E&E Daily: Lawmakers Urge Secretary Zinke To Not Issue New Offshore Leases.
• Democrats Raise Concerns About Nominee For Interior Deputy. (Washington Examiner) (Huffington Post) (San Francisco Chronicle)

Top Issues and Accomplishments

• Last week Secretary Zinke toured the Grand Staircase Escalante and the Bears Ears national monuments as part of President Trump's EO reviewing a number of large and controversial monuments. Dozens of media followed the trip. Very positive local coverage. A physical package of local clips will be sent.
• This week, Secretary Zinke is in D.C.
• TODAY – Secretary Zinke tweeted a Police Week video (featuring VP Pence)
• TOMORROW – DOI will send the Police Week video (featuring VP Pence) to newsletter subscribers
• FRIDAY – The National Park Service will announce the price of the Senior Pass will increase to $80. This is a Congressionally-mandated increase.
• NEXT WEEK – The NPS will announce the cost of the deferred maintenance backlog

<u>Federal Register Listings</u>

The following items were cleared for the FR on Monday.

0007000 FWS Incidental Take Permit Applications Received to Participate in American Burying Beetle Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan in Oklahoma This is a batched notice of availability for Incidental Take Permit applications under the amended Industry Conservation Plan for American Burying Beetle. Notice 05/15/2017.

REG0006995 ONRR Postponement of Public Meeting: U.S. Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee. Postponement of the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for June 7-8, 2017. Notice 05/15/2017.

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Meetings:

- Introduction meeting with Jason Hershey of David's Tent. He expressed interest in meeting the new NPS Director when confirmed.
- TTAB Conference Call. Meeting was for approval and comment of letter to send to Secretary Pruitt. Letter stressed the importance of international travel to the economy.
- Worked with scheduling and Gareth to have a meeting with Jim Cason and New Mexico Governor
- Attended briefing by USGS on the upcoming USGS Critical Minerals Report
- Americans for Tax Reform. Was invited to introduce myself and provide a two minute stump speech. Made a few good contacts.
- Met with Camila Simon of HECHO. A Latino advocacy group supporting Bears Ears
- Safari Club International. Secretary had to cancel speaking arraignment. I was able to find them two more speakers. Briefed speakers on SCI Issues. SCI provided position papers.
- Provided a briefing for Mike Nedd and company regarding the Monuments and my office's role.
- Meeting with the Access Fund, Addidas and Professional athletes regarding their support for Bears Ears and future possible partnerships.
- Meeting with contact at Export Import Bank regarding their Intergovernmental office.
- Mixer with various outdoor groups to network and find common ground.
- Meeting with Governor Martinez and Jim Cason regarding Tribal Gaming Compacts
- Conference call with Energy Producing States Coalition. Bi-partisan group of roughly 100 state legislatures that work together. Scope: Domestic Energy production and transmission

Contact:

- Call to California Governor's office regarding input on monuments
- Call to Guam's Governor's office regarding input on monuments
- Call to Oregon's Governor's office regarding input on monuments
- Call to Maryland Governor's office regarding an appointment between Governor and Secretary
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- Introduction call with Candace Boyer of Americans for Tax Reform
- Spoke with Sam Ricketts of Washington Governor's office and the Washington Governor recommends no action on Hanford Reach Monument
- Spoke with Tom Daley of Massachusetts Governor's office regarding process of reviewing the monuments

Scheduling requests:

- Energy Exposition, June 21
- Oregon Governor Brown would like a phone call with the Secretary.
- Idaho Governor Otter would like a phone call with the Secretary

Correspondence:

- Received a letter from Governor Torres (emailed) forwarded to Exec Sec.
- Emailed Press release, "America First Energy Policy" to DC Governor reps, WH, Energy contacts.
- Emailed Federal Notice regarding monuments to DC Governor reps, WH, Sportsmen and Big 7

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While we intend to follow up in greater detail concerning a number of the Monuments under review and the invaluable outdoor recreation opportunities they contain, we write to share our concern regarding the process the administration is currently undertaking.

Outdoor Alliance appreciates the importance of public input from a wide range of stakeholders—including locals, as well as the nationally dispersed citizen co-owners of our country's public lands—on all land management decisions. Throughout the years-long process leading up to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument, as well as the designation of numerous other Monuments under review, Outdoor Alliance, alongside our member organizations, local affiliates, and partners, shared information with the previous administration, both in the field and in Washington, D.C. We are gratified to have seen such a robust public process, including a wide range of essential stakeholders, leading to the protection of this invaluable landscape in a way that recognizes its recreational value alongside its cultural and historic resources.

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To:	Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>
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I am sending you this guy's contact. You should connect with him.

Sent from my iPhone

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Downey,

See below for the information that Don Peay, founder of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, will bring up in his meeting with Secretary Zinke tomorrow when he meets with him privately at the dinner.

The attachments include: the economic impacts of hunting to the State of Utah and the areas in and around both national monuments; and photos of big game taken in the area.

Don will also mention his ties to Donald Trump Jr. He developed a relationship with Jr. during the campaign. They have been on several hunts together in Utah.

See you tomorrow.

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Soon, interior Secretary Zinke will be touring Utah Monuments - Bears Ears and Grand Staircase for a review per Executive Order from President Trump

These 3.2 Million acres, thanks to modern conservation funding are now home to thriving herds of Elk, Mule Deer, Desert Bighorn Sheep, antelope, cougar, black Bear and wild turkey

These areas are lands of the 235 plus inch mule deer, 400 inch elk, 170 inch Rams, and most importantly places where thousands of families have enjoyed world class hunting adventures on public lands. It is the place where many of our children have bagged their first turkey!

51,007 hunters apply for the permits in these areas - highly coveted opportunities! It generates at a Minimum $29 Million in direct conservation funding, and economic activity. See attached.

The above data is supplied by Don Peay, Founder of Sportsmen for Fish And Wildlife, that has an MBA. It is the best data as supplied by the Utah DWR and knowledge of the hunting economies in these areas. See attached, any comments welcome. Very important to the American Sportsmen

Subject: Economic and Hunting Interest In Monuments

Just north of Lake Powell, a cross from the Bears Ears Border, lies the magnificent Henry Mountains, with mountain peaks reaching 10,000 plus feet

The mountain Range is home to the only free ranging, disease free Bison herd in North America. The Bison herd, and restoration of what now many consider the best mule deer herd in North America, are examples of Modern day Sportsmen and state agency Conservation efforts. More than $1 Million of private sportsmen funds have been invested in the last ten years to grow and expand these herds. The Dept. of Interior recognized the Bison efforts last year.

There are opportunities to further expand these herds, and make this a Zinke and Interior Legacy project for elk, Mule Deer and Bison. Desert bighorn are scheduled to be added to the mountain as well.

This is a microcosm for the west. Massive habitat restoration, impacts of fires, finding win win solutions for conflicts between wildlife and domestic livestock, sportsmen funding, state wildlife agencies working cooperatively with Federal Agencies.

And in the end, healthy watersheds, local economic growth, and incredible hunting on Americas great public lands!

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Don Peay

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Downey & Heather,

Summary of the day's news provided by BLM-Utah comms. Hope it has been a good trip - travel well. Anita

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Date: Wed, May 10, 2017 at 4:43 PM
Subject: Daily News Report - May 10
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Attached is the daily news report for May 10, as well as a more detailed listing with articles related to the Secretary of the Interiors visit to Utah. For archiving purposes, I am adding on to the monuments report. I have added links to the start of each day for navigation purposes.

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Timber has been clear-cut to make ski runs, lifts and cables have been installed to access the tops of the mountains, the river has been dammed to make a reflection pond, and structures have been built for enjoyment of guests. To help “manage” nature, snow-making machines have been installed. Sundance has multiple uses, generates revenues, creates jobs and invests money each year to keep it a wonderful place!

If a president came in and declared that Sundance was so special — which it is — and that it needed to be preserved and past activities be banned, or limited, I would fight against that presidential action, even if the president was of my own party.

So, the exact parallels exist with the monuments — Bears Ears and Grand Staircase. Like Sundance, these areas are wonderful places. For the past 100-plus years, these lands have been managed as multiple-use. Revenues and jobs are created; money is required to have active management of habitats, water and wildlife. Like Sundance, these areas have been kept pristine and natural systems even augmented.

So here is the problem now with the presidential monuments: All of a sudden, someone comes in and wants to put incredible restrictions on past use and, over time, federal agencies demand more and more “natural systems” and no “management.” The parallel at Sundance would be to turn off the snow-making machines and stop skiing, mountain biking and zip line activity because these activities are not “natural.” And people in large cities far away would begin to demonize Redford for making money and pillaging the land. Without consulting, or respecting Redford’s lifetime of work and investment, they would make edicts from afar about how to manage his resort.

Now, Sundance is mostly privately owned. But there are exact parallels in whether you can have certain “management” activities of land, water and wildlife, and if certain functions, such as hunting, grazing and limited mineral development, can take place — and if these traditional uses can continue to be allowed.

If the shoe were on the other foot, Redford would be adamantly opposed to federal mandates from afar. I would join him in his defense.

It would be nice for once for those on the left to say, “Yes, let's protect and preserve these magnificent places. Let's protect historical uses. Let's continue to allow certain renewable activities that generate revenue. And let's not demonize capitalism. And, just like at Sundance, let's recognize that through cooperation and collaboration, on federal lands we can have a multiple-use, 'wilderness' experience."

Don Peay was founder of both Trump for President Utah and Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife. He holds a bachelor's in chemical engineering and an MBA, both from Brigham Young University.

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ST. GEORGE – As part of a campaign to keep Washington County’s public lands beautiful, the county and its partners are sponsoring a cleanup project in the Bloomington area of St. George Saturday morning.

The area near the Bearclaw Poppy Trailhead west of Navajo Drive is heavily used for recreational shooting, all-terrain vehicles, mountain bikers and others and is often littered with trash and debris.

Dozens of Washington County residents cleaned up the area April 1, gathering 30 cubic yards of trash from public lands in the area and significantly improving a recreation area that was once an eyesore, officials said in a written statement. But more help is needed to beautify the area, and the county is asking the public’s help with trash removal.

Washington County recently launched a new countywide campaign to raise residents' awareness and participation in keeping public lands clean.

Unveiled in November by the Washington County Commission, the "Give Your Land a Hand" campaign encourages residents to clean up after themselves and pick up any garbage they come across while recreating on public lands.

"This is one of those opportunities that everybody from both sides of the political spectrum can get behind and work together on," Public Lands Clean Up Committee Chairman Rev. Jimi Kestin said.

"Because we all believe that our public lands are worthy of being kept clean … I'm always looking for reasons to unify people."

Kestin is senior pastor at the Solomon's Porch Foursquare Fellowship in St. George and is known for his service in the county's business and faith communities.

For Saturday's event, trash bags and dumpsters will be provided. Participants are asked to supply their own gloves, water and snacks for the event and to wear protective clothing such as boots, hats, long-sleeve shirts and long pants.

The cleanup will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon; however, volunteers are welcome at any point during this time. Event coordinators will be on hand to direct volunteers, Kestin said.

Volunteers are asked to visit the welcome station located at the Bear Claw Poppy trailhead at the west end of Navajo Drive in Bloomington. At the station, they will receive directions to cleanup sites and dumpsters, sign volunteer release waivers and will be given the opportunity to join the Give Your Land a Hand mailing list to obtain notices of future events.

For more information see the county's Give Your Land a Hand webpage or email info@giveyourlandahand.com.

Partners supporting the event include Washington County, Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, the Bureau of Land Management St. George Field Office and Arizona Strip District, Republic Services, Washington County's Interfaith Council, Utah Public Lands Alliance, the State of Utah, Trust Lands Administration, the City of St. George, Walmart, Target and Costco.

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I clearly remember Cache Valley 58 years ago. Jenny, our 8-month-old son and I arrived in Logan in late June 1959. All of our earthly possessions were in a trailer I built from a wrecked Ford van. We checked into a motel and called my USU department head, Laurie Stoddart. He loaded us in his car and took us up Logan Canyon.

Tired as we were, we knew he was introducing us to precious gifts — fishing holes, picnic spots, hiking trails, nice places to pitch a tent. It was hard for Texans to believe we owned part of that land. And that we could use it and share it with other owners.

Next day we moved into a house we had rented on the phone from a professor on sabbatical. We had no contract. I had paid no deposit. No one was there. A neighbor gave us the house key and made us part of the neighborhood before we unloaded our son's potty chair. Cool, clear water ran down an irrigation ditch that watered the yard and a garden the owner planted for us.

On July 3 I was forced into a crash course on public land. Professor Wayne Cook had a family emergency in Kansas. I had to assume his duties. With Wayne's notes, help from my colleagues and an Independence Day weekend, I prepared to teach at Summer Camp the following Monday. Because I had a wife with a crawling baby in a new town, I chose to commute.

At daybreak each day I turned east on Canyon Road, the main highway to Bear Lake. Herm's sign said it was the last chance. As I passed First Dam and the electrical generating plant, I entered public land. The road narrowed and snaked around three beautiful reservoirs behind dams that diverted irrigation water. No rushes or choking vegetation invaded the mirror-like pools. Well-designed campgrounds built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) welcomed travelers.

There was a scattering of private inholdings and businesses along the road. Zanavoo consisted of a thriving restaurant, a gift shop and a motel. There was a dance hall near Right Hand Fork where forestry students went for (probably illegal) beer. Sumer cabins were scattered along the river. New ones were under construction in recently opened areas. Most cabins were on long-term leases, an enticement for people to use the public lands.

Land all around me was struggling to recover from a century of exploitation. Each day taught me something about restoring health to damaged land. Decaying stumps, invading weeds and erosion scars on beautiful landscapes told a story of greed, misunderstanding, or both. Each day I tried to relate what I was seeing with what was expected of me in my new job.

To improve the abused environment and service Wayne's research projects, I had to put theory into practice. I borrowed horses, located research plots, collected data and coordinated our college's activities with land users and Forest Service employees. I learned eating supper with ranch families, having coffee with sheepherders who barely spoke English, sharing my water with hikers, jump-starting a fisherman's car and telling hunters where I had seen a four-point buck. Some folks complained about government rules, but I don't remember anyone wanting to put the land in private ownership.

Today most land of Logan Canyon away from roads or rivers is in much better condition than it was 70 years ago. But lands near rivers suffer. The Logan River road was widened and straightened, taking its toll on bottom lands. Reservoirs behind dams are filled with silt and invading plants. Some campgrounds have been abandoned. Private in-holdings are fenced, entrance gates to leased cabin areas are locked and no trespassing signs decorate landscapes.

People in high places, including many Utah elected officials, want the public lands in private ownership. The Kim Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah recently predicted Utah population will nearly double by 2065. We'll need houses for twice as many people in a decade less time than I've been in Utah.

Think of the fortunes that could be made if Logan Canyon land could be bought and "developed." Imagine a four lane highway from Logan to Garden City. Think about macmansions, tennis courts and swimming pools where leased cabins stand, on campgrounds and level spots near that highway. Imagine huge hotels and golf courses for members only.

Pull up Google Earth and look at new housing developments on private land around Bear Lake. Follow the road back to Logan and note places where houses, private clubs, and luxury hotels could turn millionaires into billionaires while local taxpayers pay for infrastructure and services. Then follow the road from Avon to Eden and observe new development in that valley. With a fast growing population, privately owned land and the art of a deal, Logan Canyon development could be huge.

I don't feel old. I feel like I'm only one of a whole bunch of frogs sitting in a pot of calm, warming water.

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1. Op-Ed: Endangered species should face same Trump test as national monuments

E & E News, May 9 | Emily Yehle

This week, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke is touring two national monuments as part of President Trump's April 26 executive order to review the last 20 years of national monument designations. The order gave Zinke 45 days to review monuments and determine whether any should be "rescinded, resized or modified in order to better benefit our public lands." The tour includes Bears Ears — 1.35 million acres established by President Obama in 2016 — and Grand Staircase-Escalante — 1.9 million acres established by President Clinton in 1996. These are only two of 27 that Zinke has singled out for review.

Zinke sees the review as an opportunity to "give state and local communities a meaningful voice in the process." Doing so could be the environmental legacy of the Trump administration.

Under the Antiquities Act of 1906, presidents can establish monuments without any input or approval from Congress or state and local officials. Hence, Bears Ears is seen as a "massive land grab." That land grab is even bigger considering that Obama created 26 new monuments and expanded 8 more, for a total of 553 million acres, bigger than Alaska, more than any previous president.

The effect of this executive power abuse on state and local governments is illustrated by Clinton's creation of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. In it, he included 176,000 acres of state lands used to generate revenues for Utah's K-12 public education system. The House Committee on Natural Resources recently cited Utah Geological Survey data that found restrictions for commodity production such as grazing and mineral development caused the value of the state lands to drop by $8 billion immediately after the designation. Bears Ears locked up another 109,000 acres of state land.

"Families that have lived for generations in affected communities find their families torn apart due to lack of employment opportunities for the next generation," Kathleen Clarke, former head of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under President Bush, said of the monument. "Populations are declining. In the twenty years since the creation of the Grand Staircase, school enrollment in Escalante has gone from 150 to 57 students."

Obama's designation of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine caused similar concerns. At a recent hearing of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands, Maine Gov. Paul LePage (R) identified economic losses to the forestry industry and public access barriers such as the loss of connectivity for ATV trails. "Not long after the President designated the Monument, Maine residents started to feel the negative effects of having the federal government as their new master," he testified.

The monument review order follows President Trump's Feb. 28 revocation of Obama's "Waters of the United States" rule. That rule gave the Environmental Protection Agency authority to regulate virtually every drop of water from the Mississippi River to a backyard puddle. He has instructed the EPA to unwind Obama's war on coal and signed a congressional resolution overturning the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) seizure of Alaska's authority to manage wildlife on federal refuges.

The president should continue this trajectory by instructing Secretary Zinke to review the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's overreach. For example, in 2014, the FWS added four sub-species of the Mazama pocket gopher in Thurston County, Washington, to its list of threatened animals.

To develop property suitable for gophers, owners must go through a long, costly permitting process. Requiring a permit is not based on the number of gophers, but on the property's suitability as gopher habitat. Landowners with suitable habitat may be required to develop a Habitat

Conservation Plan approved by FWS, a plan that could cost $42,000 in habitat offset fees. In one case, a local developer spent over $3 million to accommodate the furry digger on 77 acres of its land.

Just as Secretary Zinke is seeking local input on national monument designations, he should require FWS to do so with endangered species regulations. When it worked with a nearby military base, they were able to develop a plan whereby gophers thrive along with military training exercises. The same could be done with private landowners.

President Trump's executive orders have signaled that he thinks state and local policymakers can be better caretakers of the environment than Washington bureaucrats. The Trump environmental agenda seems to be following the advice of David Brower, founder of Friends of the Earth — "Think globally, act locally." State and local citizens are better positioned to solve most environmental problems than are bureaucrats in Washington.

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2. REGULATIONS: Interior vows action on methane rule after Senate vote fails

E & E News, May 10 | Corbin Hiar and Kellie Lunney

The Interior Department this afternoon signaled its intent to overhaul an Obama-era rule on methane waste from oil and gas operations after the Republican-controlled Senate failed today to scuttle the regulation.

"As part of President Trump's America-First Energy Strategy and executive order, the Department has reviewed and flagged the Waste Prevention rule as one we will suspend, revise or rescind given its significant regulatory burden that encumbers American energy production, economic growth and job creation," Kate MacGregor, Interior's acting assistant secretary for land and minerals, said in a statement.

"The vote today in the Senate doesn't impact the Administration's commitment to spurring investment in responsible energy development and ensuring smart regulatory protections," she added.

The Bureau of Land Management rule was designed to limit emissions of planet-warming methane from the oil and gas sector, the largest industrial emitter. It requires producers operating on public and tribal lands to incrementally reduce the amount of natural gas vented or flared from wells by capturing more of it over time.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke previously indicated in a letter to Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio) that the department would "engage in a robust assessment" of all venting and flaring requirements to ensure industries aren't wasting natural resources or taxpayer money.

He also told Portman, who was wavering on whether to support striking down the regulation, that Interior would revise existing BLM restrictions on the flaring of unmarketable methane, as well as expedite certain permitting processes and eliminate any BLM policies that duplicate flaring restrictions in several Western states, including the one in Colorado, which the Obama administration modeled its rule on.

Those commitments convinced the Ohio moderate to vote for the rule repeal, which fell short by one vote of moving forward this morning (Greenwire, May 10). Three Republicans — Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and John McCain of Arizona — sided with Democrats who voted against moving ahead with the measure.

It's unclear if Zinke will follow the plan he outlined to Portman or devise a new one in light of the failed repeal attempt. Environmentalists have questioned whether such actions would have the effect of reducing methane emissions (Energywire, May 10).

Industry groups were disappointed by the Senate vote but welcomed the news that Interior doesn't plan to let the methane regulations stand as is.

Nevertheless, oil and gas companies will have to start complying with the many provisions of the regulation in January, according to Robert Dillon, spokesman for the American Council for Capital Formation, which opposes BLM's venting and flaring rule. As a result, companies must review their budgets this summer and decide whether it makes more economic sense to comply or shut down production.

"The big thing is uncertainty for companies who don't have time to wait for Interior to unwind the rule," Dillon said.

Supporters of the rule, meanwhile, were critical of MacGregor's announcement. The promise to revise or rescind the rule amounts to the Trump administration "saving the day for the oil and gas special interests who weren't able to muster even a Senate majority to kill the rule," said Amit Narang, regulatory policy advocate at Public Citizen's Congress Watch.

Other rules on the chopping block

MacGregor's comments represent the second firm commitment the department has made to alter or eliminate any of the four oil and gas industry-related rules that Trump's March 28 directive said could "unduly burden the development of domestic energy resources."

Interior previously announced that it was rescinding BLM's high-profile and much-litigated hydraulic fracturing rule, which set new requirements for well construction, wastewater management and chemical disclosure for fracked wells on tribal and public lands (Energywire, March 17).

The department hasn't publicly weighed in on two less controversial rules governing drilling in national wildlife refuges and parks that were also targeted by the executive order (Greenwire, April 25).

Zinke was due to receive a report from his deputy secretary advising him on how to comply with Trump's energy directive, but the secretary is currently out in Utah reviewing national monuments, as called for in a separate executive order (Greenwire, May 10).

Interior didn't immediately respond to a request for more information on how it plans to proceed on the methane, refuges or parks rules.

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Those promises ring hollow in light of the Congressional Review Act's prohibition of a rule that is "substantially the same" as a regulation tossed under the statute, legal experts and environmental groups said yesterday.

"Secretary Zinke claims that if Congress nullifies the protections that BLM has put in place to reduce wasteful methane venting and flaring on our public lands, he will issue new guidance or rules that will achieve the same end. This is an empty promise," said David Hayes, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and former deputy secretary of the Interior during the Clinton and Obama administrations.
"Industry lawyers are standing by to argue that because of congressional action, the department has no authority to protect taxpayers and the public from the continued waste of valuable public resources," Hayes said.

In his Thursday letter to Ohio's junior senator, Zinke pledged to assess all of Interior's venting and flaring requirements, bolster incentives for methane capture, and expedite approvals for infrastructure to carry excess gas to market.

Interior could also update its Notice to Lessees 4A (NTL-4A) to "take concrete action to reduce methane waste," Zinke wrote.

The secretary's promises convinced Portman — who had previously been publicly undecided on the issue — to back a CRA resolution doing away with BLM's methane rule (E&E Daily, May 9).

"I believe that the Interior Department should do more to prevent methane venting and flaring on federal lands," Portman wrote in a Monday statement. "The Secretary of the Interior has made clear in a letter to me that the Department is committed to acting on this important issue going forward, and he has outlined specific actions it would take to do that."

But Zinke's plan to address methane through the NTL-4A could be legally fraught, dozens of law professors wrote to Senate leadership this week (Energywire, May 9).

"[T]here is a serious legal question whether the Interior Secretary can impose new requirements on lessees by simply revising the existing Notice to Lessees," their letter said. "The CRA clearly provides that, if the

Waste Prevention Rule is overturned by CRA resolution, the Interior Department becomes legally prohibited from adopting new rules that are 'substantially the same' as the regulations overturned, unless Congress specifically provides the Department with such authority in new legislation.

"The meaning of that limitation is unknown as no court has yet interpreted it."

John Ruple, associate law professor at the University of Utah and one of the letter's signatories, said the legal implications of Zinke's proposal are murky.

"The over-energetic use of the CRA by Congress is potentially dangerous, since the agency that promulgated the rule at issue is prohibited from putting forward a 'substantially similar' replacement — and no one really knows what that means. Facing budget scrutiny and uncertainty regarding their legal footing, it is hard to imagine agencies acting quickly to fill the void created by use of the CRA — especially when agencies are supposed to eliminate two regulations for each new rule they issue," he said in a statement yesterday. "I am concerned that the Department of the Interior may not be able to deliver on the promise of a meaningful replacement."

Methane authority

Industry groups have asked Interior to stay out of methane control altogether.

"There are efforts already underway by the EPA to regulate methane emissions and ensure a fair and equitable return to the American taxpayers," said Dan Naatz, senior vice president of government relations and political affairs at the Independent Petroleum Association of America. "Using the Mineral Leasing Act to regulate air emissions is a non-starter."

Because most of Zinke's strategies would not require a new rulemaking, his promises stand on solid ground, said Kathleen Sgamma, president of the Western Energy Alliance. Updating the NTL-4A is still within BLM's authority, even if the methane rule disappears, she said.

"Apparently the only threat of litigation to subsequent actions by Secretary Zinke to keep these promises to Senator Portman would come from these same environmental groups, a truly twisted result from what they claim to want," Sgamma said.

The item on Zinke's list that would offer the most effective change is to approve pipeline rights of way — which could be done in a matter of days, she said.

The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) questioned whether Zinke's proposals would have the effect of reducing methane emissions.

Two of the strategies — assess venting and flaring requirements and eliminate duplicative federal flaring restrictions — would have zero impact on curbing escaped gas, the group wrote in its own letter to Portman.

"Overall, the letter does not identify a single specific 'concrete action' that the Secretary might take to reduce waste," EDF wrote. "The Secretary asks you to accept a page of vague and unfounded assurances in lieu of an 80-page technical rule, enforceable by law."

EDF asked Portman to reconsider his support of the resolution.

A long-delayed Senate vote is expected today.

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4. PUBLIC LANDS: 4 states take aim at Trump's coal leasing revival effort

E & E News, May 10 | Ellen M. Gilmer

Four states are taking the Trump administration to court over plans to restart coal leasing on public lands.

California, New Mexico, New York and Washington filed suit yesterday, challenging Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's decision to lift a leasing moratorium that had been in place for more than a year.

The Obama administration froze federal coal leasing in January 2016 to conduct a broad analysis focused on leasing's environmental impacts and royalty calculations. Zinke announced in March that he was tossing the review and restarting the leasing program. The announcement came after President Trump's "energy independence" executive order aimed at boosting domestic energy production.

Yesterday's lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana, says Zinke's decision violated the National Environmental Policy Act. The four states argue that restarting the leasing program amounts to a major federal action that requires fresh environmental review.

Interior and its Bureau of Land Management oversee coal resources on public lands across the country, with federal leases producing nearly .4 billion tons of coal in 2015. Most of it comes from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming and Montana.

"Without the benefit of the hard look at the current environmental impacts of the coal leasing program that a lawful, up-to-date environmental impact review would provide, Defendants' decision to restart the coal leasing program does not even acknowledge, let alone address, the harms to Plaintiffs from the leasing program," the lawsuit says.

The states are asking the district court to freeze the leasing program until Interior conducts additional environmental review. The agency does not comment on pending litigation.

The lawsuit also argues that ending the moratorium "without evaluating whether the program is in the public interest or ensuring that it will provide fair market value to the public" is a violation of the Mineral Leasing Act and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act — federal laws that govern leasing on public lands.

The states note that they have "long been leaders" in working to cut greenhouse gas emissions and are actively facing effects of climate change, including more frequent and intense storms, reduced snowpack, more frequent wildfires and sea-level rise.

"Plaintiffs have an interest in the responsible use, management, and conservation of our nation's public resources," the suit says. "That interest is particularly strong where, as here, the use of such resources causes adverse environmental impacts that the States are working diligently to address."

Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson (D) — who noted that his state also faces impacts from coal-train traffic, with as many as 70 trains per day passing through some Washington rail segments — argued that the Trump administration's approach has ignored concerns about environmental impacts and whether taxpayers are getting a fair return on the federal leases.

"Taxpayers deserve to have their natural resources managed responsibly," he said in a statement. "Responsible stewardship requires an understanding of the costs and benefits of extraction, which just months ago these same agencies admitted they simply don't have. That's unacceptable."

Joining Ferguson in the suit are New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, all Democrats.

Related litigation

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe and a coalition of environmental groups filed their own lawsuit in March challenging the reversal of the leasing moratorium. They make similar NEPA claims, and Northern Cheyenne argues that Interior also failed to meet its tribal consultation obligations before making the decision (Greenwire, March 30).

Northern Cheyenne President L. Jace Killsback said he was glad to see the four states joining the opposition to the Trump administration's move.

"They are allies to us, and we are an ally to them," he said, noting that their NEPA and consultation claims are complementary.

The environmental groups in that case are the Center for Biological Diversity, ecoCheyenne, Citizens for Clean Energy, Defenders of Wildlife, the Montana Environmental Information Center, the Sierra Club and WildEarth Guardians, represented by Earthjustice.

In a separate lawsuit filed yesterday, the Grand Canyon Trust is accusing Interior of violating the Freedom of Information Act by withholding documents related to the Obama administration's review process for the leasing program. The group first filed its request last summer.

"The federal coal leasing program is failing taxpayers, polluting air and water, and lining the pockets of coal company executives," Energy Program Director Amber Reimondo said in a statement. "The American public deserves to know why our government is turning a blind eye to clear science and the real economics of dirty coal mining."

The group filed its suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Separately, the Center for Biological Diversity has requested records of communication

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5. **WILDLIFE: Federal grassland program benefits sage grouse — study**

E & E News, May 10 | Nicholas Geranios, AP

A new study of sage grouse in Eastern Washington found a surprisingly large benefit from a federal program that subsidizes farmers to plant year-round grasses and native shrubs instead of crops.

The study concluded that is probably the reason that sage grouse still live in portions of Washington's Columbia River Basin.

"Without these lands, our models predict that we would lose about two thirds of the species' habitat, and that the sage grouse would go extinct in two of three sub-populations," said Andrew Shirk of the University of Washington's Climate Impacts Group.

The study was conducted by the UW, plus state and federal researchers, and will appear in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Wildlife Management.

Sage grouse are ground-dwelling, chicken-sized birds found in 11 Western states, from North Dakota to California. As few as 200,000 remain in the U.S., down from a peak population of about 16 million. The males are known for their strutting courtship ritual on breeding grounds, and they produce a bubble-type sound from a pair of inflated air sacks on their necks.

Federal officials in 2015 opted not to list sage grouse under the Endangered Species Act but announced federal land-use restrictions. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will review the bird's listing status within five years.

The Conservation Reserve Program, established in 1985, is voluntary and pays farmers to plant agricultural land with environmentally beneficial vegetation on 10- to 15-year contracts.

Of the roughly 24 million acres planted through the program in the U.S., about 1.4 million acres are in Eastern Washington.

"From the outset, it was envisioned that the CRP program would be good for wildlife," Shirk said. "But I don't think anyone expected that it would be this valuable."

Will McDow, who works to protect sage grouse for the Environmental Defense Fund, said the report was good news.

“It’s a great example of public-private partnerships,” McDow said Tuesday. “It’s something to celebrate.”

In Eastern Washington, the sage grouse population has stabilized at about 1,000 birds. They live in three main places: the Yakima Training Center, Moses Coulee, and Crab Creek area.

The Yakima Training Center is a U.S. Army facility where the native sagebrush habitat is mostly intact. But the other two areas are heavily agricultural, with irrigated farmland and dryland wheat fields. The birds would likely not have survived there without the CRP program, the study found.

Sage grouse in other Western states are threatened mostly by oil and gas exploration and other types of development.

Previously, studies of sage grouse across their range in the United States suggested Eastern Washington agricultural areas would not be hospitable for the birds. Washington’s habitat is a relatively small island separated from the broader sagebrush seas in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and Nevada, the study said.

“The other studies generally predicted that Eastern Washington was a place that shouldn’t support sage grouse because most of the habitat was converted to agricultural lands,” Shirk said. “And yet they’re still here.”

The authors’ results show that without the federally-subsidized CRP lands dominated by native grass and big sagebrush, sage grouse in Eastern Washington would only have about one-third the amount of usable habitat, and the two subpopulations in agricultural areas would become so small that they would likely go extinct.

A harsh winter, for example, could decimate a small population, Shirk said.

The study found that if Washington’s CRP lands were extended to be near existing sage grouse populations, the birds’ habitat could be increased by as much as 63 percent.

“We have seen CRP help grassland birds across the country,” McDow said.

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6. **EPA: Dems to Pruitt — don't close regional offices**

E & E News, May 10 | Kevin Bogardus

Democrats are urging U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt not to close any of the agency's regional offices.

All 10 senators who caucus with Democrats and serve on the Environment and Public Works Committee last week sent a letter, obtained by E&E News, to the agency chief. Led by Sens. Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.) and Tom Carper (D-Del.), the panel's ranking member, they requested that Pruitt commit to not shuttering any of EPA's regional and program offices.

"We ask you to reaffirm your commitment to the agency you are tasked with leading and to the families you took an oath to protect by ruling out the possibility that any regional or program EPA office will be closed or consolidated," they said in the letter.

They added that if Pruitt dismisses EPA's regional staff, "the agency would lose irreplaceable institutional knowledge and a deeper understanding of highly technical and regionally specific environmental issues."

In their letter to Pruitt, the senators said they were "deeply troubled" by an internal EPA budget document that hinted at potential closures and consolidation for some of the agency's regional offices.

"Funding levels incorporate rent cost avoidance from several regional and headquarters offices (Potomac Yards North, Region 1, Region 5, and Region 9), the decommissioning of part of the Las Vegas laboratory, and the release of the headquarters warehouse in Washington D.C.," said the document.

Further, the Office of Management and Budget has reportedly told EPA it must close two regional offices as it prepares the budget for the next fiscal year.

Much of the speculation regarding which office could be closed has centered on EPA's Region 5 branch, based in Chicago. It is the agency's largest regional office, with more than 1,000 employees on its payroll.

Lawmakers have pushed back on that possible closure, with both Democratic and Republican House members from Michigan writing a letter to Pruitt last month urging him to keep Region 5 open.

EPA officials in Chicago and at headquarters in Washington have denied reports that the agency plans to close the Region 5 branch, calling them false and just rumors (Greenwire, April 18).

Pruitt has repeated those denials himself. In an interview with the Tulsa World last week, the EPA administrator said rumors that EPA will close the Chicago office are "pure legend" and that the move "has not been discussed."

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7. POLITICS: Effort to shield documents sparks transparency debate

E & E News, May 10 | Geof Koss

Are House Republicans conspiring with the Trump administration to evade a key federal open-records law? Or is Congress simply reasserting a long-standing legal prerogative it says is essential to conducting oversight of the executive branch?

It depends on whom you ask.

Since January, congressional staffers say they've begun to notice distinct signatures on emails sent to federal agencies from House addresses, which in effect state that the contents of the messages are not considered "agency records" for purposes of compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

"This email and any related documents, notes, draft legislation, recommendations, reports, or other materials generated or received by the members or staff of the Committee on Financial Services are congressional records and remain subject to the Committee's control, and are entrusted to your agency only for use in handling this matter," says one such signature flagged to E&E News recently by a House aide.

Similar language has been appended to emails from other committees, aides say.

While Congress has long been exempt from FOIA, federal agencies are not, and congressional correspondence to the executive branch is routinely released to media outlets and other requesters under the law.

Those records can shed light on the internal operations on both the executive and legislative branches.

In recent years, documents obtained by E&E News under FOIA have shown a burgeoning investigation into an EPA administrator's email practices, EPA's denial of using controversial "stingray" surveillance technology and even lobbying by agencies to rework legislation to strengthen the public records law.

But the disclaimers could prevent the release of similar documents in the future. A House Democratic aide said recently that senior EPA political staff had discussed ways to evade FOIA with staff from both parties. EPA did not respond to a request for comment.

Rick Blum, the director of News Media for Open Government, said that the email signatures are worrisome and unnecessary, given existing exemptions in the law for Congress.

"Clearly, FOIA allows confidential congressional investigations," he said last month after reviewing one such signature. "FOIA is not an impediment to Congress getting the information it needs and keeping its information gathering confidential to protect investigations, to protect sources."

Furthermore, journalists rely on state and federal open-records laws as part of their reporting.

"Preserving emails and looking at correspondence between agencies and between parts of government should be expected and is part of the newsgathering process more and more," he said. "And it's more a part of the public consciousness."

Gray matter

While Congress is exempt from FOIA, its interactions with other entities that are covered by the statute are somewhat of a gray area.

The leading case on the subject is a 2004 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, United We Stand America Inc. v. Internal Revenue Service, in which the judges ruled that the Joint Committee of Taxation could reserve control over the confidentiality of correspondence it sent to the IRS.

Daniel Metcalfe, the founder and former director of the Justice Department's Office of Information and Privacy, who now teaches secrecy law at American University's Washington College of Law, says that decision may support efforts by congressional staff to send something to an executive branch agency and say, "We hereby reserve control over this letter" and perhaps even an attached document.

But he said there's no judicial precedent that supports ongoing congressional efforts to broadly shield all correspondence with an agency from FOIA requests.

The 2004 decision held that "what came into an agency can be deemed a congressional record, and even part of what went back to Congress could be, but only insofar as it reflects the substance or confidential existence of the congressional communication that came in," said Metcalfe, who likened it almost to attorney-client privilege.

While the Financial Services Committee email signature would likely protect the message itself from release under FOIA, Metcalfe said the inclusion of the phrase "any related documents" seemed overly broad, while efforts to reserve control over all documents "received by" the committee from the executive branch "goes way too far."

"It's unprecedented overreaching in the congressional context, very likely impracticable, as well," he said.

Moreover, he added, even where a congressional record can be shielded from release under FOIA, the inclusion of the email disclaimer does not in any way obviate a federal agency's obligation to identify the document, so a requester has the opportunity to challenge its claimed status administratively and in court.

"Otherwise, the agency would be unilaterally removing it from any possibility of disclosure just by saying nothing about it," Metcalfe said.

'Subject to congressional control'

Further stoking the debate were the recent revelations by BuzzFeed that House Financial Services Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas) last month had sent letters to multiple federal agencies under the panel's jurisdiction arguing that communications between the panel and agencies are not "agency records" under FOIA and "remain subject to congressional control even when in the physical possession of the agency."

Hensarling's letter to Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin further states that documents "created or compiled by your agency in connection with any responses to the Committee are also records of the Committee and remain subject to the Committee's control."

In a statement, House General Counsel Thomas Hungar said he had provided legal advice to Hensarling's panel and said that position represented "well-established legal principles and practices" that reflect congressional sentiment dating back four decades.

But in a letter sent Tuesday, 21 open-government groups urged Hensarling to "reconsider and rescind" his requests to federal agencies, some of which have already signaled they will comply with the request.

"These assertions improperly restrict the ability of the public to use FOIA to access those documents," wrote the Project on Government Oversight, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Press Club and others, noting that federal law already includes "narrow and specific" FOIA exemptions. "Your letter purports to create a new category of exemption through a unilateral action by a single Member of Congress, a troubling precedent."

Metcalfe said there was no precedent for documents that were later generated from initial congressional correspondence being completely screened out of FOIA.

"The only time something so generic and across-the-board has been attempted was when the White House tried it very specifically for Clinton health care task force records in 1993," Metcalfe said, while disclosing that he was the person who advised the Clinton White House on that position. "And with the demise of Hillary Clinton's efforts back then, that was never tested in litigation."

Not everyone sees nefarious motives in the recent push to protect congressional documents from being swept up in routine FOIA requests.

One House Democratic staffer said recently that the email signatures are the result of a 2016 ruling by the D.C. Circuit, American Civil Liberties Union v. CIA, that has sparked concerns that Congress needs to express clear intent of its desire to exempt a document from FOIA.

In fact, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency earlier this month cited that case in its response to Hensarling, in which it said it would decline to produce congressional records in response to FOIA requests.

But Elizabeth Hempowicz, POGO's policy counsel, disputed the relevance of that case to the current debate, saying it related to the interrogation report prepared by the Senate Intelligence Committee and set no applicable precedent.

In a letter to Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), the ranking member on Financial Services, Hensarling this week emphasized that he is not seeking a blanket exemption from FOIA for committee documents.

"[T]he letters that were sent to executive agencies do not mean that the Committee will advocate for the withholding of all records," Hensarling wrote. "We will as we always do, evaluate each situation on a case-by-case basis with an eye toward disclosure to the maximum extent feasible. All the Committee has done by issuing these letters is protect its legal rights."

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TOP STORIES – MAY 5, 2017

1. **With National Monuments Under Review, Bears Ears Is Focus Of Fierce Debate**

NPR, May 5 | Kirk Siegler

A lot of the anger over federal public land in rural Utah today can be traced back to a windy, gray day in Arizona in September 1996. At the Grand Canyon, President Bill Clinton formally designated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah, more than 100 miles away.

2. **Record-setting southern Utah tourism highlights stakes of national monument debate**

KSL News, May 5 | Dave Cawley

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's plan to visit southern Utah next week will place him, and by extension the Trump Administration, in the middle of two bitter fights over public lands in the state.

3. **Patagonia to Zinke: 'Conserve Our Shared Public Lands for Future Generations'**

EcoWatch, May 5 | Yvon Chouinard and Rose Marcario

Dear Secretary Zinke,

As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the national monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage—a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future.

4. **INTERIOR: Agency suspends advisory panels even as decisions loom**

E & E News, May 5 | Scott Streater

The Interior Department is formally reviewing the "charter and charge" of more than 200 advisory panels that assist federal agencies managing hundreds of millions of acres of public lands at a time when the Trump administration is considering significant changes to land-use designations and management practices.

5. **27 national monuments under Interior Dept. review**

David DeMille, May 5 | David DeMille

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Nearly two dozen national monuments will face a federal review period following an executive order by President Trump.

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6. **Native American advocates size up Trump administration**

KPAX News, May 6 | Eleanor Mueller

With President Donald Trump's first 100 days in office in the rearview mirror, lawmakers and advocates are uncertain but hopeful about the impact the new administration will have on the Native American community.

7. **Op-ed: Utah Farm Bureau applauds review of national monuments**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Ron Gibson

Utah Farm Bureau applauds President Trump's review of presidential national monument designations over the past two decades, including the highly controversial 1996 Grand Staircase-Escalante and 2016 Bears Ears National Monument.

8. **Much at stake as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke visits Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 6 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

SALT LAKE CITY — To all in the fight over the Bears Ears monument designation, there is much to win, a way of life to lose, and very little room on any side to compromise.

9. **Supporters of Bears Ears, Grand Staircase rally in advance of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Peggy Fletcher Stack

After his birth in Utah's Monument Valley, James Adakai's umbilical cord was buried at Bears Ears.

10. **In our opinion: Reviewing the Antiquities Act is an important course of action**

The Deseret News, May 6 | Deseret News editorial board

We believe in the importance of conservation. The nation's public and shared lands are a vital treasure that need to be preserved.

11. **Op-ed: Will Bears Ears Be the Next Standing Rock?**

The New York Times, May 6 | Terry Tempest Williams

After seven years of organizing, the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition — made up of the Hopi, Navajo, Uintah and Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni Nations — played a key role in securing the protection of 1.35 million acres surrounding Bears Ears from development and resource extraction just before President Obama left office.

12. **Zinke promises to hear out protestors of rescinding national monuments**

The Washington Times, May 6 | Ben Wolfgang

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Sunday launched a "listening tour" across Utah designed to quell an uproar over his department's controversial review of national monuments.

13. **National Monuments: Presidents Can Create Them, but Only Congress Can Undo Them**

Govexec.com, May 6 | Nicholas Bryner, Eric Biber, Mark Squillace and Sean B. Hecht

On April 26 President Trump issued an executive order calling for a review of national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act. This law authorizes presidents to set aside federal lands in order to protect "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest."

14. **Op-ed: National monuments are a positive economic force for rural communities**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Amy Roberts

The next several months are pivotal for the future of America's public lands. It is not easy to articulate how we have gotten to this point – but here we are.

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15. **Rallies over Bears Ears act as prelude to Zinke's visit**

KSL News, May 7 | Jasen Lee and Marjorie Cortez

SALT LAKE CITY — For scores of Utahns, preserving the monument status of the state's newest protected public lands and one of its more revered places was more than enough reason to spend a weekend afternoon at the state Capitol.

16. **Zinke met by protest as he arrives to consider Utah voices on national monuments**

The Deseret News, May 7 | McKenzie Romero

SALT LAKE CITY — While protestors clogged the sidewalk outside, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said he will be gathering perspectives of people on all sides of a deeply controversial issue as he reviews the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments.

17. **Zinke starts review of Utah's Bears Ears National Monument**

The Las Vegas Review-Journal, May 7 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will start a four-day Utah trip Sunday to assess whether 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled down or even rescinded.

18. **The new range war**

The Christian Science Monitor, May 7 | Amanda Paulson

MAY 7, 2017 SALMON, IDAHO—Merill Beyeler bears the classic look of a Western rancher. He's got the leathery face of someone who has spent a lot of time outdoors. He wears flannel shirts, jeans, and a bone-colored cowboy hat.

19. **The Latest: Zinke says he may not favor shrinking monuments**

NewsOK, May 7 | The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Latest on a visit to Utah by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the designation of national monuments (all times local):

20. **Zinke says monument designations have been an 'effective tool,' though 'very few ... are to the scale of the recent actions'**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 7 | Matthew Piper

As he embarked on a tour of Utah to review two national monuments, Ryan Zinke said he sees no evidence Native American proponents of Bears Ears National Monument were exploited by special interest groups, as state leaders have suggested.

21. **Zinke Begins Utah Listening Tour**

KUER News, May 7 | Judy Fahys

Utahns for and against national monuments have been asking the Trump administration to weigh in on Bears Ears ever since it was created in December. U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke arrived in Utah Sunday to hear their concerns firsthand.

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22. **Zinke in southern Utah to tour Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 8 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BLANDING — Native American supporters of the new Bears Ears National Monument talked Monday about the sacred nature of the rugged landscape and why it's so important to protect.

23. **Zinke kicks off Utah tour in national monuments review**

The Hill, May 8 | Timothy Cama

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is in Utah this week to tour two controversial national monuments that the Trump administration is considering rescinding or shrinking.

24. **Mr. Zinke, Keep Channeling Teddy Roosevelt**

The New York Times, May 8 | The Editorial Board

On his first day on the job, Ryan Zinke, President Trump's secretary of the interior, rode a horse to work, in plain imitation of Teddy Roosevelt, who as president used to gallop around Washington, and whose admirable record as a conservationist Mr. Zinke says he hopes to emulate.

25. **Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?**

The Las Vegas Sun, May 8 | Daniel Rothberg

At a Lake Tahoe fundraiser in August, Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl — a leader in the movement to transfer federal land to the states — met privately with then-candidate Donald Trump. According to a story Dahl has told many times since then, he asked Trump how he would feel operating a 10-floor hotel in which eight floors were owned by a bureaucracy 2,500 miles away.

26. **Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?**

The Center for American Progress, May 8 | Mary Ellen Kustin

On April 26, President Donald Trump launched an attack on national parks, public lands, and waters. His executive order called on U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to "review" the 54 national monuments that presidents have designated or expanded since 1996. The order gives wide discretion to the secretary to recommend actions that the president or Congress should take to alter or rescind the protections for these natural, historical, and cultural treasures.

27. **US Interior secretary tours hotly contested Utah monument**

The Washington Post, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Monday will get a bird's-eye view of one of 27 national monuments he's been ordered to review as he flies over 1.3 million acres of southern Utah's red rock plateaus, cliffs and canyons graced with sagebrush, juniper trees and ancient cliff dwellings in one of America's newest and most hotly contested monuments.

28. **Interior Secretary Zinke in southern Utah to tour Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 8 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BLANDING — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke landed in San Juan County Monday to begin his first full day exploring the rugged footprint of the new Bears Ears National Monument.

29. **Bears Ears: Hatch, Utah delegation lead pushback effort**

The Spectrum, May 8 | David DeMille

After signing an executive order calling for a review of more than two dozen national monuments, President Donald Trump handed the pen to U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, crediting the Utah Republican for being a driving force behind the order.

30. **San Juan County residents welcome visit from Secretary Zinke**

ABC 4 Utah, May 8 | Glen Mills

Interior secretary Ryan Zinke is touring two national monuments, and taking input from local stakeholders.

31. **Interior Turns Down Meetings With 2 Groups Supporting Utah Monuments**

The Morning Consult, May 8 | Jack Fitzpatrick

The Department of the Interior turned down meetings this week with at least two groups supporting national monument designations in Utah, spurring complaints that the Trump administration's review of monuments may be one-sided.

32. **Zinke: Monument status may not be best to save sacred land**

The Washington Post, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

BLANDING, Utah — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said sacred tribal lands he toured Monday in America's newest and most hotly contested monument should be preserved but he questioned whether the monument designation was the right way to do it.

33. **Interior Secretary visits Bears Ears National Monument to decide its fate**

Fox 13 News, May 8 | Ben Winslow

BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT -- Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke hiked past the lines of protesters out into the desert landscape.

34. **Interior Secretary visits Bears Ears National Monument to decide its fate**

KUTV 2 News, May 8 | Daniel Woodruff

Blanding, Utah — (KUTV) As the sun set over San Juan County Monday evening, Blanding, Utah, was buzzing.

35. **Interior secretary tours Bears Ears, hotly contested monument in Utah**

PBS Newshour, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

BLANDING, Utah — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke took an aerial tour Monday of one of America's newest and most hotly contested monuments — one of 27 he's been ordered to review by President Donald Trump to determine if they were properly established.

36. **Zinke flies over Bears Ears as critics urge him to 'Make San Juan County Great Again' and rescind monument**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 8 | Brian Maffly

Blanding • When Hank Stevens' family hunted under Bears Ears Buttes, they always honored the deer whose life they had taken and the place that nurtured it.

37. **Tribal leaders demand apology from Hatch after he said they 'don't fully understand' Bears Ears implications**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 8 | Mariah Noble

After Sen. Orrin Hatch said Sunday that American Indians "don't fully understand" what they would lose if Bears Ears is "made clearly into a monument," tribal leaders have called his comments offensive, and they demand an apology.

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38. **Boyd Matheson: The Navy SEAL and the Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 9 | Boyd Matheson

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, a former Navy SEAL commander, is touring Utah this week in response to President Donald Trump's executive order calling for a review of national monument designations over the past 21 years. There will be many who want to get in the secretary's ear as he visits the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante areas. I hope he can shun and shut out the strident and vitriolic voices in order to truly listen to and hear all the parties who have something constructive to say.

39. **The public is invited to comment as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tours monuments Utah politicians want abolished or shrunk**

The National Geographic, May 9 | Laura Parker

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is touring a pair of controversial national monuments in Utah on horseback this week at the behest of President Trump, who is reconsidering their merits. Zinke's four-day visit will take in Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in southern Utah, the main targets in a review of 27 large monuments Trump ordered last month. The president assigned Zinke to examine whether his predecessors over-stepped their authority and made these monuments too large or ignored objections from the public.

40. **The Case for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**

The Center for American Progress, May 9 | Jenny Rowland

President Donald Trump's national monuments executive order is an attack on American national parks, public lands, and oceans. One of its specific targets is the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah.

41. **NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Standing in Bears Ears, Zinke says protections may change**

E & E News, May 9 | Jennifer Yachnin,

BLANDING, Utah — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke questioned yesterday whether a monument designation is the "right vehicle" to protect tracts in southern Utah, suggesting that other public lands categories could be more appropriate for the 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument.

42. **The Latest: Utah Rancher Tells Zinke Monument Unnecessary**

US News, May 9 | The Associated Press

MONTICELLO, UTAH - Fifth-generation Utah rancher Bruce Adams has enjoyed a prime seat next to U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke this week as he reviews a national monument created on lands that Adams' ancestors helped settle in 1879.

43. **Executive Order gives ranchers hope**

Livestock News, May 9 | Karin Schiley

The signing of a recent executive order by the president is giving ranchers hope that the administration is taking steps to reverse what some consider governmental land-grabs throughout history.

44. **NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Bears Ears won't become a national park — Zinke**

E & E News, May 9 | Jennifer Yachnin

MONTICELLO, Utah — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke today ruled out the possibility that he will recommend converting Bears Ears National Monument into a national park but said he remained open to all other options for the 1.35 million acres of public lands.

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45. **Tribune Editorial: Hatch continues to belittle Native Americans in Bears Ears dispute**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 10 | Tribune Editorial

No, Sen. Hatch, we won't just take your word for it.

Utah's senior senator put his foot very firmly into his mouth Monday by attacking the intelligence and the integrity of the five Native American nations whose elected leaders joined together to work for and, in the final days of the Obama administration, win national monument status for 1.35 million acres in southeast Utah known as Bears Ears.

46. **Will National Monuments Get a “Fair Hearing” on Zinke’s Listening Tour?**

Sierra, May 10 | Stacey Bare

On Sunday, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke stood in front of a small, windowless conference room in Salt Lake City next to one of the long-standing generals of the Sagebrush Rebellion, Senator Orrin Hatch.

47. **Trump's national monument plan could easily fail — but he'll still declare victory**

The Los Angeles Times, May 10 | Evan Halper

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tangled with protesters, weaved through media hives and trotted on horseback across a Utah moonscape this week in pursuit of President Trump's executive order targeting national monuments.

48. **Gehrke: What Zinke isn't hearing, seeing during his trip to Utah**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 10 | Robert Gehrke

Blake Spalding and Jen Castle opened the doors of Hell's Backbone Grill in 1999, drawn to the remote town of Boulder by their love of wilderness and the nearby Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

49. **Trump Takes Aim at Western Monuments That May Hold Oil Riches**

Bloomberg News, May 10 | Jennifer A Dlouhy

Bears Ears National Monument in Utah boasts stretches of red-and-yellow sandstone so brilliant they appear to be ablaze and rock structures so precarious they appear to defy gravity.

50. **Interior Secretary Zinke admires national monuments he'll likely recommend removing**

The Washington Times, May 10 | Ben Wolfgang

Based on the beautiful pictures and effusive praise he has posted to Twitter this week from one of the nation's newest national monuments, you might never guess that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke could set into motion the process to erase it from the map.

51. **Interior Secretary Orders Protester To 'Be Nice' During Visit To Bears Ears**

The Huffington Post, May 10 | Chris D'Angelo

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke lost his manners during a visit to Bears Ears National Monument on Monday after being repeatedly questioned about why he hasn't spent more time talking with tribal leaders as part of his national monuments review.

52. **Bears Ears National Monument: Zinke gets mixed reactions during visit**

Fox News, May 10 | Andrew O'Reilly

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke spent the first day of his listening tour of the country's national monuments visiting the famed Anasazi ruins in Utah's Butler Wash and trying to assuage concerns of Utahns that undoing or shrinking the designation of the controversial 1.3-million acre Bears Ears National Monument would not automatically result in lots of oil rigs or mining equipment.

53. **Op-ed: Attempts to undo national monuments will rally formidable opposition**

The Hill, May 10 | Glenn Nelson

The Trump administration is well advised to gauge the political blowback as it contemplates an assault — disguised as a review — on the Antiquities Act, as well as two decades of amplifying diverse and inclusive stories in this country. During its final months, the Obama administration shrewdly protected a string of cultural landmarks that should form a formidable firewall around those designations, as well as earlier sacred sites, such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in D.C. and the César E. Chávez National Monument in California.

54. **Hunting, fishing businesses unite support of National Monuments**

Ammoland, May 10 | Joe Evans

WASHINGTON -(Ammoland.com)- More than 100 hunting and fishing business owners and sporting organizations sent a letter today to Congress to show their support for national monuments and the responsible use of the Antiquities Act.

55. **The best way to save sacred land? 'The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle'**

The Journal, May 10 | Michelle L. Price and Brady Mccombs, AP

BLANDING, Utah – U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said sacred tribal lands he toured Monday in America's newest and most hotly contested monument should be preserved but he questioned whether the monument designation was the right way to do it.

56. **NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Zinke: 'All of the above' possible for Bears Ears**

E & E News, May 10 | Jennifer Yachnin

MONTICELLO, Utah — Make the mistake of asking Heidi Redd how many animals her Indian Creek Cattle Co. owns, and she'll only laugh good-naturedly and ask if you want to know her annual income, too.

57. **Zinke rides with cattle ranchers working on Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 10 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BEARS EARS, San Juan County — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said Tuesday that in the context of Bears Ears National Monument, "cattle ranchers matter, too."

58. **NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Zinke review could open 2.7M acres to development — report**

E & E News, May 10 | Jennifer Yachnin

BLANDING, Utah — Boundary changes to a half-dozen national monuments could open up 2.7 million acres of land to fossil fuel extraction, according to a new analysis released by Greenpeace this morning.

1. With National Monuments Under Review, Bears Ears Is Focus Of Fierce Debate

NPR, May 5 | Kirk Siegler

A lot of the anger over federal public land in rural Utah today can be traced back to a windy, gray day in Arizona in September 1996. At the Grand Canyon, President Bill Clinton formally designated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah, more than 100 miles away.

"On this remarkable site, God's handiwork is everywhere in the natural beauty of the Escalante Canyons," he said.

But Clinton didn't set foot in Utah. The planning for the monument was largely done in secret, and state leaders had little warning it was coming.

Now, nearly 21 years later, mistrust toward the federal government persists, in the tightknit, mostly Mormon town of Blanding, Utah. Folks can't help but draw a parallel to how President Barack Obama's sweeping Bears Ears National Monument ended up in their backyard.

"I don't understand how it would protect the land when you're inviting thousands of footprints in," says Laura O'Donnell.

O'Donnell, who works at Blanding's modest visitor center, says she is uncomfortable with her town suddenly being the flashpoint in the heated debate over the future of federal public lands.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is keeping a promise to travel into rural Utah beginning this weekend to hear from locals who live around the new 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears monument and the established 1.8 million-acre Grand Staircase monument to the west. The Trump administration has launched a 45-day review over whether large national monuments like these that protect federal land should be rescinded or shrunk.

In Blanding, Zinke's visit is highly anticipated. Here, opposition to the monument runs deeper than the usual anxieties in sagebrush country about adding more protections to public land that would restrict future mining and other development.

"Monuments should be an honor to an area, and we feel like this one is nothing but a punishment," says Jami Bayles, who founded a group called the Stewards of San Juan County.

From her office at a small college, you can see the twin Bears Ears buttes framing the distant horizon out on the vast Cedar Mesa west of town. While not as visually dramatic as the famous national parks nearby, the area is dense with cliff dwellings and ancient artifacts.

Bayles and many of her neighbors felt offended when the federal government announced additional protections under a new monument because they felt it sent a message that the land was being threatened.

"We keep that place pristine, we keep it clean, we check on it all the time," Bayles says. "I guess my argument is, 'OK, yeah, it belongs to everybody, but not everybody has been taking care of it.' "

Bayles says that the monument is being pushed by extreme, out-of-state environmentalists and that her side has struggled to be heard.

There are deep pockets behind the campaign to protect Bears Ears.

San Juan County is about 50 percent Native American. A short drive down the road, on the Navajo Nation Reservation, tribal leaders say it's a lie for people in Blanding to argue that the monument is being pushed on them from the outside.

"For them to be here for 130 years, they should at least understand the Native Americans now," says Kenneth Maryboy, a chapter president.

Native Americans from around the Four Corners region, where Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona meet, who back the new monument are open about the fact that they're getting outside help and money because they didn't have a voice before, according to interviews with tribal leaders. Many tribes in the region have officially come out in support of the monument, though not all.

Maryboy was involved with the first talks with Utah's congressional delegation almost a decade ago about protecting Bears Ears as a National Conservation Area. They broke down last year, then came Obama's executive order.

"Our gripe and our fight is to preserve what's there, the Native American artifacts, the antiquities and all the shrines and the ruins," Maryboy says.

The sacred burial grounds of the famous Navajo leader Manuelito are included in the new monument. Maryboy sees the monument as crucial to protecting these antiquities from vandalism and looting, a historical problem in San Juan County.

"The San Juan County good ol' boys don't want to see this happen," says Maryboy. "They adamantly, openly said, 'This is our land. The damn Navajos need to go back to the reservation.' "

It's not an overstatement to say that Zinke will see deep tension and polarization when he arrives at Bears Ears late this weekend for a two-day tour.

Tribes here point to a history of broken promises with the U.S. government. If the Trump administration moves to abolish Bears Ears, it's not hard to imagine a Standing Rock-inspired protest here. On the other hand, if the monument stays intact, some wonder whether the militias that support rancher Cliven Bundy and his sons would arrive in San Juan County.

Back in Blanding, some locals like Ferd Johnson are floating a compromise. Why not just shrink the monument and protect the cliff dwellings and other antiquities themselves, they say.

"All these environmentalists, these Navajos, Hopis and the other Indians didn't even know where the Bears Ears was," Johnson says. "Why is it so sacred if they don't even know where it is?"

The tribes dispute this. Some have already signaled they'll sue if, after Zinke's Utah trip, the Trump administration moves to rescind Bears Ears.

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2. Record-setting southern Utah tourism highlights stakes of national monument debate

KSL News, May 5 | Dave Cawley

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s plan to visit southern Utah next week will place him, and by extension the Trump Administration, in the middle of two bitter fights over public lands in the state.

One, a white-hot battle over the 1.3-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County, erupted last December when then-President Barack Obama created the monument at the request of tribal representatives and against the wishes of county and state leaders.

The other fight has simmered for two decades. It deals with an older and even larger monument, blamed by many in southern Utah for slowly strangling the life out of their communities. Yet the disagreement over Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is coming back to a boil even as tourism in the region sets new records year after year.

A review of economic indicators by KSL, including employment data, visitation statistics, tourism-related tax revenues and county building permit records obtained through an open records request, reveals both the struggles and opportunities facing places like Cannonville, Kanab, Boulder and Big Water.

The simmering dispute

An irritated Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, was sick of hearing about the values of southern Utah's tourism economy. During a meeting of the state's House Natural Resource, Agriculture and Environment Committee in late February, the lawmaker unloaded on his colleagues from Salt Lake City.

"People tell me there's all kinds of jobs down there; everything's going great," Noel said. "I really kind of get a gutful of it up here, I really do. It bothers me because it sends a false premise."

Noel represents House District 73, a giant swath of territory covering all of Kane, Garfield, San Juan, Wayne and Piute Counties, as well as pieces of Beaver and Sevier Counties. He chastised urban lawmakers for suggesting federal management of Utah lands has had a positive influence by driving visitors, and by extension their tax dollars, into the rural region he represents.

"I've lived there for 41 years. I've seen what's happened down there and my ancestors have lived there for over 100 years and it's not in a good condition as far as you say, as far as economically and what's happening to families," Noel said.

In recent years Noel has helped lead the charge in several high-profile efforts to take control of federal lands. Key among those lands is the monument at the heart of his district — Grand Staircase-Escalante.

The maligned monument

As designated by President Bill Clinton in 1996, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument covered roughly 1.9 million acres. It's bounded on the east by Capitol Reef National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and on the west by Bryce Canyon National Park. The monument's northern edge abuts the Dixie National Forest, while its southern extremity touches the Arizona border.

Wrapped within it sits a maze of twisted river canyons, eroded sandstone pinnacles and arches, relics of pioneer history and fossilized dinosaur bones.

Rep. Noel's cry to turn over those lands to state management, or to at least prioritize cattle grazing, ATV use and mineral extraction, have support from people like Garfield County Commissioner Leland Pollock.

"200,000 acres would be a stretch, to say that there's antiquities, things of value that meet the Antiquities Act criteria," Pollock said. "What is it? It's BLM range. It's brush land. It's sage brush."

The Bureau of Land Management administers the monument, unlike most other Utah monuments which are instead operated by the National Park Service.

Prior to the designation two decades ago, a bitter fight had raged between the mining company Andalex Resources, Inc. and environmental groups over the company's plans to extract large amounts of coal from the region. Andalex held federal mineral leases around the Kaiparowitz Plateau.

The wording of President Clinton's declaration made clear those existing leases were to be honored. However, the company made the decision not to develop the resources and ultimately gave up the leases in exchange for $14 million from the Department of the Interior.

Miners were not the only ones with claims to the land. Ranchers also held leases that allowed them to graze their cattle over much of what is now in the monument. Those uses were largely respected and allowed to continue by the Bureau of Land Management, though some parcels were withdrawn from use.

Monument critics believe the coal reserves could still be developed, to the economic benefit of the region, were the federal land managers not standing in the way.

Recreation opportunities on the monument are expansive, though not without difficulty.

Unlike many national parks, where trails are paved and shuttle buses run on tight schedules, Grand Staircase-Escalante is almost entirely primitive. It holds just three established campgrounds: Calf Creek along state Route 12 between Boulder and Escalante, Deer Creek on the Burr Trail Road and White House on the Paria River. Roads to most popular destinations are unpaved and at times impassable due to weather or damage.

“They did not want tourism,” Pollock said. “The monument itself, they would tell me when I was first sworn in as a commissioner, ‘this wasn’t created for tourism. It was created to study science.’”

The popularity explosion

Want them or not, tourists are coming to Grand Staircase-Escalante in record numbers.

Visitation statistics maintained by the National Park Service show Zion led the pack of Utah parks in 2016, taking in 4.3 million people. Bryce Canyon, the state’s second-most-visited park, welcomed almost 2.4 million. Both figures are nearly double the visitation recorded in 1996, when Grand Staircase-Escalante was born.

BLM records show the monument has also almost doubled its annual visitation during the same period. It set a high-water mark of 923,236 visitors last year, placing it above even Canyonlands and about on par with Capitol Reef National Park.

The rate of visitation growth for Zion, Bryce and Arches accelerated sharply in 2013. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute Director Natalie Gochnour noted that in recent years, the Utah Office of Tourism has heavily advertised the parks with the Mighty Five campaign.

“There’s a lot of money that goes into promoting our state and it’s proven to be very well invested … but you have to be really careful that you also invest in the quality of that experience,” Gochnour said. “Whether it’s roads or campgrounds or bridges or water treatment plants, amenities, you need to invest in the tourism infrastructure business to get a payback from it.”

In Washington County, home to St. George and the Zion gateway community of Springdale, taxes on short-term lodging and restaurant sales have followed a similar curve as the park's visitation. Grand County, too, has shown strong tourism-related tax growth, boosted by visitors to Arches who also stay and spend in Moab.

The visitation spike has helped accelerate recovery in Washington and Grand Counties following the recession of the late 2000s.

"The tax revenues related to tourism and travel are going up, have been for the last five years," Jennifer Leaver said. She works as a research analyst at Gardner Institute and has spent a good deal of time examining the economics of southern Utah. "Jobs have been either remaining flat or going up. Wages have been going up."

But while Garfield County is home to Bryce Canyon, it has not seen quite the same boost.

Challenges of the tourism economy

The tiny town of Boulder is made up of little more than a few buildings and farms snuggled into the valley where state Route 12 and the Burr Trail meet on the southern slopes of Boulder Mountain. As of the 2010 Census, Boulder claimed a population of 226.

Yet it's exactly where Blake Spalding and her partner chose to start their business, Hell's Backbone Grill, shortly after Grand Staircase-Escalante's creation.

"We really just built it up. This is our 18th season. We have about 45 employees that work with us year after year," Spalding said.

Hell's Backbone Grill, which is located on the grounds of the Boulder Mountain Lodge, has received numerous accolades from both local and national press over the years. It draws clientele with its menu and its reputation, but finding qualified help has proved to be one of the restaurant's biggest challenges.

"There's not a business from a construction company to the school to the towns themselves, certainly my restaurant, that isn't hiring right now. We have jobs aplenty," Spalding said. "What we don't have is residents to fill them."

Making a life in a place like Boulder can be incredibly difficult, especially for someone accustomed to urban living. Cell phone service is spotty. Cultural options are limited, though outdoor recreation is in abundant supply. Grocery runs can require long drives to bigger towns. And while there are jobs available, many are not the kind capable of providing a steady living.

Lecia Langston, a regional economist with the Utah Department of Workforce Services, said tourism jobs tend to come and go.

“For Garfield County particularly they see a huge amount of seasonality so that during the summer they basically have to import a lot of their labor because they need it, but they don’t need it in the winter,” Langston said.

People who can’t afford to stay the winter on what they earned are forced to leave in search of other opportunities, as work in other more stable fields can prove tough to find.

“Garfield County has the highest percentage of leisure and hospitality services jobs in the state. They run about 43 percent of their total non-farm employment,” Langston said.

The result is a yo-yoing effect. In March, the most recent month for which numbers are available, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Garfield County was 7.1 percent. That was the lowest it’s been since the end of the recession but it was still well above the statewide average of 3.1 percent.

“If you were to look at the raw rate in July for Garfield County it would be very, very, very low,” Langston said. Conversely, it would be much, much higher in December. “Kane County (in March) actually looks fairly low, given the fact that they do have a lot of seasonality. Their unemployment rate right now is 3.2 percent, which is comparable to the state average.”

Kanab on the cusp

Kane and Garfield Counties have much in common, making that difference in their unemployment rate very conspicuous.

“What’s interesting about Kane County is they do have a couple of unusual employers that make their employment numbers look a little bit different,” Langston said. “Kane County’s largest employer is actually Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. They show up in what we call ‘other services’ so they have a really high percentage of employment in that sector. The other thing

that's important to know about Kane County is they do have some manufacturing. Stampin' Up was a homegrown company that started in Kane County and still has a sizable employment presence."

That little bit of diversity helps make Kane's economy more resilient. Kane County Office of Tourism Executive Director Camille Johnson said the addition of steady jobs has allowed for more stability and, as a result, investment in the visitor experience.

"We had Comfort Suites and Hampton Inn open up in the last year and we've got a La Quinta on line to open in 2018. Then I just learned of one of our local partners that's doing an expansion," Johnson said. "We've had a lot of new restaurants open up."

The city also has geography to its advantage. Kanab sits within striking distance of Zion, Bryce Canyon, the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell and the Wave. The county is promoting Kanab as a place to base camp while visiting the whole variety of southern Utah destinations. The goal is to keep visitors in town long enough to help the local economy, rather than having them simply pass through on their way to another place.

Johnson said overcrowding in the banner locations like Zion also has Kane County pointing increasingly more visitors toward hidden gems outside of the Mighty Five.

"Because tourism is such a hot industry for us right now, we're having a little bit of a labor force crisis and a housing crisis," Johnson said. "With the two new hotels opening up and several restaurants, it spread our already thin labor force even thinner."

Up in Garfield County though, the hospitality industry has grown more slowly since the creation of Grand Staircase-Escalante.

Commercial building permit papers obtained by KSL through an open records request reveal much of the new lodging construction over the last 20 years has focused Ruby's Inn or the Bryce Canyon gateway communities. Recently, more rustic rental options like cabins, yurts or RV parks have started to open around Escalante and Tropic.

Back in Kanab, some fear the rapid growth could dilute the history and western character of the region.

“Locals will say to me ‘we don’t want to be like Moab, we don’t want to be like Springdale, please don’t let that happen’,” Johnson said. “They’re afraid that we’ll lose the spirit of our community and our heritage and then it won’t be appealing for locals to stay here and then they uproot and then we lose that heritage.”

The tale of two Utahs

The loss of locals is already happening and not just in Kanab. It’s evident from the average age in many rural Utah counties.

“There are two different economic realities in our state. We call it ‘the tale of two Utahs’,” Natalie Gochnour said. “They basically have children who left the counties, presumably for employment opportunities, schooling and they don’t come back. And so these counties get older and older and older.”

Why don’t they come back? Experts agree it’s a lack of high-paying skilled work in rural communities.

“It’s kind of a catch-22 because there aren’t necessarily the kinds of jobs young people want, or that pay the kind of wages that they’d really like to have, so they leave and you don’t get the population growth that you need to spur the economic growth,” Lecia Langston, the Workforce Services regional economist, said.

Garfield County even declared a state of emergency in 2015 due to declining enrollment at Escalante High School.

“In 1996 you had about 144 children enrolled at Escalante school, seventh through 12th grade,” Commissioner Leland Pollock said. “When we declared that state of emergency it was down to 51.”

Pollock points to Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument as the primary reason for the drop. Others though see the problem in more nuanced terms.

“I think it’s really a time to think very purposefully about rural Utah, particularly rural Utah that’s hurting, and figure out how do we connect and unify and help,” Gochnour said.

She suggested that could mean having policymakers lean on urban Utah's strength, investing the fruits of Wasatch Front productivity into rural counties through infrastructure improvements like better roads or broadband access. At the same time, battles over public lands could be quieted by some good-faith deal-making.

"I think a really productive place for state decision makers to focus is on land exchanges and making all of these state institutional trust lands that are locked up inside federal lands, not accessible, getting them closer to the cities, closer to the towns and letting those towns grow," Gochnour said.

The Wasatch Front could in turn benefit in the form of reduced air pollution and traffic congestion, as more people disperse into areas outside of the urban core. Gochnour suggested outdoor gear companies already operating in the state could lead the charge, choosing to locate their manufacturing facilities in areas like Kanab.

"Maybe it's time for the state and the federal government, locals, recreationists to all come together and say 'there is a path forward that can address our needs'."

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3. Patagonia to Zinke: 'Conserve Our Shared Public Lands for Future Generations'

EcoWatch, May 5 | Yvon Chouinard and Rose Marcario

Dear Secretary Zinke,

As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the national monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage—a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future.

That is why the arbitrary 120-day deadline for you to review whether to shrink or rescind dozens of national monuments is absurd. As you know, the process to establish a national monument

often takes years, if not decades. It involves significant study of the area of the proposed monument—including its ecological, cultural, archeological, economic and recreation value—and robust consultation with local communities and their elected representatives at every level. Given the unique and complex histories of each monument, there is simply no way to meaningfully review dozens of individual monuments in such a short period.

You justify this review on the false premise that the American people have not yet been heard on the designation of these national monuments. But the communities near the national monuments under your review have already made their voices heard during public input and stakeholder engagement periods prior to designation. For example, notwithstanding the rhetoric of Utah Governor Gary Herbert and members of the Utah Congressional delegation, the designation of Bears Ears National Monument involved years of public input gathered by the Obama administration. This process included a series of public meetings in Southeastern Utah in 2016, including several sessions attended by former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. It also included significant engagement with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which represents tribal nations for whom the land is sacred and contains archeological artifacts with immense cultural value. Additionally, in a recent poll, 68 percent of voters in seven Western states said they prioritize the protection of land, water and wildlife for recreation on public land, compared with 22 percent who prioritized increased production of fossil fuels. Your review must account for this extensive record of consultation as you purport to seek public input.

As you undertake this review, we urge you to consider the enormous economic benefits of protected public lands for nearby communities, including many rural areas. A recent study showed that areas in the West with protected lands consistently enjoy better rates of employment and income growth compared to those with no protected lands. In the 22 years since the Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah was declared a national monument, jobs grew by 38 percent in two neighboring counties. The designation of 17 national monuments—including nine monuments covered under your review—led to significant increases in per capita income in regions adjacent to the newly-protected areas.

Rescinding or shrinking the national monuments under review also threatens the fast-growing outdoor recreation economy, which relies significantly on recreation access to protected public lands. These lands are not "locked up," as the Trump administration has said repeatedly declared—they are extremely productive. As you know, since you participated in the outdoor industry's announcement of a new economic study last week, the recreation economy drives $887 billion in consumer spending every year and supports more jobs (7.6 million) than oil,

natural gas and mining combined. Rescinding or shrinking the national monuments under review would significantly impact the strength of the outdoor recreation economy and limit our ability to create and sustain jobs.

Patagonia has been outfitting outdoors people and protecting public lands for more than 30 years. The debate over land and water conservation is always complex and sometimes divisive. But we have never witnessed the legacy of America's federal lands encountering greater risk than we see right now. As you visit these protected places and report back to the president, I urge you to follow in the tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt and conserve our shared public lands for future generations.

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4. INTERIOR: Agency suspends advisory panels even as decisions loom

E & E News, May 5 | Scott Streater

The Interior Department is formally reviewing the "charter and charge" of more than 200 advisory panels that assist federal agencies managing hundreds of millions of acres of public lands at a time when the Trump administration is considering significant changes to land-use designations and management practices.

The Bureau of Land Management has told members of its 30 resource advisory councils (RACs) to postpone scheduled meetings through at least September as part of the new national review of Interior's advisory panels, both internal and external.

That includes canceling meetings of six other BLM advisory committees affiliated with specific sites within the agency's National Conservation Lands system, as well as two other high-profile panels: the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board and the North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel in Alaska.

It also affects other panels, such as the National Park System Advisory Board, which advises the NPS director and Interior secretary "on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service," including the Antiquities Act, which has been targeted by GOP congressional leaders.

The timing means some land management recommendations — including a high-profile review of national monuments — will be completed without the advisory panels' input.

Heather Swift, an Interior spokeswoman, told E&E News in an email today that the review is part of an ongoing effort by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke aimed at "restoring trust in the Department's decision-making."

Swift said the review of "the charter and charge of each Board/Advisory Committee" is designed to "maximize feedback from these boards and ensure their compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act," the 1972 law that ensures that advice by various advisory committees is objective and accessible to the public.

"This review process necessitates the temporary postponement of advisory committee meetings," Swift said.

But Swift said the review is also designed to ensure compliance with "the President's recent executive orders."

President Trump in the last month has signed a number of executive orders, including one requiring the review of all policies that may "potentially burden" energy production activity on federal lands.

Trump last week also signed one requiring Interior to review the boundaries of dozens of national monuments designated within the last two decades and to decide whether they should be altered or eliminated (Greenwire, April 26).

That executive order is targeted at more than 30 national monuments designated since 1996 that comprise at least 100,000 acres. It will initially focus on the fate of the recently designated 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument but will ultimately include sites like the 1.9-million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, both in Utah.

That executive order requires Zinke to submit a report with his recommendations on the national monuments to the president within 120 days, before the Interior review of the advisory committees and boards is completed and the postponement of the meetings lifted.

That means the Utah resource advisory council that provides recommendations to BLM on management of the 22.9 million acres of federal public lands in the state will not weigh in on the

national monument issue; neither, presumably, will the members of the agency's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument advisory committee.

That concerns Greg Zimmerman, deputy director of the Center for Western Priorities.

"The Trump administration and Interior Secretary Zinke talk a big game about including Western communities in decisionmaking on public lands, but this action proves it's nothing more than talk," Zimmerman said. "They are shutting out input from communities just as the administration takes unprecedented steps toward wiping national monuments from the map."

It's a particular concern for BLM, critics say.

Canceling the BLM RAC meetings "sends a clear signal that Secretary Zinke intends to make decisions behind closed doors and not through an open and transparent public process," Zimmerman said.

The agency's 30 RACs, whose members are appointed by the Interior secretary, are designed to help guide BLM administrators on a wide variety of issues involving major projects such as multistate transmission lines and energy projects.

The advisory panels typically have 10 to 15 members, who are supposed to represent a cross-section of local residents, state government agencies, industry and conservation leaders. They evaluate and submit recommendations on "land use planning, fire management, off-highway vehicle use, recreation, oil and gas exploration, noxious weed management, grazing issues, wild horse and burro herd management issues," and other topics, according to BLM.

Recommendations from the RACs, established by Interior in 1995 during the Clinton administration, are supposed to carry significant weight with BLM leaders.

But there have been some high-profile examples in the past two years where BLM ignored the recommendations of its RACs.

BLM in January approved the final two segments of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project in Idaho over the objections of an eight-member subcommittee of the BLM Boise District's RAC that concluded the route would unnecessarily affect communities, natural resource values and private landowners (Greenwire, Jan. 20).

And last year, BLM formally approved the 287-megawatt Soda Mountain Solar Project in the Southern California desert, despite the recommendation of BLM California's Desert District RAC against the project and its impacts on wildlife, groundwater quality and other natural resources (E&E News PM, April 5, 2016).

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5. 27 national monuments under Interior Dept. review

David DeMille, May 5 | David DeMille

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Nearly two dozen national monuments will face a federal review period following an executive order by President Trump.

The Department of the Interior, under new Trump appointee Secretary Ryan Zinke, released the names of 27 monuments Friday that it will put under a review, including a public comment period that will run for 60 days.

“Today’s action, initiating a formal public comment process finally gives a voice to local communities and states when it comes to Antiquities Act monument designations,” Zinke said in a written release. “There is no pre-determined outcome on any monument. I look forward to hearing from and engaging with local communities and stakeholders as this process continues.”

Trump ordered the reviews last week, covering a 21-year period bookended by two of the more controversial monument designations in recent memory, both in Utah: the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument designated by President Clinton in 1996 and the Bears Ears National Monument designated by President Obama late last year.

Zinke is scheduled to visit both monuments next week, meeting with local officials.

Either Congress or the president can protect federal land by designating a national monuments, with the 1906 Antiquities Act giving the president authority to quickly preserve land without waiting for legislation from Congress. There were 129 monuments nationwide at the start of the year, with recent presidents tending to designate more land than most of their predecessors. George W. Bush and Obama each designated more than 200 million acres as monument lands.

The Bears Ears designation was especially contentious in recent years, with many Utah officials comparing it to the Grand Staircase-Escalante designation two decades earlier.

No president has ever moved to rescind a designation made by a previous president.

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6. Native American advocates size up Trump administration

KPAX News, May 6 | Eleanor Mueller

With President Donald Trump's first 100 days in office in the rearview mirror, lawmakers and advocates are uncertain but hopeful about the impact the new administration will have on the Native American community.

Trump's choice of Ryan Zinke to be secretary of the interior quelled the concerns of some; as a former congressman from Montana, Zinke has experience representing Native Americans in Washington, which is seen as a promising sign by many of the community's top advocates.

But some of the President's executive actions and controversial comments, including a recent reference to Democratic Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren as "Pocahontas," have raised some concerns. Lawmakers serving on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs have voiced trepidation about the impact the new administration may have on Native American health care, education funding and sovereignty, among other issues.

However, community stakeholders say they trying to balance those concerns with optimism as the President's first term unfolds.

Zinke takes over

In interviews, lawmakers expressed trust in Zinke's demonstrated ability to understand the issues important to Native Americans across the nation. Hailing from a state with seven Indian reservations, Zinke possesses "a degree of knowledge" not typical of the interior secretary position, said Sen. John McCain, the current longest-serving member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

"Secretary Zinke has much more experience on Native American issues than his predecessor -- who had literally none," the Arizona Republican told CNN in an interview. "My initial impression is President Trump and the people around him support sovereignty and the Native American population. They can have a degree of knowledge and involvement in Native American issues that was not the case amongst their predecessors."

The interior secretary under former President Barack Obama was Sally Jewell, the previous CEO of outdoor retailer REI. The Interior Department did not respond to requests for comment.

In 2015, then-Rep. Zinke sought to make tax breaks on coal mined from American Indian reservations permanent -- a move viewed as boosting the communities' revenue and creating jobs for tribal members. In a statement emailed to CNN, the National Congress of American Indians expressed their support for Zinke, citing "his approach to the (Bureau of Indian Affairs) as well as his commitment to giving tribal nations a seat at the table across the federal government."

"Ryan Zinke has a long history of fighting for our country," NCAI President Brian Cladoosby said in the statement. "Throughout his service as a congressman for Montana, he fought for Montanans and Montana's tribes in the halls of Congress. We have no doubt that Secretary Zinke will continue fighting for all tribes as secretary of interior."

Tribal sovereignty

The densest cloud of uncertainty surrounds the matter of tribal sovereignty, or the US agreement to protect the ability of individual tribal governments to govern themselves.

While Zinke's congressional track record reflects commitment to Native American self-determination, Trump's past is not as clear.

"Secretary Zinke has always supported the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination," McCain said. "That's an important pillar of our tribal relations."

In 1993, Trump's comments in a congressional hearing on Indian casinos shocked lawmakers and others.

"Go up to Connecticut, and you look (at the Mashantucket Pequots)," Trump told the House Natural Resources Native American affairs subcommittee. "They don't look like Indians to me."

In June 2016, then-presidential candidate Trump labeled Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts "Pocahontas" -- a reference to her claimed Indian heritage.

"Pocahontas is at it again!" Trump wrote in a tweet. "Goofy Elizabeth Warren, one of the least productive U.S. Senators, has a nasty mouth."

The President resurfaced the comment in Atlanta on April 28 this year, telling a crowd of National Rifle Association members that "it may be Pocahontas" pursuing the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020.

The remarks were condemned by the National Council of American Indians, who in a May 3 statement called them "derogatory."

"I'm disturbed by some comments the President has made," Sen. Tom Udall, vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, told CNN. "He has made some very derogatory comments about tribes. I hope Secretary Zinke encourages President Trump about the importance of self-determination, teach him about that, understand what it's all about."

Recent executive actions have done little to assuage these worries, the New Mexico Democrat said. On the Dakota Access Pipeline and the planned border wall (which would cut a reservation in half), Trump has moved ahead "without talking to" American Indian stakeholders, Udall said.

"He's taken action without consultation," Udall said. "One of the cores of trust and responsibility is government-to-government consultation, talking with tribes that are concerned.

"It shows a complete lack of understanding of tribal sovereignty, self-determination -- things very, very important to tribes," Udall added.

However, these are missteps that could be remedied with future collaboration, Udall said.

"The tribes are a little apprehensive," Udall said. "But I think if they see an outreached hand, it is going to help get some things done."

Education

One issue that's already on Zinke's plate at Interior is Native American education. Speaking at a March 8 hearing of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the secretary acknowledged the failings of the Bureau of Indian Education.

"Words cannot capture how terrible it is that children in schools overseen by Bureau of Indian Education are so poorly served," Zinke said.

Many lawmakers agree that the schools should be a top priority for the new administration. But though Zinke has said he supports upgrading the schools, actually making changes is more difficult.

"He responded as you might expect (during the March 8 hearing) -- that he was committed to it, that he understood the challenges and the situation, and he said it was on his highest priority list," McCain said. "He gave the right answers. And I believe him. But I've heard those same answers for years and years."

Among the things McCain said he would like to see: More federal funding for school choice initiatives.

"The answer to that in my view is to give the tribe access to BIE funds to be used for private tuition, tutors, classes, charter schools, so Native families have more choices," McCain said. "I'm not saying charter schools are better or worse -- although I personally believe they're better -- but Native American parents should be able to have a choice where they want their children to go."

According to a 2014 Government Accountability Office report, the Bureau of Indian Education spent about $15,391 per pupil annually -- compared to the average of $9,896 per student at public schools nationwide.

Despite this, Government Accountability Office reports have found that BIE students have higher dropout rates, lower scores on college admission tests and lower college entrance rates than their public school counterparts.

"We have a long way to go when it comes to Indian education," Udall said.

And the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as secretary of education has done little to assuage the New Mexico Democrat's concerns: "The thing that worries me the most is the new education secretary," he said.

DeVos's efforts to "voucherize education" "could well apply to the Bureau of Indian Education," Udall said.

"I think that would be a real disaster," Udall said. "It would be draining resources away from already depleted resources pool. That is not a good idea."

Health care

Also on Zinke and lawmakers' wish lists are improvements to Native American health care.

"The one (issue) I would really start with would be Indian health care," Udall said. "It's been a hot-button issue."

During his January 17 confirmation hearing, Zinke told lawmakers that "as bad as the VA is, (Native American health) is worse."

With the ongoing GOP efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, lawmakers and advocates are unsure what the future may hold for the health care of the Native American community.

According to Udall, Republicans are "not involving Democrats" in health care reform discussions; an exclusion that makes it difficult for the party to advocate for Indian-American rights.

"It's a closed-door affair," Udall said. "The best advocates for Native Americans excluded from the table."

Given the underfunding of the Indian Health Service, many tribal members "rely heavily" on the Affordable Care Act's health exchange, Udall said. Were the federal government to cut discretionary spending -- as proposed in the President's budget -- and repeal Obamacare, tribes across the country would suffer, Udall said.

"The proposal in the budget is to increase defense dramatically at the expense of the domestic side," Udall said. "With that proposal and the proposal on the Affordable Care Act, that could be a big hit on the tribes across the country."

Speaking at the March 8 hearing, Paul Torres, the chairman of Al Pueblo Council of Governors, also voiced concerns about the budget cuts.

"These across-the-board cuts are alarming because the majority of programs serving Indian Country fall under the category of discretionary spending and are not exempted under the President's proposed plan," Torres said.

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7. **Op-ed: Utah Farm Bureau applauds review of national monuments**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Ron Gibson

Utah Farm Bureau applauds President Trump's review of presidential national monument designations over the past two decades, including the highly controversial 1996 Grand Staircase-Escalante and 2016 Bears Ears National Monument.

It is refreshing, remembering President Bill Clinton sitting on the south rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona without consulting local officials or notifying Utah's elected leaders of his intention to set aside 1.9 million acres in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Or, that one month before the end of his presidency, Barack Obama would unilaterally lock up another 1.35 million acres in the Bears Ears National Monument. Certainly, a closer look is warranted!

The president has authority under the Antiquities Act to "protect objects of historic and scientific interest" but it must be "confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Such was the case when Teddy Roosevelt made the 1,300-acre Devils Tower the first National Monument in 1906. Sadly, things have taken a drastic turn toward massive monuments since President Jimmy Carter in the 1970s.

Did protection of unique features or politics of the day drive the designation of nearly 3.5 million acres being locked away in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Bears Ears National Monuments? It's obvious the politics of Clinton and Obama didn't line up with Utah. The courts have declared there is no need to protect common sagebrush ground with no scientific or historic value. While there are clearly beautiful areas of historic and cultural importance that can be preserved in these monuments, much of it is common sagebrush that should be open for multiple uses.

A review of land ownership in the most affected counties – Kane, San Juan and Garfield – would bring into focus whether or not the designation of these national monuments is excessive and regulatory overkill. These rural county governments already struggle to meet their citizens' needs and to educate their children with only 10 percent (Kane), 8 percent (San Juan) and a paltry 5 percent (Garfield) of the land in these counties privately owned.

National monument designations in these three counties have, and will continue, to adversely impact generations-old sheep and cattle ranching families, as well as other multiple uses such as recreation and resource development. Livestock ranching, a major economic contributor going

back to pioneer settlement, must now deal with a new level of Resource Management Planning by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service.

In Utah, with 67 percent of the state owned and controlled by the federal government, family sheep and cattle ranchers have been compelled for generations to combine their limited private land and water with the public domain to have sustainable and economically viable businesses. While this model worked historically for these family businesses, increasing uncertainty in how public lands are managed makes going forward difficult. Ranchers have already had to absorb a reduction of 70 percent of livestock grazing numbers in the past 50 years.

Cattle ranching and its economic contribution in Southern Utah's Kane, Garfield and San Juan Counties has been hard hit by the presidential orders. Approximately 40,000 head of cattle were harvesting the annually renewing forage in these counties in 2016, generating more than $33 million in direct sales. Using a conservative multiplier, as ranching families spend those dollars and they ripple through the small towns, cattle sales will generate more than $50 million to the local economy. And that is a contribution that can renew itself every year.

Livestock grazing on the public lands is an important part of the history and culture of rural Utah and is a critical component of these rural economies. Harvesting the renewable forage provides an affordable protein for American dinner tables, contributes to the health of the ecosystem, reduces the potential for catastrophic wildfires, and supports rural, local economies.

The Utah Farm Bureau welcomes President Trump's desire to review these monuments for the past 20 years to ensure they're keeping with the stated intent of the Antiquities Act. With all the economic growth taking place along the Wasatch Front, it's important for us all to support one of the pillars of economic success for these rural Utah counties – agriculture.

Ron Gibson is president of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation.

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8. Much at stake as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke visits Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 6 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

SALT LAKE CITY — To all in the fight over the Bears Ears monument designation, there is much to win, a way of life to lose, and very little room on any side to compromise.

When Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke steps off the plane Sunday in Utah, he will become the key witness to a dramatic showdown over the fate of the 1.35 million-acre monument, and for the next several days, the man everyone in this fight will want to meet.

If the monument stands, Native Americans, environmental groups and conservation organizations that spent millions of dollars on the effort for a new monument in San Juan County can set about on the next steps.

Monument status elevates the cultural, historical and spiritual significance of the rugged country, they say, and puts federal land managers on a path to protecting thousands upon thousands of ancient artifacts.

A monument designation for the region gives five Native American tribes not only a reason to celebrate, but a reason to hope that strong bonds will be forged with an American government that over centuries has let them down at best or betrayed them at worst.

To these Native American men and women who fight for the survival of the Bears Ears National Monument, it assures their spiritual connection there will live on, cradled in the arms of wind-swept buttes, pine-dotted mountaintops and sprawling Cedar Mesa sandstone.

But a loud chorus of people in San Juan County say they love the land as well, but hate the monument.

They're offended that a place hailed for its beauty and solitude suddenly needs an absentee landlord in Washington, D.C., to exercise oversight when generations have grown up with it as their backyard.

Regardless of the promises in President Barack Obama's Bears Ears proclamation, they see monument status as the wedge in the door of access that the federal government will eventually slam shut.

They fear hunting, fishing, grazing, collecting firewood, motorized travel — multiple uses of the land — will be chipped away and restricted until the activities are eventually gone. In their place will rise a Moab-esq atmosphere with monument signs, a visitor center, lines of cars and hoards of selfie-taking tourists intent on scratching one more destination off their to-do list.

With 65 percent of land within Utah's borders already owned and controlled by the federal government, the state's leaders and county governments are indignant that one more layer of government control — over their objections — was hoisted upon a county that is already the poorest in the state, where jobs are already tough to come by.

Against this backdrop, Zinke — a former Navy Seal Team Six leader — will wade into the fray by visiting Bears Ears and meeting with local residents before he returns to Washington, D.C., to eventually advise President Donald Trump on what its fate should be.

"The fact that he has agreed to come and visit, I think, is a good thing for everybody," Gov. Gary Herbert said. "He needs to come and look at the public lands issues we have here in the Intermountain West and particularly in Utah. He needs to look at some of the areas of controversy. I think he needs to come with an open mind and an unbiased attitude, and take a look and listen to the pros and cons."

Zinke's visit to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments — also under fire but in a blaze that was set 21 years ago when it was created — comes as a result of an executive order issued by President Trump on April 26.

That order directs a 45-day review centered around Bears Ears with resulting recommendations for the president, as well as a look at designations of monuments with more than 100,000 acres since 1996.

With a sympathetic president at the helm who campaigned on the promise to return power to the states and power to the people — and also unravel federal regulations — Utah's leaders are practically giddy at the prospect there will be some sort of presidential directive on Bears Ears.

While no president has ever rescinded a monument, and therefore that executive power has never been tested in court, five presidents have significantly reduced monuments. In the most extreme example, President Howard Taft reduced the Navajo National Monument by 89 percent.

Over time, 11 national monuments have been abolished through acts of Congress, according to the National Park Service, most typically because their importance was overstated or the resources for which they were established were diminished.

In Utah, a legal battle raged to overturn Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, but that proved unsuccessful.

History, then, offers a mosaic of executive branch and congressional reactions to controversial monument creations.

For supporters of Bears Ears, a rescission is akin to blasphemy — and any reduction in size as a so-called "compromise" is untenable.

"Friends of Cedar Mesa is committed to on-the-ground stewardship of these public lands whatever the politicians decide," said Josh Ewing, the group's executive director. "However, any shrinkage of the monument just makes it that much harder for us to do good stewardship to benefit the landscape as we're forced into legal/political/policy battles to stop bad things from happening to lands that should have been protected in the first place."

Jami Bayles, president of Stewards of San Juan County, said the designation goes against what residents want and won't automatically come with protections supporters want. The monument designation needs to go.

"It is appalling that nonlocal voices have drowned out those who treasure this land the most. Long before established bureaus arrived, it was and has always been the local people who have protected and cared for this land. We are the reason it is pristine," Bayles said.

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9. Supporters of Bears Ears, Grand Staircase rally in advance of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Peggy Fletcher Stack

After his birth in Utah's Monument Valley, James Adakai's umbilical cord was buried at Bears Ears.

The Navajo Nation's commissioner for Bears Ears now worries such a sacred spot will be lost unless Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke agrees to meet with the state's tribal authorities during his four-day visit to Utah — a face-to-face conversation the secretary has so far declined.

Zinke needs to "listen to everyone," Adakai told a crowd of more than 1,000 supporters of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments gathered on the Capitol's steps Saturday afternoon.

Zinke intends to be in the Beehive State from Sunday to Wednesday as part of President Donald Trump's plan to review 27 large monuments designated since 1996.

The review could lead Trump to shrink the size of some monuments or possibly attempt to rescind one, which has never happened. Zinke has until June 10 to report back on the 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears monument, the last one created by President Barack Obama just weeks before his term ended. The secretary has a few more months to make recommendations on the others, including Grand Staircase. Zinke's fact-finding trip will be highly watched and highly political, with a much smaller anti-monument rally held in Blanding on Saturday.

Many in the larger Capitol crowd — including a contingent of American Indians — held signs that read "Save our monuments — antiquities in stone and bone," "Don't Trump Utah," "Don't give our public lands to greedy local politicians," "Rural Born Utahn for Bears Ears" and "Honor Tribal Sovereignty."

As they filled the Capitol's steps and spilled down the lawns, Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, told The Salt Lake Tribune he hoped Zinke would "walk the land with traditional tribal elders whose past and future is tied to Bears Ears." His group, which is led by Native Americans, sought the creation of the controversial monument over the objection of Utah's members of Congress and most state leaders.

Noyes opened the 1 p.m. rally under a blazing sun with a call for the Cabinet official to listen to more than just Utah's top politicians.

"Don't touch our monuments," he said. "Listen to the people, not the delegation."

The Dine Bikeyah director urged attendees to plant pro-monument signs in their yards so that when the Interior secretary arrives Sunday for meetings in Salt Lake City, he will be visually bombarded. Noyes further instructed supporters to pack Zinke's news conference scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday to make their wishes known.

Evangeline Gray, a Navajo medicine woman, offered a prayer to the Creator Spirit, calling on the divine to "get people to hear our voices ... that the land is precious to us ... and to touch [the delegation's] heart."

Virgil Johnson, chairman of the Utah Tribal Leaders Association, said: "We are stewards of this land ... protective of our land and beliefs."

Noting tribal sovereignty, Johnson said he asked for a meeting with Zinke while the Cabinet member was in Utah but was declined.

"We are not being heard," he said. "Our rights are being swept aside. ... It needs to stop."

That was followed by wild applause.

During Utah's legislative session earlier this year, state representatives passed resolutions asking the president either to reduce the size of Grand Staircase and Bears Ears or eliminate Bears Ears altogether.

"I represent a conservative district," state Rep. Patrice Arent, D-Millcreek, said "but I didn't hear from one person asking me to vote for these bills."

These lands are not just valuable to Utahns, but "all over the nation and world," Arent told the crowd. "We cannot afford to auction them off to the highest bidder."

She further argued that tourists visiting these monuments have helped, not hurt, the local economy — a point reiterated by Nate Waggoner, of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, near the Grand Staircase monument.

At the same time supporters were meeting in Salt Lake City, dozens of Bears Ears opponents gathered in Blanding's Pioneer Park.

"Unlike the rally being held 300 miles away at the state Capitol, the San Juan celebration of local voices is about bringing together those who know and love our public lands the most," Ryan Bennaly, vice president of Stewards of San Juan County, wrote on the group's website. "For the monument advocates far, far away, San Juan County is a vacation spot. For First Nations people, it's our home."

At the Blanding rally, Jami Bayles urged participants to meet back at the park Monday, when they hope to meet with the secretary in person.

"San Juan County is eager to have Secretary Zinke visit our home and see firsthand why locals oppose the national monument designation," Bayles wrote on the site. "We have worked tirelessly to advocate for what's best for this land, and it's nice to know that someone is finally listening."

Back at the Capitol rally, attended by many Native Americans and some residents of San Juan County, Jared Campbell of Salt Lake City brought his 3-year-old daughter, Phoebe, because she's "grown up living in the outdoors."

Recently, Campbell spent four days in the designated area, drinking in its beauty and grandeur.

After that experience, he wondered if monument opponents across the state have "touched the soil" there.

Zinke will have his chance this week. He plans a full day of meetings in San Juan County on Monday, followed by a visit to Bears Ears on Tuesday. He'll then travel to Kanab and a part of the Grand Staircase monument on Wednesday.

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10. **In our opinion: Reviewing the Antiquities Act is an important course of action**

The Deseret News, May 6 | Deseret News editorial board

We believe in the importance of conservation. The nation’s public and shared lands are a vital treasure that need to be preserved.

Yet, legislators must fix the Antiquities Act and allow for greater local input and decision-making power before monuments are made.

As Utah welcomes U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to the state this weekend, we also welcome his department's review of the Antiquities Act.

Sec. Zinke's visit to Utah comes as President Trump directed the Department of the Interior to review national monument designations made under the Antiquities Act since 1996 that exceed 100,000 acres. On Friday, the department released a list of 15 monuments under review and invited public comment. The Bears Ears (1,353,000 acres) and the Grand Staircase-Escalante (1,700,000 acres) monuments in Utah both made the list.

The review is a worthwhile endeavor to see what public input went in to the designations. It should help lead to legislative revisions of the Antiquities Act, which is being used to lock up land without the consent of local citizens.

Conservationists, of course, are fearful that this review will lead to rescinding or reducing of the Bears Ears National Monument. But, in the long-run, the important question for America is what should be the proper political process for declaring a monument designation that permits local involvement.

When President Theodore Roosevelt championed the Antiquities Act in the early 20th century, the legislation was enacted to protect Native American artifacts and sacred burial sites from looting and to preserve historic edifices or areas of scientific importance. Designations under the act were to “be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”

In recent years, however, with the stroke of a pen, the executive branch has restricted access to millions of acres of land without, in some instances, even consulting the local citizenry or their political representatives. No matter the original intent of the Antiquities Act, the law is increasingly used to sanction unacceptable federal overreach.

Shared governance and compromise is part of what makes the American system unique — abuse of the Antiquities Act is antithetical to those principles.

Reporting by Deseret News’ Jesse Hyde uncovered the behind the scenes political maneuvering that led to the Trump administration’s decision to review the law. Utah's senior Sen. Orrin Hatch played a major role in persuading Trump to look at rescinding or reducing the Bear’s Ears National Monument.

It’s well known that Utah’s political leaders have been lobbying the administration to reverse the order by President Obama creating the Bear’s Ears monument. In announcing the review, President Trump made it clear that he philosophically sides with Utah’s political leadership, saying, “The Antiquities Act does not give the federal government unlimited power to lock up millions of acres of land and water, and it is time we ended this abusive practice.”

If the administration is inclined to follow the advice of Utah’s governor, legislative leaders and congressional delegation and ultimately rescind or make changes to national monuments in Utah, it will immediately trigger lawsuits and a judicial review of the president's authority to do so.

What will come of such a legal battle is unclear, but the real long-term solution to this problem is to fix the legislation. Whether or not Bear’s Ears should be rescinded is a question separate from

the legitimacy of the Antiquities Act. Polls show Utahns are largely split on the issue of Bear's Ears. We believe the region deserves protection.

Political leaders, however, have couched the most recent designation as a “betrayal” by the Obama Administration of good-faith efforts by the state to cobble together a consensus on how best to protect the land. Supporters of the monument argue, with some justification, that the state’s efforts in that direction were doomed to succumb to political pressures as they stumbled through the legislative process in Washington. Others counter by pointing out that the prospect of a presidential monument designation caused negotiations to go no where since conservationists were confident they would get their monument anyway.

The solution, however, should not be that the executive branch steps in to pick a winner. Rather, the U.S. needs a system that fosters the kind of compromise and local solutions that were being worked out.

Reviewing the Antiquities Act with an eye toward congressional revision is an important course of action and one that will hopefully lead to good conservationism and sound practices of shared governance.

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11. Op-ed: Will Bears Ears Be the Next Standing Rock?

The New York Times, May 6 | Terry Tempest Williams

“Rising from the center of the southeastern Utah landscape and visible from every direction are twin buttes so distinctive that in each of the native languages of the region their name is the same: Hoon’Naqvut, Shash Jáa, Kwiyagatu Nukavachi, Ansh An Lashokdiwe, or ‘Bears Ears.’ For hundreds of generations, native peoples lived in the surrounding deep sandstone canyons, desert mesas … one of the densest and most significant cultural landscapes in the United States.”

— Proclamation by President Barack Obama establishing Bears Ears National Monument, Dec. 28, 2016

After seven years of organizing, the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition — made up of the Hopi, Navajo, Uintah and Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni Nations — played a key role in

securing the protection of 1.35 million acres surrounding Bears Ears from development and resource extraction just before President Obama left office.

But in our climate of political myopia, President Trump recently ordered the Interior Department to review the size and scope of national monuments larger than 100,000 acres created since 1996. He complained that these designations “unilaterally put millions of acres of land and water under strict federal control,” called them a “massive federal land grab” and directed Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review and reverse some of them.

There is a subtext here, as his order made clear. Monument designations, the document said, can “create barriers to achieving energy independence” and “otherwise curtail economic growth.” Among the likely beneficiaries of any reversals are the oil and gas industries, mining and logging interests and commercial development.

In issuing this order, President Trump — who has never visited Bears Ears — apparently chose to listen to the bellicose politicians of Utah and do the bidding of Senator Orrin Hatch and Representatives Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz, who complain that Utahns were cut out of the process. Call that another alternative fact. The lawmakers claim it was an endgame move by the departing President Obama to create a “midnight monument.”

The truth is, the establishment of Bears Ears National Monument was a healing moment of historic importance. A unique agreement was reached between Indian tribes and the United States government for a collaborative approach to the management of Bears Ears. It was a clasp of hands across history. It was also about America looking into the deep future rather than into the narrow exhaust pipe of today. It was about drilling for hope and dignity, rather than fossil fuels.

But now Bears Ears could very well become another Standing Rock in both desecration and resistance — the latest example of a new colonialism, with the government bulldozing Indian sovereignty and privileging Big Oil. “If the Trump administration moves forward with their interests, they are taking us backward 100 years, rupturing trust once again between the federal government and Indian people,” Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, a former councilwoman from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, said.

No president has ever attempted to abolish a national monument, and it is unclear whether a president has the power to do it without Congress. And no president in the last half-century has reduced the size of a monument.

Bears Ears is a cradle of Native American history. Far from creating a “midnight monument” willed into existence at the slash of a presidential pen, the Obama designation provides these sacred lands with the protection that has long been in the prayers and dreams of tribal leaders.

“Bears Ears is all about Indian sovereignty,” said Russell Begaye, the president of the Navajo Nation.

The removal of one square inch from Bears Ears National Monument will be seen as an assault on the home ground of Native Americans in the American Southwest, a disrespect for their ceremonial lives and the traditional knowledge of their ancestors. Hundreds of thousands of artifacts are buried in the serpentine canyons and shifting pink sands of Cedar Mesa, hidden, until exposed by rain or wind or theft. The desecration of Indian graves has prompted F.B.I. raids and convictions.

But it’s not just about local desecration. So much of the American West these days is under threat of development and fossil fuel extraction. Our very sense of wildness and wilderness is at stake, from Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah to the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks in New Mexico. “This is a war on our public lands,” said Senator Tom Udall, Democrat of New Mexico. Our national parks and monuments and other public lands are breathing spaces for a society increasingly holding its breath.

“We are not just protecting these lands for our people, but all people,” Jonah Yellowman, a Navajo medicine person and spiritual leader, said.

As a Utahn, I have spent considerable time in the pinyon-juniper-laced mesas and sandstone canyons of Bears Ears. This is a landscape of immense stillness where ancient handprints left on red rock walls are a reminder of who came before us and who will follow.

If President Trump is successful in rescinding Bears Ears National Monument, it will be a breach of faith with our future and our past. Over 330 million visits were made to the national parks last year. One park or monument at risk means all are at risk. Pick yours: Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Big Bend, Acadia. The federal Bureau of Land Management has proposed

issuing oil and gas leases just outside Zion National Park, one of the nation's most visited parks. Forty national parks are vulnerable to oil and gas extraction.

A portrait of Andrew Jackson has been newly hung in the Oval Office over Donald Trump's shoulder. The portrait might remind our 45th president of how Jackson signed the 1830 Indian Removal Act, which lit the match to America's criminal treatment of native people. The Trail of Tears is just part of Jackson's legacy. His face still remains on the $20 bill — fitting perhaps, since so much of the battle over land is the battle over the dollar.

No amount of money is a substitute for beauty. No amount of political power can be matched by the power of the land and the indigenous people who live here. If we do not rise to the defense of these sacred lands, Bears Ears National Monument will be reduced to oil rigs and derricks, shining bright against an oiled sky of obliterated stars.

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12. Zinke promises to hear out protestors of rescinding national monuments

The Washington Times, May 6 | Ben Wolfgang

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Sunday launched a "listening tour" across Utah designed to quell an uproar over his department's controversial review of national monuments.

Mr. Zinke is spearheading a federal study of more than two dozen land and marine monuments following an executive order from President Trump last month.

The process is likely to lead to the first revocation of a U.S. monument, though there are still outstanding legal questions about whether a president has the power to make such a rescission.

Attempts to un-designate any monument surely will be met with legal challenges from environmental groups and tribal groups.

Mr. Zinke's review notably includes Utah's Bears Ears National Monument, established late in President Barack Obama's tenure and a prime example, critics say, of the previous

administration stretching the century-old Antiquities Act to its breaking point in declaring vast areas of land as monuments and shutting them off from energy exploration and other activities.

Mr. Zinke met Sunday afternoon in Salt Lake City with members of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, kicking off a trip that will include a stop at Bears Ears on Tuesday and conclude Wednesday.

While Sunday's meeting was not open to the public or press, about 500 people protested outside the building as it occurred, carrying signs and shouting "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears!"

Talking with reporters after the meeting, Mr. Zinke said the local Indians are "smart, capable, passionate, and have a deep sense of tie to their culture and want to preserve it."

He said no decisions had been made and that he was coming to Utah "without any predisposition of outcome."

Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, Utah Republican, said Sunday evening that the Indians might be being manipulated by left-wing political groups.

More broadly, the monuments review includes sites dating back to 1924's Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho through Bears Ears.

Other notable monuments under review include Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach in Washington, Grand Canyon-Parashant in Arizona, the Papahanaumokuakea marine monument off the coast of Hawaii and a host of others.

Though the review need not mean any will be stripped of their designations, it's clear the administration intends to shrink the number of monuments and, in the process, open up that land for energy development.

Critics charge that the listening tour, along with the fact that the Interior Department is soliciting public comments as part of its study, is a sham.

"Trump and Zinke pretend to care what the public thinks, but they're really only listening to the oil, gas and timber industries. It's special interests, not the public, that want these monuments to lose protection," said Randi Spivak, public lands director at the Center for Biological Diversity.

"We must leave these spectacular cultural and national treasures just as they are. Our grandchildren won't look back and wish we'd cut down more trees or drilled for more oil."

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13. National Monuments: Presidents Can Create Them, but Only Congress Can Undo Them

Govexec.com, May 6 | Nicholas Bryner, Eric Biber, Mark Squillace and Sean B. Hecht

On April 26 President Trump issued an executive order calling for a review of national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act. This law authorizes presidents to set aside federal lands in order to protect "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest."

Since the act became law in 1906, presidents of both parties have used it to preserve 157 historic sites, archaeological treasures and scenic landscapes, from the Grand Canyon to key landmarks of the civil rights movement in Birmingham, Alabama.

President Trump calls recent national monuments "a massive federal land grab," and argues that control over some should be given to the states. In our view, this misrepresents the law. National monuments can be designated only on federal lands already owned or controlled by the United States.

The president's order also suggests that he may consider trying to rescind or shrink monuments that were previously designated. Based on our analysis of the Antiquities Act and other laws, presidents do not have the authority to undo or downsize existing national monuments. This power rests with Congress, which has reversed national monument designations only 10 times in more than a century.

Contests over land use

Trump's executive order responds to opposition from some members of Congress and local officials to national monuments created by Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. It calls for Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review certain national monuments created since 1996 and to recommend "Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions," presumably to shrink

or eliminate these monuments. The order applies to monuments larger than 100,000 acres, as well as others to be identified by Secretary Zinke.

When a president creates a national monument, the area is “reserved” for the protection of sites and objects there, and may also be “withdrawn,” or exempted, from laws that would allow for mining, logging or oil and gas development. Frequently, monument designations grandfather in existing uses of the land, but prohibit new activities such as mineral leases or mining claims.

Zinke said that he will examine whether such restrictions have led to “loss of jobs, reduced wages and reduced public access” in communities around national monuments. Following Secretary Zinke’s review, the Trump administration may try either to rescind monument designations or modify them, either by reducing the size of the monument or authorizing more extractive activities within their boundaries.

Two of the most-contested monuments are in Utah. In 1996 President Clinton designated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, a region of incredible slot canyons and remote plateaus. Twenty years later, President Obama designated Bears Ears National Monument, an area of scenic rock formations and sites sacred to Native American tribes.

Utah’s governor and congressional delegation oppose these monuments, arguing that they are larger than necessary and that presidents should defer to the state about whether to use the Antiquities Act. Local officials have raised similar complaints about the Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada and the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine, both designated by Obama in late 2016.

What the law says

The key question at issue is whether the Antiquities Act gives presidents the power to alter or revoke decisions by past administrations. The U.S. Constitution gives Congress the power to decide what happens on “territory or other property belonging to the United States.” When Congress passed the Antiquities Act, it delegated a portion of that authority to the president so that administrations could act quickly to protect resources or sites that are threatened.

Critics of recent national monuments argue that if a president can create a national monument, the next one can undo it. However, the Antiquities Act speaks only of designating monuments. It says nothing about abolishing or shrinking them.

Two other land management statutes from the turn of the 20th century – the Pickett Act of 1910 and the Forest Service Organic Act of 1897 – gave the president authority to withdraw other types of land, and also specifically stated that the president could modify or revoke those actions. These laws clearly contrast with the Antiquities Act's silence on reversing past decisions.

In 1938, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt considered abolishing the Castle-Pinkney National Monument – a deteriorating fort in Charleston, South Carolina – Attorney General Homer Cummings advised that the president did not have the power to take this step. (Congress abolished the monument in 1951.)

Congress enacted a major overhaul of public lands law in 1976, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, repealing many earlier laws. However, it did not change the Antiquities Act. The House Committee that drafted the 1976 law also made clear in legislative reports that it intended to prohibit the president from modifying or abolishing a national monument, stating that the law would "specifically reserve to the Congress the authority to modify and revoke withdrawals for national monuments created under the Antiquities Act."

The value of preservation

Many national monuments faced vociferous local opposition when they were declared, including Jackson Hole National Monument, which is now part of Grand Teton National Park. But over time Americans have come to appreciate them.

Indeed, Congress has converted many monuments into national parks, including Acadia, the Grand Canyon, Arches and Joshua Tree. These four parks alone attracted over 13 million visitors in 2016. The aesthetic, cultural, scientific, spiritual and economic value of preserving them has long exceeded whatever short-term benefit could have been derived without legal protection.

As Secretary Zinke begins his review of Bears Ears and other national monuments, he should heed that lesson, and also ensure that his recommendations do not overstep the president's lawful authority.

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14. Op-ed: National monuments are a positive economic force for rural communities

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Amy Roberts

The next several months are pivotal for the future of America's public lands. It is not easy to articulate how we have gotten to this point – but here we are.

It seems like only yesterday that the outdoor industry and outdoor recreation economy were tiny blips on the radar of our national economy and jobs figures, yet over the last 20 years, the outdoor recreation economy has grown exponentially and contributes $887 billion per year to the nation's GDP, and is responsible for over 7 million American jobs across the country.

The outdoor recreation economy, and the industry that supports it, is a major force in international trade, economic development, job creation and public lands policy and is a major financial contributor to programs that get kids and families outside across the nation. It is a growing economy that is uniquely American.

The outdoor industry supports protecting our nation's public lands, not just because the American landscape and its rugged, natural beauty sets our nation apart from the rest of the world, but also because America's public lands are the very foundation, the infrastructure, of the massive outdoor recreation economy.

So, why are the next few months so pivotal? President Trump signed an Executive Order last month ordering the Department of the Interior to review the designation of National Monuments over 100,000 acres in size and created between 1996 and the end of 2016 under the authority of the Antiquities Act, a Teddy Roosevelt-era law that has protected more of America's landscapes and waterways than perhaps any other law. Interestingly, the majority of Utah's National Parks were first protected as monuments.

As part of his department's review, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke has stated that he is committed to a transparent process that will take into account the views of multiple stakeholders. This is a good starting point, and we look forward to working with the Administration, Secretary Zinke and others to highlight the significant, beneficial role National Monuments and the Antiquities Act play in our American heritage, the protection of iconic places, and the development of local economies built on recreation and tourism.

The notion that monuments are harmful to their surrounding communities and result in net job loss is demonstrably false. Cities and towns that have protected lands like National Parks and Monuments attract employers in fast-growing economic sectors like tech and health care. It is proven that the communities that protect and invest in recreation infrastructure end up having more diverse economies and are better prepared to weather potential economic downturns.

While it is true that some traditional jobs do, at times, decrease with the designation of a monument in the short-term, those losses tend to stabilize even as the local economy transitions. The addition of monuments in most cases speeds up the economic diversification of the local community from traditional rural economies to a more dynamic combination of energy development, agriculture, ranching, tourism and outdoor recreation that coexist on the land. These economies and the local tax base that supports schools and government services benefit from adding more recreation-related businesses such as guide services, retailers, manufacturers and additional service related jobs such as doctors, engineers and teachers. Outdoor recreation generates $59 billion in state and local tax revenue.

As Secretary Zinke visits Utah this week and begins the evaluation of past monument designations, we ask that he remember that our national monuments are already the people's lands and that he consider the full and positive impact they have on the overall physical and economic health of our nation. We hope he notes the benefits they provide to our rural communities by counting ALL of the businesses and jobs added over a period of time after a designation, and the growth of the community's economy before and after the designation. As we have seen in Garfield County, Utah or Chaffee County, Colorado, if the process is truly transparent, the findings will be enlightening and should inform any eventual decision by this Administration on existing and future national monuments.

Amy Roberts is executive director of the Outdoor Industry Association.

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15. **Rallies over Bears Ears act as prelude to Zinke's visit**

KSL News, May 7 | Jasen Lee and Marjorie Cortez

SALT LAKE CITY — For scores of Utahns, preserving the monument status of the state's newest protected public lands and one of its more revered places was more than enough reason to spend a weekend afternoon at the state Capitol.

Hundreds of people fanned out across the front lawn and stairs leading up to the Capitol on Saturday to show their support for the national monument status of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.

The "Monumental Rally," as it was called, was organized as "an urgent call to action" because the two monuments are in the crosshairs of powerful political interests, including Utah's congressional delegation and members of the Trump administration.

Opponents call the designations by two Democratic presidents — Barack Obama for Bears Ears and Bill Clinton for Grand Staircase-Escalante — federal overreach that didn't take into account the feelings and sensibilities of local interests.

Contrarily, supporters believe the designations preserve the land considered hallowed by Native Americans for centuries.

"My ancestors lived in the area and traded with other Native Americans in the area," explained Hank Stevens, member of the Navajo Nation. "The land is sacred in Native American culture. It's very important."

Stevens expressed concern that if the monument status were rescinded by the Trump administration, revered artifacts may be destroyed and many of the traditions practiced by local tribes could be lost.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is scheduled to be in Utah this week to visit with stakeholders concerned about the designation of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante as national monuments. The Trump administration has directed Zinke to conduct a 45-day review of the Bears Ears monument and a 120-day review of Grand Staircase-Escalante, then offer some recommendations.

The state Capitol rally was organized by Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Diné Bikéyah — a nonprofit organization that supports indigenous communities in protecting culturally significant ancestral lands.

Noyes said Utahns must show Zinke that supporters intend to defend culturally important places such as Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.

"This event is really important to remind Utahns that this is not a political issue," he said. "All Utahns care about our public lands and monuments. I'm proud to see so many of my fellow citizens out here supporting each other and supporting the land, and standing up for what's best for our future.

"We (also) want to remind people that local voices matter, and they should have a say in how lands are treated in this state. The governor and the Utah (congressional) delegation are out of touch."

Buoyed by a strong turnout, with throngs of people wearing "Protect Bears Ears" T-shirts and many hoisting signs supporting the individual causes of both national monuments, Noyes said he believes the message of the people will resonate with Zinke while he's in Utah.

"If Secretary Zinke gets a full understanding of who we are as Utahns and what our landscapes are like, I absolutely think that he would stand with us defend these lands," Noyes said.

Salt Lake City resident Ian Wade said because Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante are such "special" places, they deserve the added protection of monument status. He attributed much of the opposition to the monument status to partisanship.

"It's a political thing. People are just opposed to the idea that President Obama designated something in Utah just like they hated President Clinton when he designated Grand Staircase," Wade said. "Just the simple anger that a Democrat would do something in a Republican state."

Meanwhile, opponents of the monument designation gathered simultaneously at Pioneer Park in Blanding for a rally organized by Stewards of San Juan County.

Unlike monument supporters who are backed by corporations and the likes of actor Leonardo DiCaprio, Stewards of San Juan County has been a true grass-roots effort, said the organization’s president, Jami Bayles.

People have literally walked up to her and other leaders of the group on the streets, offering the cash in their pockets to fight the designation, she said.

Ultimately, “it’s a fight about what’s right and what’s wrong,” Bayles said.

Area residents have been slighted by name-calling, insults, purposely left out by organizations conducting public opinion polls, and personal accounts of some opponents of the designation have even been dismissed as “fake news,” she said.

“We’ve been told by out-of-state recreation enthusiasts that, ‘My hobby is more important than your livelihood. If you don’t like it, go live somewhere else,’” Bayles said.

Through it all, area residents have stood resolute against the designation in the waning days of the Obama administration.

“The best part is we did this together. We did this on our own time and, we did this on our own dime. We paid for all this ourselves,” Bayles said.

San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman urged those in attendance to be “loud and controversial.” Otherwise, the county “is going to be steamrolled,” he said.

Still, Bayles and Lyman urged opponents to comport themselves with grace and decency during Zinke’s upcoming visit to the area and the ongoing fight.

"It's San Juan County's opportunity to show who we are with dignity and respect," Lyman said.

While Bears Ears is one of 27 national monuments that will be reviewed under an executive order by President Trump signed Friday, the outcome is yet unknown. Bayles said opponents of the designation will continue to fight “long and hard. We’re going to fight with everything that we have.”

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, addressing the rally via FaceTime, said he will urge Zinke during his upcoming visit to Utah to end the monument designation.

“It’s time to expect, my fellow Americans, to expect more. It’s time to expect freedom,” Lee said.

Eva Clarke, secretary of Stewards of San Juan County, said the fight has been a painful reminder that area residents must constantly be engaged to protect the land and way of life.

Area residents have joined forces with “my ancestors … who first loved this beautiful, red earth,” Clarke said.

“Thank you so much. Keep up the good fight,” she said.

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16. Zinke met by protest as he arrives to consider Utah voices on national monuments

The Deseret News, May 7 | McKenzie Romero

SALT LAKE CITY — While protestors clogged the sidewalk outside, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said he will be gathering perspectives of people on all sides of a deeply controversial issue as he reviews the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments.

Zinke landed in Salt Lake City on Sunday bound for his four-day "listening tour" regarding the monuments — both designated by Democratic presidents and decried by Utah Republicans — but the voices on the street expressed their doubt the secretary will listen much at all.

Speaking to reporters in the offices of Utah's Bureau of Land Management, Zinke said that while many of the nearly 30 national monuments he will be reviewing enjoy widespread support, he doesn't believe that's the case with Bears Ears.

"The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah," Zinke said, citing the outcry from state legislators and congressmen over the designation, and a Native American population he says is at odds with one another.

Zinke went on to say he has no doubt the area will be a breathtaking "cultural treasure," but he isn't decided about how it should be protected.

"I'm sure what I'm going to find over the next couple of days is beautiful, beautiful land worthy of protection. What vehicle that takes, I don't want to be predisposed because I haven't see it and haven't talked to everybody yet," Zinke said.

Outside, Dena Williams, of Salt Lake City, stood with her two sons among the crowd of protesters watching for a glimpse of Zinke's motorcade. The family carried signs demanding, "Keep public lands in public hands."

"This is important because this is about their future, their quality of life, and everything they hold important today and in the future is at risk," Williams said of her two boys.

Asked if she thinks Zinke will listen to that plea, Williams said she "wants to remain hopeful, but it's hard to tell."

Nikolas Johnson, 14, and Lukas Johnson, 12, are active with the Boy Scouts of America, going often to Grand Staircase to hike, camp and enjoy nature.

"The president or anyone else shouldn't be controlling the lands. It should be the people," Nikolas said.

Lukas said he wants the nature he enjoys to be preserved for other kids in the future, voicing concern that without protections, "lousy coal and oil" will take over the land.

Under an executive order from President Donald Trump, Zinke will conduct a 45-day review of the Bears Ears monument and a 120-day review of Grand Staircase-Escalante before sending his recommendations to the White House.

"I'm looking at making sure we follow the law, what the Antiquities Act was intended to do, talking to all parties, and getting a perspective of making sure Utah and the stakeholders have a voice," Zinke said of the reviews.

While Zinke acknowledged no U.S. president has ever rescinded a national monument, he noted that few monuments "are to the scale of the recent actions," and saying it's not uncommon for a monument and its boundaries to be modified.

Rallies for and against the monument designations over the weekend prefaced Zinke's visit.

Opponents of the monuments say the designations by Democratic presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton are examples of federal overreach that didn't take into account the feelings and sensibilities of local interests.

But supporters believe setting the areas aside under the Antiquities Act preserves land considered hallowed by Native Americans for centuries and ensures they will remain intact for future generations to enjoy.

Zinke met Sunday with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which is made up of leaders of the Hopi Tribe, Utah Navajo Chapter of Olijato, Navajo Nation Council, Ute Indian Tribe and Zuni Tribe.

The secretary called it the first time the tribal leaders have had an opportunity to voice their perspectives about the monument designations, describing the mistrust he believes they feel over a history of efforts to manage the land.

A similar mistrust, Zinke says, is felt by Utahns living near the monuments, the state's elected leaders and others.

However, at least some representatives of Native American groups in the state say they have been cut out of the conversation. Virgil Johnson, tribal chairman of the confederated tribes of the Goshute nation, was among the protestors Sunday and said his letter requesting a meeting with Zinke was denied.

"The executive order gives us a right to come to the table, but they're making decisions without native voices at the table," Johnson said. "What we would like is for him to see why we are very protective of our sacred grounds and the artifacts that are left there."

Throughout his media appearance, Zinke called himself a Montana man; a former geologist who is fascinated by archaeology; a military commander who wants to see "the frontlines" of any situation; an admirer of President Teddy Roosevelt, who created the Antiquities Act and designated the first national monument; and someone who is not an advocate of transferring or selling public lands.

Zinke also met Sunday with Sens. Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee, both R-Utah, followed by meetings with the State Historic Preservation Office and Utah Department of Heritage; legislative leadership and Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes; and the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

At the media appearance, Hatch introduced the secretary as someone who is "experienced in Western lands" and "understands what we're up against."

Afterward, Hatch said Native Americans in Utah "may not understand" how a national monument designation restricts what they are able to do on the land. Asked to provide examples of what tribes would no longer be able to do, Hatch simply said the reasons would take too much time to go into.

"They would be severely restricted on what they could or could not do on the land," Hatch said. "I can just tell you it will never cease until the far left gets their way in locking up all these lands in Utah, and we're just not going to allow that."

Hatch said there are a number of political obstacles between different Native American groups in the state and that sometimes different groups are "manipulated." He also said the state's elected leaders "love Utah" and will ensure it's protected without being "shoved around by radical people from elsewhere, on either side of the issues."

On Monday, Zinke will be joined by Gov. Gary Herbert and members of the state's congressional delegation as he flies over Bears Ears and takes a tour of the House of Fire site.

Moving forward, Zinke encouraged Utahns wanting to weigh in on the review to visit regulations.gov in the coming weeks to leave a comment.

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17. Zinke starts review of Utah's Bears Ears National Monument

The Las Vegas Review-Journal, May 7 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will start a four-day Utah trip Sunday to assess whether 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled down or even rescinded.

The re-evaluation of the new Bears Ears National Monument on sacred tribal lands and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, created in 1996, is part of an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump calling for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

The Bears Ears monument, a source of ire for Utah's conservative leadership, is a top priority in the review.

Zinke has been tasked with making a recommendation on that monument by June 10, about 2 ½ months before a final report about all the monuments.

Utah Republican leaders, led by U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, campaigned hard to get President Donald Trump to take a second look a monument designated by President Barack Obama near the end of his term.

Hatch and others contend the monument designation is a layer of unnecessary federal control that hurts local economies by closing the area to new energy development.

Hatch said in a statement he looks forward to hosting Zinke and showing him “our beautiful state and working with him to give the people of San Juan County a voice in protecting the lands they’ve lived on for generations.”

Zinke will spend Sunday in Salt Lake City before traveling Monday to the southeastern corner of Utah to spend time in the Bears Ears area.

On Wednesday, he’ll be in the area near the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Interior officials haven’t made public the details of whom Zinke plans to meet with. But officials with a coalition of five tribes that pushed for the Bears Ears designation said they have a one-hour meeting with Zinke Sunday in Salt Lake City.

Natasha Hales, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition lead staffer, said members plan to tell Zinke about their long history with the Bears Ears land and the landscape’s sacred importance.

They also plan to reiterate that they willing to take legal action to defend the monument if needed.

“The Utah congressional delegation is cherry picking a few voices in opposition to this but there’s overwhelming support for this,” Hales said. “We wanted to take Secretary Zinke out on the ground with our people and show him around but that invitation was never extended.”

The monument review is rooted in the belief Trump and other critics that a law created by President Theodore Roosevelt to designate the monument has been improperly used to protect wide expanses of lands instead of places with particular historical or archaeological value.

Grand Staircase-Escalante is 1.9 million acres, about the size of Delaware. Bears Ears is a bit smaller at 1.3 million acres.

Conservation groups counter that the review puts in limbo protections on large swaths of land home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and oceans habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

Environmental groups have vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts to rescind monuments, which would be unprecedented.

Patagonia, the outdoor clothing company, put ads in newspapers in Utah and Montana over the weekend playing off Trump's own comments at the signing of the executive order in which he said, "I've heard a lot about Bears Ears, and I hear it's beautiful."

"Mr. President, Bears Ears National Monument is beautiful," the ad said, listing how it has more species diversity than Yellowstone and darker skies than Yosemite.

Zinke has said the report will recommend whether any monuments should be abolished or resized.

He promises an open-minded approach and said he remains opposed to selling any federal land or transferring it to state or local control.

Congress might weigh in as well. Numerous bills on the issue were introduced in the previous session, including measures to prevent the president from establishing or expanding monuments in particular states and to require consent of Congress or state legislatures.

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18. **The new range war**

The Christian Science Monitor, May 7 | Amanda Paulson

MAY 7, 2017 SALMON, IDAHO—Merill Beyeler bears the classic look of a Western rancher. He's got the leathery face of someone who has spent a lot of time outdoors. He wears flannel shirts, jeans, and a bone-colored cowboy hat.

Mr. Beyeler, whose family roots in Idaho's Lemhi County extend back to the 1850s, is also a rock-ribbed Republican. True, in Idaho, one of the reddest states in the nation, most people are Republican. But in Lemhi County, a hauntingly beautiful expanse of bald, taupe mountains and verdant river valleys wedged up against the Montana border, virtually no one puts a Democratic

bumper sticker on his or her pickup. So you'd think that people like Beyeler would be happy at the prospect of the new Trump administration, buttressed by one of the most conservative cabinets in decades, ushering in a dramatic change in the management of public lands in the West. You'd think that they would relish the prospect of federal agencies either opening up more expanses to ranchers and commercial interests or giving more control back to the states.

You'd be wrong.

While Beyeler occasionally chafes at the way federal lands are managed, he doesn't want US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management land opened up unconditionally to loggers or developers, or – worse – handed over to bureaucrats in Boise and sold off. "The reason you come home is that this is the soul of our people," he says. "When you look at our public lands in that respect – as an economic driver and as the soul of our state – the idea of losing that, or risking that, is just too great."

As the Trump administration works to fashion an identity in Washington, one of the big questions is how much the federal government will change its stewardship of public lands in the West. With Republicans in control of Congress, many envision a significant shift in access to and development of public expanses similar to what happened under the Reagan administration 35 years ago. They believe it could be one of the signature achievements of the Trump era. A few on the right are even pushing for an outright transfer of some of those lands back to state control.

Yet others – including many Republicans – occupy a more pragmatic middle. Like Beyeler, they are looking for a recalibration rather than a land-management revolution. They believe that the natural landscape is as much a part of the region's identity as coal seams and oil shale and requires at least some federal stewardship. And they believe firmly that public lands need to stay public – not sold off to private interests.

When Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R) of Utah recently introduced a bill in Congress to sell 3.3 million acres of federal lands in the West, he was forced to withdraw the legislation days later because of the backlash from his own constituents, many of whom regularly fish for steelhead trout or hunt elk on federal lands.

"I've been working in this field for 17 years, and no one has ever seen a congressman introduce a bill and then withdraw it within a week," says Land Tawney, director of Backcountry Hunters

and Anglers, a nonprofit that fiercely opposed the bill. “The sportsman community is about 70 percent conservative. We’re finding this is a unifying issue, with folks on both sides of the aisle. There can be nothing more American than our public lands.”

The land-use decisions of the next four years will have the most impact in places like Lemhi County, which is 92 percent owned by the federal government. Few areas of the United States are more remote than the high desert sagebrush area here.

Salmon, the county’s largest town, is 90 miles from a railroad, and 150 miles from an airport, the Interstate, or a Wal-Mart. The county is empty, stark, and stunning. Local ranchers and residents differ – even within families – over how public lands should be managed. But some of them are also working with government officials in a way that could become a model for solving future land wars in the West.

The battle over public lands and resources is as old as westward expansion itself. It extends from early fights over mining and water claims in the 1800s to the Sagebrush Rebellion of the 1970s to the anti-Washington “wise-use movement” of the 1980s and ’90s. The only constant in it all is the ebb and flow of tensions between Western residents and the largest landholder, Washington.

“The political side of it dates all the way back to the creation of the country,” says Robert Keiter, a law professor at the University of Utah and director of the Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and the Environment.

Last year, simmering frustrations about federal control over Western lands culminated most visibly in the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon by militant ranchers. Yet Westerners’ grievances have been finding an outlet through various assaults in Washington as well.

In late April, the Trump administration ordered the Interior Department to review some 30 places that have been designated national monuments over the past 20 years. The White House believes the designations have increasingly set aside more land than was intended under the 1906 Antiquities Act, costing the nation jobs. Environmentalists see the move undermining one of the most important tools for protecting national parks and public lands.

The change could affect places such as the Bears Ears National Monument, in the red-rock area of southern Utah, which was protected in the waning days of the Obama administration. Several Utah lawmakers, including Mr. Chaffetz and Republican Rep. Rob Bishop, have been pressing to

overturn the designation. (In response, the Outdoor Industry Association pulled a trade show, which brings about $45 million a year to Utah, from Salt Lake City.)

Western lawmakers have also been pushing the idea of selling off some public lands to private parties, or transferring them to state ownership. And the Trump administration is trying to repeal a regulation that requires oil and gas firms operating on public lands to control their methane emissions.

Behind all the rebellious moves is the size of Washington's real estate portfolio. The federal government owns 47 percent of all the land in 11 Western states. That ranges from a high of 85 percent in Nevada to a low of 30 percent in Montana.

"It's a long-standing irritation, and at times it becomes more pronounced," says Lynn Scarlett, global managing director for public policy for The Nature Conservancy and a former deputy Interior secretary under President George W. Bush. Ms. Scarlett says tensions have always simmered over how the federal government manages those lands in regard to energy development, mining, grazing rights, and endangered species.

What's new in the latest backlash, she says, is the focus on the lack of maintenance on public lands, which is largely the result of federal agencies getting less funding. Departments such as the Forest Service, BLM, and US Fish & Wildlife Service had hoped that highlighting the backlog of work would help them garner more funds. Instead, critics have just seized on the maintenance issues to buttress their argument that the federal government isn't the right steward of public lands.

"The bottom line is that we want our public lands to be managed in a way that's responsible," says Jennifer Fielder, a Montana state senator and chief executive officer of the American Lands Council, a leader in the call to transfer federal land to state control. "Those of us who live near here are sick of seeing the lock-it-up and let-it-burn policies out of Washington."

Senator Fielder says she watches the ineptitude from her living-room window in Montana. The Feds' inability or unwillingness to thin underbrush and perform other basic management practices, she says, led to a wildfire last summer becoming much larger, and more expensive, than it needed to be. "Forty thousand acres burnt to a crisp, habitat destroyed," she says.

Others believe that having an absentee landlord isn't the best way to care for property and that the people closest to the land are the ones who know best how to manage it – and should reap the benefits from it.

"Without these lands, you can't operate as a republican form of government inside your state," says Jim Chmelik, a former Idaho county commissioner and a leader of the land-transfer movement. "If you don't have access to your resources, you can't provide good-paying jobs and you can't provide a good quality of life."

Yet critics of shifting control to the states believe it will either lead to lands being sold off to private interests or an oil derrick being put on top of every ridge, despoiling the natural beauty that attracts people from around the country – and contributes to regional economies. States also have far fewer resources than Washington to manage the vast public expanses. And most states are required to balance their budgets, which could put pressure on them to sell lands in lean times, even if they vow not to do so.

As proof, critics point out that 11 Western states were granted a total of almost 77 million acres of land at statehood. They've sold off about 44 percent of those lands. Nevada, granted 2.7 million acres at its founding, now has just 3,000 acres of public state land.

"Study after study has shown states can't afford" to manage public lands well, says Mr. Tawney of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers.

Just south of Lehmi lies Custer County – home of some of the most spectacular wilderness in Idaho. The celebrated Middle Fork of the Salmon River flows through the area, and the rugged Sawtooth Mountains rise steeply from the plains. It's the third largest county in Idaho, but home to barely 4,000 people. Roughly 96 percent of the county is federal land.

"Custer County is the size of Connecticut, but we have one sheriff and four deputies," says Wayne Butts, a county commissioner who has lived in Challis, the county seat, since he was 8. "There's no tax bases."

Sitting next to the warmth of a wood-burning stove in his small-motor repair shop, he ticks off the economic limitations of living in a remote area: The county has a 100-year-old jail with just six beds in one room, making it impossible to house men and women at the same time. Local roads are in desperate need of repair, but no money exists to fix them. A decrease in grazing

rights on federal lands has led to fewer ranchers, resulting in less local revenue. A molybdenum mine, once the county's largest employer, shut down in 2014.

People come from all over the country to hike, fish, and play in Custer County, but don't add much to the economy, says Mr. Butts: Many of them drive in from Boise, bring their own food and camping supplies. They don't even buy gas in Custer.

"Old-time customs and culture – that's the way we like it," says Butts. To him, that means ranching, mining, logging. He's frustrated that federal lands increasingly seem to be managed to inhibit those activities.

Still, despite all those irritations, Butts isn't willing to back transferring lands to state ownership unless he sees a budget proposal that makes sense to him. He thinks either the state or local communities could do a better job managing the lands, but he is well aware of the costs involved. Instead, he wants to see limits put on turning any more private land into public land and hopes that the Trump administration and Republican Congress will help roll back some of the more onerous environmental protections on federal lands that already exist.

A few dozen miles to the east of Challis, in the shadow of Idaho's tallest peak, Mt. Borah, Steve Smith shares many of Butts's grievances. Mr. Smith and his parents live on his family's 2,800-acre ranch, where they have a herd of 400 cows.

Just a mention of public lands is enough to set Smith and his father, Wiley, off, venting about their years of vexation in dealing with the BLM and Forest Service. This has included navigating around what they see as burdensome protections for the sage grouse, as well as a BLM water-rights claim that took them years to defeat.

Yet even this father and son don't agree on whether control of public lands should be shifted from Washington to the states. Despite his virulent criticism of federal management, Wiley doesn't believe states have the resources to care for public lands.

Steve would like to see a modest transfer – perhaps 2 percent of total holdings – provided states have a plan for how they will manage the areas. "The ranchers, the miners, the loggers – they're the ones that have taken care of these areas," he says. "[Federal officials] put a black mark on those industries and don't see that [the land] has been in their care for 150 years."

Others are more adamant in their opposition to state control. On a cold, rainy Saturday in March, nearly 3,000 people gathered at the State Capitol in Boise to support public lands staying public – and under federal stewardship.

The demonstration attracted plenty of traditional environmentalists, but also hunters, anglers, and dirt-bike riders. “Rednecks and hippies unite!” read one sign. “I fill my freezer on public lands,” said another.

In between various chants – such as “Keep public lands in public hands!” – the crowd listened to speakers ranging from a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to a fifth-generation Idaho woman who talked of accompanying her mother on her first moose hunt when she was 8 days old.

“I hunt and I fish on public lands,” says Travis Long, who came to the rally from Kuna, Idaho, outfitted in camouflage. “I’ve got four kids and I want to make sure public lands remain that way.”

It is too early to know what a Trump administration will mean for public lands. Much of the push to undermine the power of federal oversight agencies, or to transfer or sell off public lands, is coming from Congress, and President Trump’s Interior secretary, Ryan Zinke, has repeatedly said he would never transfer or sell them.

“I think we’re in a better place with [Mr. Trump and Mr. Zinke] than we would have been with others interviewed for the Interior secretary, or with Ted Cruz,” says Whit Fosburgh, president and chief executive officer of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, a nonprofit that represents sportsmen and sportswomen.

At the same time, Mr. Fosburgh and other conservation leaders say they’re concerned about legislation that has been passed or proposed. In March, for instance, the Trump administration rescinded Barack Obama’s three-year moratorium on coal leases on federal land. A proposed bill in Congress would strip the Forest Service and BLM of their law enforcement powers, putting the job of policing environmental and other rules in the hands of local sheriffs.

“It’s one more attempt to weaken management of public lands,” says Fosburgh.

Trump's proposed budget also includes a 12 percent cut to the Interior Department, which could make maintenance of public lands even more problematic and give states more leverage in their quest to take over.

Eventually, it's possible that some of the hostility to Washington's handling of public lands will die down under the new administration. The Sagebrush Rebellion subsided once Reagan came to power.

"In the big picture politically, it would not surprise me if [the transfer movement] slowly disappears from the radar screen with Republicans in control of Congress and the White House," says Mr. Keiter, the Utah law professor. "It works as an oppositional strategy to more progressive or environmentally friendly policies of Democratic administrations."

Perhaps the best hope for ending the standoffs over public lands is a more collaborative approach in the canyons and valley floors of the West itself – far from the politics of Washington and statehouses. One such effort is under way in Salmon, where ranchers, federal agencies, and conservation groups are finding common ground.

"What doesn't get attention is the really good, responsible, productive work taking place on the Western landscape," says Beyeler, the Lemhi County rancher.

At the same time that the Malheur standoff was occurring, he notes, the Forest Service and BLM were working with a local rancher to help him get seven miles of pipeline approved in an area that includes an important salmon spawning tributary. Endangered sockeye salmon travel more than 900 miles, up 6,500 feet of elevation, to spawn in rivers and lakes here.

"It was a collaborative process," says Beyeler. "I worry that this tension on whether the state or federal government should own [public lands] distracts from the collaborative work."

Tom Page, another Salmon Valley rancher, got into ranching in part because he wanted to see if he could do it in a conservation-minded way – and make money. He is surprised by how hard it has been to navigate all the environmental rules and by how difficult lawsuits filed by activists make it for local landowners.

When he recently sought to get approval for 200 feet of fence on his grazing allotment, to keep cows from straying into restricted forest land, federal officials told him not to apply for the permit. Because it would disturb fish and sage grouse habitat, the US Forest Service "knows they

have to write a thick document for those 200 feet of fence," says Mr. Page, and that they're likely to be sued by environmentalists – which was not worth it, in their view, for such as small project.

The Upper Salmon area, Page agrees, has become a model for conservation and collaboration – but only because it has nonprofits and both federal and private money helping to support that work. In rural counties with less federal attention, there tends to be a lot less trust, he says.

Bob Cope has seen both cooperation and conflict. A large man with a deep voice and earthy sense of humor, he is a veterinarian for all the local ranchers as well as a Lemhi County commissioner. He has served on numerous state and federal committees representing Western interests.

With face-to-face collaboration and local involvement, he says public-lands disputes are solvable. But he understands people's frustrations, especially when they see onerous rules being made by people back East.

"We can work with our federal officials, but [local people] get handcuffed," he says. "We've had management by legislation and litigation. There's still a lot of mistrust on both sides…. People feel like they have no voice."

Over on the 25,000-acre ranch he's managed for 20 years, Shane Rosenkrance epitomizes the attitude of many people in this part of Idaho. He harbors a deep love for the lands he manages and the public holdings that surround them. Mr. Rosenkrance points to the imposing peaks rising out of the desert floor – the Lost River Range, the Pioneer Mountains, Mt. Borah. He wants them to remain in federal hands and not be sold to individuals who might turn them into their own private preserves.

"You can go anywhere you want," says Rosenkrance, whose family has lived in the valley for seven generations. "Residents appreciate that more than anyone. But we don't want some guy in New York telling us how to manage these lands, or to lock them up."

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19. **The Latest: Zinke says he may not favor shrinking monuments**

NewsOK, May 7 | The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Latest on a visit to Utah by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the designation of national monuments (all times local):

6:40 p.m.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke says he may not necessarily recommend that President Donald Trump rescind or shrink two Utah national monuments, and it's possible that once he views the red rock areas, he could decide the monuments need to be larger.

Zinke told reporters Sunday in Salt Lake City that his visit is a listening tour and he wants to ensure that the Antiquities Act was used as intended when Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments were declared.

The Interior secretary spoke to reporters after a closed-door meeting with leaders of a tribal coalition that campaigned for the monument.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

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5:05 p.m.

More than 500 protesters urging the protection of Utah's Bears Ears National Monument are demonstrating outside a Salt Lake City building where U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is meeting with tribal leaders.

Protesters carried signs Sunday and shouted "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears!" as Zinke started a four-day Utah trip.

He's assessing whether 3.2 million acres of the state's red rock region should remain national monuments or have borders scaled down.

Zinke's meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which pushed for the monument, was not open to the public or media.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

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4:15 p.m.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is meeting with a coalition of five tribes that pushed for President Barack Obama to designate Bears Ears National Monument.

Zinke's hour-long meeting Sunday with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition came as the Interior secretary kicked off a four-day tour in Utah.

The meeting was not open to the public or media, but Zinke is expected to speak to reporters later in the day.

While in Utah, he's expected to assess whether the designation of 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled back or rescinded.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

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9:20 a.m.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is set to start a four-day Utah trip to assess whether the designation of 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled back or rescinded.

Zinke arrives in Salt Lake City Sunday to launch the re-evaluation of the new Bears Ears National Monument and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump's called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

The Bears Ears monument is a source of ire for Utah's conservative leadership and is a top review priority.

Zinke must make a recommendation on that monument by June 10 ahead of a final report about all the monuments.

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20. Zinke says monument designations have been an ‘effective tool,’ though ‘very few ... are to the scale of the recent actions’

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 7 | Matthew Piper

As he embarked on a tour of Utah to review two national monuments, Ryan Zinke said he sees no evidence Native American proponents of Bears Ears National Monument were exploited by special interest groups, as state leaders have suggested.

"I think they're smart, capable, passionate, and have a deep sense of tie to their culture and want to preserve it," the secretary of the Interior said after a meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which requested the monument on behalf of five tribes, at Salt Lake City's Bureau of Land Management office on Sunday.

Minutes later, however, Sen. Orrin Hatch said Native Americans are "manipulated sometimes by people" and that the "far left" has further designs on the 1.35 million acres in southeastern Utah protected by President Barack Obama on Dec. 28.

"The Indians, they don't fully understand that a lot of the things that they currently take for granted on those lands, they won't be able to do if it's made clearly into a monument or a wilderness," Hatch said.

Asked to describe which activities Obama's designation would prevent Native Americans from doing, Hatch said, "That'd take too much time right now."

Pressed further for one example, Hatch said: "Once you put a monument there, you do restrict a lot of things that could be done, and that includes use of the land. ... Just take my word for it."

Navajo nation delegate Davis Filfred, who serves as member of both the tribal coalition and a tribal commission created to provide input on management of the monument, said Sunday night that the meeting with Zinke was overdue.

"I told him today that you met with the Utah delegation more than a couple of times thus far and this is the first time that we are meeting," Filfred said. "I'm requesting equal time."

While Filfred and others fight to defend it, Hatch and other state leaders have four days to convince Zinke that the Bears Ears National Monument designation constituted federal overreach and defied the will of most of the region's inhabitants.

Zinke then has until June 10 to recommend to President Donald Trump a fate for the newborn monument.

He also will stop within the boundaries of Grand Staircase-Escalante — whose 1996 designation by President Bill Clinton is the starting point for a review of 27 large monuments that was ordered by Trump. Utah leaders hope Trump will drastically reduce the boundaries of the 1.9 million-acre monument.

Zinke said he arrives in Utah "without any predisposition of outcome."

"Over the course of our history, I think it's undisputed that the monuments have been an effective tool to save [and] preserve some of our greatest cultural treasures," Zinke said, though he later added that "very few monuments are to the scale of the recent actions.

"Some of the monuments are, I don't want to say universally but certainly widely, supported and accepted," Zinke said. "The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah."

His tour is reminiscent of one conducted last July by his predecessor, Sally Jewell, to inform Obama's decision.

Jewell witnessed striking vistas and delicate archaeological treasures as she weighed varied opinions about who should oversee them, and she concluded her visit by soliciting public comment for three hours inside a cramped Bluff Community Center.

The eventual designation hewed closely to boundaries in the Public Lands Initiative proposed by Utah's delegation, but if Obama's monument was intended as a compromise, it wasn't viewed that way by Utah leaders.

Hatch said Sunday that Obama made the declaration "without talking to any members of the delegation."

"It was pretty pathetic," he said.

Zinke's entourage drove past about two dozen protesters lining the 200 South border of The Gateway shopping mall as he accessed BLM offices Sunday for his first meeting with a full complement of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Zinke met earlier with Sens. Hatch and Mike Lee, Gov. Gary Herbert, Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes and state legislative leaders.

Proponents of the two disputed national monument designations worry that their voices will be absent from the Interior secretary's upcoming agenda.

Zinke's office rejected repeated requests to meet with members of the roundly pro-monument Boulder-Escalante Chamber of Commerce, writing "his current schedule is quite full and it's unlikely that he'll be able to accommodate any additional engagements." Chamber members were invited to comment on a forthcoming feedback website.

Members of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the monument, also have called publicly for a meeting and sent Zinke's office a letter Sunday describing two previous letters and "several email and verbal requests" to meet.

Executive Director Gavin Noyes said Sunday that the Bears Ears boundaries were drawn based on the group's conversations with 75 Native American elders.

"We want to make sure that he doesn't trim any boundaries without talking to people who know the Bears Ears area the best," Noyes said. "The biggest risk at this point is that he believes that [largely anti-monument] Blanding and Monticello residents are the only people that he needs to meet with."

The Center for Western Priorities' Greg Zimmerman declared in a Sunday statement that Zinke's itinerary "[makes] it clear he intends for his visit to Utah to be a one-sided affair, ignoring input from local stakeholders who support national monuments at Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante."

Tribal leaders who pushed for the monument have said they will sue to preserve the protections, if necessary.

Filfred said Zinke agreed to meet with members of the intertribal coalition only last Wednesday, after multiple requests went unanswered.

Sunday's hourlong meeting was insufficient for them to state their case for the monument, he said. He was unimpressed by Zinke's posture and took a cellphone photo of the secretary reclining in his chair.

"You're asking this question as if we're supposed to answer it in one sentence, one phrase, one paragraph," Filfred said.

Zinke said Sunday that it's clear involved Native Americans "have roots in that area. They recognize that this is the first time that they're at the table, and there is some distrust of previous efforts that the tribe and tribes, in this case, aren't heard. Remarkably, that's the same argument I hear from many counties and many elected officials: that the federal government by and large has not heard the local voice."

As a freshman representative from Montana, Zinke opposed a GOP effort to transfer federal lands to states.

"The federal government needs to do a much better job of managing our resources, but the sale or transfer of our land is an extreme proposal, and I won't tolerate it," he said last June after voting against a bill that would have given states the option to buy 2 million federal acres for logging.

He also took sides against Rob Bishop when the Utah representative, who serves as Natural Resources Committee chairman, tried to block funding to the Land and Water Conservation Fund that the government uses to buy and conserve potentially threatened lands.

In January, however, Zinke said there was "no doubt the president has the power to amend a monument" and "[i]t will be interesting to see if a president can nullify a monument."

Utah's Legislature resolved during this year's session to ask Trump to rescind Bears Ears despite legal scholars' doubts that he has such authority.

Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, who has been supported by Utah leaders as a candidate to lead the Bureau of Land Management, has said that "a whole lot of just plain old sagebrush" that could be ranched or mined lies within the boundaries of the two monuments.

A recent poll conducted by Dan Jones & Associates and commissioned by UtahPolicy.com found that a small majority of Utahns support reducing the acreage in Bears Ears or eliminating it altogether, while a similarly slim majority say Trump should leave the Grand Staircase as is.

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21. Zinke Begins Utah Listening Tour

KUER News, May 7 | Judy Fahys

Utahns for and against national monuments have been asking the Trump administration to weigh in on Bears Ears ever since it was created in December. U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke arrived in Utah Sunday to hear their concerns firsthand.

Around two hundred protestors gathered outside the federal Bureau of Land Management's state office as Zinke met inside with leaders of the five tribes that will help manage the new Bears Ears National Monument.

"There's a lot of anger out there," he said afterward, speaking with reporters. "There's a lot of mistrust out there."

Zinke's visit coincides with an open public comment period on 27 national monuments that have been created in the past two decades. He invited all Utahns and all Americans to voice their concerns. Zinke insists his mind is NOT made up.

"I'm talking to all parties," he said, "and getting a perspective of making sure that Utah and all the stakeholders have a voice."

He's scheduled to tour the new Bears Ears National Monument on foot, in a plane and on horseback over the next two days. Then he visits the Grand Staircase Escalante Monument.

The Interior Secretary also met Sunday with Utah Republican leaders. They've organized the tour to make a case that Bears Ears should be rescinded and the Grand Staircase should be shrunk.

"We're going to make sure Utah functions the way it should function and that it's protected and that it's not just shoved around by radical people from elsewhere," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, a Utah Republican who joined Zinke Sunday at the BLM.

Native Americans and conservationists throughout the state are among the monument supporters who complain they're being excluded from the Zinke meetings.

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22. Zinke in southern Utah to tour Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 8 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BLANDING — Native American supporters of the new Bears Ears National Monument talked Monday about the sacred nature of the rugged landscape and why it's so important to protect.

At an event hosted by Utah Dine Bikeyah, reporters and photographers in town for Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit were given aerial tours of the San Juan County monument.

The 30-minute flights come in advance of Zinke's scheduled hike to the House on Fire ruins near Mule Canyon, inside the monument footprint.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert is expected at the hike, as well as several staffers from Utah's congressional delegation.

Willie Grayeyes, chairman of the board of Utah Dine Bikeyah, said he hopes Zinke realizes that as Interior secretary he has a "trust responsibility" to Native Americans.

That responsibility, he added, should be part of Zinke's decision on whether the monument stands as Grayeyes hopes.

Members of Utah's congressional delegation have been united in opposition to Bears Ears' designation by former President Barack Obama late last year. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah led out on the effort that led to President Donald Trump signing an executive order on April 26 to review monument designations going back to 1996.

San Juan County commissioners were also at the airport for Zinke's arrival, which has stirred up residents. This is the second time in less than in a year that a secretary of the Interior has visited the region. Last summer, then-Secretary Sally Jewell was here.

“The windup has been pretty intense," said San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman, who said it was clear Zinke intended to listen to the variety of viewpoints about the December 2016 designation.

“He's gone above and beyond in that respect," he said. Lyman said the county leaders remain adamantly opposed to the monument.

"In this country we value consent, and this was done without our consent," he said.

This story will be updated throughout the day.

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23. Zinke kicks off Utah tour in national monuments review

The Hill, May 8 | Timothy Cama

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is in Utah this week to tour two controversial national monuments that the Trump administration is considering rescinding or shrinking.

Zinke arrived Sunday for meetings with stakeholders, including elected officials and a group of American Indian tribes that pushed for the creation of the Bears Ears National Monument.

At a news conference with Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) late Sunday, Zinke said that, unlike many other national monuments, Bears Ears doesn’t enjoy local support, according to the Salt Lake Tribune.

“Over the course of our history, I think it’s undisputed that the monuments have been an effective tool to save [and] preserve some of our greatest cultural treasures,” Zinke said, adding later that “very few monuments are to the scale of the recent actions.”

“Some of the monuments are, I don’t want to say universally, but certainly widely, supported and accepted,” he continued said. “The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah.”

Zinke pushed back on the narrative that the five nearby tribes that supported former President Barack Obama’s decision to protect the land were misled by environmentalists.

“I think they’re smart, capable, passionate, and have a deep sense of tie to their culture and want to preserve it,” Zinke said, according to the Tribune.

Zinke had met earlier with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.

Hatch, however, said he thinks the tribes were tricked.

“The Indians, they don't fully understand that a lot of the things that they currently take for granted on those lands, they won’t be able to do if it’s made clearly into a monument or a wilderness,” said Hatch, who declined to name specific activities that aren’t allowed within the monument area.

Dozens of protesters supporting the monuments faced Zinke outside the Salt Lake City offices of the Bureau of Land Management when he arrived, the Deseret News reported.

Zinke, Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) and others are taking a plane trip Tuesday to see Bears Ears from the air. Later in the week, he’ll tour parts of Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante national monument on horseback.

Interior will also take formal comments soon via mail and online as they consider a revisision of those monuments and two dozen others.

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24. Mr. Zinke, Keep Channeling Teddy Roosevelt

The New York Times, May 8 | The Editorial Board

On his first day on the job, Ryan Zinke, President Trump’s secretary of the interior, rode a horse to work, in plain imitation of Teddy Roosevelt, who as president used to gallop around Washington, and whose admirable record as a conservationist Mr. Zinke says he hopes to emulate.

By all accounts, Mr. Zinke, a former Navy SEALs member and congressman from Montana, is not a dope. He therefore knows that he cannot possibly match Mr. Roosevelt if he embraces the dismaying anti-environmental agenda Mr. Trump has saddled him with.

As David Roberts of Vox has pointed out, that agenda is both plutocratic and lazy. It seeks to confer new benefits on oil and gas interests that are already richly favored. Yet it requires nothing of Mr. Trump himself. All he has done is issue executive orders that tell someone else to do the work. He cannot scrap the clean power rule or President Barack Obama's aggressive fuel efficiency standards; the relevant federal agencies will have to face the laborious and uncertain process of writing new rules and whatever court challenges those rules bring.

In similar fashion, in two separate orders, Mr. Trump has instructed Mr. Zinke to review Obama policies designed to protect important landscapes for the enjoyment of future generations and the oceans from catastrophic oil spills. The wording in both orders makes it clear that Mr. Trump wants the policies revised or jettisoned altogether, and in the end, great damage could be inflicted on the environment. It's up to Mr. Zinke to make sure that does not happen.

One order instructs Mr. Zinke to review all national monument designations made under the Antiquities Act after Jan. 1, 1996, that encompass 100,000 or more acres. Since Mr. Roosevelt signed the law in 1906, eight Republican (including T.R.) and eight Democratic presidents have used it to unilaterally protect threatened landscapes from commercial intrusion. Mr. Trump complains that such designations prohibit new mining and drilling projects that could create jobs, but a close look at his order shows that it makes no economic sense and is little more than cynical genuflection to the Utah congressional delegation.

The order's bookends are the 1.9 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, established by President Bill Clinton in 1996, and the 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument established just last year by Mr. Obama. The designations have stuck in the craw of two Republican warhorses, Senator Orrin Hatch and Representative Rob Bishop.

Both monuments contain magnificent landscapes and priceless artifacts. Neither contains significant oil and gas reserves, and the Grand Staircase designation has led to a big growth in tourism. Bears Ears is likely to do the same. Both have popular support, and both are best left alone.

The second order deals with oil and gas exploration. The United States is producing robust supplies, from both federal and private lands, but the oil industry wants more, and so does Mr. Trump. He has therefore ordered Mr. Zinke to draw up a new five-year exploration plan, roll back an Obama rule from last December withdrawing America's Arctic waters from drilling, and "reconsider" several safety regulations implemented after the disastrous BP oil spill.

Five-year plans come and go; every nearly every administration draws up a new one. Mr. Trump's plan calls for drilling in the Atlantic, an idea Mr. Obama rejected after protests from coastal states. The instructions on Alaska and safety precautions are simply irresponsible. Mr. Obama withdrew Alaskan waters using existing legal authority and for a very good reason: An oil spill in the inhospitable waters of the Arctic would be a disaster. Further, after Shell's bumbling and ultimately fruitless $7 billion attempt to find oil, companies have been abandoning old leases right and left, and, whatever their ambitions elsewhere, do not seem to be seeking new ones in the Arctic.

As for revising and presumably weakening the safety regulations — common-sense efforts to strengthen specific pieces of offshore drilling equipment, like blowout preventers, that failed in the 2010 gulf disaster — it's hard to believe that even industry wants something that stupid.

Back to Mr. Zinke's first day on the job. The day after he got off his horse, he addressed his employees and promised to defend them against brutal budget cuts that Mr. Trump had already threatened. That's all well and good, but the real measure of his leadership is whether he will also defend the crucially important work his employees are involved in, and, like Mr. Roosevelt, decide to protect and add to the public lands and waters instead of diminishing them.

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25. **Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?**

The Las Vegas Sun, May 8 | Daniel Rothberg

At a Lake Tahoe fundraiser in August, Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl — a leader in the movement to transfer federal land to the states — met privately with then-candidate Donald Trump. According to a story Dahl has told many times since then, he asked Trump how he would feel operating a 10-floor hotel in which eight floors were owned by a bureaucracy 2,500 miles away.

"He caught right on," Dahl said.

This is how Dahl sees Nevada's position relative to the federal government, which owns more than 85 percent of the state. "So many of the rules and regulations we have to live by are made

so far away in Washington by people who are not really familiar with our problems out here," he said.

In late April, Dahl flew to Washington, D.C., to discuss the future of public lands with President Trump's staff, after the administration invited him to a signing ceremony for an executive order on education. The political landscape around the land issue had changed since August. Trump's administration had veered away from the pro-transfer position included in the Republican Party's platform.

"I'm adamantly opposed to the sale or transfer of public lands," Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke said at an Outdoor Industry Association event that same week in April. "So is my boss."

That position, which has hardened in recent weeks, has forced land-transfer advocates in the West to look at more modest proposals for giving states more control over federal lands. At the meeting in April, for instance, Dahl suggested transferring more management responsibilities to the states.

When asked about such proposals, a spokesperson for the Interior Department said in an email that Zinke "believes the federal government needs to be a better manager and a better neighbor and that bureaus need to work more closely with one another and local and state governments on local land management policy." She added: "What works for Seattle doesn't exactly work for Henderson."

State legislators across the West introduced bills this year encouraging Congress to revisit the idea of wholesale land transfers — ceding large parcels of land to the states, which could then sell the land for development and extraction, or manage it for the public. Those bills face an uphill battle.

The federal government, which owns the majority of land in Nevada, Oregon and Utah, sits on nearly 47 percent of all Western land. It's a reality that has existed since statehood, when the federal government ceded land to newly formed states looking to raise revenue for public services. Nonetheless, it's a development that remains a thorn in the side of land-transfer advocates, who argue that local jurisdictions should make choices about how their land is managed.

Politicians supporting the land-transfer movement, though, have had difficulty making gains, facing headwinds from both sides of the partisan spectrum.

Conservationists and sporting groups believe that transferring federal land could constrict space for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation. It's likely that these groups would oppose Dahl's suggestion — to transfer management, not the land, to the states.

"That gets to be a very slippery slope," said Alex Boian, vice president of governmental relations for the Outdoor Industry Association. "It's not a real compromise."

A spokesperson for Montana-based Backcountry Hunters and Anglers echoed Boian's concern. She too called such proposals a slippery slope and likened the protection of public lands to a "second Second Amendment."

The groups flexed their political muscle this year with a successful social media campaign that urged Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, to withdraw a bill to sell 3.3 million acres of federal land. "It's the first shot across the bow," Land Tawney, executive director for Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, told Outside Magazine in February. "We don't have the money, but we have the people."

At a recent lunch meeting with members of the Congressional Western Caucus, Zinke reiterated his opposition to divesting federal land, U.S. Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev., said in an interview with The Sunday.

Zinke declined to discuss whether there would be any exceptions, said Amodei, who introduced legislation in 2014 that would have transferred about 7.5 million acres of federal land to Nevada.

"That's not in the cards at this time," Amodei said.

Amodei instead plans to prioritize smaller gains for the land-transfer movement. He stressed the importance of monitoring land use around Yucca Mountain, funding for the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act and proposed expansions of Air Force facilities at Nellis and Fallon. He said he expected the administration to be open to land bills that address county-by-county issues.

While Dahl was in D.C., Trump signed a directive ordering Zinke to review national monument designations dating back to the Clinton administration. The request asked the Interior Department to look at downsizing or eliminating any recent monuments declared through presidential powers. .

The American Lands Council, a group that Dahl co-founded, applauded the order. But the group said on its website: “reforms need to go much further.”

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26. Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?

The Center for American Progress, May 8 | Mary Ellen Kustin

On April 26, President Donald Trump launched an attack on national parks, public lands, and waters. His executive order called on U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to “review” the 54 national monuments that presidents have designated or expanded since 1996. The order gives wide discretion to the secretary to recommend actions that the president or Congress should take to alter or rescind the protections for these natural, historical, and cultural treasures.

While the order is written in such a way that all recent national monuments—including the Stonewall, César E. Chávez, Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality, and Pacific Remote Islands Marine national monuments—are subject to the 120-day review, Secretary Zinke publicly called out two monuments: The “bookends” of his review will be the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments, both located in Utah. These two monuments later made the list of monuments Secretary Zinke is initially reviewing.

It has been widely reported that the Utah congressional delegation was the driving force behind President Trump’s executive order. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) have been particularly outspoken in their opposition to the Antiquities Act writ large and to Utah’s national monuments specifically. Indeed, both were at the signing ceremony for the executive order; Utah Gov. Gary Herbert (R) and Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) were also in attendance. President Trump gave Sen. Hatch the pen he used to sign the order after recognizing Hatch as “tough” for repeatedly calling Trump to say “you got to do this.”

The national monument review will be a legal, moral, and political minefield. President Trump’s embrace of the Utah delegation and its pet cause is especially interesting given that most of the delegation’s members were vocal in their opposition to him during the presidential primary. For a president known to keep a list of those who speak ill of him, it is a curious alliance. The Center for American Progress’ analysis suggests that a closer look at the oil, gas, and coal underneath

Utah's national monuments—and the fossil fuel industry's influence on Trump and the Utah delegation—might help explain this newly formed partnership.

The Trump administration and the Utah delegation's history of disagreement

President Trump struggled to find support in Utah during his campaign, with the majority of the state's voters supporting someone else in both the Republican caucuses and the general election. Rep. Bishop reluctantly voted for Trump, saying, "Unless he resigns, I must support the Republican nominee as my only option." Sen. Hatch eventually supported Trump, but only after endorsing two other Republican candidates first. And Utah's junior senator, Mike Lee, another critic of the Bears Ears National Monument, told constituents that Trump "scares [him] to death." Similarly, Utah Rep. Chris Stewart (R) said last year that "Donald trump does not represent republican ideals, he is our Mussolini."

In addition, the Trump administration's early policy statements on land management differ from those of the Utah delegation. During the campaign, Trump indicated in an interview with Field & Stream magazine that his administration would be "great stewards" of public lands and that he did not "like the idea" of transferring federal lands to the states. His pick of Secretary Zinke, who resigned his delegate post at the Republican National Convention over the party's platform on this issue, underscored that commitment. By contrast, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), and Sen. Lee (R-UT) have all introduced legislation that would make it easier to sell off public lands.

It is noteworthy, then, that President Trump is pushing an executive order that is a thinly veiled land seizure. He even parroted a land seizure activist talking point—embraced by Rep. Bishop and other proponents of diminishing federal land management—just before signing the order, saying he would "give that power back to the states and to the people, where it belongs." Curious, perhaps, until one remembers that this rhetoric traces its roots to industry-backed front groups with vested interests in selling off public lands for private gain.

Extractive industries threaten national monuments in Utah

Both President Trump and members of the Utah delegation, particularly Rep. Bishop, have benefited from oil, gas, and coal industry contributions. Trump's presidential campaign received more than $1.1 million from the fossil fuel industry. And coal, oil, and gas interests contributed $1 out of every $10 raised—a total of at least $10 million—for Trump's inaugural celebrations.

These events were not subject to the same campaign finance restrictions as donations made during the election.

Rep. Bishop, meanwhile, received the highest percentage of out-of-state campaign contributions of anyone in the House, and the oil and gas industries—including the American Petroleum Institute, a trade association that represents hundreds of oil and gas companies—contributed more to his campaigns than any other industry. Although Bishop has repeatedly claimed that his issues with the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments have nothing to do with the fossil fuel interests located below them, both monuments appear to be in the sights of this heavily invested industry.

The American Petroleum Institute was quick to send a letter to House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Bishop and his counterpart in the Senate shortly after the 115th Congress convened, imploring them to "re-examine the role and purpose of the Antiquities Act." The organization argued that the law threatens the extraction of fossil fuels from public lands and waters. In addition, the oil and gas industry group Western Energy Alliance, or WEA, has indicated interest in drilling in Bears Ears. WEA President Kathleen Sgamma has said about the monument, "There certainly is industry appetite for development there, or else companies wouldn't have leases in the area." And geologists have known for years that the Grand Staircase-Escalante area has coal, oil, and mineral deposits.

The following maps reveal why special interests would want access to mine and drill within the boundaries of both Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments. A new analysis by CAP and Conservation Science Partners, or CSP, finds that Grand Staircase-Escalante scored in the 72nd percentile for oil and gas and the 37th percentile for mineral resources among similarly sized Western landscapes. The boundary of Grand Staircase-Escalante also encompasses the extensive coal beds found in the Kaiparowits Plateau. As CAP and CSP previously reported, when compared with similarly sized landscapes in the West, Bears Ears scored above the 50th percentile for both mineral resources and oil and gas. Without protection, Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears would be at great risk of destructive mining and oil and gas development.

These national monuments are also two of the wildest and most ecologically valuable places in the West. The new analysis indicates that Grand Staircase-Escalante is in the top 4 percent for ecological intactness and the top 6 percent for connectivity, which are essential to biodiversity

and landscape-level conservation. As CAP and CSP previously showed, Bears Ears is in the top 10 percent of similarly sized places in the West for these two important factors.

Even though national monuments are public lands that, by definition, belong to the people, President Trump said he was signing the executive order to “return control to the people—the people of Utah, the people of all the states, the people of the United States.” However, it appears the people he has in mind may be those with close industry ties.

Methodology

To determine the ecological importance of Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, CAP and CSP mapped and summarized 10 landscape-level indicators of resilience to climate change; ecological connectivity; and intactness, biodiversity, and remoteness. Publicly available spatial data and published methods of analysis were used to create indicator maps across 11 Western states to compare Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument with equivalently sized areas throughout the West. The same was done with each of seven national parks. A mixture of iconic Western national parks known for their ecological importance and Utah national parks were selected for comparison. CAP and CSP also assessed Bears Ears for two threat indicators: mineral resource potential and oil and gas resource potential. No coal resources were found within Bears Ears National Monument. Similarly, CAP and CSP assessed Grand Staircase-Escalante for three threat indicators: mineral resource potential, oil and gas resource potential, and coal resource potential.

CAP and CSP determined the values of each of the indicators relative to the larger landscape using a simple scoring system based on percentile ranks. Specifically, the mean value of each indicator within Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was compared with the distribution of means of a large random sample of 1,000 areas across the 11 Western states, including all jurisdictions. The size of the random samples was equivalent to the size of the monument. CAP and CSP did the same for the seven national parks. Scores on indicators ranged from 0 to 100. For example, a score of 98 for a given indicator signified that the mean value of that indicator in the monument was greater than or equal to 98 percent of the equivalently sized random samples. Scores of 50 or higher suggested a relatively important indicator.

A more detailed description of methods and data can be found here.

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27. US Interior secretary tours hotly contested Utah monument

The Washington Post, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Monday will get a bird's-eye view of one of 27 national monuments he's been ordered to review as he flies over 1.3 million acres of southern Utah's red rock plateaus, cliffs and canyons graced with sagebrush, juniper trees and ancient cliff dwellings in one of America's newest and most hotly contested monuments.

His tour guide aboard the helicopter will be Gov. Gary Herbert, one of several prominent Republican leaders in the state who oppose the Bears Ears National Monument. Herbert, U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch and the rest of the all-GOP Congressional delegation consider the monument creation by former President Barack Obama an unnecessary layer of federal control that will hurt local economies by closing the area to new energy development and isn't the best way to protect the lands.

During the first day of a four-day trip to Utah to see two monuments, Zinke was serenaded in Salt Lake City by about 500 protesters who chanted, "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears." They represented tribal leaders and conservationists on the other side of the debate who are imploring Zinke to leave Bears Ears alone to preserve lands considered sacred to the tribes.

After holding a closed-door meeting with a coalition of tribal leaders who pushed for the monument, Zinke spoke on Sunday of his admiration for President Theodore Roosevelt, who created the law that gives presidents the power to create monuments.

Zinke, a Montana Republican, said that "it is undisputed the monuments have been an effective tool to save, preserve our greatest cultural treasures."

He insisted there is no predetermined outcome of his review, saying he may not recommend the monuments be made smaller or rescinded, and he might even recommend an addition. Zinke has been tasked with making a recommendation on the monument by June 10, about 2½ months before a final report about on all the monuments.

“I’m coming in this thing as a Montanan, a former congressman and now the secretary of the Interior without any predispositions of outcome,” Zinke said at a news conference Sunday evening in Salt Lake City. “I want to make sure that the public has a voice, that the elected officials have a voice.”

The two monuments he’s reviewing in Utah are quite large. Created in 1996, Grand Staircase-Escalante is 1.9 million acres (7,700 square kilometers), about the size of Delaware. Bears Ears is a bit smaller at 1.3 million acres (5,300 square kilometers).

Hatch, who appeared with Zinke at the Sunday news conference, said he is grateful the Interior secretary was making the visit.

“He understands that there are two sides. Maybe more than two sides,” Hatch said.

Hatch led the campaign by Utah Republican to get President Donald Trump to take a second look a monument designated by President Barack Obama near the end of his term.

The monument review is rooted in the belief of Trump and other critics that a law signed by President Theodore Roosevelt allowing presidents to declare monuments has been improperly used to protect wide expanses of lands instead of places with particular historical or archaeological value.

Conservation groups contend that the monument review puts in limbo protections on large swaths of land that are home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and ocean habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

Environmental groups have vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts to rescind monuments, which would be unprecedented.

Congress might weigh in as well. Numerous bills on the issue were introduced in the previous session, including measures to prevent the president from establishing or expanding monuments in particular states and to require the consent of Congress or state legislatures.

Zinke and Herbert are scheduled to hold a news conference Monday afternoon before hiking up to the House on Fire, one of dozens of intact ancient ruins within the monument.

On Tuesday, he plans to tour the area by while riding a horse, mentioning his horseback commute through the streets of Washington, D.C., on his first day on the job in March.

“I think, sometimes, the best way to see things is slow and easy with a horse,” Zinke said.

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28. Interior Secretary Zinke in southern Utah to tour Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 8 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BLANDING — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke landed in San Juan County Monday to begin his first full day exploring the rugged footprint of the new Bears Ears National Monument.

Zinke's midmorning arrival created much fanfare at the tiny airport on the southern edge of Blanding, where Native American monument supporters pressed their case to the media.

Zinke is expected to stay in Utah through Wednesday, and he is being accompanied on this trip by Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah.

Earlier Monday, Native American supporters talked about the sacred nature of the rugged landscape and why it’s so important to protect. At an event hosted by Utah Diné Bikéyah, reporters and photographers in town for Zinke’s visit were given aerial tours of the monument.

Zinke took his own aerial tour of the Bears Ears region in one of three Blackhawk helicopters before a scheduled hike later Monday to the House on Fire ruins near Mule Canyon, inside the monument footprint.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert is expected at the hike, as well as several staffers from Utah’s congressional delegation.

Ecoflight pilot Bruce Gordon, who has been flying 30 years, said he thinks having the "bird's eye" view of a landscape helps to further the conservation discussion.

"We give the land a voice and we try to be objective," he said. "The aerial perspective gives people a better view."

Willie Grayeyes, chairman of the board of Utah Diné Bikéyah, said he hopes Zinke realizes that as Interior secretary he has a “trust responsibility” to Native Americans.

That responsibility, he added, should be part of Zinke’s decision on whether the monument stands as Grayeyes hopes.

Diné Bikéyah describes itself on its website as a nonprofit organization that "works toward healing of people and the Earth by supporting indigenous communities in protecting their culturally significant, ancestral lands."

Woody Lee, the legislative district assistant for the Navajo Nation Council, said he hopes Zinke makes time to meet with members of the nation. He said the Bears Ears region "is something we all hold sacred. It's like the U.S. Capitol building that all Americans hold sacred.”

Members of Utah's congressional delegation have been united in opposition to Bears Ears' designation by former President Barack Obama late last year. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah led out on the effort that led to President Donald Trump signing an executive order on April 26 to review monument designations going back to 1996.

San Juan County commissioners were also at the airport for Zinke's arrival, which has stirred up residents. This is the second time in less than in a year that a secretary of the Interior has visited the region. Last summer, then-Secretary Sally Jewell was here.

“The windup has been pretty intense," said San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman, who said it was clear Zinke intended to listen to the variety of viewpoints about the December 2016 designation.

“He's gone above and beyond in that respect," he said. Lyman said the county leaders remain adamantly opposed to the monument.

"In this country we value consent, and this was done without our consent," he said.

The morning brought together a pair of men who were engaged in an amiable discussion over the monument, despite holding polar opposite views.

Mathew Gross, with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, and Matthew Anderson, with the conservative Sutherland Institute, even posed for photos together.

"We may be opposites, but everybody cares about this land," Anderson said.

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29. **Bears Ears: Hatch, Utah delegation lead pushback effort**

The Spectrum, May 8 | David DeMille

After signing an executive order calling for a review of more than two dozen national monuments, President Donald Trump handed the pen to U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, crediting the Utah Republican for being a driving force behind the order.

"Believe me, he's tough," Trump said, nodding to Hatch during the April 26 signing ceremony. "He would call me and say, 'You gotta do this.' Is that right, Orrin?"

Two weeks later, Hatch and the rest of Utah's all-Republican congressional delegation were meeting with newly-appointed Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke ahead of his on-site visit to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, Utah's two largest and the two that Hatch calls examples of Washington-ordered "land grabs" that lock out local communities.

The 83-year-old was already a 20-year veteran of the Senate when then-President Bill Clinton signed the Grand Staircase into monument status in 1996, and when he saw Bears Ears leaning the same direction two decades later he said the similarities were obvious.

"Nearly 20 years ago, the Clinton administration blindsided Utah with a massive 1.9-million-acre monument designation in Southern Utah," Hatch said, saying that in both cases a monument designation would go against the will of Utah's elected representatives and local residents.

The debate over those two monuments has made Utah ground zero in what is likely to become a wide-ranging political battle over monument designations, one that most observers expect to end up being fought in the courtroom.

On one side is the contention that Bears Ears, like other western monuments, is among the places most in need of protection, an undulating collection of mountainous terrain rich in cultural significance to native tribes, thousands of archaeological sites, paleontological resources, scenic landscapes and some of the nation's darkest night skies.

A large coalition of tribal leaders, environmentalist groups, archaeologists and others fought for the monument designation.

The monument proposal had the support of six of the seven Navajo chapters in the state, along with representatives from some two dozen other tribes and the National Congress of American Indians, as well as organizations like the Friends of Cedar Mesa and the Utah Diné Bikéyah, a conservation organization led by Native Americans.

"National monuments are designated so they may be preserved for all the people of the United States," said Madison Hayes, content manager for the advocacy group Alliance for a Better Utah. "These are national treasures. Once they are lost and sold off for development and extraction, there is no way to return these beautiful lands to their original state."

But Bears Ears, like the nearby Grand Staircase, is also rich with natural resources that area leaders contend could help prop up poor economies.

When Clinton signed the Grand Staircase into law, it closed ideas of mining coal out of potentially rich beds beneath the Kaiparowits Plateau, where the U.S. Geological Survey had suggested there were some 30 billion tons of minable coal.

Both monuments house what researchers suggest could be rich deposits of gas, oil, uranium and other resources.

Utah officials have long argued that environmental protections could be maintained while allowing for some resource extraction, and most have argued that both monuments ignored the wishes of local leadership.

"Utahns deserve a collaborative land management process that ensures local residents have a seat at the table," said U.S. Rep. Chris Stewart, whose district includes the Grand Staircase monument.

Legal experts suggest Trump would have difficulty unilaterally rescinding a national monument designated by a previous president, since that ability is not spelled out in the Antiquities Act.

But there are arguments that he could amend or shrink the borders of monuments.

Congress has acted in the past to remove monument status and to make changes to existing monuments, and Utah’s lawmakers have been among those proposing legislative changes to the 1906 law.

Last year, Hatch and Sen. Mike Lee proposed one measure that would have allowed monument designations to expire if states didn't sign off on them, and then a second bill that proposed exempting Utah from any new monuments. Neither made it to a vote.

Similarly, the Public Lands Initiative, legislation developed by Utah Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz as an alternative to the Bears Ears monument designation, never saw a vote.

But Trump's win on Election Day has raised the hopes of state officials that a Republican administration might take a different look at the monuments.

Utah's back-and-forth with federal agencies over control of federally-controlled lands within its borders goes back decades, reaching a fevered pitch in recent years as state lawmakers propose suing over control of about 31 million acres.

County commissioners, along with county and municipal leadership across the region, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and other state leaders have pushed for changes to the monument designation.

The Legislature passed a resolution this year demanding the federal government revisit the issue.

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30. San Juan County residents welcome visit from Secretary Zinke

ABC 4 Utah, May 8 | Glen Mills

Interior secretary Ryan Zinke is touring two national monuments, and taking input from local stakeholders.

This is the latest step in a bitter battle over public lands in Utah. Both sides say their way of life is at risk, and they are doing all they can to protect it.

On Main Street in Blanding, Utah sits the JC Hunt Company. Carl and DeeAnn Hunt are the owners. They distribute petroleum to farmers and ranchers in the Four Corners area.

All around their business you will find a strong statement on public lands. They want the Bears Ears National Monument rescinded.

“We are afraid we will lose those rights to go on the land, and to enjoy the land the way that we have," said DeeAnn Hunt.

The Hunts say the process under the Obama Administration was hijacked, and local voices weren't heard.

"Everybody was against the designation of the monument, and yet that was never taken into consideration. We feel like the monument was a foregone conclusion," said Carl Hunt.

Now opponents are getting a second chance under President Trump’s Executive Order calling for a review of the Antiquities Act.

Over the next few days Secretary Zinke will get an up close look at the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase- Escalante monuments, which combine for about 3.2 million acres.

He's also meeting with local stakeholders to get their input on the impact. Even monument supporters are welcoming the visit.

"I'm glad he's coming to educate himself, and also walk the lay of the land, to have a better understanding," said Mark Maryboy, with Utah Dine Bikeyah, and former San Juan County Commissioner.

But, Maryboy says they are ready to file a lawsuit with the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals if President Trump decides to rescind the monument or alter the size.

They say it's about protecting sacred traditions.

"Go baby, go baby drill. That's their philosophy, and we are all about conservation, Mother Earth, protect the land. We believe in climate change," said Maryboy.

The Hunts say they too want to preserve the land. They say it's in their blood, but they say the monument consumes way too much land.

"We've lived here, we love the land, we take care of it. We've been taught as young people to be stewards over the land and to take care of it," said DeeAnn Hunt.

Secretary Zinke is viewing the Bears Ears National Monument by helicopter and horseback on Monday. No decisions will be made during this trip.

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31. Interior Turns Down Meetings With 2 Groups Supporting Utah Monuments

The Morning Consult, May 8 | Jack Fitzpatrick

The Department of the Interior turned down meetings this week with at least two groups supporting national monument designations in Utah, spurring complaints that the Trump administration's review of monuments may be one-sided.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is in Utah through Wednesday to meet with stakeholders about a review of potential changes to two national monuments in the state. But Interior has not announced any public meetings in the area, though the department is taking written comments online and Zinke has met with some major stakeholders.

Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument are among 27 national monuments the administration is considering altering or revoking under an executive action signed by President Donald Trump in April. Designation as a monument limits the number of activities that can take place on the land, such as energy production.

Opponents of the monuments criticized former Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama for creating them without enough public input, using the 1906 Antiquities Act to unilaterally designate the monuments without approval from Congress.

But as Zinke starts a 45-day review of Bears Ears and a 120-day review of the others, monument supporters say he has not engaged enough with the local community.

Interior turned down requests for meetings with Utah Diné Bikéyah, a nonprofit that supports Bears Ears and and coordinates with five nearby tribes, Executive Director Gavin Noyes said. The department also declined to meet with some members of the Escalante & Boulder Utah Chamber of Commerce, Vice President Kris Waggoner said.

"We feel like our board members and the elders in the local community have critical knowledge that he [Zinke] needs to understand before he recommends any changes to the monument," Noyes said in a phone interview Monday. "So we don't quite understand why he hasn't felt it necessary to engage us, but we'll certainly continue trying to get that critical information to him. We had hoped to walk the land with him."

Zinke met with the Utah congressional delegation Monday morning, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) said in a statement. Interior also planned several stops to talk to local press Sunday through Wednesday, but Waggoner said she is not aware of any public meetings at which she could voice her support for the monuments.

Interior did not respond to requests on Monday for details on whom Zinke would meet during his tour.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that Zinke on Sunday met with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which supports the Bears Ears monument designation.

Noyes said he is concerned Zinke will not spend enough time in the southern half of San Juan County, Utah, an area with a more predominantly Native American population. That southern half of the county is where the most people hope to preserve the land for cultural reasons, he said.

“The people who use Bears Ears daily for cultural purposes, those are all south of where it seems he is going to visit,” Noyes said. “It seems like he’s spending his time primarily in the Anglo [northern] half.”

Bears Ears has also attracted criticism from some local tribal organizations, such as the Utah-based Aneth Chapter of Navajo and the Blue Mountain Diné, an organization that represents Navajos living in San Juan County.

In lieu of meeting in person with Zinke, Noyes said his group still hopes to hold a conference call with him before Zinke finishes his Bears Ears review. Waggoner said she will organize a “party” May 12-14 at a business she owns, where she will set up computers for guests to submit online comments on the monuments review.

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32. Zinke: Monument status may not be best to save sacred land

The Washington Post, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

BLANDING, Utah — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said sacred tribal lands he toured Monday in America’s newest and most hotly contested monument should be preserved but he questioned whether the monument designation was the right way to do it.

Zinke's aerial and ground tour of the Bears Ears National Monument was part of a review ordered by President Donald Trump to determine if 27 monuments were properly established.

Zinke spent the day getting familiar with the 1.3-million acre (5,300 square kilometers) swath of southern Utah with red rock plateaus, cliffs and canyons on land considered sacred to tribes.

His tour guide was Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, one of several prominent Republican leaders in the state who oppose Bears Ears National Monument.

Zinke, a Montana Republican, said he wants to make sure Native American culture is preserved but cautioned that not all tribal members share the same opinion about the monument designated by former President Barack Obama near the end of his term.

He spoke before taking a short, winding hike in the afternoon sun with Herbert and other state and local officials to a lookout post above ancient ruins.

"Of course, the legacy and what I've seen should be preserved," Zinke said, "The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle."

Herbert, U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch and the rest of the all-GOP congressional delegation consider the monument creation by former President Barack Obama an unnecessary layer of federal control that will hurt local economies by closing the area to new energy development. They also say it isn't the best way to protect the land.

In Blanding, with a population of 3,400 people, two large banners read, "#RescindBearsEars," reflecting the popular sentiment among residents.

Bears Ears supporters made their voices heard too. They believe the monument adds vital protections to tribal lands where members perform ceremonies, collect herbs and wood for medicinal and spiritual purposes, and do healing rituals.

Tara Benally, a member of Navajo Nation, was standing just outside the Blanding airport wearing a shirt commemorating the December declaration of Bears Ears National Monument.

"We want it left as is. We have history going through there," said Benally, who lives south of the nearby town of Bluff. "That was basically my mom's playground as she was growing up."

A group of Bears Ears supporters greeted Zinke when he arrived to the trailhead. One woman asked why he only met with tribal leaders for an hour.

Zinke, who was shaking another supporter's hand, turned around to face the woman and said: "Be nice." The woman responded that she always is.

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Conservation groups contend that the monument review puts in limbo protections on areas across the country that are home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and ocean habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

After his arrival Sunday in Salt Lake City, Zinke was met by about 500 protesters who chanted, "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears."

He held a closed-door meeting with a coalition of tribal leaders who pushed for the monument then spoke of his admiration for Roosevelt.

Davis Filfred of the Navajo Nation said Monday that the one-hour meeting Sunday wasn't enough time for the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to make their points to Zinke. Filfred, who was in the meeting, said it seems Zinke is listening more to opponents of the monument than people who want it preserved.

Zinke insisted there is no predetermined outcome of his review, saying he may not recommend the monuments be made smaller or rescinded, and he might even recommend an addition.

The two monuments he's reviewing in Utah are quite large. Created in 1996, Grand Staircase-Escalante is 1.9 million acres (7,700 square kilometers), about the size of Delaware. Bears Ears is smaller at 1.3 million acres.

Zinke has been tasked with making a recommendation on the Bears Ears monument by June 10, about 2½ months before a final report about all the monuments.

Environmental groups have vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts to rescind monuments — a move that would be unprecedented.

On the way back from his hike to the ruins, Zinke stopped at the trailhead and spoke with several people on horseback and admired their horses. On Tuesday, Zinke plans to tour more of the Bears Ears area on horseback.

He said his upcoming decision is not just about how the local tribes, county officials or the governor feel about the monument, but it's also about how the entire country feels about it because it's America's public land.

"President Trump, I'm going to tell you, is a great boss. The reason why I think he felt so strongly about this is he feels like sometimes Washington makes these rules and we don't have a voice," Zinke said. "He put this in motion to make sure that local communities count. States count. America counts."

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33. Interior Secretary visits Bears Ears National Monument to decide its fate

Fox 13 News, May 8 | Ben Winslow

BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT -- Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke hiked past the lines of protesters out into the desert landscape.

Accompanied by Governor Gary Herbert, Congressman Rob Bishop, members of the Utah State Legislature and news reporters, Zinke took in his surroundings.

"It is drop dead gorgeous country, no question about it!" he declared. "Beautiful vistas."

The Secretary of the Interior is here in Utah's most controversial national monument to help decide its fate. He's spending the next couple of days in San Juan and Kane counties as part of a review of national monuments ordered by President Trump.

Zinke is touring Bears Ears National Monument on Monday and Tuesday. He'll then stop by Grand Staircase-Escalanate National Monument on Wednesday.

The president signed an executive order to review the use of the Antiquities Act, used to create national monuments. Bears Ears was basically the catalyst, having been created by President Obama at the end of his term.

At 1.35 million acres, the newly created national monument outraged Utah political leaders.

"I think there is a reverence for and a desire to be good stewards of the land and I think monuments are more restrictive," said House Speaker Greg Hughes, R-Draper. "Access becomes a lot harder."

Environmental and Native American tribal groups argue the area deserves protection. Filled with ancient petroglyphs and dwelling sites, they argue it is archaeologically rich and culturally sensitive.

"We call it holy places. We have offerings, we have prayer ceremonies done. We have places where our ancestors are buried. This is a sacred place," said Woody Lee, a Navajo Nation Council District Liaison.

San Juan County Commissioner Bruce Adams said locking up so much land in a national monument designation hurts the potential for development and hurts the local economy. He urged President Trump to rescind it.

"I want him to see what the economy and San Juan looks like. I want him to see how the monument might affect school children and see how it might affect the people who live here and work here every day of their life," Adams told FOX 13 as he waited to meet with Zinke.

Speaking to reporters on Monday, Zinke said he was not an advocate for selling public lands (some Utah lawmakers have advocated such a move). Asked by FOX 13 if Bears Ears should be preserved, Zinke replied: "Yes."

"Of course what I've seen should be preserved. The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle," he said. "Whether it's not the right vehicle, it's public land."

Zinke insisted he is listening to all sides as he makes his recommendation to President Trump. He has 45 days to decide Bears Ears and has asked for public comment online by May 12.

If he recommends rescinding Bears Ears, tribal and environmental groups said they will sue.

"We're going to have to try to do something. I mean, we're not going to take this lying down," said Kenneth Maryboy, the Mexican Water Chapter President of the Navajo Nation.

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34. **Interior Secretary visits Bears Ears National Monument to decide its fate**

KUTV 2 News, May 8 | Daniel Woodruff

Blanding, Utah — (KUTV) As the sun set over San Juan County Monday evening, Blanding, Utah, was buzzing.

"I'm really happy," Nicole Francom said as she stood with family and friends outside her home, waiting for a glimpse of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's motorcade to pass by.

When he did, Zinke gave them a big wave. Francom and her group yelled "thank you" and "Trump this monument!"

"I feel like everyone in Blanding just got so much hope back," Francom said.

She feel this way because Zinke is touring the 1.3-million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah. He is tasked with making a recommendation about what to do with the newly designated monument to President Trump by June.

Many in Blanding want the monument gone.

"Rescind it," said Wendy Black, "and then come back and do it the right way -- with the people, not against us."

Zinke said he hasn't made a decision yet.

"I'm actually optimistic at the end of the day we'll make a recommendation that I think will be best for our country," he told reporters Monday afternoon before he and a group of local and state elected officials hiked in to see some ancient Native American ruins. "We want to make sure that everyone's voice is heard."

But some feel that isn't happening.

"It seems like he's trying to lean his ear the other way," said Kenneth Maryboy, a member of the Navajo nation.

He and other native Americans say the monument protects their sacred lands. They want it left as it is.

"The intent is to leave it as a monument to where it will be for all people," said Woody Lee. "Not only natives, but for all people from now until eternity."

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35. **Interior secretary tours Bears Ears, hotly contested monument in Utah**

PBS Newshour, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

BLANDING, Utah — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke took an aerial tour Monday of one of America's newest and most hotly contested monuments — one of 27 he's been ordered to review by President Donald Trump to determine if they were properly established.

Zinke's tour guide for the helicopter ride over the 1.3-million acre (5,300 square kilometers) swath of southern Utah with red rock plateaus, cliffs and canyons was Gov. Gary Herbert, one of several prominent Republican leaders in the state who oppose Bears Ears National Monument.

Herbert, U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch and the rest of the all-GOP congressional delegation consider the monument creation by former President Barack Obama an unnecessary layer of federal control that will hurt local economies by closing the area to new energy development. They also say it isn't the best way to protect the land.

"The only way to truly learn about and understand a place is with boots on the ground," Zinke posted to Twitter after landing in Blanding for the second day of his four-day trip to see Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante.

Zinke and Herbert were expected to hold a news conference later in the day before taking a hike to one of the ancient ruins within the Bears Ears site.

The monument review is rooted in the belief of Trump and other critics that a law signed by President Theodore Roosevelt allowing presidents to declare monuments has been improperly

used to protect wide expanses of lands instead of places with particular historical or archaeological value.

Conservation groups contend that the monument review puts in limbo protections on areas that are home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and ocean habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

In Blanding, with a population of 3,400 people, two large banners read, “#RescindBearsEars,” reflecting the popular sentiment among residents.

Those who want Zinke to leave Bears Ears alone to preserve lands considered sacred by tribes made their voices heard, too. Tara Benally, a member of Navajo Nation, was standing just outside the Blanding airport wearing a shirt commemorating the December declaration of Bears Ears National Monument.

“We want it left as is. We have history going through there,” said Benally, who lives in the nearby town of Bluff. “That was basically my mom’s playground as she was growing up.”

After his arrival Sunday in Salt Lake City, Zinke was met by about 500 protesters who chanted, “Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears.”

He held a closed-door meeting with a coalition of tribal leaders who pushed for the monument then spoke of his admiration for Roosevelt,

Zinke, a Montana Republican, said “it is undisputed the monuments have been an effective tool to save, preserve our greatest cultural treasures.”

He insisted there is no predetermined outcome of his review, saying he may not recommend the monuments be made smaller or rescinded, and he might even recommend an addition.

Zinke has been tasked with making a recommendation on the Bears Ears monument by June 10, about 2½ months before a final report about all the monuments.

“I’m coming in this thing as a Montanan, a former congressman and now the secretary of the Interior without any predispositions of outcome,” Zinke said. “I want to make sure that the public has a voice, that the elected officials have a voice.”

The two monuments he's reviewing in Utah are quite large. Created in 1996, Grand Staircase-Escalante is 1.9 million acres (7,700 square kilometers), about the size of Delaware. Bears Ears is a bit smaller at 1.3 million acres.

Environmental groups have vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts to rescind monuments — a move that would be unprecedented.

On Tuesday, Zinke plans to tour the Bears Ears area on horseback.

"I think, sometimes, the best way to see things is slow and easy with a horse," Zinke said, referring to his commute ride through the streets of Washington, D.C., on his first day as Interior secretary.

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36. Zinke flies over Bears Ears as critics urge him to 'Make San Juan County Great Again' and rescind monument

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 8 | Brian Maffly

Blanding • When Hank Stevens' family hunted under Bears Ears Buttes, they always honored the deer whose life they had taken and the place that nurtured it.

"We respect the animal where it dropped," said the Navajo tribal leader Monday while flying over the new Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah.

"We do a little ritual where we leave the intestine, testicles and the antlers there. We only take the meat and the buck hide."

Below, sinuous canyons fell away from the juniper-topped mesas surrounding Bears Ears Buttes, the 1.35-million-acre monument's namesake and home to tens of thousands of sites left by ancestral Puebloans.

The sky view was also enjoyed Monday by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke who is in Utah this week.

Under orders from President Donald Trump, Zinke is reviewing 27 large national monuments designated since 1996, starting with Bears Ears, which former President Barack Obama designated at the request of five tribes with ancestral ties to these public lands.

The designation has sparked an intense backlash from Utah's political leaders denouncing it as "federal overreach" and a "land grab."

Joined by an entourage composed entirely of anti-monument politicians, Zinke flew over the landscape aboard three Army Black Hawk helicopters and later hiked to Butler Wash, a popular destination overlooking cliff dwellings left by ancient American Indians.

"It's been a while since I flew in a Black Hawk without people shooting at me," said Zinke in joking reference to his stint as a Navy Seal commander.

"The trip today verified it is drop-dead gorgeous country. No question about it," Zinke told reporters gathered Monday at the Butler Wash trailhead. "We want to make sure everyone's voice is heard. A lot of the anger out there in our country is local communities and states don't feel like they had a voice. Washington has done things that seem heavy handed without coordination."

Zinke's remarks echoed criticism of the monument designation leveled by Utah's top political leaders, including Gov. Gary Herbert, who joined the hike.

"We know you are going to take a good look at this with an open mind and unbiased attitude, and I know your challenge is to get some recommendations on what to do to bring us together and resolve some of these conflicts," Herbert told Zinke.

But many pro-monument Navajo, including Stevens, complain that they are being excluded from the discussion.

President of the Navajo Mountain tribal chapter, Stevens was among several members of Utah Dine Bikeyah, the grass-roots Navajo nonprofit that has long lobbied to conserve what it considers a sacred landscape, gathered at the Blanding Airport on Monday morning, hoping for a word with Zinke.

The new secretary, who has earned a reputation for respecting tribal interests as a Montana politician, gathered inside with state and local leaders who want Trump to rescind the monument.

Bikeyah board Chairman Willie Grayeyes tried to enter but was barred by Utah Highway Patrol troopers.

"We are asking for equal time and it's not happening," said group member Woody Lee. "It happens all the time."

On Sunday in Salt Lake City, Zinke met with tribal leaders who support the monument, but his staff declined a formal meeting request submitted by Utah Dine Bikeyah. On the street outside the Bureau of Land Management headquarters, hundreds of Bears Ears supporters clamored for equal hearing and respect for tribal sovereignty.

Ute, Navajo and Puebloan tribal leaders are dismayed that the first national monument created at the request of American Indians could become the first undone by a succeeding president. But undoing or reducing the monument would not mean opening Bears Ears to extraction, Zinke said.

"Yes, of course the legacy and what I've seen should be preserved. The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle," said Zinke, who was trained as a geologist. "What vehicle of public land is appropriate to preserve the cultural identity, to make sure the tribes have a voice and make sure you preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing and public access?"

He said he is concerned about how monument rules would restrict land uses.

"If you live in the county, making a living is a good thing, too," he said. "Having your access limited is a problem."

Zinke is scheduled to continue his tour Tuesday with a ride through Bears Ears Buttes on a towering 17-hand horse provided by San Juan County Commissioner Bruce Adams.

He will conclude his tour Wednesday in Kanab, where he will review the 1.9-million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, designated 20 years ago by President Bill Clinton.

At the Blanding airport Monday, Adams, a Monticello rancher, passed around white cowboy hats emblazoned with the Trumpian slogan: "Make San Juan County Great Again."

"By getting rid of this layer of this monument, we can get back to the greatness of where we were," Adams said.

He and other monument critics fear restrictions that come with monument status on the 1.35 million acres west of Blanding will thwart economic development, impede public access and undermine local schools by disrupting possible revenue sources.

On Monday, local monument opponents, including American Indians, presented their case for erasing the monument at the Utah State University Blanding campus and later at a park, where Zinke briefly joined them.

"We are concerned by the divisiveness created in our county among the people," Adams said. "We want to see the people unified and want to see them brought together and work together to make San Juan County great."

But Lee, the Bikeyah member, had a different take on Adams' idea of greatness.

"It's great as long as Indians don't say anything," Lee said.

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37. Tribal leaders demand apology from Hatch after he said they ‘don’t fully understand’ Bears Ears implications

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 8 | Mariah Noble

After Sen. Orrin Hatch said Sunday that American Indians "don't fully understand" what they would lose if Bears Ears is "made clearly into a monument," tribal leaders have called his comments offensive, and they demand an apology.

Willie Grayeyes, chairman of the pro-monument Utah Dine Bikeyah board, said in a written statement Monday that it's "offensive" to believe "that Native Americans do not have a will of their own, or if they do take a position that their position is influenced by a non-native person."

American Indians "understand the special and sacred landscapes at Bears Ears National Monument better than anyone," Grayeyes said, and "have stewarded these landscapes for thousands of years." He said American Indians are "very pleased with the language used in the proclamation that protects the things we care about and gives us a voice in our future."

Hatch "does not understand what he is working so hard to take away," Grayeyes said. "If he would just listen to us, he would stop fighting against what we stand for because it is not a threat to him or anyone else," Grayeyes said.

The Utah League of Native American Voters called Hatch's comments "blatantly racist, misinformed and condescending [in] tone."

Hatch also said Sunday that Americans Indians are "manipulated sometimes by people" and that the "far left" has further designs on the 1.35 million acres in southeastern Utah protected by President Barack Obama on Dec. 28.

"The Indians, they don't fully understand that a lot of the things that they currently take for granted on those lands, they won't be able to do if it's made clearly into a monument or a wilderness," Hatch said.

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38. Boyd Matheson: The Navy SEAL and the Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 9 | Boyd Matheson

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, a former Navy SEAL commander, is touring Utah this week in response to President Donald Trump's executive order calling for a review of national monument designations over the past 21 years. There will be many who want to get in the secretary's ear as he visits the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante areas. I hope he can shun and shut out the strident and vitriolic voices in order to truly listen to and hear all the parties who have something constructive to say.

Zinke will need to rely on the training and leadership lessons of the SEAL teams he once led to navigate an issue that is deep and divisive, complex and infested with confusing rhetoric and an abundance of loud voices. Of late, the national monument issue has become filled with fictional claims and fraught with false choices. SEAL team members are known for their ability to drop into hostile environments, assess the situation and then act in the best interest of the country. Those skills will be priceless for his time here in Utah.

I hope the secretary brought his Navy SEAL Trident badge with him to remind him of what to do and how to act in dangerous or high-stakes circumstances. The Trident badge is unique in the

military. Normally, the eagle is placed on military decorations with its head held high. On the Navy SEAL badge, however, the eagle's head is lowered to remind each SEAL team member that humility is the true measure of a warrior's strength. Zinke understands that humility is not weakness and there is real power in listening.

I remember attending a dinner meeting for new members of Congress when Zinke was a newly elected congressman from Montana. He arrived with many of the other freshmen, but it was easy to tell he was different from his new congressional colleagues. He had a quiet confidence about him. I sensed he knew exactly why he was there and what his mission was going to be as a representative. I watched him throughout the evening. Many of the other people in the room seemed obsessed with getting a word in, making a point, sounding smart, dropping names and talking about how they won their elections. Zinke didn't just listen; he listened intently and was one of only two people in the room taking notes. He said little, which actually spoke volumes about him as a leader. He asked a lot of questions instead of making statements. When he finally commented on an issue, it was clearly thought out and it concluded with a call to action.

I suspect that everyone, on all sides of the Bears Ears issue, will walk away feeling heard and understood this week.

I hope the secretary will lead the discussion this week to issues such as: 1. What do the people whose lives and livelihoods are dependent upon the Bears Ears area think about the monument designation? 2. Does the Antiquities Act's "smallest area possible" necessary to preserve and protect antiquities really require 1.3 million acres? 3. How multiple use and local input can transcend the all-or-nothing false choices of conserving land or unchecked commercialization. (There really won't be an oil rig on top of Bears Ears or under Delicate Arch.) 4. How the Native American tribes who live in San Juan County (not national tribal groups) and the other local citizens (not from the Wasatch Front or the rest of the nation) feel about the monument designation and its impact on their lives and futures. 5. Is a presidential declaration the right process for national monuments? Local and state input is critical to ensuring that national monuments preserve antiquities and empower local communities.

I believe what happens in Utah this week will lead to an important dialogue across the country and in Congress about the president, of either party, having the power to declare such vast monuments. Trump's executive order could be a rarity in that it actually reduces or limits executive branch power. That would be a welcome change. Restoring power to the people's

representatives and ultimately to the people is vital for the people of Utah, and especially those in San Juan County.

Zinke's visit is important to Utah and to the nation. His Navy SEALs training will come in most handy. As he hears from big business, big government and big environmental groups, I hope he also remembers his Navy SEAL ethos to "humbly serve as a guardian to my fellow Americans, always ready to defend those who are unable to defend themselves."

And then I hope he remembers that a wealthy man's playground should never come at the expense of a working man's dream.

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39. The public is invited to comment as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tours monuments Utah politicians want abolished or shrunk

The National Geographic, May 9 | Laura Parker

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is touring a pair of controversial national monuments in Utah on horseback this week at the behest of President Trump, who is reconsidering their merits. Zinke's four-day visit will take in Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in southern Utah, the main targets in a review of 27 large monuments Trump ordered last month. The president assigned Zinke to examine whether his predecessors over-stepped their authority and made these monuments too large or ignored objections from the public.

The monuments under review are those created since 1996 by Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama. All but one are at least 100,000 acres in size. Bears Ears, which totals 1.35 million acres, was created by Obama in the final days of his presidency. The 1.7-million-acre Grand Staircase was designated by Clinton in 1996.

Utah lawmakers have been steamed for more than two decades about the creation of the Grand Staircase, which essentially locked up Utah's largest coal seam. They want the monument's size to be reduced so the coal can be mined. They also have been pushing to have Bear Ears revoked since Obama created it.

A public comment period begins May 12. Information about submitting comments online or by mail can be found at the Interior Department's website here.

The Antiquities Act, passed by Congress and signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, gives the president broad authority to set aside federal land for protection as national monuments. No president has ever revoked any monuments named by his predecessors; the question of whether a president can revoke a national monument has never been tested in court. The law does not require presidential consultation with anyone prior to creating a new monument. The Supreme Court dealt with the issue of size when it upheld Roosevelt's designation of the Grand Canyon National Monument in 1908.

Congress has the authority to abolish monuments outright, but it rarely does largely because of monuments' popularity with the public. More often, Congress has resized monuments, including Grand Staircase.

In addition to the Utah monuments, two others that have drawn fire are on Trump's list:

The creation of the 4,913-square-mile Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monuments in the Atlantic Ocean off New England has been challenged in court by five commercial fishing organizations, in part because commercial fishing is now prohibited within the monument's boundaries. And, the 87,560-acre Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine, also created by Obama, was added to the list after Gov. Paul LePage complained that there had not been adequate public comment before its designation. It is the only monument under review smaller than 100,000 acres.

Zinke, a Republican and fifth generation Montanan who touts his western heritage, rode horseback to the Interior Department on his first day on the job. A Republican, he served as Montana's lone congressman before Trump tapped him for Interior and says his voting record reflects a philosophy about public lands that aligns with Roosevelt's legacy as the conservation president.

Zinke resigned as a delegate to the Republican National Convention last summer because he disagreed with a party platform plank that endorsed the transfer of public lands to the states.

The Interior Department "is the steward of America's greatest treasures and the manager of one-fifth of our land," Zinke said in a statement. "Part of being a good steward is being a good neighbor and listening to the American people who we represent."

He said the review “finally gives voice to local communities and states” and added “there is no pre-determined outcome on any monument.”

Details about the monuments under review are from presidential proclamations published in the Federal Register as well as Interior Department websites for each of the monuments.

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40. The Case for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

The Center for American Progress, May 9 | Jenny Rowland

President Donald Trump’s national monuments executive order is an attack on American national parks, public lands, and oceans. One of its specific targets is the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah.

Although some Utah politicians argue that this monument has had a negative impact on the surrounding area, the reality on the ground is quite different: By a margin of better than 2 to 1, Utahns believe that the monument’s designation was good for their state. Even the Utah Office of Tourism cites the monument as one of its “most visited parks” and boasts about its vast size and “phenomenal” allure. The truth is that Grand Staircase-Escalante is valuable. It deserves its status as a national monument for a multitude of reasons and should not be targeted by Trump’s misguided attempts to sell out U.S. public lands.

This column details just some of the reasons why Grand Staircase-Escalante should remain protected as a national monument.

The local economy is thriving because of the monument

- Rural Western counties with more protected public lands, including national monuments, have faster-growing populations, employment rates, and personal incomes than those with less protected land. In fact, since Grand Staircase-Escalante’s designation in 1996, per capita incomes have risen 28 percent and employment has risen 40 percent in the communities adjacent to the national monument. While such statistics do not prove causation, they do disprove the idea that the national monument prevented economic growth.

- The vice president of the Escalante Chamber of Commerce has attested to the region's economic success following designation, noting that the tourism industry has continued to grow and that local businesses are employing more people than ever.
- Arguments that the monument has hurt ranchers by limiting grazing are untrue. Grazing within the monument has remained virtually unchanged since the designation. In fact, it has shrunk by less than 0.5 percent.

Grand Staircase-Escalante is full of antiquities and areas of scientific and archeological interest

- The monument's scientific, natural, and cultural value, as well as its more than 20,000 archeological sites, deserved protection when the monument was designated—and still do today. The monument's Bureau of Land Management, or BLM, webpage notes that its "size, resources, and remote character provide extraordinary opportunities for geologists, paleontologists, archeologists, historians, and biologists in scientific research, education, and exploration." A BLM archeologist has also emphasized that the "wholeness" of the archeological record is what makes the area unique.
- The monument has been called a dinosaur "Shangri-La" due to its high volume of well-preserved fossils from the late Cretaceous Period. Twenty-one never-before-seen dinosaurs have been discovered in the monument since its designation.
- Grand Staircase-Escalante is in the top 4 percent of similarly sized places in the West for ecological intactness and in the top 7 percent for ecological connectivity and night sky darkness—higher than the Grand Canyon or Yellowstone national parks. These indicators are necessary for high biodiversity and landscape-level conservation.

The courts have ruled that there is no question as to the monument's legality under the Antiquities Act

- In 2004, a federal judge ruled that former President Bill Clinton was well within his legal authority in designating the monument. The judge rejected claims made by a group of Utah counties that the size of the monument exceeded what is allowed under the Antiquities Act.

Congress has confirmed and clarified the boundaries of the monument

- At its creation, Grand Staircase-Escalante encompassed small pockets of land that were owned by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. An agreement was reached with the federal government in which state officials swapped the inholdings for more resource-rich federal land elsewhere in the state. In addition to receiving a $50 million payment upon completion of the deal, the lands that the state government acquired in the exchange have generated more than $310 million for Utah's public schools, counties, and other institutions.
- Importantly, the land exchange passed through Congress in 1998, codifying the new boundaries into law.

The monument holds oil, gas, and coal resources, raising questions about the motivations of those who want to roll back protections

- President Trump's executive order is part of a larger effort to sell off the nation's public lands to the highest bidder. Industry groups, including the American Petroleum Institute and the Western Energy Alliance, have already expressed interest in drilling in Utah's national monuments. Including Grand Staircase-Escalante in the review is yet another nod to the power of the fossil fuel industry to influence the administration's actions.
- The discussion on coal mining in the monument was settled 18 years ago, when the coal company that had leases within the monument's boundaries was compensated with a generous sum of $14 million. At a time when most major coal companies have been in and out of bankruptcy and the price of coal has declined to around $40 per ton, reversing protections on Grand Staircase-Escalante to appease special interests would not make economic sense. But it would sacrifice the rural economic gains driven by protection of natural and cultural heritage.

Conclusion

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is one of many national treasures under attack by the Trump administration. Any attempt by President Trump to eliminate or alter the monument would undermine the cultural and natural resources it protects.

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41. NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Standing in Bears Ears, Zinke says protections may change

E & E News, May 9 | Jennifer Yachnin,

BLANDING, Utah — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke questioned yesterday whether a monument designation is the "right vehicle" to protect tracts in southern Utah, suggesting that other public lands categories could be more appropriate for the 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument.

Zinke made the remarks in the midst of his visit to the Beehive State this week, as he meets with local officials in the course of a review of dozens of national monuments. He also drew criticism from some monument supporters over the lack of a public forum and for allegedly refusing to meet with them.

Following an aerial tour of the Bears Ears site with Utah Gov. Gary Herbert (R), Zinke spoke with reporters at the Butler Wash, a site inside the monument several miles south of the city of Blanding.

"Of course the legacy of what I've seen should be preserved," Zinke said. "The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle or if it's not the right vehicle. It is public land. It was public land before the monument. It'll be public land after the monument."

Zinke added that he must recommend the "appropriate" type of public land to preserve the area's "cultural identity," as well as access for hunting and fishing.

"How best do we look at the future of what it should be?" Zinke asked. He pointed to the current mix of lands in the monument, which is managed by both the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service.

Under President Trump's executive order mandating the review, Zinke has until June 10 to issue an interim report on Bears Ears and until late August to issue his recommendations for all monuments under review.

But he suggested the interim report could be simply that, and specific changes to Bears Ears may not be determined by next month.

"Now, my recommendation doesn't have to be so detailed that it's the final solution," Zinke said, adding that he wanted to speak to additional archaeologists, state officials and others. "Let's get the information."

Trump's order charged Zinke with making recommendations on whether to reduce or eliminate some monuments created since 1996 that include more than 100,000 acres, or suggesting changes to management plans for those sites.

The Interior Department announced Friday it will examine 27 monuments, including two in Utah, the Bears Ears site created by President Obama and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument designated by President Clinton.

Protesters

Zinke has faced criticism during his visit from members of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition — which represents the Hopi, Navajo, Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni — who complained he did not spend sufficient time with the group, as well as from individuals who assert he has focused his time with opponents of the monument, including House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah) and San Juan County commissioners.

In addition to those officials, Zinke was joined yesterday by Herbert, Utah House Speaker Greg Hughes (R) and other local officials who did not speak publicly.

Zinke brushed back questions over a lack of public forums during his visit to the state, arguing that Interior's decision to create a public comment forum for the monuments review on the agency's website will allow more individual voices to be heard.

But proponents of the monument, including the nonprofit Utah Diné Bikéyah and members of the Escalante & Boulder Utah Chamber of Commerce, said Zinke had rejected their requests for meetings.

"We are concerned and worried that he's not listening to the tribes," said Cassandra Begay, who serves as the tribal liaison on the board of the Salt Lake City-based Peaceful Advocates for Native Dialogue & Organizing Support.

Begay, who grew up in White Mesa in San Juan County, recalled gathering willow in what is now the Bears Ears monument to make Navajo baskets with her grandmother.

"This is land we see as having a pulse: a living being," said Begay, one of a few dozen protesters who gathered at Butler Wash to encourage Zinke to retain the monument.

Begay later faced off with Zinke as she shouted questions at the secretary about whether he planned to meet again with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.

"Sir, is there a reason why you're not listening to them more?" Begay shouted in a video she provided to reporters of the exchange. When the former Montana House lawmaker did not respond, she continued: "Zinke, are you going to visit with the tribes more?"

Zinke then turned and wagged a finger at the 31-year-old Begay and forcefully said: "Be nice."

She responded: "I'm so nice." Zinke continued: "Be nice. Don't be rude."

Legal fight

Bishop, who accompanied Zinke to the monument yesterday, praised the secretary's visit to his state.

"They're doing this the right way," said Bishop, who backed a legislative alternative to the Bears Ears designation known as the Utah Public Lands Initiative.

Bishop criticized former Obama administration Interior Secretary Sally Jewell for what he saw as shifting responsibility for the monument designation to the White House.

"This time, the White House told the secretary of Interior to be involved with it. That's exactly what should be done," Bishop said.

But whether the Trump administration can rescind the Bears Ears monument without congressional action remains to be seen.

While the conservative Pacific Legal Foundation and the American Enterprise Institute have asserted the president has inherent powers to alter decisions made under the Antiquities Act of 1906, legal scholars elsewhere suggest commanders in chief are limited to designating monuments (E&E News PM, March 29).

Although past presidents have reduced the size of monuments — notably the then-Mount Olympus National Monument and Grand Canyon II National Monument — those decisions were never challenged in court.

While Zinke is scheduled to spend another day focusing on Bears Ears before moving on to the Grand Staircase-Escalante monument near Kanab tomorrow, he acknowledged yesterday that he will not be visiting every monument facing a review.

"I've got 27 monuments, and not all the monuments, quite frankly, are controversial," he said.

'Holding pattern'

In the meantime, key decisions on management of the monument remain in limbo.

Bureau of Land Management Utah State Director Ed Roberson, who accompanied Zinke and other officials on a short hike to historic cliff dwellings near Butler Wash, said the agency has yet to recruit a Monument Advisory Committee needed to proceed with planning.

"We're in that holding pattern," he said.

Under the proclamation establishing the Bears Ears monument, both a Bears Ears Commission representing tribal leaders and a 12-member MAC will collaborate on the management plan.

While the Bears Ears Commission announced its members in March, membership of the MAC remains undecided. Moreover, the Interior Department issued a temporary freeze on its more than 200 advisory panels through at least September (Greenwire, May 5).

In the meantime, Roberson said BLM is proceeding with some decisions on the site, such as debating artwork to be featured on expected signage. Images could include the House on Fire ruin located in the monument.

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42. The Latest: Utah Rancher Tells Zinke Monument Unnecessary

US News, May 9 | The Associated Press

MONTICELLO, UTAH - Fifth-generation Utah rancher Bruce Adams has enjoyed a prime seat next to U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke this week as he reviews a national monument created on lands that Adams' ancestors helped settle in 1879.

Adams, a county commissioner who opposes the monument, sat next to Zinke on a helicopter ride Monday and narrated the landscape of the Bears Ears National Monument. On Tuesday morning, Adams was scheduled to saddle up horses for Zinke's ride in the monument, one of 27 that President Donald Trump ordered Zinke to review to determine if they were properly established.

Adams gave Zinke a cowboy hat bearing the phrase "Make San Juan County Great Again" and delivered a clear message: The national monument designation is unnecessary and could hurt our ability to make a living off grazing and agriculture while taking away trust fund revenue for public schools.

"A monument is an overlay of protections that are already there. And so it becomes about control," Adams said. "Not only control of the land, but control of the people that are living there and trying to make a living on the land."

Echoing a common refrain from many locals in this southeastern corner of Utah, Adams said he and the locals cherish and take care of the vast expanse of tribal lands, canyons and plateaus where people hunt, fish and go camping. In Blanding, with a population of 3,400 people, banners are up around town that say "#RescindBearsEars."

"Let us just live our lives here in San Juan County," Adams said. "We're respectful people."

Zinke is getting an earful from locals and Utah's top Republican leaders who think President Barack Obama went too far in designating Bears Ears National Monument. They hope to persuade the administration to reverse the decision or at least downsize the 1.3 million acre (5,300 square kilometers) monument.

Supporters of the monument are making their voices heard, too, to let Zinke know that they worked behind the scenes for years to get protections from sacred tribal lands home to an

estimated 100,000 archaeological sites, including ancient cliff dwellings. Tribal members visit the area to perform ceremonies, collect herbs and wood for medicinal and spiritual purposes and do healing rituals.

They offer a counterpoint to Adams, suggesting the monument will help the economy by bringing more visitors who will spend money at hotels and restaurants. They point out that the monument designation still allows grazing, hiking, hunting and fishing.

Bears Ears supporters have greeted Zinke throughout his trip. After his arrival Sunday in Salt Lake City, Zinke was met by about 500 protesters who chanted, "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears."

In Bears Ears on Monday, supporters stood with signs as he arrived to take a hike to an ancient ruin. One woman asked why he only met with tribal leaders for an hour. Zinke, who was shaking another supporter's hand, turned around to face the woman and said: "Be nice." The woman responded that she always is.

Zinke has insisted there is no predetermined outcome of his review, rooted in the belief of Trump and other critics that a law signed by President Theodore Roosevelt allowing presidents to declare monuments has been improperly used to protect wide expanses of lands instead of places with particular historical or archaeological value.

Zinke said Monday that it's clear that sacred tribal lands in Bears Ears should be preserved, but openly questioned if a monument is the right way. He is due to make a recommendation about Bears Ears by June 10 and issue a final report on all monuments about 2½ months later.

Conservation groups contend that the monument review puts in limbo protections on areas across the country that are home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and ocean habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

Environmental groups have vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts to rescind monuments — a move that would be unprecedented.

On Wednesday, Zinke is set to head west and visit the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, created in 1996. It is the oldest monument on the list of those to be reviewed.

Zinke has said multiple times that he wants to hear from locals and from different points of view — including from Native Americans who may not be in lockstep with a coalition of five tribes that pushed for the monument.

"A lot of the anger that is out there in our country is that local communities and states just don't feel like they've had a voice," Zinke, a Montana Republican, said.

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43. Executive Order gives ranchers hope

Livestock News, May 9 | Karin Schiley

The signing of a recent executive order by the president is giving ranchers hope that the administration is taking steps to reverse what some consider governmental land-grabs throughout history.

The Executive Order for a Review of Designation under the Antiquities Act of the Department of the Interior signed by President Trump on April 26 calls for the Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the monument designations made under the Antiquities Act by previous presidents.

"The Antiquities Act does not give the federal government unlimited power to lock up millions of acres of land and water, and it's time we ended this abusive practice," said President Trump at the signing.

"That's why today I am signing this order and directing Secretary Zinke to end the abuses and return control to the people–the people of Utah, the people of all of the states, the people of the United States," Trump further declared.

The Antiquities Act of 1906 grants the President of the United States the authority, through a presidential proclamation, to create national monuments on public lands. The executive order asks the Department of Interior to review monument designations made under the Antiquities Act since 1996 that include 100,000 acres or more. To date, more than 80 natural areas have been set aside as park or preservation lands, including nearly 137 million acres of public lands.

"The Antiquities Act was meant to preserve objects of antiquity–sites, objects, not thousands of acres of sagebrush grassland," said Dr. Angus McIntosh, the executive director of the Range

Allotment Owner's Association. The association represents the 22,000 ranchers who graze on public land allotments, many of whom have been impacted when a monument designation restricted or cut off their grazing rights completely.

"The attempt to propose designations by these federal bureaucrats has excluded cattle from grazing allotments, closed roads and launched a full-out assault on private landowner rights," said McIntosh.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association believes that this a good first step but that more legislation is needed for states to gain control over monument designations in the future.

In a press release, NCBA President Craig Uden said, "The Executive Order is an important first step to reining in past designations that were pushed through without local input. However, in order to bring the Act back to its original intent, Congress must act. Senator Murkowski's bill S. 33 Improved National Monument Designation Process Act would require Congressional approval of new designation, taking power away from the Administration and placing back into the hands of those most impacted."

Ethan Lane, Executive Director of the Public Lands Council agrees that the order is a measured first step in a political process that has been needed all along. "One of the most important aspects of this is that the president has asked Secretary Zinke to come back to him with congressional recommendations. What President Trump has said is 'Give me some ideas on how to fix it.'–that is incredibly refreshing."

While many of those impacted by previous monument designations may be hoping that the executive order means that those monument designations will be quickly rescinded, Lane says that the review process will take some time and patience along the way. Staffing issues, such as a new director of the BLM, must be addressed before the review process can begin.

Then, after each monument designation has been reviewed and reported back to the president, there is the legality regarding the complete rescinding of any monument designations is still under question.

"We believe that the monuments can be rescinded but there is some legal debate about that," said Lane. "Changing the boundaries of the monument designations may be simpler. You can still protect Bear's Ears with out taking a million acres around it."

McIntosh believes the review needs to be taken a step further to include all prior landowner rights. "Most of these national monument designations have included up to almost 2 million acres of land without any consideration that there is private land included inside the boundaries of these designations," said McIntosh.

"There needs to be a review and report to congress on the prior rights that exist on these lands on why these designations should not be allowed to stand."

The news that rights are being put back into the hands of the states and the people residing in them gives western ranchers, who feel like they have been fighting a losing battle, hope that things can turn around in the future.

David Johnson, an Arizona rancher who has had his share of struggles dealing with the federal land management system, believes things may be finally turning in private landowners favor.

"We don't know what's going to happen but it does give us a little bit of hope," said Johnson. "The last years, we felt like we were doomed. They just kept designating more land and it felt like it was never going to change. This does give us a little hope."

Several years ago, Johnson lost his job when a federal park expansion cancelled the 200 head grazing permit of his employer. In more recent years, Johnson has watched federal land expansion swallow more and more land where he ranches in an area called the "Arizona strip."

While they do have hope for the future, the relationship between federal land employees and local private landowners has been strained for so long it will take a change in the attitude of the entire system to improve the existing climate.

"There is a difference between policing the land and managing the land. Federal employees have stopped people here and held them at gunpoint until they can get a law enforcement officer to write a ticket," said Johnson. It's left many with bitter taste that they have a hard time forgetting.

Still, the recent executive order is giving Johnson and other ranchers a reason to believe that their voices may finally be heard.

"The ones making the decisions are not from this area. None of us has had any say in what happens. Maybe things can start going in the other direction now."

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44. NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Bears Ears won't become a national park — Zinke

E & E News, May 9 | Jennifer Yachnin

MONTICELLO, Utah — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke today ruled out the possibility that he will recommend converting Bears Ears National Monument into a national park but said he remained open to all other options for the 1.35 million acres of public lands.

In a press conference at the Nature Conservancy's Dugout Ranch — which sits inside the monument's boundaries — Zinke said he would not endorse changing any or all of the Bears Ears site to a national park, something that would require congressional action.

"A national park has some distractors on it," Zinke said, although he did not offer specific details. "I don't think a national park is on the table."

According to the Congressional Research Service, about half of the existing national parks began as national monuments before being converted by Congress.

He added that he remains open to designations including a national conservation and recreation area.

"The rest of it is on the table. Right now, I'm still in the listening mode on it," Zinke said.

The former Montana House lawmaker is visiting southern Utah this week as he undertakes a review of dozens of national monuments, including a specific focus on Bears Ears, which was created by President Obama in his final weeks in office.

Zinke suggested yesterday that a national monument status might not be the "right vehicle" to protect the Bears Ears area and said he could recommend alternative statutes when he is due to submit an interim report to President Trump on June 10 (Greenwire, May 9).

Trump signed an executive order last month requiring the Interior Department to review all monuments created since 1996 that contain more than 100,000 acres of land, and to issue recommendations on whether those sites should be eliminated or reduced, or if there should be changes to their respective management plans.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert (R) and state legislators, as well as Utah's all-GOP congressional delegation, have been vocal opponents of the Bears Ears monument and have likewise targeted the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, created by President Clinton, for revisions.

Zinke is set to tour Grand Staircase-Escalante tomorrow on the final day of his trip.

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45. Tribune Editorial: Hatch continues to belittle Native Americans in Bears Ears dispute

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 10 | Tribune Editorial

No, Sen. Hatch, we won't just take your word for it.

Utah's senior senator put his foot very firmly into his mouth Monday by attacking the intelligence and the integrity of the five Native American nations whose elected leaders joined together to work for and, in the final days of the Obama administration, win national monument status for 1.35 million acres in southeast Utah known as Bears Ears.

This patronizing, condescending — if not downright racist — theme has been a constant throughout the debate over the monument plan. The five nations, and their supporters from many other tribes, are cruelly dismissed as dupes, pawns, unwitting tools of far-away radical environmentalists who must be fooling the tribes, paying them off, or both.

"The Indians, they don't fully understand that a lot of the things that they currently take for granted on those lands, they won't be able to do if it's made clearly into a monument or a wilderness," Hatch said.

It's already a monument. Nobody is proposing that the land receive the much more restrictive designation of "wilderness" — something that only Congress can do.

And, when pressed, Hatch couldn't name anything that the Indians can do now, or could do last year, that they won't be able to do under monument management. Management that, as specifically laid out in President Obama's proclamation, will include a formal voice for the affected nations.

"Just take my word for it," Hatch said.

The tribes know better than to do that. They know exactly what they are doing, what they wanted, what they got and how to make the most of it going forward.

Leaders of Utah Dine Bikeyah called Hatch out for his patronizing words and demanded an apology.

Well. The Hollywood stereotype of the Native American includes a large dose of studied stoicism. Which is likely what they will need if they wait for Hatch to recant.

All this was part of a tour in which Hatch and other anti-monument Utah Republicans ushered Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke around the area as part of Zinke's mission to reassess national monuments in Utah and elsewhere.

Zinke made some hopeful noises about meeting with people on both sides of the issue, including the tribes whose leaders sought the designation. But the focus of his attention has been on the anti-monument side, state and local officials who drone on about federal overreach while disrespecting the Indians and clinging to pie-in-the-sky dreams about some fossil fuel or mining bonanza that will fall from the skies if the monument goes away.

So would it be condescending to say that it's Hatch who don't fully understand? Because he clearly doesn't.

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46. Will National Monuments Get a “Fair Hearing” on Zinke’s Listening Tour?

Sierra, May 10 | Stacey Bare

On Sunday, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke stood in front of a small, windowless conference room in Salt Lake City next to one of the long-standing generals of the Sagebrush Rebellion, Senator Orrin Hatch.

He was there to kick off a listening tour in response to President Trump’s recently signed executive order, which calls on the secretary to make sure any national monument in the United States larger than 100,000 acres created since 1996 gets a "fair hearing,” as Zinke put it. The Utah monuments that bookend the timeframe of Trump’s EO review, Grand Staircase–Escalante and Bears Ears, are located just a few hours to the south of where Zinke stood: millions of acres of land sacred to Native Americans that contain treasured archaeological sites, redrock,

sagebrush, dark night skies, breathtaking ecological diversity, and miles of open vistas. They also happen to be objects of contempt for Utah's Republican leadership.

Zinke began his remarks by reminding the assembled group of media that the executive order does not strip any existing national monument of their designation. He reiterated that neither he nor President Trump supported the transfer or sale of public lands, and that there was no predetermined outcome for the process triggered by Trump's executive order. He affirmed that he was a "firm believer in NEPA [the National Environmental Policy Act, a critical environmental permitting process]" and saw the NEPA process as an important tool to protect clean air and water (his remarks happened to fall on the same day the Trump administration removed five scientists from a prominent EPA advisory board).

Zinke then turned to the importance of the monument-designation process as an effective tool to save and preserve our nation's shared cultural and natural treasures. He referenced the first national monument, Wyoming's Devils Tower—a Native American holy site like Bears Ears. Zinke argued that, even at just 1,200 acres, Devils Tower was controversial for its size at the time, no doubt drawing a stiff contrast to the vast, 1.35 million acres now under protection at Bears Ears.

The beauty of Bears Ears did not escape him, he made clear. Zinke spoke about the importance of considering tribal sovereignty in any decision-making, and how excited he was to again be riding a horse through Bears Ears to experience it firsthand—something he hadn't done since his first day as the secretary when, D.C. traffic be damned, he rode a horse to work.

Federal lands belong to all of America, he said—not just the purview of those who happen to neighbor their borders; each voice, whether local or far away, should weigh equally in the final judgement (though he did acknowledge that the Department of Interior needed to rebuild its relationship with some local communities that have lost trust in the agency, specifically because they feel their voices had not been heard).

In one response about the importance of access to public lands, Zinke talked about the benefits of time outdoors. He even spent time discussing his vision of an interconnected system of public lands to increase access and opportunities for people to get outside.

It all sounded great. Zinke is a good public speaker. He comes off as warm, understanding, compassionate, and the type of guy that will hold fast to his word.

He and I have both served our country in uniform; however different our jobs, we have some shared values. I wanted to believe him.

But then, the real listening tour got underway—one in which Zinke seemingly had ears for one point of view.

While in Utah, Zinke only met with a carefully curated batch of interest groups. Pro-monument supporters were sidelined or chastised when they confronted Zinke. Worse, important pro-monument stakeholders—even the chamber of commerce for the two rural communities most heavily impacted by the monuments, Boulder-Escalante—were denied meetings, along with military veterans and pro-monument Native American community organizations.

Zinke is taking public comment for 15 days to potentially override years of consultation. He continues to carry the message that there is no support for Bears Ears. He says there is no preconceived outcome, but after meeting with special-interest groups, and being shepherded through our state with the Republican delegation—which likely hasn't told him that the boundaries of Bears Ears closely match their own Public Lands Initiative proposal—it sure feels like he already has an outcome in mind.

I want him to be my guy. I want to believe him, but I just can't.

When the online comment period opens up for these monuments later this month, the public needs to speak up. People need to make sure that Secretary Zinke listens to all our voices as he embarks on his listening tour—about why we need, love, and want our existing monuments; about how they fit, in his own words, "the Muir model."

While you wait for the comment period to open up, you can take immediate action on Bears Ears by signing our online petition here or here.

Finally, get in touch with Senator Hatch. Prior to the media briefing on Sunday, he told Native Americans they would not be able to do what they wanted on the land if it stayed as a monument. When pressed on what specifically the Native American community could not do, he said he did not have time for the answer, and to "take my word" for it. Give him a phone call, send a postcard, fax, or email, and ask him to clarify what he meant.

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47. Trump's national monument plan could easily fail — but he'll still declare victory

The Los Angeles Times, May 10 | Evan Halper

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tangled with protesters, weaved through media hives and trotted on horseback across a Utah moonscape this week in pursuit of President Trump's executive order targeting national monuments.

It's a directive that may prove legally tenuous but is nonetheless creating rich political theater for the White House.

Trump struggled during the campaign in deeply Republican Utah, particularly with its politically potent landowner rights movement. But now the Queens-born president is polishing his bona fides with that crowd by dispatching a rugged Cabinet secretary on a quest that is rankling environmentalists and Native American tribes.

Over four days ending Wednesday, Zinke is surveying two hotly contested monuments: the 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears, which President Obama established at the behest of tribes and conservationists in the final weeks of his administration, and the 1.9-million-acre Grand Staircase Escalante, which has riled local developers and energy companies since President Clinton created it in 1996.

In the hardscrabble communities nearby, these monuments are often derided as a "betrayal," depriving them of potential jobs from energy extraction and other uses. Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch invoked the word yet again recently while railing against the Bears Ears designation on the Senate floor.

The administration's campaign against monuments was launched in Utah by design. The state is a hotbed of resistance to federal control of land. It has even passed a law calling on the federal government to cede control of most of its vast holdings to the state.

"They are trying to work with a favorable audience," said Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona, the ranking Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee. "Once they leave the confines of Utah and start looking at all those other monuments, the politics dramatically changes."

Even in Utah, polls show the public is divided on whether the Bears Ears designation should be rescinded. But the state's political leadership is largely united, and Zinke is getting his fill of attaboys on this trip.

"We now have an opportunity to discuss and deliberate like we didn't even have during the Bush administration," said Ken Ivory, a Utah legislator who is leading a multi-state federal land push that would go much further than Trump's executive order. Ivory's crusade, which has a number of allies in Congress, seeks to export nationally the Utah approach of pushing the federal government to transfer its land to state control.

It's a sensitive political issue for Trump and Zinke, who are aligned with a large coalition of hunters, anglers and outdoor outfitters anxious about what states would do with the federal land. Both men consider themselves outdoorsmen and have made assurances the Trump administration will not be relinquishing federal control of the millions of acres at issue. But Ivory is nonetheless encouraged by the move against the monuments. "This will continue the discussion," he said.

The protected lands Zinke came to survey are at the core of Trump's order for a review of all monuments created since 1996 that are larger than 100,000 acres, which is ultimately expected to end with Zinke suggesting both areas either get stripped of the monument designation altogether or be downsized substantially. Zinke is in a race to review those and 19 other monuments, including six in California, before producing two lists of suggested eliminations and rollbacks. He will present the first list in mid-June.

There is ample evidence the exercise could go sideways, as some of Trump's other executive orders have. Trump's ban on visitors from six predominantly Muslim nations and his bid to punish sanctuary cities are both unraveling in court. The executive order Trump vowed would force builders of the Keystone XL oil pipeline to use American steel actually won't.

"The review of these monuments is predicated on the idea that the president has this authority that he doesn't have," said Kate Kelly, who was an advisor to former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. "There is no legal basis for it."

The last time a president moved to get rid of a monument on his own authority was in 1938, when Franklin D. Roosevelt sought to jettison the Castle-Pinckney National Monument in South Carolina. His attorney general looked into options at the time and reported back that Roosevelt couldn't do that. It would take an act of Congress, which ultimately authorized the federal

government to offload the property in the 1950s. The president's authority to undo monument designations, environmentalists argue, has only shrunk since the Roosevelt administration, after Congress passed laws solidifying the federal protection.

Attorneys affiliated with some of the conservative think tanks influential in guiding Trump's agenda argue the Roosevelt administration got it all wrong. They say that not only does the president have explicit authority to scotch monuments, but that many of the monuments created under the century-old Antiquities Act were done so illegally. The act, their argument goes, was never intended to preserve sprawling land masses the size of Delaware.

By this line of reasoning, even Teddy Roosevelt was out of bounds when he designated the Grand Canyon a national monument. (It has since become a national park, and thus universally agreed to be untouchable by Trump's executive order).

"I think the president is in a strong position," said Todd Gaziano, an attorney at the Sacramento-based Pacific Legal Foundation, a conservative advocacy group.

While no president has ever successfully eliminated national monuments, several have changed their shapes, and even shrunk them. John F. Kennedy substantially redrew the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico, shaving off nearly 4,000 acres and adding 3,000, saying the borders of what needed to be preserved had evolved. When Olympic National Park in Washington was still a monument, it was reduced in size multiple times to enable timber harvesting, including in 1915 when logs were needed to build Navy ships for World War I.

But there was a big difference between those parings and the ones Trump may be on the verge of trying to make now: the earlier presidential moves to redraw monument boundaries were not contested. The courts have yet to weigh in on whether the president can take such action when stakeholders such as American Indian tribes, environmental groups and lawmakers vehemently object.

Those groups have made clear that they won't let Trump lift protections off a single acre of monument land without a bitter court fight.

Justin Pidot, a former deputy solicitor general at the Interior Department who now teaches law at the University of Denver, said if he were working for this administration he would be warning Zinke that the legal arguments are shaky. But, Pidot allowed, that may not be an overriding concern in this case.

“A lot of things this administration does, it does for political theater,” he said. “They can say they have done them, and then they get to rail against the courts for stopping them.”

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48. Gehrke: What Zinke isn’t hearing, seeing during his trip to Utah

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 10 | Robert Gehrke

Blake Spalding and Jen Castle opened the doors of Hell's Backbone Grill in 1999, drawn to the remote town of Boulder by their love of wilderness and the nearby Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Their business, as well as the adjacent Boulder Lodge, has flourished, and when I visited a few weeks ago, the restaurant was full with the booming tourism season just gearing up.

Business has more than doubled in the last three years as a portion of the nearly million visitors drawn to the monument each year stop in for a bite at the only restaurant in the state to be in contention for the prestigious James Beard Award.

Spalding and Castle employ 45 people between the restaurant and their organic farm where they grow their own ingredients, and pay $700,000 in wages — a significant boost to the economy in the town of about 200 people.

You'd think it's the type of information that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke might want to hear as he visits the area to assess the impact of both the Grand Staircase and the newly designated Bears Ears National Monument.

Nope.

The Interior Department refused a request for Zinke to meet with Spalding and a handful of other members of the Escalante-Boulder Chamber of Commerce, business leaders in the communities that are most affected by the decisions the secretary and President Donald Trump will make in coming weeks.

"The fact of the matter is that there isn't a business or company or school or clinic in this county that isn't hiring right now," Spalding told me this week. "So the idea that somehow Garfield County is in economic crisis because of the monument, it's alternative facts. But they are

alternative facts that our county commissioners and governor are really wed to and basically, on this tour with Zinke, they're only having him interact with people that confirm his bias or the governor's bias that the monument needs to be rescinded or reduced."

Nathan Waggoner, who opened Escalante Outfitters in Escalante 11 years ago, said the chamber of commerce gathered letters of support for the monument from 150 business owners in the communities surrounding the monument and delivered them to Washington and never got any response from Zinke or the Interior Department.

"We reached out as many times as we can in as many different ways to try to talk to him and we're just concerned about the economic impact of eviscerating the national monument," said Waggoner, who now operates an outfitter, a hotel, a restaurant, on outdoor equipment store and a guide service.

While the tourism industry gets knocked for creating seasonal jobs, Waggoner said the 27 people who work for him are invested in their community, building homes and starting their own businesses.

"We really feel like our community is on the cusp of becoming something great, but because of this old anger some of these county commissioners and others harbor, they hold us back," he said.

Waggoner said his group of business owners will keep trying to convey their message to ZInke and anyone else who will listen.

When Zinke's predecessor, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, came to the region on a listening tour last year ahead of the designation of Bears Ears, she sat in a sweltering hall and heard scores of locals, for and against, voice their opinions. She met with tribal leaders who overwhelmingly supported the creation, and county commissioners who were steadfastly opposed.

Zinke did meet with the Bears Ears Inter-tribal Coalition and Interior has announced it will accept written comments from the public. But overall, his visit comes off as more scripted, with the narrative tightly controlled to present one side of the story rather than the full picture of the stunning landscape.

And the case being made against the value of monuments is obviously subject to challenge.

Last week, Herbert's public lands director, Kathleen Clarke, was in Washington and told a House committee that monuments can severely damage local communities. I've asked the governor's office a half-dozen times since then for the evidence supporting her claim. They haven't provided any.

The common refrain among monument opponents — and, last session, the Utah Legislature — is that grazing has fallen by a third, the timber industry disappeared, and vast coal resources have been locked up.

Actually, according to recent figures, the active grazing in the monument has barely changed, aside from some grazing rights that were voluntarily retired. A lumber mill that closed in 2002 got most of its timber from the Dixie National Forest and was unrelated to the monument.

The Kaiparowits coal was and is locked up, but ask Carbon and Emery County if coal is a good bet these days. It's hard to know if that would have been developed or would be developed, given the plummeting demand, if Trump attempts to change the monument boundaries.

No doubt, rural Utah is suffering for a wide variety of reasons. But I have seen two studies of the economic impact of the Grand Staircase. One, by a pair of Utah State University faculty members critical of public lands, said the monument's a net wash.

The other, done by Headwaters Economics in 2011, said that communities around the monument, like Escalante and Boulder, saw strong growth in the number of jobs and income since the monument was designated.

That's the type of information that it might be good for Secretary Zinke to hear, the type of story that Spalding could have told him, if he was serious about learning all of the perspectives. But she's not giving up yet.

"Regardless of how it turns out, I want to say in the end I did everything I could to protect the monument," Spalding said. "I'm not going to go quietly, either, because I really believe this monument is precious. … I never thought in my lifetime that this monument would seriously be under threat or I wouldn't have staked my life's work to it.

"Now we have to fight."

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49. Trump Takes Aim at Western Monuments That May Hold Oil Riches

Bloomberg News, May 10 | Jennifer A Dlouhy

Bears Ears National Monument in Utah boasts stretches of red-and-yellow sandstone so brilliant they appear to be ablaze and rock structures so precarious they appear to defy gravity.

The rugged terrain south of the Colorado River also has reserves of oil and natural gas that are currently off limits to new leasing -- restrictions that may end as the Trump administration reviews 27 large-scale monuments his predecessors set aside for protection.

Industry groups and Republican lawmakers have praised President Donald Trump's order to review those monument designations, calling it a welcome reconsideration of federal overreach. Yet, environmental groups are concerned Trump will scrap or scale back those designations, and the net result will be a boost to the fortunes of oil drillers and mining companies.

"Oil and gas is definitely a factor -- particularly given that with Trump it's been something he's talked about consistently," said Tim Donaghey, a research specialist with Greenpeace. "They're going to try to knock down as many barriers as possible to expanded oil and gas drilling."

Under the 1906 Antiquities Act, presidents can set aside land to protect historic landmarks, structures or other objects of historic or scientific interest. Most recent monument proclamations have barred new mining claims and oil, gas and mineral leases, but typically protect existing rights, according to an assessment by the Congressional Research Service. Unlike national parks, which must be established by Congress, each monument has its own rules for how the land can be used.

Presidents of both parties have used the law to designate increasingly large parcels of land, raising the hackles of Republican lawmakers worried the protections will constrain energy development and animal grazing on the sites. Former President Barack Obama issued protections for a record amount of Western land -- much of it also rich in oil or minerals.

Republicans objected to what they have termed a "land grab," and Trump made reconsidering those designations an initial priority. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is traveling through Utah this week to see the sites, complete with a hike to Bears Ears' "House on Fire" ruins.

More than 90 percent -- or 1.34 million acres -- of the Bears Ears national monument overlaps with potential reserves of oil, gas and coal, according to an analysis of U.S. government data by Greenpeace that was reviewed and checked by Bloomberg. The area also contains significant uranium resources, according to the Center for American Progress.

Those fossil fuels could lurk under some 2.7 million acres of five monuments, including Bears Ears, that are now under review, spanning an area bigger than Yellowstone National Park, according to Greenpeace's analysis.

The energy resources were illustrated by U.S. Energy Information Administration maps of dense oil and gas formations known to contain the fossil fuels and sedimentary basins likely to. The analysis also drew on U.S. Geological Survey data that shows recoverable coal.

Representative Rob Bishop, a Republican from Utah who heads the House Natural Resources Committee, has focused his ire on Bears Ears, the remote, stretch of desert designated by Obama just a month before he left office. Although environmentalists and some indigenous groups backed giving Bears Ears monument status, Bishop said out-of-state support drowned out local voices of opposition.

"They're trying to make this monument to protect it from being raped by oil and gas development, which is so ludicrous," Bishop said in an April interview.

Bishop has argued in favor of a similar, slightly smaller package of land protections, worked out with local officials. The set aside, which would need congressional approval, would allow recreation and grazing on some territory and tribal protections in another. Oil and mineral leasing would be banned in the protected zone but encouraged in other areas in the state.

At Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah, which was also established by Obama in December, the potential riches include coal, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. More than 40 percent of its total area holds oil, gas or coal, according to the government data. The entirety of the Canyons of the Ancients monument just across the Utah border in Colorado has fossil fuel deposits.

To be sure, the government's geological data is not definitive -- the sedimentary basins don't necessarily contain abundant oil, gas or coal. But there is plenty of evidence of industry interest in some of the national monuments now under scrutiny.

For instance, EOG Resources last year won state approval to drill on state trust lands near Bears Ears. More than four dozen dormant wells were drilled in California's flower-dappled Carrizo Plain National Monument before it was protected. And a subsequently rescinded resource management plan governing Montana's Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument included plans for new oil and gas wells in the site.

Industry Appetite

"There certainly is industry appetite for development there, or else companies wouldn't have leases in the area," Kathleen Sgamma, head of the Western Energy Alliance, told E&E News regarding Bears Ears.

The presence of oil, gas and coal changes the political landscape amid the fight over this geological one.

"It's not just the fact that the resources are there, but that industry has been on the record stating that there's interest in development," said Kate Kelly, public lands director at the Center for American Progress. "We have to wonder who they are going to be listening to when they make these determinations."

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50. Interior Secretary Zinke admires national monuments he'll likely recommend removing

The Washington Times, May 10 | Ben Wolfgang

Based on the beautiful pictures and effusive praise he has posted to Twitter this week from one of the nation's newest national monuments, you might never guess that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke could set into motion the process to erase it from the map.

Mr. Zinke, tapped by President Trump to conduct a thorough review of more than two dozen national monuments, on Tuesday visited Bears Ears National Monument, a sprawling 1.35-million-acre stretch of land in Utah. It has become ground zero in the broader debate over whether the previous administration vastly overstepped its authority in cordoning off huge swaths of earth and sea as monuments to close them off from energy exploration and other human activities.

Critics of former President Barack Obama expect Mr. Zinke, after his detailed review, to determine that the designation of Bears Ears and other national monuments should be revoked, or at least reduced.

The secretary fully opened that door this week by saying Monday that he is not sure a monument designation is the “right vehicle” to protect Bears Ears and retweeting a group opposed to the monument with the hashtag #RescindBearsEars.

At the same time, Mr. Zinke has tweeted numerous photos of the wondrous sights he has been taking in — including breathtaking helicopter shots of Bears Ears. He also has been upfront about his deep love and appreciation for America’s monuments and public lands, sending something of a mixed signal to those on both sides of the debate.

“The trip today verified it is drop-dead gorgeous country. No question about it,” Mr. Zinke told reporters Monday, according to The Salt Lake Tribune. “We want to make sure everyone’s voice is heard.”

Bears Ears is just one part of the broader review. More than two dozen other land and marine monuments also will be studied, including Utah’s Grand Staircase-Escalante, set aside by President Clinton during the height of his re-election campaign in 1996.

Since his nomination by Mr. Trump, Mr. Zinke has cast himself as a fierce defender of public lands and as someone who truly appreciates the importance of America’s monuments.

That has led critics to question how he possibly could recommend rescinding or shrinking those monuments and whether he is laying the groundwork to “cut a deal” that allows him to claim to be protecting public lands while placating those who want the size and scope of monuments diminished.

“Zinke seems like he is readying to cut a deal, protect some of the area, drill, frack other parts,” said Randi Spivak, public lands program director at the Center for Biological Diversity. “But the monument boundaries have already been reduced from the original proposal. Any further reduction in boundaries will put at risk from destructive mining and oil and gas development one of the most wild and ecologically important areas in the West.”

So far this week, Mr. Zinke has met with a number of stakeholders in Utah, including tribal groups in favor of and opposed to the Bears Ears monument.

On much of his trip, he also has been joined by Rep. Rob Bishop, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, and Gov. Gary Richard Herbert, both Utah Republicans who oppose the Bears Ears designation.

Officials from the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition — a group of tribal leaders approved by the Obama administration to oversee the monument — said Mr. Zinke has not given them the amount of time he has given to those who favor revocation.

Many of those officials visited Washington last week and demanded a meeting with Mr. Zinke but were denied.

“We’re asking for equal time, and it’s not happening,” the Inter-Tribal coalition tweeted Tuesday.

Mr. Zinke tweeted this week that he is intent on speaking with all sides of the issue, and the Interior Department has flatly rejected claims that tribal leaders and other advocates of Bears Ears are being locked out of the process.

Some conservationists say Mr. Zinke’s eventual outcome — the rescission of the Bears Ears monument — is clear from his actions this week.

“He has cherry-picked the people who he’s talking to, and the list of people who he’s actually listening to is even smaller,” said Meghan Kissell, a spokeswoman for the Conservation Lands Foundation. “If Zinke wants to truly emulate Teddy Roosevelt in spirit, not just photo ops, he will start to take the time to understand the full breadth of the Bears Ears proclamation and not just pay lip service to this so-called review.”

Mr. Zinke’s supporters see the matter differently. They argue that his review process, and his trip to Utah this week, are key steps toward getting all the facts and coming to the right conclusion.

At the same time, however, they stress that the administration simply cannot allow the status quo to continue, and they favor a rewriting of the century-old Antiquities Act to limit how much power presidents have in establishing monuments.

“The Bears Ears Monument is only a symptom of something much greater. The real problem lies in the 111-year-old Antiquities Act. The act must be modernized,” Mr. Bishop said in a

statement Tuesday. “I am confident the secretary understands there must be legislative reform to the underlying problem, the Antiquities Act.”

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51. Interior Secretary Orders Protester To ‘Be Nice’ During Visit To Bears Ears

The Huffington Post, May 10 | Chris D’Angelo

Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke visited the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah to review its use under the Antiquities Act, which gives the president unilateral power to declare lands as historic. President Donald Trump signed an executive order April 26 directing Secretary Zinke to consult communities across the country about national monuments that take up more than 100,000 acres as part of this review. Native advocates in Utah say that Zinke set aside just one hour to hear from tribes.

Zinke was apparently irked by the persistence of Cassandra Begay, a tribal liaison with the group Peaceful Advocates for Native Dialogue & Organizing Support. She was following the secretary as he greeted those gathered at Bears Ears, a 1.35 million-acre area in southeastern Utah that is one of 27 monuments threatened by President Donald Trump’s recent executive orders.

Their encounter can be seen in a video made by Begay and posted to YouTube and Facebook.

“When are you going to meet with the tribal leaders?” she asks. “It’s kind of unfair that you’ve only met with them for one hour, sir. Is there a reason why you’re not listening to them more?”

After being twice ignored, Begay presses Zinke again. He turns around and walks up to the much-shorter Begay. Holding up his finger, Zinke forcefully says, “Be. Nice.”

“I’m so nice,” Begay replies.

“Be nice,” Zinke says again. “Don’t be rude. Thank you.”

The video cuts off as Begay begins to fire back.

In her Facebook post, Begay described Zinke’s behavior as “demeaning and belittling.”

“I was scared, and my heart was racing,” she said in a press statement. “It felt condescending and unnecessarily aggressive. I have no idea why asking a simple question to somebody who is on a listening tour would react so aggressively.”

The Department of the Interior did not respond to HuffPost’s request for comment on Tuesday.

Zinke’s appearance on Monday was part of a four-day “listening tour” regarding two Utah monuments, Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante, that were designated by Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, respectively. One of Trump’s executive orders directs the Interior Department to give a second look to all land monuments that cover more than 100,000 acres and were established since Jan. 1, 1996.

To be fair, Zinke has met twice this month with members of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, a group of five Native American tribes that co-manages the Bears Ears monument. The first meeting, in Washington, D.C., came after the coalition held a press conference to demand the Trump administration’s attention and threatened to sue if Trump rescinded the designation. Zinke also met with coalition members on April 7 in Utah.

However, the interior secretary was touring the monument with people opposed to its designation, including Utah Gov. Gary Herbert (R) and members of the San Juan County Commission (Bears Ears is located in that county). He has also met with members of the state’s all-Republican congressional delegation, who also oppose the monument. And comments made by Trump and Zinke hint at the direction the administration is likely to go.

Trump said on April 26 that he’s looking to end “another egregious abuse of federal power,” put “states back in charge” and open up now-protected areas to “tremendously positive things.” Zinke said during his visit Monday that he believes the Bears Ears area should be preserved, but that “the issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle.”

“It is public land,” Zinke said. “It was public land before the monument. It will be public land after the monument. What vehicle of public land is appropriate to preserve the cultural identity, to make sure the tribes have a voice and to make sure you protect the traditions of hunting and fishing and public access?”

He has been given 45 days to give Trump a recommendation on Bears Ears and 120 days for all other monuments.

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52. Bears Ears National Monument: Zinke gets mixed reactions during visit

Fox News, May 10 | Andrew O'Reilly

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke spent the first day of his listening tour of the country's national monuments visiting the famed Anasazi ruins in Utah's Butler Wash and trying to assuage concerns of Utahns that undoing or shrinking the designation of the controversial 1.3-million acre Bears Ears National Monument would not automatically result in lots of oil rigs or mining equipment.

"The legacy and what I've seen should be preserved. The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle," Zinke said, according to the Salt Lake Tribune. "What vehicle of public land is appropriate to preserve the cultural identity, to make sure the tribes have a voice and make sure you preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing and public access?"

Zinke -- a former Navy SEAL and congressman from Montana who calls himself a "Teddy Roosevelt Republican" -- was tasked last month by President Trump to review 27 national monuments across the country designated since 1996 that total 100,000 acres or more. In the executive order signed by Trump, the interior secretary also has been directed to produce an interim report in 45 days and issue a final report within 120 days.

Despite Zinke's assurances on Monday, many Native Americans in the Southwest say that any change in Bears Ears' status would be a major setback after years of lobbying to have the area named a national monument.

"The national monument has already been justified and there is no need for a review," Cassandra Begay, a Navajo and the tribal liaison for the Native American advocacy group PANDOS, told Fox News. "Bears Ears is the first time that Native Americans played a crucial role in the creation of a national monument in the United States."

The 1906 Antiquities Act authorizes the president to declare federal lands as monuments and restrict their use. After long-term discussions with Native American groups in the southwest, President Obama designated Bears Ears and Nevada's Gold Butte as monuments in the waning days of his presidency.

The move was widely praised by environmentalists and Native Americans, but Republican lawmakers in Western states along with ranchers and those in the oil and gas industries widely panned the so-called “midnight monuments,” arguing that they do not represent the interests of the people in those states and will in time do more harm than good to the environment.

Trump has called the national monument protection efforts of his predecessors “a massive federal land grab,” saying Obama’s designations “unilaterally put millions of acres of land and water under strict federal control.”

Zinke faced criticism from Native American groups for traveling to Bears Ears for his four-day tour with an entourage of anti-monument politicians, including Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, and for only meeting with tribal leaders for a one-hour, closed-door meeting.

Davis Filfred of the Navajo Nation said that the meeting on Sunday in Salt Lake City wasn't enough time for the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to make their points to Zinke. Filfred added that it seems Zinke is listening more to opponents of the monument than people who want it preserved.

Upon arriving at the Butler Wash trailhead on Monday, Zinke was greeted by PANDOS’ Begay and numerous other Bears Ears supporters. A video posted on YouTube shows Begay following Zinke and questioning him on why he won’t meet with tribal leaders before the interior secretary turns around, points his finger at her and chides her to “be nice.”

“My heart was racing when he came at me because I thought he was going to hit me,” Begay said. “It felt like he was about to snap! Certainly not what I expected from the interior secretary who is here on a listening tour.”

Others at the trailhead, however, had positive interactions with Zinke.

Hank Stevens, president of the Navajo Mountain Chapter, spoke to Zinke during his stop at Butler Wash and said Zinke promised to return to Utah to discuss the issue with tribal leaders.

“He reassured me that he is as worried about the issues as Native Americans are,” Stevens told Fox News. “This may be a fault of mine, but I always give people the benefit of the doubt.”

With the clock ticking on Zinke to hand in his recommendations to Trump, it is not entirely clear what powers the president actually has regarding Bears Ears.

Congressional leaders and courts have in the past contested many national monument designations – Franklin D. Roosevelt, for example, took heat for Jackson Hole National Monument, which later became Grand Teton National Park. Some monuments have also been scaled down, or enlarged, over the years by presidential orders or by Congress, but no president has ever attempted to eliminate his predecessor's monument. If Trump tries to do so, the matter will most likely end up in court.

"It's really unclear what powers the president has to abolish these monuments," James Morton Turner, an associate professor of environmental studies at Wellesley College, told Fox News.

For his part, Stevens said the Trump administration could avoid all the legal tie-ups and protests if it just focused its attention somewhere a little farther away.

"President Trump seems to be all about space exploration," Stevens said, noting the president signed a $19.5 billion spending bill for NASA. "I say they should go that way and leave us down here alone."

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53. **Op-ed: Attempts to undo national monuments will rally formidable opposition**

The Hill, May 10 | Glenn Nelson

The Trump administration is well advised to gauge the political blowback as it contemplates an assault — disguised as a review — on the Antiquities Act, as well as two decades of amplifying diverse and inclusive stories in this country. During its final months, the Obama administration shrewdly protected a string of cultural landmarks that should form a formidable firewall around those designations, as well as earlier sacred sites, such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in D.C. and the César E. Chávez National Monument in California.

In all, Obama designated 25 culturally significant monuments, memorials, historical parks and preserves, plus dozens of national historical landmarks. The last of these was far from the least.

The Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument added to the thin ranks of national park units dedicated to women. Stonewall Inn was the first dedicated to the LGBTQ community. A second Harriet Tubman National Historical Park, plus Reconstruction Era, Freedom Riders and Birmingham Civil Rights National Monuments cemented the civil-rights base.

The previous two years brought Honouliuli, a World War II Japanese imprisonment site in Hawaii, and San Gabriel Mountains, an important recreation area for the majority Latino population in the Los Angeles region.

The biggest target, Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, was the centerpiece of 10 units designated by Obama that are significant to Native Americans. It is to be co-managed by the Bears Ears Tribal Commission, a coalition of five tribes (Navajo, Hopi, Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Zuni) that lobbied for the protection.

It also attracted significant support from other communities of color, many represented by the Next 100 Coalition, an alliance of civil rights, environmental and community groups that advocate for more inclusive management of public lands.

You are understanding the magnitude of all this if you can hear the choir belting out the end of the Jeffersons theme song, “We finally got a piece of the pie-ee-eee-ee.”

The last of Obama’s public-lands designations were pieces of the American pie carved out for historically marginalized groups — people of color, LGBTQ and women. These are not your father’s tree huggers. They are the emerging wave of green in the U.S., where green isn’t just the color of environmental stewardship but also of permission. For these groups, it is permission to rediscover in the American landscape past selves that have been buried under the rubble of repression disguised as someone else’s destiny.

Connect the nouveau green with old-guard environmentalists (read: white, mostly liberal, mostly male) and you have the makings of a powerful voting bloc, certainly by the 2020 national election. By then, millennials, the most diverse generation in our history, will comprise about 40 percent of eligible voters. More states — Texas among them — are projected to be a majority nonwhite. Already there are more nonwhite babies than white babies being born every day in the U.S., and the mortality rate of whites has steadily risen.

It may go without saying that an alliance of the oppressed (people of color, LGBTQ, women), plus their environmentalist allies, will be politically activated by 2020. As demonstrated by the solidarity around women’s marches on Jan. 21 nationwide, it already has been. The newly protected federal lands either sit directly in or adjacent to urban areas or serve the galvanizing interests of Native Americans.

The first line of engagement has been drawn at Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which has been ground zero for the so-called Sagebrush Rebellion, the movement to transfer federal public lands to state control.

Those whispering in the ear of Trump about the legality of dashing or shrinking Bears Ears are uttering worse than alternative facts. The Antiquities Act of 1906 gives president's power to create national monuments to protect cultural, historical, and natural heritage for future generations. Only an act of Congress can undo those designations.

It should not, however, require an act of Congress to drill some reality into those wishing to walk back hard-fought and meaningful gains by an impending new power structure already eager to flex its muscles at the ballot box in four years. The new math of the resistance is palpable: Add up all the women's marches, science marches, #NoDAPL protests, and #BlackLivesMatter demonstrations, and subtract the number who attended President Donald J. Trump's inauguration.

Glenn Nelson is the founder of The Trail Posse, which covers race and inclusion in the outdoors, and a founding member of the Next 100 Coalition, which seeks a more inclusive approach to management of our nation's parks and public lands.

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54. Hunting, fishing businesses unite support of National Monuments

Ammoland, May 10 | Joe Evans

WASHINGTON -(Ammoland.com)- More than 100 hunting and fishing business owners and sporting organizations sent a letter today to Congress to show their support for national monuments and the responsible use of the Antiquities Act.

"As someone who has helped develop the outdoor industry in Colorado and watched it grow into an economic powerhouse, I am concerned by current efforts both to curtail national monuments and weaken the Antiquities Act itself," said Jim Bartschi, president of Scott Fly Rods in Montrose, Colorado. "Public lands such as the new Browns Canyon National Monument preserve incredible outdoor opportunities to hunt, fish, hike, bike, camp and float – and they're strongly supported by local communities, who understand that these lands offer one of the best new, sustainable ways to grow their local economies.

“Since Theodore Roosevelt established the Antiquities Act in 1906, presidents of both parties have wisely used it to protect our nation’s most treasured hunting and fishing habitats,” Bartschi added. “Let’s make sure we celebrate these special places and work together to retain their status as national monuments.”

The letter is part of a larger effort to demonstrate the important role national monuments and the Antiquities Act play not only to small businesses and rural economies but also to hunters and anglers all across the country.

Business owners are meeting with decision makers in Washington this week to emphasize the value of public lands and national monuments to the outdoor industry.

“The outdoor industry accounts for $887 billion in consumer spending and 7.6 million jobs, making it one of the largest economic sectors in the country,” said Jen Ripple, editor in chief of DUN Magazine and a Tennessee resident. “Much of this economic output depends on public lands. Tools for conservation like the Antiquities Act will help ensure that America’s public lands remain not only a great place to hunt and fish but also an important pillar of the hunting and fishing industry.”

The business owners’ letter details support for safeguarding national monuments and the Antiquities Act, as well as criteria to ensure that national monuments are representative of collaborative, ground-up solutions for the management of public lands.

“Though some national monuments can be controversial, the Antiquities Act is an effective and essential tool for conservation,” said Ryan Hughes, a Nevada-based outdoor writer and volunteer for Backcountry Hunters & Anglers. “In places like Berryessa Snow Mountain in California and Rio Grande del Norte in New Mexico, we’ve seen Congress unable or unwilling to pass legislative proposals created with the help of local stakeholders. The Antiquities Act aided in allowing these collaborative efforts to happen.”

A Wednesday press conference will feature Bartschi, Ripple and Hughes discussing the business letter and the importance of national monuments to hunting, fishing and the outdoor industry.

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55. The best way to save sacred land? 'The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle'

The Journal, May 10 | Michelle L. Price and Brady Mccombs, AP

BLANDING, Utah – U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said sacred tribal lands he toured Monday in America's newest and most hotly contested monument should be preserved but he questioned whether the monument designation was the right way to do it.

Zinke's aerial and ground tour of the Bears Ears National Monument was part of a review ordered by President Donald Trump to determine if 27 monuments were properly established.

Zinke spent the day getting familiar with the 1.3-million acre swath of southern Utah with red rock plateaus, cliffs and canyons on land considered sacred to tribes.

His tour guide was Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, one of several prominent Republican leaders in the state who oppose Bears Ears National Monument.

Zinke, a Montana Republican, said he wants to make sure Native American culture is preserved but cautioned that not all tribal members share the same opinion about the monument designated by former President Barack Obama near the end of his term.

He spoke before taking a short, winding hike in the afternoon sun with Herbert and other state and local officials to a lookout post above ancient ruins.

"Of course, the legacy and what I've seen should be preserved," Zinke said, "The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle."

Herbert, U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch and the rest of the all-GOP congressional delegation consider the monument creation by former President Barack Obama an unnecessary layer of federal control that will hurt local economies by closing the area to new energy development. They also say it isn't the best way to protect the land.

In Blanding, with a population of 3,400 people, two large banners read, "#RescindBearsEars," reflecting the popular sentiment among residents.

Bears Ears supporters made their voices heard too. They believe the monument adds vital protections to tribal lands where members perform ceremonies, collect herbs and wood for medicinal and spiritual purposes, and do healing rituals.

Tara Benally, a member of Navajo Nation, was standing just outside the Blanding airport wearing a shirt commemorating the December declaration of Bears Ears National Monument.

“We want it left as is. We have history going through there,” said Benally, who lives south of the nearby town of Bluff. “That was basically my mom’s playground as she was growing up.”

A group of Bears Ears supporters greeted Zinke when he arrived to the trailhead. One woman asked why he only met with tribal leaders for an hour.

Zinke, who was shaking another supporter’s hand, turned around to face the woman and said: “Be nice.” The woman responded that she always is.

The monument review is rooted in the belief of Trump and other critics that a law signed by President Theodore Roosevelt allowing presidents to declare monuments has been improperly used to protect wide expanses of lands instead of places with particular historical or archaeological value.

Conservation groups contend that the monument review puts in limbo protections on areas across the country that are home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and ocean habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

After his arrival Sunday in Salt Lake City, Zinke was met by about 500 protesters who chanted, “Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears.”

He held a closed-door meeting with a coalition of tribal leaders who pushed for the monument then spoke of his admiration for Roosevelt.

Davis Filfred of the Navajo Nation said Monday that the one-hour meeting Sunday wasn’t enough time for the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to make their points to Zinke. Filfred, who was in the meeting, said it seems Zinke is listening more to opponents of the monument than people who want it preserved.

Zinke insisted there is no predetermined outcome of his review, saying he may not recommend the monuments be made smaller or rescinded, and he might even recommend an addition.

The two monuments he's reviewing in Utah are quite large. Created in 1996, Grand Staircase-Escalante is 1.9 million acres, about the size of Delaware. Bears Ears is smaller at 1.3 million acres.

Zinke has been tasked with making a recommendation on the Bears Ears monument by June 10, about 2½ months before a final report about all the monuments.

Environmental groups have vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts to rescind monuments – a move that would be unprecedented.

On the way back from his hike to the ruins, Zinke stopped at the trailhead and spoke with several people on horseback and admired their horses. .

He said his upcoming decision is not just about how the local tribes, county officials or the governor feel about the monument, but it's also about how the entire country feels about it because it's America's public land.

"President Trump, I'm going to tell you, is a great boss. The reason why I think he felt so strongly about this is he feels like sometimes Washington makes these rules and we don't have a voice," Zinke said. "He put this in motion to make sure that local communities count. States count. America counts."

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56. NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Zinke: 'All of the above' possible for Bears Ears

E & E News, May 10 | Jennifer Yachnin

MONTICELLO, Utah — Make the mistake of asking Heidi Redd how many animals her Indian Creek Cattle Co. owns, and she'll only laugh good-naturedly and ask if you want to know her annual income, too.

But when it comes to her opinion on the Bears Ears National Monument — the boundaries of which surround both the 5,200-acre Dugout Ranch she operates and the 250,000 acres of grazing land she is permitted to use — it's a different story.

"The spirit of all these lands need our help and protection," Redd said yesterday after a meeting with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who is visiting the 1.35-million-acre monument as he prepares to recommend whether it should be rescinded or reduced in size. She later added: "I'm not opposed to being in the monument."

She and Zinke spoke with reporters after a short hike near the ranch, where the fields are framed by red sandstone cliffs and talus slopes. Rock art and ancient dwellings can be found nearby.

Unlike many of the Utah elected officials Zinke has appeared with this week — including Gov. Gary Herbert (R) and House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (R) — Redd is not an opponent of the monument created by President Obama in his final weeks in office.

But she is worried that should President Trump attempt to revoke the monument's status, or otherwise prompt conservationists to sue the federal government, it could prove a disaster for the area here in the Colorado Plateau.

"This is a spiritual place, and to have it turned into a mass of cars and people without direction or funding, we're going to be in a right bit of trouble," said Redd, dressed in a wide-brimmed hat, delicate turquoise jewelry and mud-caked cowboy boots. She has worked on this ranch about 20 miles north of Monticello for more than 50 years and last year unsuccessfully ran for the state Senate as a Democrat.

Redd asserted that since the designation late last year, she has seen an influx of visitors to the area, particularly those who would like to view the cliff dwellings, as well as a growing community of rock climbers. But she said there has not been an increase in the number of Bureau of Land Management or Forest Service rangers assigned to protect those sites.

"I would rather not have a monument if you are not going to protect it," said Redd, who sold her ranch to the Nature Conservancy in 1997 but continues to own her own home there and raise cattle on the land. The Nature Conservancy conducts research at the ranch in areas including soil science and the impacts of climate change on vegetation.

She later added that undoing the monument's status is not an option, however: "Monument or no, people are not going to stop coming now."

Redd, who was once an advocate for the failed Utah Public Lands Initiative that sought to protect the Bears Ears area via legislation without a monument designation, also warned that rescinding

the monument could be more detrimental to the area, prompting "years of litigation, and could cause more damage."

Nature Conservancy Utah State Director Dave Livermore, who also accompanied Zinke on the hike yesterday, said he likewise urged the secretary to leave the current boundaries in place.

"We're fine with the way it is because it does allow our livestock raising to continue, it allows our science to continue," Livermore said.

'All of the above'

As Zinke continued his weeklong tour of the Beehive State yesterday in preparation for issuing recommendations on the future of Bears Ears next month — as well as dozens of other monuments in August — he said he is more of an "optimist" about his mission.

"If you list the priorities of all sides, the priorities are remarkably similar," Zinke said. "Everyone is talking about protection of the cultural resources, everyone is talking about making sure we have public access. A lot of people are rightly talking about infrastructure" like roads and bathrooms.

He dismissed concerns that any changes to the monument would prompt lawsuits, saying he plans to make recommendations on the "basis of doing what's right and not on the fear of litigation."

He later added: "I think there's a solution out there."

Zinke reiterated his assertion, however, that national monument status may not be the "right vehicle" for the Bears Ears area.

"All of the above," Zinke said when asked about the alternatives he could recommend. "The president has given me the flexibility to make a recommendation to him, and we have a lot of options."

Zinke did rule out the possibility of converting the area to a national park, which would require congressional action (E&E News PM, May 9).

But he said he could also ask Congress to step in to address the Bears Ears site or other monuments.

"Congress has a role to play, too," Zinke said, before criticizing lawmakers for failing to address the area via legislation rather than allowing the White House to make the designation last year. "If Congress would have taken action earlier, probably a lot of the emotion around this wouldn't have taken place. We have to be partners with Congress on this."

Although Congress has converted dozens of national monuments to national parks, it has less often opted to abolish monuments created under the Antiquities Act of 1906 — doing so fewer than a dozen times.

"I think it's important to work with Congress," Zinke later added. "I wanted to make sure that we include both sides of the aisle."

Trump issued an executive order last month mandating a review of all monuments created since 1996 that encompass more than 100,000 acres. Zinke could suggest that the president rescind or reduce the size of those sites, or recommend changes to management plans.

'Unbalanced tour'

Protesters who have trailed Zinke throughout his visit to the state could not access the private Dugout Ranch site yesterday morning, opting instead to greet the secretary's caravan 20 miles east, on the road that leads north to Moab or south to Monticello.

Proponents of the monument, including the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, the Utah Diné Bikéyah and conservationists, have accused Zinke of spending the majority of his visit with opponents of the site.

"It does appear that they are predisposed to undo the monument in some way given the fact that he's had this unbalanced tour, spending the bulk of his time with monument opponents," said Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance Executive Director Scott Groene.

Groene criticized the Trump administration's efforts to backtrack on the Bears Ears monument, saying that despite arguments from Bishop and Utah Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R) that Congress should have been allowed to address the site, "legislation is obviously not an alternative."

"The good alternative would be legislation, and they just went through an enormous effort for this very area and failed," Groene said. "They wasted a lot of our time for three years on the 'plundered land initiative' that they couldn't even get a House vote on."

Noting that the process has not begun yet on setting up management of the monument, he added: "No one has given this monument a chance yet."

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57. Zinke rides with cattle ranchers working on Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 10 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BEARS EARS, San Juan County — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said Tuesday that in the context of Bears Ears National Monument, "cattle ranchers matter, too."

He put those words into action on a soggy afternoon, traversing 20-miles of winding, dirt road switchbacks on Elk Ridge Mountain in a 4-wheel drive vehicle to the Bears Ears grazing allotment managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

While the skies cleared, Zinke became acquainted with Payton, a tall flashy Tobiano paint mare who would take him through lush meadows high on south Elk Ridge Mountain, followed by a contingent of riders, including exclusive coverage by the Deseret News.

Zinke's no greenhorn on a horse and made plain to Utah cattle ranchers he understands what it's like to grow up in ranching country, with small towns, big dreams and tough challenges.

In a meadow, north of the Bears Ears buttes that rise 9,000 feet in elevation, he listened to Kenny Black talk about the controversial Bears Ears Monument designation made in December by President Barack Obama.

"There are a lot of protections in place," said Black, who began ranching in 2001 after buying a startup herd from his grandfather.

"There is nothing wrong with regular public land," he said.

The San Juan County native worries that the monument designation will bring another reason for the federal government to cut back on grazing allotments.

Right now, he runs about 225 head of cattle on two federal allotments from the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, which owns the majority of land inside the footprint of the 1.35-million-acre monument.

The presidential proclamation setting up Bears Ears National Monument declares that existing grazing will be honored, but Black, the Ivins family and the Johnson family are skeptical.

"The main thing is that it opens up the door to more federal regulations and scrutiny," Black said. "No one knows what the future will bring."

Zinke's visit to Bears Ears is part of an executive order directing the Montana native to review 27 monument designations — and come up with an answer on Bears Ears by early June — an unprecedented undertaking in the history of America's management of public lands.

Native American tribes, backed by environmental and conservation groups, pushed for a 1.9 million acre monument designation for Bears Ears, a succesful act that Utah and San Juan County leaders called an affront to their concerns over how the sweeping landscape will be managed.

"Bears Ears is a little large to me. Beautiful country," Zinke said, jostling his horse to overstep sagebrush and fallen logs. He'd ridden some time in an unchanging landscape dotted with wildflowers and sagebrush, pine trees and soaked with rain.

That is what Black, Shawn Ivins and Sandy Johnson hoped he would see — large — that this country can accomodate ranching, hiking and Native American interests — without what they say is absentee dictatorship from Washington.

Zinke said that won't be the case any longer.

"We are going to pivot and change," he said. "Some of it is cultural within the department itself. But we want to be the 'adovocate, the yep' team."

There was a moment when he brought his horse to attention and just stopped on the ride.

"I don't want to overemphasize respect."

In the Bears Ears controversy, this is the second time an Interior secretary visted southeast Utah to conduct a listening tour.

No one disagrees about the differences between Zinke's visit and that of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell in 2016.

Sen. David Hinkins, R-Orangevile, just laughed at the contrast and shook his head.

"No comparison," he said. His smile was barely contained.

With Jewell's visit, monument critics were full of sighs, uptight, resigned. It's different now with Zinke.

"It was night and day," said San Juan County Commissioner Rebecca Benally, sporting a Brigham Young University ball cap while riding a dainty bay.

She said Jewell gave them 30 minutes in her listening tour, and listened to the coalition and Utah Dine Bikeyah — which spearheaded the proposal for the last seven years — for a day.

"I think he wants to listen to us."

That contrast has now put the opposing side in an attack mode, with Utah Dine Bikeyah issuing a statement that Zinke failed to give them enough time while he was here.

Board Chairman Willie Grayeyes said the one hour visit was a "tip of the hat" but worried it would not give the secretary the full story about the reaons for the monument push.

Grayeyes is an affable and sincere believer in the monument, and he is worried his voice, and that of the Navajo, are not being heard.

So do Sandy Johnson and Shawn Ivins, local ranchers who say there has never been such push for a monument until a few years ago.

"I've been coming off that mountain pretty much all my life, but until a few years ago is the only time I've heard of the Native Americans coming up here," Ivins said.

Is it an Old West fight about cowboys and the Native Americans who were here first?

Zinke, taking his military training to bear, was a Western diplomat: "'I am an optimist."

He rode through hail and sleet and blinding wind. Next came mud and 20 miles to pavement. The storm had directed Zinke's destiny where it might be dicey, and the big mare named Payton was left to watch him go.

"I think he enjoyed himself. Away from all the crazy things," the rancher Black said.

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E & E News, May 10 | Jennifer Yachnin

BLANDING, Utah — Boundary changes to a half-dozen national monuments could open up 2.7 million acres of land to fossil fuel extraction, according to a new analysis released by Greenpeace this morning.

The environmental advocacy group compared maps of existing monuments with data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, U.S. Geological Survey and other sources to examine areas with prospective oil, gas or coal deposits.

Greenpeace identified six national monuments with the largest potential energy development: Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah, Canyons of the Ancients in Colorado, San Gabriel Mountains and Carrizo Plain in California, and the Upper Missouri River Breaks in Montana.

"These are the spectacular landscapes whose rugged contours and breathtaking views have defined America's history and identity for centuries," Greenpeace spokesman Travis Nichols said in a statement. "They are the common heritage of everyone in our country and must be preserved for future generations."

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is reviewing the status of 27 national monuments and is set to issue a report by late August recommending boundary changes or wholesale rescission of monuments, or amendments to management plans.

President Trump ordered the review late last month, requiring an assessment of all monuments created since 1996 that contain over 100,000 acres, as well as individual monuments selected by the Interior secretary.

Zinke is in Utah this week visiting the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments, which have been the target of complaints from GOP state and congressional leaders.

An Interior spokeswoman could not immediately respond to a request for comment, but the agency told Greenpeace that the review is about "land management decisions" from local stakeholders.

"There is no pre-determined outcome on any monument currently under review," the Interior statement said.

Greenpeace spokesman Nichols accused Trump — who vowed to expand domestic energy extraction on public lands during his campaign — of attempting to "carve up these beautiful lands into corporate giveaways for the oil and gas industry."

But speaking from the Bears Ears monument on Monday, Zinke dismissed suggestions that the review of the nation's newest monument was prompted by desires to develop the area.

"We also have a pretty good idea of certainly the oil and gas potential: not much. So, Bears Ears isn't really about oil and gas at all," Zinke said. "There's some uranium. [I'm] more and more concerned about the present mill that's there."

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The Hill (5/9, Cama) reports that the outdoor recreation “is getting bold in fighting President Trump’s environmental agenda.” While corporations usually stay away from political issues to avoid alienating customers, companies such as Patagonia, REI and The North Face are “forcefully criticizing Trump for trying to roll back former President Obama’s actions on protecting public land and fighting climate change.” It seems the outdoor industry, “which has a customer and employee base that skews liberals,” calculated that the “need to protect the environment outweighs the potential risks.”

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The Santa Fe New Mexican (5/9, Oxford) reports that “two Colorado congressmen say the U.S. Bureau of Land Management should move its headquarters from Washington, D.C., to the Western United States, where most of the 248 million acres that BLM manages is located.” Sen. Cory Gardner and Rep. Scott Tipton, “both Republicans, filed legislation last week calling on the Department of the Interior to develop a plan for moving BLM’s headquarters with an eye toward saving tax dollars.” They claimed “the move would make the agency more responsive to the communities where it manages land.”

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The AP (5/9, McGill) reports Plaquemines Parish announced a $45 million settlement with BP over damages from the 2010 oil spill. The spill fouled sections of the parish’s coastline. The parish was one of the few local governments that decided not to take part in a $20 billion settlement between BP and the state, federal and local governments.

Gerard: Offshore Development Vital For Energy Security.

Jack Gerard, the president and CEO of the API, writes in the Canada Free Press (5/8, Gerard) that developing offshore resources is “a win for American job creation and security.” He says that President Trump’s order to lift the restrictions on offshore acreage “could lead to production gains of more than a million barrels of oil equivalent per day and generate hundreds of thousands of well-paying jobs.” In addition to the revenue and jobs, the order will also help energy security, because a failure to develop the Arctic or the Atlantic, could lead to a “retreat back to an era of energy scarcity and dependence.”

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The AP (5/9, Volz) reports the attorneys general from California, New Mexico, New York and Washington filed a lawsuit in US District Court in Montana, challenging the Trump Administration’s decision to restart coal leases on federal lands. They say the Interior Department’s decision to reverse the moratorium was done without a review on whether it would be good for the environment or taxpayers. The Obama Administration blocked the leases in 2016 to study whether coal companies should pay higher royalties and if the program was contributing to climate change.

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Reuters (5/9, Volcovici) reports that, “A bill to ease restrictions on energy development on U.S. tribal lands has a good chance of passing the Republican-controlled Congress this year, after several failed attempts since 2013, the chair of the Senate Indian affairs committee said.” Reuters adds that, “many Republican lawmakers, along with President Donald Trump, have expressed support for more oil drilling, coal mining and other energy projects on Native American reservations, which are overseen by the federal government.”

White House Communications Report

No report was sent Tuesday.

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Federal Register Listings

There were no items cleared for the FR yesterday.

REG0006968 FWS Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations. This is the final rule for the 2017-18 hunting seasons for certain migratory game birds. States will use this rule to select their migratory game bird hunting seasons within the frameworks provided by the rule. OIRA has determined this action is not subject to EO 13771 because it is issued with respect to routine hunting the fishing activities. Final Rule 05/09/2017.

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The Talanei (ASM) (5/5) reports that the Interior Department will "shortly publish a notice in the Federal Register officially opening the public comment period for review of the Monument designations under the Antiquities Act of 1906." The department will "begin accepting comments on line after May 12."

Outdoor Recreational Company Forceful In Criticism Of Trump Policies.
The Hill (5/9, Cama) reports that the outdoor recreation "is getting bold in fighting President Trump's environmental agenda." While corporations usually stay away from political issues to avoid alienating customers, companies such as Patagonia, REI and The North Face are "forcefully criticizing Trump for trying to roll back former President Obama's actions on protecting public land and fighting climate change." It seems the outdoor industry, "which has a customer and employee base that skews liberals," calculated that the "need to protect the environment outweighs the potential risks."

Sen. Gardner, Rep. Tipton Want BLM Headquarters Moved Out West.
The Santa Fe New Mexican (5/9, Oxford) reports that "two Colorado congressmen say the U.S. Bureau of Land Management should move its headquarters from Washington, D.C., to the Western United States, where most of the 248 million acres that BLM manages is located." Sen. Cory Gardner and Rep. Scott Tipton, "both Republicans, filed legislation last week calling on the Department of the Interior to develop a plan for moving BLM's headquarters with an eye toward saving tax dollars." They claimed "the move would make the agency more responsive to the communities where it manages land."

Plaquemines Parish Announces $45 Million Settlement With BP Over Oil Spill.
The AP (5/9, McGill) reports Plaquemines Parish announced a $45 million settlement with BP over damages from the 2010 oil spill. The spill fouled sections of the parish's coastline. The parish was one of the few local governments that decided not to take part in a $20 billion settlement between BP and the state, federal and local governments.

Gerard: Offshore Development Vital For Energy Security.
Jack Gerard, the president and CEO of the API, writes in the Canada Free Press (5/8, Gerard) that developing offshore resources is "a win for American job creation and security." He says that President Trump's order to lift the restrictions on offshore acreage "could lead to production gains of more than a million barrels of oil equivalent per day and generate hundreds of thousands of well-paying jobs." In addition to the revenue and jobs, the order will also help energy security, because a failure to develop the Arctic or the Atlantic, could lead to a "retreat back to an era of energy scarcity and dependence."

Attorneys General Sue Over Decision To Restart Coal Leases.
The AP (5/9, Volz) reports the attorneys general from California, New Mexico, New York and Washington filed a lawsuit in US District Court in Montana, challenging the Trump Administration's decision to restart coal leases on federal lands. They say the Interior Department's decision to reverse the moratorium was done without a review on whether it would be good for the environment or taxpayers. The Obama Administration blocked the leases in 2016 to study whether coal companies should pay higher royalties and if the program was contributing to climate change.

Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Says Bill To Ease Energy Development On Tribal Lands Likely.
Reuters (5/9, Volcovici) reports that, "A bill to ease restrictions on energy development on U.S. tribal lands has a good chance of passing the Republican-controlled Congress this year, after several failed attempts since 2013, the chair of the Senate Indian affairs committee said." Reuters adds that, "many Republican lawmakers, along with President Donald Trump, have expressed support for more oil drilling,

coal mining and other energy projects on Native American reservations, which are overseen by the federal government."

White House Communications Report
No report was sent Tuesday.

Federal Register Listings
There were no items cleared for the FR yesterday.

REG0006968 FWS Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations. This is the final rule for the 2017-18 hunting seasons for certain migratory game birds. States will use this rule to select their migratory game bird hunting seasons within the frameworks provided by the rule. OIRA has determined this action is not subject to EO 13771 because it is issued with respect to routine hunting the fishing activities. Final Rule 05/09/2017.

REG0006983 FWS Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska--2018-19 and 2019-20 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations. This proposed rule would establish regulations for hunting and trapping seasons, harvest limits, and methods and means related to taking of wildlife for subsistence uses during the 2018-19 and 2019-20 regulatory years. OIRA has determined this action is not subject to EO 13771 because it is issued with respect to routine hunting and fishing activities. Proposed Rule 05/09/2017.

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Heather and Downey, Our Comms shop (which Mike is running for us at this time) does a daily round up and here is a summary from yesterday. ed Sent from my iPhone

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SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's plan to visit southern Utah next week will place him, and by extension the Trump Administration, in the middle of two bitter fights over public lands in the state.

3. **Patagonia to Zinke: 'Conserve Our Shared Public Lands for Future Generations'**

EcoWatch, May 5 | Yvon Chouinard and Rose Marcario

Dear Secretary Zinke,

As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the national monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage—a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future.

4. **INTERIOR: Agency suspends advisory panels even as decisions loom**

E & E News, May 5 | Scott Streater

The Interior Department is formally reviewing the "charter and charge" of more than 200 advisory panels that assist federal agencies managing hundreds of millions of acres of public lands at a time when the Trump administration is considering significant changes to land-use designations and management practices.

5. **27 national monuments under Interior Dept. review**

David DeMille, May 5 | David DeMille

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Nearly two dozen national monuments will face a federal review period following an executive order by President Trump.

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6. **Native American advocates size up Trump administration**

KPAX News, May 6 | Eleanor Mueller

With President Donald Trump's first 100 days in office in the rearview mirror, lawmakers and advocates are uncertain but hopeful about the impact the new administration will have on the Native American community.

7. **Op-ed: Utah Farm Bureau applauds review of national monuments**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Ron Gibson

Utah Farm Bureau applauds President Trump's review of presidential national monument designations over the past two decades, including the highly controversial 1996 Grand Staircase-Escalante and 2016 Bears Ears National Monument.

8. **Much at stake as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke visits Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 6 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

SALT LAKE CITY — To all in the fight over the Bears Ears monument designation, there is much to win, a way of life to lose, and very little room on any side to compromise.

9. **Supporters of Bears Ears, Grand Staircase rally in advance of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Peggy Fletcher Stack

After his birth in Utah's Monument Valley, James Adakai's umbilical cord was buried at Bears Ears.

10. **In our opinion: Reviewing the Antiquities Act is an important course of action**

The Deseret News, May 6 | Deseret News editorial board

We believe in the importance of conservation. The nation's public and shared lands are a vital treasure that need to be preserved.

11. **Op-ed: Will Bears Ears Be the Next Standing Rock?**

The New York Times, May 6 | Terry Tempest Williams

After seven years of organizing, the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition — made up of the Hopi, Navajo, Uintah and Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni Nations — played a key role in securing the protection of 1.35 million acres surrounding Bears Ears from development and resource extraction just before President Obama left office.

12. **Zinke promises to hear out protestors of rescinding national monuments**

The Washington Times, May 6 | Ben Wolfgang

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Sunday launched a "listening tour" across Utah designed to quell an uproar over his department's controversial review of national monuments.

13. **National Monuments: Presidents Can Create Them, but Only Congress Can Undo Them**

Govexec.com, May 6 | Nicholas Bryner, Eric Biber, Mark Squillace and Sean B. Hecht

On April 26 President Trump issued an executive order calling for a review of national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act. This law authorizes presidents to set aside federal lands in order to protect "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest."

14. **Op-ed: National monuments are a positive economic force for rural communities**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Amy Roberts

The next several months are pivotal for the future of America's public lands. It is not easy to articulate how we have gotten to this point – but here we are.

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15. **Rallies over Bears Ears act as prelude to Zinke's visit**

KSL News, May 7 | Jasen Lee and Marjorie Cortez

SALT LAKE CITY — For scores of Utahns, preserving the monument status of the state's newest protected public lands and one of its more revered places was more than enough reason to spend a weekend afternoon at the state Capitol.

16. **Zinke met by protest as he arrives to consider Utah voices on national monuments**

The Deseret News, May 7 | McKenzie Romero

SALT LAKE CITY — While protestors clogged the sidewalk outside, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said he will be gathering perspectives of people on all sides of a deeply controversial issue as he reviews the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments.

17. **Zinke starts review of Utah's Bears Ears National Monument**

The Las Vegas Review-Journal, May 7 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will start a four-day Utah trip Sunday to assess whether 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled down or even rescinded.

18. **The new range war**

The Christian Science Monitor, May 7 | Amanda Paulson

MAY 7, 2017 SALMON, IDAHO—Merill Beyeler bears the classic look of a Western rancher. He's got the leathery face of someone who has spent a lot of time outdoors. He wears flannel shirts, jeans, and a bone-colored cowboy hat.

19. **The Latest: Zinke says he may not favor shrinking monuments**

NewsOK, May 7 | The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Latest on a visit to Utah by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the designation of national monuments (all times local):

20. **Zinke says monument designations have been an 'effective tool,' though 'very few ... are to the scale of the recent actions'**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 7 | Matthew Piper

As he embarked on a tour of Utah to review two national monuments, Ryan Zinke said he sees no evidence Native American proponents of Bears Ears National Monument were exploited by special interest groups, as state leaders have suggested.

21. **Zinke Begins Utah Listening Tour**

KUER News, May 7 | Judy Fahys

Utahns for and against national monuments have been asking the Trump administration to weigh in on Bears Ears ever since it was created in December. U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke arrived in Utah Sunday to hear their concerns firsthand.

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22. **Zinke in southern Utah to tour Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 8 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BLANDING — Native American supporters of the new Bears Ears National Monument talked Monday about the sacred nature of the rugged landscape and why it's so important to protect.

23. **Zinke kicks off Utah tour in national monuments review**

The Hill, May 8 | Timothy Cama

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is in Utah this week to tour two controversial national monuments that the Trump administration is considering rescinding or shrinking.

24. **Mr. Zinke, Keep Channeling Teddy Roosevelt**

The New York Times, May 8 | The Editorial Board

On his first day on the job, Ryan Zinke, President Trump's secretary of the interior, rode a horse to work, in plain imitation of Teddy Roosevelt, who as president used to gallop around Washington, and whose admirable record as a conservationist Mr. Zinke says he hopes to emulate.

25. **Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?**

The Las Vegas Sun, May 8 | Daniel Rothberg

At a Lake Tahoe fundraiser in August, Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl — a leader in the movement to transfer federal land to the states — met privately with then-candidate Donald Trump. According to a story Dahl has told many times since then, he asked Trump how he would feel operating a 10-floor hotel in which eight floors were owned by a bureaucracy 2,500 miles away.

26. **Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?**

The Center for American Progress, May 8 | Mary Ellen Kustin

On April 26, President Donald Trump launched an attack on national parks, public lands, and waters. His executive order called on U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to "review" the 54 national monuments that presidents have designated or expanded since 1996. The order gives wide discretion to the secretary to recommend actions that the president or Congress should take to alter or rescind the protections for these natural, historical, and cultural treasures.

27. **US Interior secretary tours hotly contested Utah monument**

The Washington Post, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Monday will get a bird's-eye view of one of 27 national monuments he's been ordered to review as he flies over 1.3 million acres of southern Utah's red rock plateaus, cliffs and canyons graced with sagebrush, juniper trees and ancient cliff dwellings in one of America's newest and most hotly contested monuments.

28. **Interior Secretary Zinke in southern Utah to tour Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 8 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BLANDING — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke landed in San Juan County Monday to begin his first full day exploring the rugged footprint of the new Bears Ears National Monument.

29. **Bears Ears: Hatch, Utah delegation lead pushback effort**

The Spectrum, May 8 | David DeMille

After signing an executive order calling for a review of more than two dozen national monuments, President Donald Trump handed the pen to U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, crediting the Utah Republican for being a driving force behind the order.

30. **San Juan County residents welcome visit from Secretary Zinke**

ABC 4 Utah, May 8 | Glen Mills

Interior secretary Ryan Zinke is touring two national monuments, and taking input from local stakeholders.

31. **Interior Turns Down Meetings With 2 Groups Supporting Utah Monuments**

The Morning Consult, May 8 | Jack Fitzpatrick

The Department of the Interior turned down meetings this week with at least two groups supporting national monument designations in Utah, spurring complaints that the Trump administration's review of monuments may be one-sided.

32. **Zinke: Monument status may not be best to save sacred land**

The Washington Post, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

BLANDING, Utah — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said sacred tribal lands he toured Monday in America's newest and most hotly contested monument should be preserved but he questioned whether the monument designation was the right way to do it.

33. **Interior Secretary visits Bears Ears National Monument to decide its fate**

Fox 13 News, May 8 | Ben Winslow

BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT -- Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke hiked past the lines of protesters out into the desert landscape.

34. **Interior Secretary visits Bears Ears National Monument to decide its fate**

KUTV 2 News, May 8 | Daniel Woodruff

Blanding, Utah — (KUTV) As the sun set over San Juan County Monday evening, Blanding, Utah, was buzzing.

35. **Interior secretary tours Bears Ears, hotly contested monument in Utah**

PBS Newshour, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

BLANDING, Utah — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke took an aerial tour Monday of one of America's newest and most hotly contested monuments — one of 27 he's been ordered to review by President Donald Trump to determine if they were properly established.

36. **Zinke flies over Bears Ears as critics urge him to 'Make San Juan County Great Again' and rescind monument**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 8 | Brian Maffly

Blanding • When Hank Stevens' family hunted under Bears Ears Buttes, they always honored the deer whose life they had taken and the place that nurtured it.

37. **Tribal leaders demand apology from Hatch after he said they 'don't fully understand' Bears Ears implications**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 8 | Mariah Noble

After Sen. Orrin Hatch said Sunday that American Indians "don't fully understand" what they would lose if Bears Ears is "made clearly into a monument," tribal leaders have called his comments offensive, and they demand an apology.

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38. **Boyd Matheson: The Navy SEAL and the Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 9 | Boyd Matheson

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, a former Navy SEAL commander, is touring Utah this week in response to President Donald Trump's executive order calling for a review of national monument designations over the past 21 years. There will be many who want to get in the secretary's ear as he visits the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante areas. I hope he can shun and shut out the strident and vitriolic voices in order to truly listen to and hear all the parties who have something constructive to say.

39. **The public is invited to comment as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tours monuments Utah politicians want abolished or shrunk**

The National Geographic, May 9 | Laura Parker

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is touring a pair of controversial national monuments in Utah on horseback this week at the behest of President Trump, who is reconsidering their merits. Zinke's four-day visit will take in Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in southern Utah, the main targets in a review of 27 large monuments Trump ordered last month. The president assigned Zinke to examine whether his predecessors over-stepped their authority and made these monuments too large or ignored objections from the public.

40. **The Case for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**

The Center for American Progress, May 9 | Jenny Rowland

President Donald Trump's national monuments executive order is an attack on American national parks, public lands, and oceans. One of its specific targets is the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah.

41. **NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Standing in Bears Ears, Zinke says protections may change**

E & E News, May 9 | Jennifer Yachnin,

BLANDING, Utah — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke questioned yesterday whether a monument designation is the "right vehicle" to protect tracts in southern Utah, suggesting that other public lands categories could be more appropriate for the 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument.

42. **The Latest: Utah Rancher Tells Zinke Monument Unnecessary**

US News, May 9 | The Associated Press

MONTICELLO, UTAH - Fifth-generation Utah rancher Bruce Adams has enjoyed a prime seat next to U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke this week as he reviews a national monument created on lands that Adams' ancestors helped settle in 1879.

43. **Executive Order gives ranchers hope**

Livestock News, May 9 | Karin Schiley

The signing of a recent executive order by the president is giving ranchers hope that the administration is taking steps to reverse what some consider governmental land-grabs throughout history.

44. **NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Bears Ears won't become a national park — Zinke**

E & E News, May 9 | Jennifer Yachnin

MONTICELLO, Utah — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke today ruled out the possibility that he will recommend converting Bears Ears National Monument into a national park but said he remained open to all other options for the 1.35 million acres of public lands.

1. With National Monuments Under Review, Bears Ears Is Focus Of Fierce Debate

NPR, May 5 | Kirk Siegler

A lot of the anger over federal public land in rural Utah today can be traced back to a windy, gray day in Arizona in September 1996. At the Grand Canyon, President Bill Clinton formally designated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah, more than 100 miles away.

"On this remarkable site, God's handiwork is everywhere in the natural beauty of the Escalante Canyons," he said.

But Clinton didn't set foot in Utah. The planning for the monument was largely done in secret, and state leaders had little warning it was coming.

Now, nearly 21 years later, mistrust toward the federal government persists, in the tightknit, mostly Mormon town of Blanding, Utah. Folks can't help but draw a parallel to how President Barack Obama's sweeping Bears Ears National Monument ended up in their backyard.

"I don't understand how it would protect the land when you're inviting thousands of footprints in," says Laura O'Donnell.

O'Donnell, who works at Blanding's modest visitor center, says she is uncomfortable with her town suddenly being the flashpoint in the heated debate over the future of federal public lands.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is keeping a promise to travel into rural Utah beginning this weekend to hear from locals who live around the new 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears monument and the established 1.8 million-acre Grand Staircase monument to the west. The Trump administration has launched a 45-day review over whether large national monuments like these that protect federal land should be rescinded or shrunk.

In Blanding, Zinke's visit is highly anticipated. Here, opposition to the monument runs deeper than the usual anxieties in sagebrush country about adding more protections to public land that would restrict future mining and other development.

"Monuments should be an honor to an area, and we feel like this one is nothing but a punishment," says Jami Bayles, who founded a group called the Stewards of San Juan County.

From her office at a small college, you can see the twin Bears Ears buttes framing the distant horizon out on the vast Cedar Mesa west of town. While not as visually dramatic as the famous national parks nearby, the area is dense with cliff dwellings and ancient artifacts.

Bayles and many of her neighbors felt offended when the federal government announced additional protections under a new monument because they felt it sent a message that the land was being threatened.

"We keep that place pristine, we keep it clean, we check on it all the time," Bayles says. "I guess my argument is, 'OK, yeah, it belongs to everybody, but not everybody has been taking care of it.' "

Bayles says that the monument is being pushed by extreme, out-of-state environmentalists and that her side has struggled to be heard.

There are deep pockets behind the campaign to protect Bears Ears.

San Juan County is about 50 percent Native American. A short drive down the road, on the Navajo Nation Reservation, tribal leaders say it's a lie for people in Blanding to argue that the monument is being pushed on them from the outside.

"For them to be here for 130 years, they should at least understand the Native Americans now," says Kenneth Maryboy, a chapter president.

Native Americans from around the Four Corners region, where Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona meet, who back the new monument are open about the fact that they're getting outside help and money because they didn't have a voice before, according to interviews with tribal leaders. Many tribes in the region have officially come out in support of the monument, though not all.

Maryboy was involved with the first talks with Utah's congressional delegation almost a decade ago about protecting Bears Ears as a National Conservation Area. They broke down last year, then came Obama's executive order.

"Our gripe and our fight is to preserve what's there, the Native American artifacts, the antiquities and all the shrines and the ruins," Maryboy says.

The sacred burial grounds of the famous Navajo leader Manuelito are included in the new monument. Maryboy sees the monument as crucial to protecting these antiquities from vandalism and looting, a historical problem in San Juan County.

"The San Juan County good ol' boys don't want to see this happen," says Maryboy. "They adamantly, openly said, 'This is our land. The damn Navajos need to go back to the reservation.' "

It's not an overstatement to say that Zinke will see deep tension and polarization when he arrives at Bears Ears late this weekend for a two-day tour.

Tribes here point to a history of broken promises with the U.S. government. If the Trump administration moves to abolish Bears Ears, it's not hard to imagine a Standing Rock-inspired protest here. On the other hand, if the monument stays intact, some wonder whether the militias that support rancher Cliven Bundy and his sons would arrive in San Juan County.

Back in Blanding, some locals like Ferd Johnson are floating a compromise. Why not just shrink the monument and protect the cliff dwellings and other antiquities themselves, they say.

"All these environmentalists, these Navajos, Hopis and the other Indians didn't even know where the Bears Ears was," Johnson says. "Why is it so sacred if they don't even know where it is?"

The tribes dispute this. Some have already signaled they'll sue if, after Zinke's Utah trip, the Trump administration moves to rescind Bears Ears.

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2. Record-setting southern Utah tourism highlights stakes of national monument debate

KSL News, May 5 | Dave Cawley

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s plan to visit southern Utah next week will place him, and by extension the Trump Administration, in the middle of two bitter fights over public lands in the state.

One, a white-hot battle over the 1.3-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County, erupted last December when then-President Barack Obama created the monument at the request of tribal representatives and against the wishes of county and state leaders.

The other fight has simmered for two decades. It deals with an older and even larger monument, blamed by many in southern Utah for slowly strangling the life out of their communities. Yet the disagreement over Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is coming back to a boil even as tourism in the region sets new records year after year.

A review of economic indicators by KSL, including employment data, visitation statistics, tourism-related tax revenues and county building permit records obtained through an open records request, reveals both the struggles and opportunities facing places like Cannonville, Kanab, Boulder and Big Water.

The simmering dispute

An irritated Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, was sick of hearing about the values of southern Utah's tourism economy. During a meeting of the state's House Natural Resource, Agriculture and Environment Committee in late February, the lawmaker unloaded on his colleagues from Salt Lake City.

"People tell me there's all kinds of jobs down there; everything's going great," Noel said. "I really kind of get a gutful of it up here, I really do. It bothers me because it sends a false premise."

Noel represents House District 73, a giant swath of territory covering all of Kane, Garfield, San Juan, Wayne and Piute Counties, as well as pieces of Beaver and Sevier Counties. He chastised urban lawmakers for suggesting federal management of Utah lands has had a positive influence by driving visitors, and by extension their tax dollars, into the rural region he represents.

"I've lived there for 41 years. I've seen what's happened down there and my ancestors have lived there for over 100 years and it's not in a good condition as far as you say, as far as economically and what's happening to families," Noel said.

In recent years Noel has helped lead the charge in several high-profile efforts to take control of federal lands. Key among those lands is the monument at the heart of his district — Grand Staircase-Escalante.

The maligned monument

As designated by President Bill Clinton in 1996, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument covered roughly 1.9 million acres. It's bounded on the east by Capitol Reef National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and on the west by Bryce Canyon National Park. The monument's northern edge abuts the Dixie National Forest, while its southern extremity touches the Arizona border.

Wrapped within it sits a maze of twisted river canyons, eroded sandstone pinnacles and arches, relics of pioneer history and fossilized dinosaur bones.

Rep. Noel's cry to turn over those lands to state management, or to at least prioritize cattle grazing, ATV use and mineral extraction, have support from people like Garfield County Commissioner Leland Pollock.

"200,000 acres would be a stretch, to say that there's antiquities, things of value that meet the Antiquities Act criteria," Pollock said. "What is it? It's BLM range. It's brush land. It's sage brush."

The Bureau of Land Management administers the monument, unlike most other Utah monuments which are instead operated by the National Park Service.

Prior to the designation two decades ago, a bitter fight had raged between the mining company Andalex Resources, Inc. and environmental groups over the company's plans to extract large amounts of coal from the region. Andalex held federal mineral leases around the Kaiparowitz Plateau.

The wording of President Clinton's declaration made clear those existing leases were to be honored. However, the company made the decision not to develop the resources and ultimately gave up the leases in exchange for $14 million from the Department of the Interior.

Miners were not the only ones with claims to the land. Ranchers also held leases that allowed them to graze their cattle over much of what is now in the monument. Those uses were largely respected and allowed to continue by the Bureau of Land Management, though some parcels were withdrawn from use.

Monument critics believe the coal reserves could still be developed, to the economic benefit of the region, were the federal land managers not standing in the way.

Recreation opportunities on the monument are expansive, though not without difficulty.

Unlike many national parks, where trails are paved and shuttle buses run on tight schedules, Grand Staircase-Escalante is almost entirely primitive. It holds just three established campgrounds: Calf Creek along state Route 12 between Boulder and Escalante, Deer Creek on the Burr Trail Road and White House on the Paria River. Roads to most popular destinations are unpaved and at times impassable due to weather or damage.

“They did not want tourism,” Pollock said. “The monument itself, they would tell me when I was first sworn in as a commissioner, ‘this wasn’t created for tourism. It was created to study science.’”

The popularity explosion

Want them or not, tourists are coming to Grand Staircase-Escalante in record numbers.

Visitation statistics maintained by the National Park Service show Zion led the pack of Utah parks in 2016, taking in 4.3 million people. Bryce Canyon, the state’s second-most-visited park, welcomed almost 2.4 million. Both figures are nearly double the visitation recorded in 1996, when Grand Staircase-Escalante was born.

BLM records show the monument has also almost doubled its annual visitation during the same period. It set a high-water mark of 923,236 visitors last year, placing it above even Canyonlands and about on par with Capitol Reef National Park.

The rate of visitation growth for Zion, Bryce and Arches accelerated sharply in 2013. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute Director Natalie Gochnour noted that in recent years, the Utah Office of Tourism has heavily advertised the parks with the Mighty Five campaign.

“There’s a lot of money that goes into promoting our state and it’s proven to be very well invested … but you have to be really careful that you also invest in the quality of that experience,” Gochnour said. “Whether it’s roads or campgrounds or bridges or water treatment plants, amenities, you need to invest in the tourism infrastructure business to get a payback from it.”

In Washington County, home to St. George and the Zion gateway community of Springdale, taxes on short-term lodging and restaurant sales have followed a similar curve as the park's visitation. Grand County, too, has shown strong tourism-related tax growth, boosted by visitors to Arches who also stay and spend in Moab.

The visitation spike has helped accelerate recovery in Washington and Grand Counties following the recession of the late 2000s.

"The tax revenues related to tourism and travel are going up, have been for the last five years," Jennifer Leaver said. She works as a research analyst at Gardner Institute and has spent a good deal of time examining the economics of southern Utah. "Jobs have been either remaining flat or going up. Wages have been going up."

But while Garfield County is home to Bryce Canyon, it has not seen quite the same boost.

Challenges of the tourism economy

The tiny town of Boulder is made up of little more than a few buildings and farms snuggled into the valley where state Route 12 and the Burr Trail meet on the southern slopes of Boulder Mountain. As of the 2010 Census, Boulder claimed a population of 226.

Yet it's exactly where Blake Spalding and her partner chose to start their business, Hell's Backbone Grill, shortly after Grand Staircase-Escalante's creation.

"We really just built it up. This is our 18th season. We have about 45 employees that work with us year after year," Spalding said.

Hell's Backbone Grill, which is located on the grounds of the Boulder Mountain Lodge, has received numerous accolades from both local and national press over the years. It draws clientele with its menu and its reputation, but finding qualified help has proved to be one of the restaurant's biggest challenges.

"There's not a business from a construction company to the school to the towns themselves, certainly my restaurant, that isn't hiring right now. We have jobs aplenty," Spalding said. "What we don't have is residents to fill them."

Making a life in a place like Boulder can be incredibly difficult, especially for someone accustomed to urban living. Cell phone service is spotty. Cultural options are limited, though outdoor recreation is in abundant supply. Grocery runs can require long drives to bigger towns. And while there are jobs available, many are not the kind capable of providing a steady living.

Lecia Langston, a regional economist with the Utah Department of Workforce Services, said tourism jobs tend to come and go.

“For Garfield County particularly they see a huge amount of seasonality so that during the summer they basically have to import a lot of their labor because they need it, but they don’t need it in the winter,” Langston said.

People who can’t afford to stay the winter on what they earned are forced to leave in search of other opportunities, as work in other more stable fields can prove tough to find.

“Garfield County has the highest percentage of leisure and hospitality services jobs in the state. They run about 43 percent of their total non-farm employment,” Langston said.

The result is a yo-yoing effect. In March, the most recent month for which numbers are available, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Garfield County was 7.1 percent. That was the lowest it’s been since the end of the recession but it was still well above the statewide average of 3.1 percent.

“If you were to look at the raw rate in July for Garfield County it would be very, very, very low,” Langston said. Conversely, it would be much, much higher in December. “Kane County (in March) actually looks fairly low, given the fact that they do have a lot of seasonality. Their unemployment rate right now is 3.2 percent, which is comparable to the state average.”

Kanab on the cusp

Kane and Garfield Counties have much in common, making that difference in their unemployment rate very conspicuous.

“What’s interesting about Kane County is they do have a couple of unusual employers that make their employment numbers look a little bit different,” Langston said. “Kane County’s largest employer is actually Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. They show up in what we call ‘other services’ so they have a really high percentage of employment in that sector. The other thing

that's important to know about Kane County is they do have some manufacturing. Stampin' Up was a homegrown company that started in Kane County and still has a sizable employment presence."

That little bit of diversity helps make Kane's economy more resilient. Kane County Office of Tourism Executive Director Camille Johnson said the addition of steady jobs has allowed for more stability and, as a result, investment in the visitor experience.

"We had Comfort Suites and Hampton Inn open up in the last year and we've got a La Quinta on line to open in 2018. Then I just learned of one of our local partners that's doing an expansion," Johnson said. "We've had a lot of new restaurants open up."

The city also has geography to its advantage. Kanab sits within striking distance of Zion, Bryce Canyon, the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell and the Wave. The county is promoting Kanab as a place to base camp while visiting the whole variety of southern Utah destinations. The goal is to keep visitors in town long enough to help the local economy, rather than having them simply pass through on their way to another place.

Johnson said overcrowding in the banner locations like Zion also has Kane County pointing increasingly more visitors toward hidden gems outside of the Mighty Five.

"Because tourism is such a hot industry for us right now, we're having a little bit of a labor force crisis and a housing crisis," Johnson said. "With the two new hotels opening up and several restaurants, it spread our already thin labor force even thinner."

Up in Garfield County though, the hospitality industry has grown more slowly since the creation of Grand Staircase-Escalante.

Commercial building permit papers obtained by KSL through an open records request reveal much of the new lodging construction over the last 20 years has focused Ruby's Inn or the Bryce Canyon gateway communities. Recently, more rustic rental options like cabins, yurts or RV parks have started to open around Escalante and Tropic.

Back in Kanab, some fear the rapid growth could dilute the history and western character of the region.

“Locals will say to me ‘we don’t want to be like Moab, we don’t want to be like Springdale, please don’t let that happen’,” Johnson said. “They’re afraid that we’ll lose the spirit of our community and our heritage and then it won’t be appealing for locals to stay here and then they uproot and then we lose that heritage.”

The tale of two Utahs

The loss of locals is already happening and not just in Kanab. It’s evident from the average age in many rural Utah counties.

“There are two different economic realities in our state. We call it ‘the tale of two Utahs’,” Natalie Gochnour said. “They basically have children who left the counties, presumably for employment opportunities, schooling and they don’t come back. And so these counties get older and older and older.”

Why don’t they come back? Experts agree it’s a lack of high-paying skilled work in rural communities.

“It’s kind of a catch-22 because there aren’t necessarily the kinds of jobs young people want, or that pay the kind of wages that they’d really like to have, so they leave and you don’t get the population growth that you need to spur the economic growth,” Lecia Langston, the Workforce Services regional economist, said.

Garfield County even declared a state of emergency in 2015 due to declining enrollment at Escalante High School.

“In 1996 you had about 144 children enrolled at Escalante school, seventh through 12th grade,” Commissioner Leland Pollock said. “When we declared that state of emergency it was down to 51.”

Pollock points to Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument as the primary reason for the drop. Others though see the problem in more nuanced terms.

“I think it’s really a time to think very purposefully about rural Utah, particularly rural Utah that’s hurting, and figure out how do we connect and unify and help,” Gochnour said.

She suggested that could mean having policymakers lean on urban Utah's strength, investing the fruits of Wasatch Front productivity into rural counties through infrastructure improvements like better roads or broadband access. At the same time, battles over public lands could be quieted by some good-faith deal-making.

"I think a really productive place for state decision makers to focus is on land exchanges and making all of these state institutional trust lands that are locked up inside federal lands, not accessible, getting them closer to the cities, closer to the towns and letting those towns grow," Gochnour said.

The Wasatch Front could in turn benefit in the form of reduced air pollution and traffic congestion, as more people disperse into areas outside of the urban core. Gochnour suggested outdoor gear companies already operating in the state could lead the charge, choosing to locate their manufacturing facilities in areas like Kanab.

"Maybe it's time for the state and the federal government, locals, recreationists to all come together and say 'there is a path forward that can address our needs'."

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3. Patagonia to Zinke: 'Conserve Our Shared Public Lands for Future Generations'

EcoWatch, May 5 | Yvon Chouinard and Rose Marcario

Dear Secretary Zinke,

As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the national monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage—a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future.

That is why the arbitrary 120-day deadline for you to review whether to shrink or rescind dozens of national monuments is absurd. As you know, the process to establish a national monument

often takes years, if not decades. It involves significant study of the area of the proposed monument—including its ecological, cultural, archeological, economic and recreation value—and robust consultation with local communities and their elected representatives at every level. Given the unique and complex histories of each monument, there is simply no way to meaningfully review dozens of individual monuments in such a short period.

You justify this review on the false premise that the American people have not yet been heard on the designation of these national monuments. But the communities near the national monuments under your review have already made their voices heard during public input and stakeholder engagement periods prior to designation. For example, notwithstanding the rhetoric of Utah Governor Gary Herbert and members of the Utah Congressional delegation, the designation of Bears Ears National Monument involved years of public input gathered by the Obama administration. This process included a series of public meetings in Southeastern Utah in 2016, including several sessions attended by former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. It also included significant engagement with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which represents tribal nations for whom the land is sacred and contains archeological artifacts with immense cultural value. Additionally, in a recent poll, 68 percent of voters in seven Western states said they prioritize the protection of land, water and wildlife for recreation on public land, compared with 22 percent who prioritized increased production of fossil fuels. Your review must account for this extensive record of consultation as you purport to seek public input.

As you undertake this review, we urge you to consider the enormous economic benefits of protected public lands for nearby communities, including many rural areas. A recent study showed that areas in the West with protected lands consistently enjoy better rates of employment and income growth compared to those with no protected lands. In the 22 years since the Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah was declared a national monument, jobs grew by 38 percent in two neighboring counties. The designation of 17 national monuments—including nine monuments covered under your review—led to significant increases in per capita income in regions adjacent to the newly-protected areas.

Rescinding or shrinking the national monuments under review also threatens the fast-growing outdoor recreation economy, which relies significantly on recreation access to protected public lands. These lands are not "locked up," as the Trump administration has said repeatedly declared—they are extremely productive. As you know, since you participated in the outdoor industry's announcement of a new economic study last week, the recreation economy drives $887 billion in consumer spending every year and supports more jobs (7.6 million) than oil,

natural gas and mining combined. Rescinding or shrinking the national monuments under review would significantly impact the strength of the outdoor recreation economy and limit our ability to create and sustain jobs.

Patagonia has been outfitting outdoors people and protecting public lands for more than 30 years. The debate over land and water conservation is always complex and sometimes divisive. But we have never witnessed the legacy of America's federal lands encountering greater risk than we see right now. As you visit these protected places and report back to the president, I urge you to follow in the tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt and conserve our shared public lands for future generations.

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4. INTERIOR: Agency suspends advisory panels even as decisions loom

E & E News, May 5 | Scott Streater

The Interior Department is formally reviewing the "charter and charge" of more than 200 advisory panels that assist federal agencies managing hundreds of millions of acres of public lands at a time when the Trump administration is considering significant changes to land-use designations and management practices.

The Bureau of Land Management has told members of its 30 resource advisory councils (RACs) to postpone scheduled meetings through at least September as part of the new national review of Interior's advisory panels, both internal and external.

That includes canceling meetings of six other BLM advisory committees affiliated with specific sites within the agency's National Conservation Lands system, as well as two other high-profile panels: the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board and the North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel in Alaska.

It also affects other panels, such as the National Park System Advisory Board, which advises the NPS director and Interior secretary "on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service," including the Antiquities Act, which has been targeted by GOP congressional leaders.

The timing means some land management recommendations — including a high-profile review of national monuments — will be completed without the advisory panels' input.

Heather Swift, an Interior spokeswoman, told E&E News in an email today that the review is part of an ongoing effort by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke aimed at "restoring trust in the Department's decision-making."

Swift said the review of "the charter and charge of each Board/Advisory Committee" is designed to "maximize feedback from these boards and ensure their compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act," the 1972 law that ensures that advice by various advisory committees is objective and accessible to the public.

"This review process necessitates the temporary postponement of advisory committee meetings," Swift said.

But Swift said the review is also designed to ensure compliance with "the President's recent executive orders."

President Trump in the last month has signed a number of executive orders, including one requiring the review of all policies that may "potentially burden" energy production activity on federal lands.

Trump last week also signed one requiring Interior to review the boundaries of dozens of national monuments designated within the last two decades and to decide whether they should be altered or eliminated (Greenwire, April 26).

That executive order is targeted at more than 30 national monuments designated since 1996 that comprise at least 100,000 acres. It will initially focus on the fate of the recently designated 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument but will ultimately include sites like the 1.9-million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, both in Utah.

That executive order requires Zinke to submit a report with his recommendations on the national monuments to the president within 120 days, before the Interior review of the advisory committees and boards is completed and the postponement of the meetings lifted.

That means the Utah resource advisory council that provides recommendations to BLM on management of the 22.9 million acres of federal public lands in the state will not weigh in on the

national monument issue; neither, presumably, will the members of the agency's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument advisory committee.

That concerns Greg Zimmerman, deputy director of the Center for Western Priorities.

"The Trump administration and Interior Secretary Zinke talk a big game about including Western communities in decisionmaking on public lands, but this action proves it's nothing more than talk," Zimmerman said. "They are shutting out input from communities just as the administration takes unprecedented steps toward wiping national monuments from the map."

It's a particular concern for BLM, critics say.

Canceling the BLM RAC meetings "sends a clear signal that Secretary Zinke intends to make decisions behind closed doors and not through an open and transparent public process," Zimmerman said.

The agency's 30 RACs, whose members are appointed by the Interior secretary, are designed to help guide BLM administrators on a wide variety of issues involving major projects such as multistate transmission lines and energy projects.

The advisory panels typically have 10 to 15 members, who are supposed to represent a cross-section of local residents, state government agencies, industry and conservation leaders. They evaluate and submit recommendations on "land use planning, fire management, off-highway vehicle use, recreation, oil and gas exploration, noxious weed management, grazing issues, wild horse and burro herd management issues," and other topics, according to BLM.

Recommendations from the RACs, established by Interior in 1995 during the Clinton administration, are supposed to carry significant weight with BLM leaders.

But there have been some high-profile examples in the past two years where BLM ignored the recommendations of its RACs.

BLM in January approved the final two segments of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project in Idaho over the objections of an eight-member subcommittee of the BLM Boise District's RAC that concluded the route would unnecessarily affect communities, natural resource values and private landowners (Greenwire, Jan. 20).

And last year, BLM formally approved the 287-megawatt Soda Mountain Solar Project in the Southern California desert, despite the recommendation of BLM California's Desert District RAC against the project and its impacts on wildlife, groundwater quality and other natural resources (E&E News PM, April 5, 2016).

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5. 27 national monuments under Interior Dept. review

David DeMille, May 5 | David DeMille

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Nearly two dozen national monuments will face a federal review period following an executive order by President Trump.

The Department of the Interior, under new Trump appointee Secretary Ryan Zinke, released the names of 27 monuments Friday that it will put under a review, including a public comment period that will run for 60 days.

“Today’s action, initiating a formal public comment process finally gives a voice to local communities and states when it comes to Antiquities Act monument designations,” Zinke said in a written release. “There is no pre-determined outcome on any monument. I look forward to hearing from and engaging with local communities and stakeholders as this process continues.”

Trump ordered the reviews last week, covering a 21-year period bookended by two of the more controversial monument designations in recent memory, both in Utah: the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument designated by President Clinton in 1996 and the Bears Ears National Monument designated by President Obama late last year.

Zinke is scheduled to visit both monuments next week, meeting with local officials.

Either Congress or the president can protect federal land by designating a national monuments, with the 1906 Antiquities Act giving the president authority to quickly preserve land without waiting for legislation from Congress. There were 129 monuments nationwide at the start of the year, with recent presidents tending to designate more land than most of their predecessors. George W. Bush and Obama each designated more than 200 million acres as monument lands.

The Bears Ears designation was especially contentious in recent years, with many Utah officials comparing it to the Grand Staircase-Escalante designation two decades earlier.

No president has ever moved to rescind a designation made by a previous president.

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6. Native American advocates size up Trump administration

KPAX News, May 6 | Eleanor Mueller

With President Donald Trump's first 100 days in office in the rearview mirror, lawmakers and advocates are uncertain but hopeful about the impact the new administration will have on the Native American community.

Trump's choice of Ryan Zinke to be secretary of the interior quelled the concerns of some; as a former congressman from Montana, Zinke has experience representing Native Americans in Washington, which is seen as a promising sign by many of the community's top advocates.

But some of the President's executive actions and controversial comments, including a recent reference to Democratic Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren as "Pocahontas," have raised some concerns. Lawmakers serving on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs have voiced trepidation about the impact the new administration may have on Native American health care, education funding and sovereignty, among other issues.

However, community stakeholders say they trying to balance those concerns with optimism as the President's first term unfolds.

Zinke takes over

In interviews, lawmakers expressed trust in Zinke's demonstrated ability to understand the issues important to Native Americans across the nation. Hailing from a state with seven Indian reservations, Zinke possesses "a degree of knowledge" not typical of the interior secretary position, said Sen. John McCain, the current longest-serving member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

"Secretary Zinke has much more experience on Native American issues than his predecessor -- who had literally none," the Arizona Republican told CNN in an interview. "My initial impression is President Trump and the people around him support sovereignty and the Native American population. They can have a degree of knowledge and involvement in Native American issues that was not the case amongst their predecessors."

The interior secretary under former President Barack Obama was Sally Jewell, the previous CEO of outdoor retailer REI. The Interior Department did not respond to requests for comment.

In 2015, then-Rep. Zinke sought to make tax breaks on coal mined from American Indian reservations permanent -- a move viewed as boosting the communities' revenue and creating jobs for tribal members. In a statement emailed to CNN, the National Congress of American Indians expressed their support for Zinke, citing "his approach to the (Bureau of Indian Affairs) as well as his commitment to giving tribal nations a seat at the table across the federal government."

"Ryan Zinke has a long history of fighting for our country," NCAI President Brian Cladoosby said in the statement. "Throughout his service as a congressman for Montana, he fought for Montanans and Montana's tribes in the halls of Congress. We have no doubt that Secretary Zinke will continue fighting for all tribes as secretary of interior."

Tribal sovereignty

The densest cloud of uncertainty surrounds the matter of tribal sovereignty, or the US agreement to protect the ability of individual tribal governments to govern themselves.

While Zinke's congressional track record reflects commitment to Native American self-determination, Trump's past is not as clear.

"Secretary Zinke has always supported the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination," McCain said. "That's an important pillar of our tribal relations."

In 1993, Trump's comments in a congressional hearing on Indian casinos shocked lawmakers and others.

"Go up to Connecticut, and you look (at the Mashantucket Pequots)," Trump told the House Natural Resources Native American affairs subcommittee. "They don't look like Indians to me."

In June 2016, then-presidential candidate Trump labeled Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts "Pocahontas" -- a reference to her claimed Indian heritage.

"Pocahontas is at it again!" Trump wrote in a tweet. "Goofy Elizabeth Warren, one of the least productive U.S. Senators, has a nasty mouth."

The President resurfaced the comment in Atlanta on April 28 this year, telling a crowd of National Rifle Association members that "it may be Pocahontas" pursuing the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020.

The remarks were condemned by the National Council of American Indians, who in a May 3 statement called them "derogatory."

"I'm disturbed by some comments the President has made," Sen. Tom Udall, vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, told CNN. "He has made some very derogatory comments about tribes. I hope Secretary Zinke encourages President Trump about the importance of self-determination, teach him about that, understand what it's all about."

Recent executive actions have done little to assuage these worries, the New Mexico Democrat said. On the Dakota Access Pipeline and the planned border wall (which would cut a reservation in half), Trump has moved ahead "without talking to" American Indian stakeholders, Udall said.

"He's taken action without consultation," Udall said. "One of the cores of trust and responsibility is government-to-government consultation, talking with tribes that are concerned.

"It shows a complete lack of understanding of tribal sovereignty, self-determination -- things very, very important to tribes," Udall added.

However, these are missteps that could be remedied with future collaboration, Udall said.

"The tribes are a little apprehensive," Udall said. "But I think if they see an outreached hand, it is going to help get some things done."

Education

One issue that's already on Zinke's plate at Interior is Native American education. Speaking at a March 8 hearing of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the secretary acknowledged the failings of the Bureau of Indian Education.

"Words cannot capture how terrible it is that children in schools overseen by Bureau of Indian Education are so poorly served," Zinke said.

Many lawmakers agree that the schools should be a top priority for the new administration. But though Zinke has said he supports upgrading the schools, actually making changes is more difficult.

"He responded as you might expect (during the March 8 hearing) -- that he was committed to it, that he understood the challenges and the situation, and he said it was on his highest priority list," McCain said. "He gave the right answers. And I believe him. But I've heard those same answers for years and years."

Among the things McCain said he would like to see: More federal funding for school choice initiatives.

"The answer to that in my view is to give the tribe access to BIE funds to be used for private tuition, tutors, classes, charter schools, so Native families have more choices," McCain said. "I'm not saying charter schools are better or worse -- although I personally believe they're better -- but Native American parents should be able to have a choice where they want their children to go."

According to a 2014 Government Accountability Office report, the Bureau of Indian Education spent about $15,391 per pupil annually -- compared to the average of $9,896 per student at public schools nationwide.

Despite this, Government Accountability Office reports have found that BIE students have higher dropout rates, lower scores on college admission tests and lower college entrance rates than their public school counterparts.

"We have a long way to go when it comes to Indian education," Udall said.

And the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as secretary of education has done little to assuage the New Mexico Democrat's concerns: "The thing that worries me the most is the new education secretary," he said.

DeVos's efforts to "voucherize education" "could well apply to the Bureau of Indian Education," Udall said.

"I think that would be a real disaster," Udall said. "It would be draining resources away from already depleted resources pool. That is not a good idea."

Health care

Also on Zinke and lawmakers' wish lists are improvements to Native American health care.

"The one (issue) I would really start with would be Indian health care," Udall said. "It's been a hot-button issue."

During his January 17 confirmation hearing, Zinke told lawmakers that "as bad as the VA is, (Native American health) is worse."

With the ongoing GOP efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, lawmakers and advocates are unsure what the future may hold for the health care of the Native American community.

According to Udall, Republicans are "not involving Democrats" in health care reform discussions; an exclusion that makes it difficult for the party to advocate for Indian-American rights.

"It's a closed-door affair," Udall said. "The best advocates for Native Americans excluded from the table."

Given the underfunding of the Indian Health Service, many tribal members "rely heavily" on the Affordable Care Act's health exchange, Udall said. Were the federal government to cut discretionary spending -- as proposed in the President's budget -- and repeal Obamacare, tribes across the country would suffer, Udall said.

"The proposal in the budget is to increase defense dramatically at the expense of the domestic side," Udall said. "With that proposal and the proposal on the Affordable Care Act, that could be a big hit on the tribes across the country."

Speaking at the March 8 hearing, Paul Torres, the chairman of Al Pueblo Council of Governors, also voiced concerns about the budget cuts.

"These across-the-board cuts are alarming because the majority of programs serving Indian Country fall under the category of discretionary spending and are not exempted under the President's proposed plan," Torres said.

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7. **Op-ed: Utah Farm Bureau applauds review of national monuments**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Ron Gibson

Utah Farm Bureau applauds President Trump's review of presidential national monument designations over the past two decades, including the highly controversial 1996 Grand Staircase-Escalante and 2016 Bears Ears National Monument.

It is refreshing, remembering President Bill Clinton sitting on the south rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona without consulting local officials or notifying Utah's elected leaders of his intention to set aside 1.9 million acres in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Or, that one month before the end of his presidency, Barack Obama would unilaterally lock up another 1.35 million acres in the Bears Ears National Monument. Certainly, a closer look is warranted!

The president has authority under the Antiquities Act to "protect objects of historic and scientific interest" but it must be "confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Such was the case when Teddy Roosevelt made the 1,300-acre Devils Tower the first National Monument in 1906. Sadly, things have taken a drastic turn toward massive monuments since President Jimmy Carter in the 1970s.

Did protection of unique features or politics of the day drive the designation of nearly 3.5 million acres being locked away in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Bears Ears National Monuments? It's obvious the politics of Clinton and Obama didn't line up with Utah. The courts have declared there is no need to protect common sagebrush ground with no scientific or historic value. While there are clearly beautiful areas of historic and cultural importance that can be preserved in these monuments, much of it is common sagebrush that should be open for multiple uses.

A review of land ownership in the most affected counties – Kane, San Juan and Garfield – would bring into focus whether or not the designation of these national monuments is excessive and regulatory overkill. These rural county governments already struggle to meet their citizens' needs and to educate their children with only 10 percent (Kane), 8 percent (San Juan) and a paltry 5 percent (Garfield) of the land in these counties privately owned.

National monument designations in these three counties have, and will continue, to adversely impact generations-old sheep and cattle ranching families, as well as other multiple uses such as recreation and resource development. Livestock ranching, a major economic contributor going

back to pioneer settlement, must now deal with a new level of Resource Management Planning by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service.

In Utah, with 67 percent of the state owned and controlled by the federal government, family sheep and cattle ranchers have been compelled for generations to combine their limited private land and water with the public domain to have sustainable and economically viable businesses. While this model worked historically for these family businesses, increasing uncertainty in how public lands are managed makes going forward difficult. Ranchers have already had to absorb a reduction of 70 percent of livestock grazing numbers in the past 50 years.

Cattle ranching and its economic contribution in Southern Utah's Kane, Garfield and San Juan Counties has been hard hit by the presidential orders. Approximately 40,000 head of cattle were harvesting the annually renewing forage in these counties in 2016, generating more than $33 million in direct sales. Using a conservative multiplier, as ranching families spend those dollars and they ripple through the small towns, cattle sales will generate more than $50 million to the local economy. And that is a contribution that can renew itself every year.

Livestock grazing on the public lands is an important part of the history and culture of rural Utah and is a critical component of these rural economies. Harvesting the renewable forage provides an affordable protein for American dinner tables, contributes to the health of the ecosystem, reduces the potential for catastrophic wildfires, and supports rural, local economies.

The Utah Farm Bureau welcomes President Trump's desire to review these monuments for the past 20 years to ensure they're keeping with the stated intent of the Antiquities Act. With all the economic growth taking place along the Wasatch Front, it's important for us all to support one of the pillars of economic success for these rural Utah counties – agriculture.

Ron Gibson is president of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation.

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8. Much at stake as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke visits Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 6 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

SALT LAKE CITY — To all in the fight over the Bears Ears monument designation, there is much to win, a way of life to lose, and very little room on any side to compromise.

When Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke steps off the plane Sunday in Utah, he will become the key witness to a dramatic showdown over the fate of the 1.35 million-acre monument, and for the next several days, the man everyone in this fight will want to meet.

If the monument stands, Native Americans, environmental groups and conservation organizations that spent millions of dollars on the effort for a new monument in San Juan County can set about on the next steps.

Monument status elevates the cultural, historical and spiritual significance of the rugged country, they say, and puts federal land managers on a path to protecting thousands upon thousands of ancient artifacts.

A monument designation for the region gives five Native American tribes not only a reason to celebrate, but a reason to hope that strong bonds will be forged with an American government that over centuries has let them down at best or betrayed them at worst.

To these Native American men and women who fight for the survival of the Bears Ears National Monument, it assures their spiritual connection there will live on, cradled in the arms of wind-swept buttes, pine-dotted mountaintops and sprawling Cedar Mesa sandstone.

But a loud chorus of people in San Juan County say they love the land as well, but hate the monument.

They're offended that a place hailed for its beauty and solitude suddenly needs an absentee landlord in Washington, D.C., to exercise oversight when generations have grown up with it as their backyard.

Regardless of the promises in President Barack Obama's Bears Ears proclamation, they see monument status as the wedge in the door of access that the federal government will eventually slam shut.

They fear hunting, fishing, grazing, collecting firewood, motorized travel — multiple uses of the land — will be chipped away and restricted until the activities are eventually gone. In their place will rise a Moab-esq atmosphere with monument signs, a visitor center, lines of cars and hoards of selfie-taking tourists intent on scratching one more destination off their to-do list.

With 65 percent of land within Utah's borders already owned and controlled by the federal government, the state's leaders and county governments are indignant that one more layer of government control — over their objections — was hoisted upon a county that is already the poorest in the state, where jobs are already tough to come by.

Against this backdrop, Zinke — a former Navy Seal Team Six leader — will wade into the fray by visiting Bears Ears and meeting with local residents before he returns to Washington, D.C., to eventually advise President Donald Trump on what its fate should be.

"The fact that he has agreed to come and visit, I think, is a good thing for everybody," Gov. Gary Herbert said. "He needs to come and look at the public lands issues we have here in the Intermountain West and particularly in Utah. He needs to look at some of the areas of controversy. I think he needs to come with an open mind and an unbiased attitude, and take a look and listen to the pros and cons."

Zinke's visit to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments — also under fire but in a blaze that was set 21 years ago when it was created — comes as a result of an executive order issued by President Trump on April 26.

That order directs a 45-day review centered around Bears Ears with resulting recommendations for the president, as well as a look at designations of monuments with more than 100,000 acres since 1996.

With a sympathetic president at the helm who campaigned on the promise to return power to the states and power to the people — and also unravel federal regulations — Utah's leaders are practically giddy at the prospect there will be some sort of presidential directive on Bears Ears.

While no president has ever rescinded a monument, and therefore that executive power has never been tested in court, five presidents have significantly reduced monuments. In the most extreme example, President Howard Taft reduced the Navajo National Monument by 89 percent.

Over time, 11 national monuments have been abolished through acts of Congress, according to the National Park Service, most typically because their importance was overstated or the resources for which they were established were diminished.

In Utah, a legal battle raged to overturn Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, but that proved unsuccessful.

History, then, offers a mosaic of executive branch and congressional reactions to controversial monument creations.

For supporters of Bears Ears, a rescission is akin to blasphemy — and any reduction in size as a so-called "compromise" is untenable.

"Friends of Cedar Mesa is committed to on-the-ground stewardship of these public lands whatever the politicians decide," said Josh Ewing, the group's executive director. "However, any shrinkage of the monument just makes it that much harder for us to do good stewardship to benefit the landscape as we're forced into legal/political/policy battles to stop bad things from happening to lands that should have been protected in the first place."

Jami Bayles, president of Stewards of San Juan County, said the designation goes against what residents want and won't automatically come with protections supporters want. The monument designation needs to go.

"It is appalling that nonlocal voices have drowned out those who treasure this land the most. Long before established bureaus arrived, it was and has always been the local people who have protected and cared for this land. We are the reason it is pristine," Bayles said.

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9. Supporters of Bears Ears, Grand Staircase rally in advance of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Peggy Fletcher Stack

After his birth in Utah's Monument Valley, James Adakai's umbilical cord was buried at Bears Ears.

The Navajo Nation's commissioner for Bears Ears now worries such a sacred spot will be lost unless Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke agrees to meet with the state's tribal authorities during his four-day visit to Utah — a face-to-face conversation the secretary has so far declined.

Zinke needs to "listen to everyone," Adakai told a crowd of more than 1,000 supporters of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments gathered on the Capitol's steps Saturday afternoon.

Zinke intends to be in the Beehive State from Sunday to Wednesday as part of President Donald Trump's plan to review 27 large monuments designated since 1996.

The review could lead Trump to shrink the size of some monuments or possibly attempt to rescind one, which has never happened. Zinke has until June 10 to report back on the 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears monument, the last one created by President Barack Obama just weeks before his term ended. The secretary has a few more months to make recommendations on the others, including Grand Staircase. Zinke's fact-finding trip will be highly watched and highly political, with a much smaller anti-monument rally held in Blanding on Saturday.

Many in the larger Capitol crowd — including a contingent of American Indians — held signs that read "Save our monuments — antiquities in stone and bone," "Don't Trump Utah," "Don't give our public lands to greedy local politicians," "Rural Born Utahn for Bears Ears" and "Honor Tribal Sovereignty."

As they filled the Capitol's steps and spilled down the lawns, Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, told The Salt Lake Tribune he hoped Zinke would "walk the land with traditional tribal elders whose past and future is tied to Bears Ears." His group, which is led by Native Americans, sought the creation of the controversial monument over the objection of Utah's members of Congress and most state leaders.

Noyes opened the 1 p.m. rally under a blazing sun with a call for the Cabinet official to listen to more than just Utah's top politicians.

"Don't touch our monuments," he said. "Listen to the people, not the delegation."

The Dine Bikeyah director urged attendees to plant pro-monument signs in their yards so that when the Interior secretary arrives Sunday for meetings in Salt Lake City, he will be visually bombarded. Noyes further instructed supporters to pack Zinke's news conference scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday to make their wishes known.

Evangeline Gray, a Navajo medicine woman, offered a prayer to the Creator Spirit, calling on the divine to "get people to hear our voices ... that the land is precious to us ... and to touch [the delegation's] heart."

Virgil Johnson, chairman of the Utah Tribal Leaders Association, said: "We are stewards of this land ... protective of our land and beliefs."

Noting tribal sovereignty, Johnson said he asked for a meeting with Zinke while the Cabinet member was in Utah but was declined.

"We are not being heard," he said. "Our rights are being swept aside. ... It needs to stop."

That was followed by wild applause.

During Utah's legislative session earlier this year, state representatives passed resolutions asking the president either to reduce the size of Grand Staircase and Bears Ears or eliminate Bears Ears altogether.

"I represent a conservative district," state Rep. Patrice Arent, D-Millcreek, said "but I didn't hear from one person asking me to vote for these bills."

These lands are not just valuable to Utahns, but "all over the nation and world," Arent told the crowd. "We cannot afford to auction them off to the highest bidder."

She further argued that tourists visiting these monuments have helped, not hurt, the local economy — a point reiterated by Nate Waggoner, of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, near the Grand Staircase monument.

At the same time supporters were meeting in Salt Lake City, dozens of Bears Ears opponents gathered in Blanding's Pioneer Park.

"Unlike the rally being held 300 miles away at the state Capitol, the San Juan celebration of local voices is about bringing together those who know and love our public lands the most," Ryan Bennaly, vice president of Stewards of San Juan County, wrote on the group's website. "For the monument advocates far, far away, San Juan County is a vacation spot. For First Nations people, it's our home."

At the Blanding rally, Jami Bayles urged participants to meet back at the park Monday, when they hope to meet with the secretary in person.

"San Juan County is eager to have Secretary Zinke visit our home and see firsthand why locals oppose the national monument designation," Bayles wrote on the site. "We have worked tirelessly to advocate for what's best for this land, and it's nice to know that someone is finally listening."

Back at the Capitol rally, attended by many Native Americans and some residents of San Juan County, Jared Campbell of Salt Lake City brought his 3-year-old daughter, Phoebe, because she's "grown up living in the outdoors."

Recently, Campbell spent four days in the designated area, drinking in its beauty and grandeur.

After that experience, he wondered if monument opponents across the state have "touched the soil" there.

Zinke will have his chance this week. He plans a full day of meetings in San Juan County on Monday, followed by a visit to Bears Ears on Tuesday. He'll then travel to Kanab and a part of the Grand Staircase monument on Wednesday.

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10. **In our opinion: Reviewing the Antiquities Act is an important course of action**

The Deseret News, May 6 | Deseret News editorial board

We believe in the importance of conservation. The nation’s public and shared lands are a vital treasure that need to be preserved.

Yet, legislators must fix the Antiquities Act and allow for greater local input and decision-making power before monuments are made.

As Utah welcomes U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to the state this weekend, we also welcome his department's review of the Antiquities Act.

Sec. Zinke's visit to Utah comes as President Trump directed the Department of the Interior to review national monument designations made under the Antiquities Act since 1996 that exceed 100,000 acres. On Friday, the department released a list of 15 monuments under review and invited public comment. The Bears Ears (1,353,000 acres) and the Grand Staircase-Escalante (1,700,000 acres) monuments in Utah both made the list.

The review is a worthwhile endeavor to see what public input went in to the designations. It should help lead to legislative revisions of the Antiquities Act, which is being used to lock up land without the consent of local citizens.

Conservationists, of course, are fearful that this review will lead to rescinding or reducing of the Bears Ears National Monument. But, in the long-run, the important question for America is what should be the proper political process for declaring a monument designation that permits local involvement.

When President Theodore Roosevelt championed the Antiquities Act in the early 20th century, the legislation was enacted to protect Native American artifacts and sacred burial sites from looting and to preserve historic edifices or areas of scientific importance. Designations under the act were to “be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”

In recent years, however, with the stroke of a pen, the executive branch has restricted access to millions of acres of land without, in some instances, even consulting the local citizenry or their political representatives. No matter the original intent of the Antiquities Act, the law is increasingly used to sanction unacceptable federal overreach.

Shared governance and compromise is part of what makes the American system unique — abuse of the Antiquities Act is antithetical to those principles.

Reporting by Deseret News’ Jesse Hyde uncovered the behind the scenes political maneuvering that led to the Trump administration’s decision to review the law. Utah's senior Sen. Orrin Hatch played a major role in persuading Trump to look at rescinding or reducing the Bear’s Ears National Monument.

It’s well known that Utah’s political leaders have been lobbying the administration to reverse the order by President Obama creating the Bear’s Ears monument. In announcing the review, President Trump made it clear that he philosophically sides with Utah’s political leadership, saying, “The Antiquities Act does not give the federal government unlimited power to lock up millions of acres of land and water, and it is time we ended this abusive practice.”

If the administration is inclined to follow the advice of Utah’s governor, legislative leaders and congressional delegation and ultimately rescind or make changes to national monuments in Utah, it will immediately trigger lawsuits and a judicial review of the president's authority to do so.

What will come of such a legal battle is unclear, but the real long-term solution to this problem is to fix the legislation. Whether or not Bear’s Ears should be rescinded is a question separate from

the legitimacy of the Antiquities Act. Polls show Utahns are largely split on the issue of Bear's Ears. We believe the region deserves protection.

Political leaders, however, have couched the most recent designation as a “betrayal” by the Obama Administration of good-faith efforts by the state to cobble together a consensus on how best to protect the land. Supporters of the monument argue, with some justification, that the state’s efforts in that direction were doomed to succumb to political pressures as they stumbled through the legislative process in Washington. Others counter by pointing out that the prospect of a presidential monument designation caused negotiations to go no where since conservationists were confident they would get their monument anyway.

The solution, however, should not be that the executive branch steps in to pick a winner. Rather, the U.S. needs a system that fosters the kind of compromise and local solutions that were being worked out.

Reviewing the Antiquities Act with an eye toward congressional revision is an important course of action and one that will hopefully lead to good conservationism and sound practices of shared governance.

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11. Op-ed: Will Bears Ears Be the Next Standing Rock?

The New York Times, May 6 | Terry Tempest Williams

“Rising from the center of the southeastern Utah landscape and visible from every direction are twin buttes so distinctive that in each of the native languages of the region their name is the same: Hoon’Naqvut, Shash Jáa, Kwiyagatu Nukavachi, Ansh An Lashokdiwe, or ‘Bears Ears.’ For hundreds of generations, native peoples lived in the surrounding deep sandstone canyons, desert mesas … one of the densest and most significant cultural landscapes in the United States.”

— Proclamation by President Barack Obama establishing Bears Ears National Monument, Dec. 28, 2016

After seven years of organizing, the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition — made up of the Hopi, Navajo, Uintah and Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni Nations — played a key role in

securing the protection of 1.35 million acres surrounding Bears Ears from development and resource extraction just before President Obama left office.

But in our climate of political myopia, President Trump recently ordered the Interior Department to review the size and scope of national monuments larger than 100,000 acres created since 1996. He complained that these designations “unilaterally put millions of acres of land and water under strict federal control,” called them a “massive federal land grab” and directed Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review and reverse some of them.

There is a subtext here, as his order made clear. Monument designations, the document said, can “create barriers to achieving energy independence” and “otherwise curtail economic growth.” Among the likely beneficiaries of any reversals are the oil and gas industries, mining and logging interests and commercial development.

In issuing this order, President Trump — who has never visited Bears Ears — apparently chose to listen to the bellicose politicians of Utah and do the bidding of Senator Orrin Hatch and Representatives Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz, who complain that Utahns were cut out of the process. Call that another alternative fact. The lawmakers claim it was an endgame move by the departing President Obama to create a “midnight monument.”

The truth is, the establishment of Bears Ears National Monument was a healing moment of historic importance. A unique agreement was reached between Indian tribes and the United States government for a collaborative approach to the management of Bears Ears. It was a clasp of hands across history. It was also about America looking into the deep future rather than into the narrow exhaust pipe of today. It was about drilling for hope and dignity, rather than fossil fuels.

But now Bears Ears could very well become another Standing Rock in both desecration and resistance — the latest example of a new colonialism, with the government bulldozing Indian sovereignty and privileging Big Oil. “If the Trump administration moves forward with their interests, they are taking us backward 100 years, rupturing trust once again between the federal government and Indian people,” Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, a former councilwoman from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, said.

No president has ever attempted to abolish a national monument, and it is unclear whether a president has the power to do it without Congress. And no president in the last half-century has reduced the size of a monument.

Bears Ears is a cradle of Native American history. Far from creating a “midnight monument” willed into existence at the slash of a presidential pen, the Obama designation provides these sacred lands with the protection that has long been in the prayers and dreams of tribal leaders.

“Bears Ears is all about Indian sovereignty,” said Russell Begaye, the president of the Navajo Nation.

The removal of one square inch from Bears Ears National Monument will be seen as an assault on the home ground of Native Americans in the American Southwest, a disrespect for their ceremonial lives and the traditional knowledge of their ancestors. Hundreds of thousands of artifacts are buried in the serpentine canyons and shifting pink sands of Cedar Mesa, hidden, until exposed by rain or wind or theft. The desecration of Indian graves has prompted F.B.I. raids and convictions.

But it’s not just about local desecration. So much of the American West these days is under threat of development and fossil fuel extraction. Our very sense of wildness and wilderness is at stake, from Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah to the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks in New Mexico. “This is a war on our public lands,” said Senator Tom Udall, Democrat of New Mexico. Our national parks and monuments and other public lands are breathing spaces for a society increasingly holding its breath.

“We are not just protecting these lands for our people, but all people,” Jonah Yellowman, a Navajo medicine person and spiritual leader, said.

As a Utahn, I have spent considerable time in the pinyon-juniper-laced mesas and sandstone canyons of Bears Ears. This is a landscape of immense stillness where ancient handprints left on red rock walls are a reminder of who came before us and who will follow.

If President Trump is successful in rescinding Bears Ears National Monument, it will be a breach of faith with our future and our past. Over 330 million visits were made to the national parks last year. One park or monument at risk means all are at risk. Pick yours: Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Big Bend, Acadia. The federal Bureau of Land Management has proposed

issuing oil and gas leases just outside Zion National Park, one of the nation's most visited parks. Forty national parks are vulnerable to oil and gas extraction.

A portrait of Andrew Jackson has been newly hung in the Oval Office over Donald Trump's shoulder. The portrait might remind our 45th president of how Jackson signed the 1830 Indian Removal Act, which lit the match to America's criminal treatment of native people. The Trail of Tears is just part of Jackson's legacy. His face still remains on the $20 bill — fitting perhaps, since so much of the battle over land is the battle over the dollar.

No amount of money is a substitute for beauty. No amount of political power can be matched by the power of the land and the indigenous people who live here. If we do not rise to the defense of these sacred lands, Bears Ears National Monument will be reduced to oil rigs and derricks, shining bright against an oiled sky of obliterated stars.

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12. Zinke promises to hear out protestors of rescinding national monuments

The Washington Times, May 6 | Ben Wolfgang

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Sunday launched a "listening tour" across Utah designed to quell an uproar over his department's controversial review of national monuments.

Mr. Zinke is spearheading a federal study of more than two dozen land and marine monuments following an executive order from President Trump last month.

The process is likely to lead to the first revocation of a U.S. monument, though there are still outstanding legal questions about whether a president has the power to make such a rescission.

Attempts to un-designate any monument surely will be met with legal challenges from environmental groups and tribal groups.

Mr. Zinke's review notably includes Utah's Bears Ears National Monument, established late in President Barack Obama's tenure and a prime example, critics say, of the previous

administration stretching the century-old Antiquities Act to its breaking point in declaring vast areas of land as monuments and shutting them off from energy exploration and other activities.

Mr. Zinke met Sunday afternoon in Salt Lake City with members of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, kicking off a trip that will include a stop at Bears Ears on Tuesday and conclude Wednesday.

While Sunday's meeting was not open to the public or press, about 500 people protested outside the building as it occurred, carrying signs and shouting "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears!"

Talking with reporters after the meeting, Mr. Zinke said the local Indians are "smart, capable, passionate, and have a deep sense of tie to their culture and want to preserve it."

He said no decisions had been made and that he was coming to Utah "without any predisposition of outcome."

Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, Utah Republican, said Sunday evening that the Indians might be being manipulated by left-wing political groups.

More broadly, the monuments review includes sites dating back to 1924's Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho through Bears Ears.

Other notable monuments under review include Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach in Washington, Grand Canyon-Parashant in Arizona, the Papahanaumokuakea marine monument off the coast of Hawaii and a host of others.

Though the review need not mean any will be stripped of their designations, it's clear the administration intends to shrink the number of monuments and, in the process, open up that land for energy development.

Critics charge that the listening tour, along with the fact that the Interior Department is soliciting public comments as part of its study, is a sham.

"Trump and Zinke pretend to care what the public thinks, but they're really only listening to the oil, gas and timber industries. It's special interests, not the public, that want these monuments to lose protection," said Randi Spivak, public lands director at the Center for Biological Diversity.

"We must leave these spectacular cultural and national treasures just as they are. Our grandchildren won't look back and wish we'd cut down more trees or drilled for more oil."

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13. National Monuments: Presidents Can Create Them, but Only Congress Can Undo Them

Govexec.com, May 6 | Nicholas Bryner, Eric Biber, Mark Squillace and Sean B. Hecht

On April 26 President Trump issued an executive order calling for a review of national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act. This law authorizes presidents to set aside federal lands in order to protect "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest."

Since the act became law in 1906, presidents of both parties have used it to preserve 157 historic sites, archaeological treasures and scenic landscapes, from the Grand Canyon to key landmarks of the civil rights movement in Birmingham, Alabama.

President Trump calls recent national monuments "a massive federal land grab," and argues that control over some should be given to the states. In our view, this misrepresents the law. National monuments can be designated only on federal lands already owned or controlled by the United States.

The president's order also suggests that he may consider trying to rescind or shrink monuments that were previously designated. Based on our analysis of the Antiquities Act and other laws, presidents do not have the authority to undo or downsize existing national monuments. This power rests with Congress, which has reversed national monument designations only 10 times in more than a century.

Contests over land use

Trump's executive order responds to opposition from some members of Congress and local officials to national monuments created by Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. It calls for Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review certain national monuments created since 1996 and to recommend "Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions," presumably to shrink

or eliminate these monuments. The order applies to monuments larger than 100,000 acres, as well as others to be identified by Secretary Zinke.

When a president creates a national monument, the area is “reserved” for the protection of sites and objects there, and may also be “withdrawn,” or exempted, from laws that would allow for mining, logging or oil and gas development. Frequently, monument designations grandfather in existing uses of the land, but prohibit new activities such as mineral leases or mining claims.

Zinke said that he will examine whether such restrictions have led to “loss of jobs, reduced wages and reduced public access” in communities around national monuments. Following Secretary Zinke’s review, the Trump administration may try either to rescind monument designations or modify them, either by reducing the size of the monument or authorizing more extractive activities within their boundaries.

Two of the most-contested monuments are in Utah. In 1996 President Clinton designated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, a region of incredible slot canyons and remote plateaus. Twenty years later, President Obama designated Bears Ears National Monument, an area of scenic rock formations and sites sacred to Native American tribes.

Utah’s governor and congressional delegation oppose these monuments, arguing that they are larger than necessary and that presidents should defer to the state about whether to use the Antiquities Act. Local officials have raised similar complaints about the Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada and the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine, both designated by Obama in late 2016.

What the law says

The key question at issue is whether the Antiquities Act gives presidents the power to alter or revoke decisions by past administrations. The U.S. Constitution gives Congress the power to decide what happens on “territory or other property belonging to the United States.” When Congress passed the Antiquities Act, it delegated a portion of that authority to the president so that administrations could act quickly to protect resources or sites that are threatened.

Critics of recent national monuments argue that if a president can create a national monument, the next one can undo it. However, the Antiquities Act speaks only of designating monuments. It says nothing about abolishing or shrinking them.

Two other land management statutes from the turn of the 20th century – the Pickett Act of 1910 and the Forest Service Organic Act of 1897 – gave the president authority to withdraw other types of land, and also specifically stated that the president could modify or revoke those actions. These laws clearly contrast with the Antiquities Act's silence on reversing past decisions.

In 1938, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt considered abolishing the Castle-Pinkney National Monument – a deteriorating fort in Charleston, South Carolina – Attorney General Homer Cummings advised that the president did not have the power to take this step. (Congress abolished the monument in 1951.)

Congress enacted a major overhaul of public lands law in 1976, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, repealing many earlier laws. However, it did not change the Antiquities Act. The House Committee that drafted the 1976 law also made clear in legislative reports that it intended to prohibit the president from modifying or abolishing a national monument, stating that the law would "specifically reserve to the Congress the authority to modify and revoke withdrawals for national monuments created under the Antiquities Act."

The value of preservation

Many national monuments faced vociferous local opposition when they were declared, including Jackson Hole National Monument, which is now part of Grand Teton National Park. But over time Americans have come to appreciate them.

Indeed, Congress has converted many monuments into national parks, including Acadia, the Grand Canyon, Arches and Joshua Tree. These four parks alone attracted over 13 million visitors in 2016. The aesthetic, cultural, scientific, spiritual and economic value of preserving them has long exceeded whatever short-term benefit could have been derived without legal protection.

As Secretary Zinke begins his review of Bears Ears and other national monuments, he should heed that lesson, and also ensure that his recommendations do not overstep the president's lawful authority.

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14. Op-ed: National monuments are a positive economic force for rural communities

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Amy Roberts

The next several months are pivotal for the future of America's public lands. It is not easy to articulate how we have gotten to this point – but here we are.

It seems like only yesterday that the outdoor industry and outdoor recreation economy were tiny blips on the radar of our national economy and jobs figures, yet over the last 20 years, the outdoor recreation economy has grown exponentially and contributes $887 billion per year to the nation's GDP, and is responsible for over 7 million American jobs across the country.

The outdoor recreation economy, and the industry that supports it, is a major force in international trade, economic development, job creation and public lands policy and is a major financial contributor to programs that get kids and families outside across the nation. It is a growing economy that is uniquely American.

The outdoor industry supports protecting our nation's public lands, not just because the American landscape and its rugged, natural beauty sets our nation apart from the rest of the world, but also because America's public lands are the very foundation, the infrastructure, of the massive outdoor recreation economy.

So, why are the next few months so pivotal? President Trump signed an Executive Order last month ordering the Department of the Interior to review the designation of National Monuments over 100,000 acres in size and created between 1996 and the end of 2016 under the authority of the Antiquities Act, a Teddy Roosevelt-era law that has protected more of America's landscapes and waterways than perhaps any other law. Interestingly, the majority of Utah's National Parks were first protected as monuments.

As part of his department's review, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke has stated that he is committed to a transparent process that will take into account the views of multiple stakeholders. This is a good starting point, and we look forward to working with the Administration, Secretary Zinke and others to highlight the significant, beneficial role National Monuments and the Antiquities Act play in our American heritage, the protection of iconic places, and the development of local economies built on recreation and tourism.

The notion that monuments are harmful to their surrounding communities and result in net job loss is demonstrably false. Cities and towns that have protected lands like National Parks and Monuments attract employers in fast-growing economic sectors like tech and health care. It is proven that the communities that protect and invest in recreation infrastructure end up having more diverse economies and are better prepared to weather potential economic downturns.

While it is true that some traditional jobs do, at times, decrease with the designation of a monument in the short-term, those losses tend to stabilize even as the local economy transitions. The addition of monuments in most cases speeds up the economic diversification of the local community from traditional rural economies to a more dynamic combination of energy development, agriculture, ranching, tourism and outdoor recreation that coexist on the land. These economies and the local tax base that supports schools and government services benefit from adding more recreation-related businesses such as guide services, retailers, manufacturers and additional service related jobs such as doctors, engineers and teachers. Outdoor recreation generates $59 billion in state and local tax revenue.

As Secretary Zinke visits Utah this week and begins the evaluation of past monument designations, we ask that he remember that our national monuments are already the people's lands and that he consider the full and positive impact they have on the overall physical and economic health of our nation. We hope he notes the benefits they provide to our rural communities by counting ALL of the businesses and jobs added over a period of time after a designation, and the growth of the community's economy before and after the designation. As we have seen in Garfield County, Utah or Chaffee County, Colorado, if the process is truly transparent, the findings will be enlightening and should inform any eventual decision by this Administration on existing and future national monuments.

Amy Roberts is executive director of the Outdoor Industry Association.

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15. **Rallies over Bears Ears act as prelude to Zinke's visit**

KSL News, May 7 | Jasen Lee and Marjorie Cortez

SALT LAKE CITY — For scores of Utahns, preserving the monument status of the state's newest protected public lands and one of its more revered places was more than enough reason to spend a weekend afternoon at the state Capitol.

Hundreds of people fanned out across the front lawn and stairs leading up to the Capitol on Saturday to show their support for the national monument status of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.

The "Monumental Rally," as it was called, was organized as "an urgent call to action" because the two monuments are in the crosshairs of powerful political interests, including Utah's congressional delegation and members of the Trump administration.

Opponents call the designations by two Democratic presidents — Barack Obama for Bears Ears and Bill Clinton for Grand Staircase-Escalante — federal overreach that didn't take into account the feelings and sensibilities of local interests.

Contrarily, supporters believe the designations preserve the land considered hallowed by Native Americans for centuries.

"My ancestors lived in the area and traded with other Native Americans in the area," explained Hank Stevens, member of the Navajo Nation. "The land is sacred in Native American culture. It's very important."

Stevens expressed concern that if the monument status were rescinded by the Trump administration, revered artifacts may be destroyed and many of the traditions practiced by local tribes could be lost.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is scheduled to be in Utah this week to visit with stakeholders concerned about the designation of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante as national monuments. The Trump administration has directed Zinke to conduct a 45-day review of the Bears Ears monument and a 120-day review of Grand Staircase-Escalante, then offer some recommendations.

The state Capitol rally was organized by Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Diné Bikéyah — a nonprofit organization that supports indigenous communities in protecting culturally significant ancestral lands.

Noyes said Utahns must show Zinke that supporters intend to defend culturally important places such as Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.

"This event is really important to remind Utahns that this is not a political issue," he said. "All Utahns care about our public lands and monuments. I'm proud to see so many of my fellow citizens out here supporting each other and supporting the land, and standing up for what's best for our future.

"We (also) want to remind people that local voices matter, and they should have a say in how lands are treated in this state. The governor and the Utah (congressional) delegation are out of touch."

Buoyed by a strong turnout, with throngs of people wearing "Protect Bears Ears" T-shirts and many hoisting signs supporting the individual causes of both national monuments, Noyes said he believes the message of the people will resonate with Zinke while he's in Utah.

"If Secretary Zinke gets a full understanding of who we are as Utahns and what our landscapes are like, I absolutely think that he would stand with us defend these lands," Noyes said.

Salt Lake City resident Ian Wade said because Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante are such "special" places, they deserve the added protection of monument status. He attributed much of the opposition to the monument status to partisanship.

"It's a political thing. People are just opposed to the idea that President Obama designated something in Utah just like they hated President Clinton when he designated Grand Staircase," Wade said. "Just the simple anger that a Democrat would do something in a Republican state."

Meanwhile, opponents of the monument designation gathered simultaneously at Pioneer Park in Blanding for a rally organized by Stewards of San Juan County.

Unlike monument supporters who are backed by corporations and the likes of actor Leonardo DiCaprio, Stewards of San Juan County has been a true grass-roots effort, said the organization’s president, Jami Bayles.

People have literally walked up to her and other leaders of the group on the streets, offering the cash in their pockets to fight the designation, she said.

Ultimately, “it’s a fight about what’s right and what’s wrong,” Bayles said.

Area residents have been slighted by name-calling, insults, purposely left out by organizations conducting public opinion polls, and personal accounts of some opponents of the designation have even been dismissed as “fake news,” she said.

“We’ve been told by out-of-state recreation enthusiasts that, ‘My hobby is more important than your livelihood. If you don’t like it, go live somewhere else,’” Bayles said.

Through it all, area residents have stood resolute against the designation in the waning days of the Obama administration.

“The best part is we did this together. We did this on our own time and, we did this on our own dime. We paid for all this ourselves,” Bayles said.

San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman urged those in attendance to be “loud and controversial.” Otherwise, the county “is going to be steamrolled,” he said.

Still, Bayles and Lyman urged opponents to comport themselves with grace and decency during Zinke’s upcoming visit to the area and the ongoing fight.

"It's San Juan County's opportunity to show who we are with dignity and respect," Lyman said.

While Bears Ears is one of 27 national monuments that will be reviewed under an executive order by President Trump signed Friday, the outcome is yet unknown. Bayles said opponents of the designation will continue to fight “long and hard. We’re going to fight with everything that we have.”

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, addressing the rally via FaceTime, said he will urge Zinke during his upcoming visit to Utah to end the monument designation.

“It’s time to expect, my fellow Americans, to expect more. It’s time to expect freedom,” Lee said.

Eva Clarke, secretary of Stewards of San Juan County, said the fight has been a painful reminder that area residents must constantly be engaged to protect the land and way of life.

Area residents have joined forces with “my ancestors … who first loved this beautiful, red earth,” Clarke said.

“Thank you so much. Keep up the good fight,” she said.

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16. Zinke met by protest as he arrives to consider Utah voices on national monuments

The Deseret News, May 7 | McKenzie Romero

SALT LAKE CITY — While protestors clogged the sidewalk outside, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said he will be gathering perspectives of people on all sides of a deeply controversial issue as he reviews the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments.

Zinke landed in Salt Lake City on Sunday bound for his four-day "listening tour" regarding the monuments — both designated by Democratic presidents and decried by Utah Republicans — but the voices on the street expressed their doubt the secretary will listen much at all.

Speaking to reporters in the offices of Utah's Bureau of Land Management, Zinke said that while many of the nearly 30 national monuments he will be reviewing enjoy widespread support, he doesn't believe that's the case with Bears Ears.

"The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah," Zinke said, citing the outcry from state legislators and congressmen over the designation, and a Native American population he says is at odds with one another.

Zinke went on to say he has no doubt the area will be a breathtaking "cultural treasure," but he isn't decided about how it should be protected.

"I'm sure what I'm going to find over the next couple of days is beautiful, beautiful land worthy of protection. What vehicle that takes, I don't want to be predisposed because I haven't see it and haven't talked to everybody yet," Zinke said.

Outside, Dena Williams, of Salt Lake City, stood with her two sons among the crowd of protesters watching for a glimpse of Zinke's motorcade. The family carried signs demanding, "Keep public lands in public hands."

"This is important because this is about their future, their quality of life, and everything they hold important today and in the future is at risk," Williams said of her two boys.

Asked if she thinks Zinke will listen to that plea, Williams said she "wants to remain hopeful, but it's hard to tell."

Nikolas Johnson, 14, and Lukas Johnson, 12, are active with the Boy Scouts of America, going often to Grand Staircase to hike, camp and enjoy nature.

"The president or anyone else shouldn't be controlling the lands. It should be the people," Nikolas said.

Lukas said he wants the nature he enjoys to be preserved for other kids in the future, voicing concern that without protections, "lousy coal and oil" will take over the land.

Under an executive order from President Donald Trump, Zinke will conduct a 45-day review of the Bears Ears monument and a 120-day review of Grand Staircase-Escalante before sending his recommendations to the White House.

"I'm looking at making sure we follow the law, what the Antiquities Act was intended to do, talking to all parties, and getting a perspective of making sure Utah and the stakeholders have a voice," Zinke said of the reviews.

While Zinke acknowledged no U.S. president has ever rescinded a national monument, he noted that few monuments "are to the scale of the recent actions," and saying it's not uncommon for a monument and its boundaries to be modified.

Rallies for and against the monument designations over the weekend prefaced Zinke's visit.

Opponents of the monuments say the designations by Democratic presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton are examples of federal overreach that didn't take into account the feelings and sensibilities of local interests.

But supporters believe setting the areas aside under the Antiquities Act preserves land considered hallowed by Native Americans for centuries and ensures they will remain intact for future generations to enjoy.

Zinke met Sunday with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which is made up of leaders of the Hopi Tribe, Utah Navajo Chapter of Olijato, Navajo Nation Council, Ute Indian Tribe and Zuni Tribe.

The secretary called it the first time the tribal leaders have had an opportunity to voice their perspectives about the monument designations, describing the mistrust he believes they feel over a history of efforts to manage the land.

A similar mistrust, Zinke says, is felt by Utahns living near the monuments, the state's elected leaders and others.

However, at least some representatives of Native American groups in the state say they have been cut out of the conversation. Virgil Johnson, tribal chairman of the confederated tribes of the Goshute nation, was among the protestors Sunday and said his letter requesting a meeting with Zinke was denied.

"The executive order gives us a right to come to the table, but they're making decisions without native voices at the table," Johnson said. "What we would like is for him to see why we are very protective of our sacred grounds and the artifacts that are left there."

Throughout his media appearance, Zinke called himself a Montana man; a former geologist who is fascinated by archaeology; a military commander who wants to see "the frontlines" of any situation; an admirer of President Teddy Roosevelt, who created the Antiquities Act and designated the first national monument; and someone who is not an advocate of transferring or selling public lands.

Zinke also met Sunday with Sens. Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee, both R-Utah, followed by meetings with the State Historic Preservation Office and Utah Department of Heritage; legislative leadership and Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes; and the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

At the media appearance, Hatch introduced the secretary as someone who is "experienced in Western lands" and "understands what we're up against."

Afterward, Hatch said Native Americans in Utah "may not understand" how a national monument designation restricts what they are able to do on the land. Asked to provide examples of what tribes would no longer be able to do, Hatch simply said the reasons would take too much time to go into.

"They would be severely restricted on what they could or could not do on the land," Hatch said. "I can just tell you it will never cease until the far left gets their way in locking up all these lands in Utah, and we're just not going to allow that."

Hatch said there are a number of political obstacles between different Native American groups in the state and that sometimes different groups are "manipulated." He also said the state's elected leaders "love Utah" and will ensure it's protected without being "shoved around by radical people from elsewhere, on either side of the issues."

On Monday, Zinke will be joined by Gov. Gary Herbert and members of the state's congressional delegation as he flies over Bears Ears and takes a tour of the House of Fire site.

Moving forward, Zinke encouraged Utahns wanting to weigh in on the review to visit regulations.gov in the coming weeks to leave a comment.

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17. Zinke starts review of Utah's Bears Ears National Monument

The Las Vegas Review-Journal, May 7 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will start a four-day Utah trip Sunday to assess whether 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled down or even rescinded.

The re-evaluation of the new Bears Ears National Monument on sacred tribal lands and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, created in 1996, is part of an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump calling for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

The Bears Ears monument, a source of ire for Utah's conservative leadership, is a top priority in the review.

Zinke has been tasked with making a recommendation on that monument by June 10, about 2 ½ months before a final report about all the monuments.

Utah Republican leaders, led by U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, campaigned hard to get President Donald Trump to take a second look a monument designated by President Barack Obama near the end of his term.

Hatch and others contend the monument designation is a layer of unnecessary federal control that hurts local economies by closing the area to new energy development.

Hatch said in a statement he looks forward to hosting Zinke and showing him “our beautiful state and working with him to give the people of San Juan County a voice in protecting the lands they’ve lived on for generations.”

Zinke will spend Sunday in Salt Lake City before traveling Monday to the southeastern corner of Utah to spend time in the Bears Ears area.

On Wednesday, he’ll be in the area near the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Interior officials haven’t made public the details of whom Zinke plans to meet with. But officials with a coalition of five tribes that pushed for the Bears Ears designation said they have a one-hour meeting with Zinke Sunday in Salt Lake City.

Natasha Hales, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition lead staffer, said members plan to tell Zinke about their long history with the Bears Ears land and the landscape’s sacred importance.

They also plan to reiterate that they willing to take legal action to defend the monument if needed.

“The Utah congressional delegation is cherry picking a few voices in opposition to this but there’s overwhelming support for this,” Hales said. “We wanted to take Secretary Zinke out on the ground with our people and show him around but that invitation was never extended.”

The monument review is rooted in the belief Trump and other critics that a law created by President Theodore Roosevelt to designate the monument has been improperly used to protect wide expanses of lands instead of places with particular historical or archaeological value.

Grand Staircase-Escalante is 1.9 million acres, about the size of Delaware. Bears Ears is a bit smaller at 1.3 million acres.

Conservation groups counter that the review puts in limbo protections on large swaths of land home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and oceans habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

Environmental groups have vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts to rescind monuments, which would be unprecedented.

Patagonia, the outdoor clothing company, put ads in newspapers in Utah and Montana over the weekend playing off Trump's own comments at the signing of the executive order in which he said, "I've heard a lot about Bears Ears, and I hear it's beautiful."

"Mr. President, Bears Ears National Monument is beautiful," the ad said, listing how it has more species diversity than Yellowstone and darker skies than Yosemite.

Zinke has said the report will recommend whether any monuments should be abolished or resized.

He promises an open-minded approach and said he remains opposed to selling any federal land or transferring it to state or local control.

Congress might weigh in as well. Numerous bills on the issue were introduced in the previous session, including measures to prevent the president from establishing or expanding monuments in particular states and to require consent of Congress or state legislatures.

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18. **The new range war**

The Christian Science Monitor, May 7 | Amanda Paulson

MAY 7, 2017 SALMON, IDAHO—Merill Beyeler bears the classic look of a Western rancher. He's got the leathery face of someone who has spent a lot of time outdoors. He wears flannel shirts, jeans, and a bone-colored cowboy hat.

Mr. Beyeler, whose family roots in Idaho's Lemhi County extend back to the 1850s, is also a rock-ribbed Republican. True, in Idaho, one of the reddest states in the nation, most people are Republican. But in Lemhi County, a hauntingly beautiful expanse of bald, taupe mountains and verdant river valleys wedged up against the Montana border, virtually no one puts a Democratic

bumper sticker on his or her pickup. So you'd think that people like Beyeler would be happy at the prospect of the new Trump administration, buttressed by one of the most conservative cabinets in decades, ushering in a dramatic change in the management of public lands in the West. You'd think that they would relish the prospect of federal agencies either opening up more expanses to ranchers and commercial interests or giving more control back to the states.

You'd be wrong.

While Beyeler occasionally chafes at the way federal lands are managed, he doesn't want US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management land opened up unconditionally to loggers or developers, or – worse – handed over to bureaucrats in Boise and sold off. "The reason you come home is that this is the soul of our people," he says. "When you look at our public lands in that respect – as an economic driver and as the soul of our state – the idea of losing that, or risking that, is just too great."

As the Trump administration works to fashion an identity in Washington, one of the big questions is how much the federal government will change its stewardship of public lands in the West. With Republicans in control of Congress, many envision a significant shift in access to and development of public expanses similar to what happened under the Reagan administration 35 years ago. They believe it could be one of the signature achievements of the Trump era. A few on the right are even pushing for an outright transfer of some of those lands back to state control.

Yet others – including many Republicans – occupy a more pragmatic middle. Like Beyeler, they are looking for a recalibration rather than a land-management revolution. They believe that the natural landscape is as much a part of the region's identity as coal seams and oil shale and requires at least some federal stewardship. And they believe firmly that public lands need to stay public – not sold off to private interests.

When Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R) of Utah recently introduced a bill in Congress to sell 3.3 million acres of federal lands in the West, he was forced to withdraw the legislation days later because of the backlash from his own constituents, many of whom regularly fish for steelhead trout or hunt elk on federal lands.

"I've been working in this field for 17 years, and no one has ever seen a congressman introduce a bill and then withdraw it within a week," says Land Tawney, director of Backcountry Hunters

and Anglers, a nonprofit that fiercely opposed the bill. “The sportsman community is about 70 percent conservative. We’re finding this is a unifying issue, with folks on both sides of the aisle. There can be nothing more American than our public lands.”

The land-use decisions of the next four years will have the most impact in places like Lemhi County, which is 92 percent owned by the federal government. Few areas of the United States are more remote than the high desert sagebrush area here.

Salmon, the county’s largest town, is 90 miles from a railroad, and 150 miles from an airport, the Interstate, or a Wal-Mart. The county is empty, stark, and stunning. Local ranchers and residents differ – even within families – over how public lands should be managed. But some of them are also working with government officials in a way that could become a model for solving future land wars in the West.

The battle over public lands and resources is as old as westward expansion itself. It extends from early fights over mining and water claims in the 1800s to the Sagebrush Rebellion of the 1970s to the anti-Washington “wise-use movement” of the 1980s and ’90s. The only constant in it all is the ebb and flow of tensions between Western residents and the largest landholder, Washington.

“The political side of it dates all the way back to the creation of the country,” says Robert Keiter, a law professor at the University of Utah and director of the Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and the Environment.

Last year, simmering frustrations about federal control over Western lands culminated most visibly in the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon by militant ranchers. Yet Westerners’ grievances have been finding an outlet through various assaults in Washington as well.

In late April, the Trump administration ordered the Interior Department to review some 30 places that have been designated national monuments over the past 20 years. The White House believes the designations have increasingly set aside more land than was intended under the 1906 Antiquities Act, costing the nation jobs. Environmentalists see the move undermining one of the most important tools for protecting national parks and public lands.

The change could affect places such as the Bears Ears National Monument, in the red-rock area of southern Utah, which was protected in the waning days of the Obama administration. Several Utah lawmakers, including Mr. Chaffetz and Republican Rep. Rob Bishop, have been pressing to

overturn the designation. (In response, the Outdoor Industry Association pulled a trade show, which brings about $45 million a year to Utah, from Salt Lake City.)

Western lawmakers have also been pushing the idea of selling off some public lands to private parties, or transferring them to state ownership. And the Trump administration is trying to repeal a regulation that requires oil and gas firms operating on public lands to control their methane emissions.

Behind all the rebellious moves is the size of Washington's real estate portfolio. The federal government owns 47 percent of all the land in 11 Western states. That ranges from a high of 85 percent in Nevada to a low of 30 percent in Montana.

"It's a long-standing irritation, and at times it becomes more pronounced," says Lynn Scarlett, global managing director for public policy for The Nature Conservancy and a former deputy Interior secretary under President George W. Bush. Ms. Scarlett says tensions have always simmered over how the federal government manages those lands in regard to energy development, mining, grazing rights, and endangered species.

What's new in the latest backlash, she says, is the focus on the lack of maintenance on public lands, which is largely the result of federal agencies getting less funding. Departments such as the Forest Service, BLM, and US Fish & Wildlife Service had hoped that highlighting the backlog of work would help them garner more funds. Instead, critics have just seized on the maintenance issues to buttress their argument that the federal government isn't the right steward of public lands.

"The bottom line is that we want our public lands to be managed in a way that's responsible," says Jennifer Fielder, a Montana state senator and chief executive officer of the American Lands Council, a leader in the call to transfer federal land to state control. "Those of us who live near here are sick of seeing the lock-it-up and let-it-burn policies out of Washington."

Senator Fielder says she watches the ineptitude from her living-room window in Montana. The Feds' inability or unwillingness to thin underbrush and perform other basic management practices, she says, led to a wildfire last summer becoming much larger, and more expensive, than it needed to be. "Forty thousand acres burnt to a crisp, habitat destroyed," she says.

Others believe that having an absentee landlord isn't the best way to care for property and that the people closest to the land are the ones who know best how to manage it – and should reap the benefits from it.

"Without these lands, you can't operate as a republican form of government inside your state," says Jim Chmelik, a former Idaho county commissioner and a leader of the land-transfer movement. "If you don't have access to your resources, you can't provide good-paying jobs and you can't provide a good quality of life."

Yet critics of shifting control to the states believe it will either lead to lands being sold off to private interests or an oil derrick being put on top of every ridge, despoiling the natural beauty that attracts people from around the country – and contributes to regional economies. States also have far fewer resources than Washington to manage the vast public expanses. And most states are required to balance their budgets, which could put pressure on them to sell lands in lean times, even if they vow not to do so.

As proof, critics point out that 11 Western states were granted a total of almost 77 million acres of land at statehood. They've sold off about 44 percent of those lands. Nevada, granted 2.7 million acres at its founding, now has just 3,000 acres of public state land.

"Study after study has shown states can't afford" to manage public lands well, says Mr. Tawney of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers.

Just south of Lehmi lies Custer County – home of some of the most spectacular wilderness in Idaho. The celebrated Middle Fork of the Salmon River flows through the area, and the rugged Sawtooth Mountains rise steeply from the plains. It's the third largest county in Idaho, but home to barely 4,000 people. Roughly 96 percent of the county is federal land.

"Custer County is the size of Connecticut, but we have one sheriff and four deputies," says Wayne Butts, a county commissioner who has lived in Challis, the county seat, since he was 8. "There's no tax bases."

Sitting next to the warmth of a wood-burning stove in his small-motor repair shop, he ticks off the economic limitations of living in a remote area: The county has a 100-year-old jail with just six beds in one room, making it impossible to house men and women at the same time. Local roads are in desperate need of repair, but no money exists to fix them. A decrease in grazing

rights on federal lands has led to fewer ranchers, resulting in less local revenue. A molybdenum mine, once the county's largest employer, shut down in 2014.

People come from all over the country to hike, fish, and play in Custer County, but don't add much to the economy, says Mr. Butts: Many of them drive in from Boise, bring their own food and camping supplies. They don't even buy gas in Custer.

"Old-time customs and culture – that's the way we like it," says Butts. To him, that means ranching, mining, logging. He's frustrated that federal lands increasingly seem to be managed to inhibit those activities.

Still, despite all those irritations, Butts isn't willing to back transferring lands to state ownership unless he sees a budget proposal that makes sense to him. He thinks either the state or local communities could do a better job managing the lands, but he is well aware of the costs involved. Instead, he wants to see limits put on turning any more private land into public land and hopes that the Trump administration and Republican Congress will help roll back some of the more onerous environmental protections on federal lands that already exist.

A few dozen miles to the east of Challis, in the shadow of Idaho's tallest peak, Mt. Borah, Steve Smith shares many of Butts's grievances. Mr. Smith and his parents live on his family's 2,800-acre ranch, where they have a herd of 400 cows.

Just a mention of public lands is enough to set Smith and his father, Wiley, off, venting about their years of vexation in dealing with the BLM and Forest Service. This has included navigating around what they see as burdensome protections for the sage grouse, as well as a BLM water-rights claim that took them years to defeat.

Yet even this father and son don't agree on whether control of public lands should be shifted from Washington to the states. Despite his virulent criticism of federal management, Wiley doesn't believe states have the resources to care for public lands.

Steve would like to see a modest transfer – perhaps 2 percent of total holdings – provided states have a plan for how they will manage the areas. "The ranchers, the miners, the loggers – they're the ones that have taken care of these areas," he says. "[Federal officials] put a black mark on those industries and don't see that [the land] has been in their care for 150 years."

Others are more adamant in their opposition to state control. On a cold, rainy Saturday in March, nearly 3,000 people gathered at the State Capitol in Boise to support public lands staying public – and under federal stewardship.

The demonstration attracted plenty of traditional environmentalists, but also hunters, anglers, and dirt-bike riders. “Rednecks and hippies unite!” read one sign. “I fill my freezer on public lands,” said another.

In between various chants – such as “Keep public lands in public hands!” – the crowd listened to speakers ranging from a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to a fifth-generation Idaho woman who talked of accompanying her mother on her first moose hunt when she was 8 days old.

“I hunt and I fish on public lands,” says Travis Long, who came to the rally from Kuna, Idaho, outfitted in camouflage. “I’ve got four kids and I want to make sure public lands remain that way.”

It is too early to know what a Trump administration will mean for public lands. Much of the push to undermine the power of federal oversight agencies, or to transfer or sell off public lands, is coming from Congress, and President Trump’s Interior secretary, Ryan Zinke, has repeatedly said he would never transfer or sell them.

“I think we’re in a better place with [Mr. Trump and Mr. Zinke] than we would have been with others interviewed for the Interior secretary, or with Ted Cruz,” says Whit Fosburgh, president and chief executive officer of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, a nonprofit that represents sportsmen and sportswomen.

At the same time, Mr. Fosburgh and other conservation leaders say they’re concerned about legislation that has been passed or proposed. In March, for instance, the Trump administration rescinded Barack Obama’s three-year moratorium on coal leases on federal land. A proposed bill in Congress would strip the Forest Service and BLM of their law enforcement powers, putting the job of policing environmental and other rules in the hands of local sheriffs.

“It’s one more attempt to weaken management of public lands,” says Fosburgh.

Trump's proposed budget also includes a 12 percent cut to the Interior Department, which could make maintenance of public lands even more problematic and give states more leverage in their quest to take over.

Eventually, it's possible that some of the hostility to Washington's handling of public lands will die down under the new administration. The Sagebrush Rebellion subsided once Reagan came to power.

"In the big picture politically, it would not surprise me if [the transfer movement] slowly disappears from the radar screen with Republicans in control of Congress and the White House," says Mr. Keiter, the Utah law professor. "It works as an oppositional strategy to more progressive or environmentally friendly policies of Democratic administrations."

Perhaps the best hope for ending the standoffs over public lands is a more collaborative approach in the canyons and valley floors of the West itself – far from the politics of Washington and statehouses. One such effort is under way in Salmon, where ranchers, federal agencies, and conservation groups are finding common ground.

"What doesn't get attention is the really good, responsible, productive work taking place on the Western landscape," says Beyeler, the Lemhi County rancher.

At the same time that the Malheur standoff was occurring, he notes, the Forest Service and BLM were working with a local rancher to help him get seven miles of pipeline approved in an area that includes an important salmon spawning tributary. Endangered sockeye salmon travel more than 900 miles, up 6,500 feet of elevation, to spawn in rivers and lakes here.

"It was a collaborative process," says Beyeler. "I worry that this tension on whether the state or federal government should own [public lands] distracts from the collaborative work."

Tom Page, another Salmon Valley rancher, got into ranching in part because he wanted to see if he could do it in a conservation-minded way – and make money. He is surprised by how hard it has been to navigate all the environmental rules and by how difficult lawsuits filed by activists make it for local landowners.

When he recently sought to get approval for 200 feet of fence on his grazing allotment, to keep cows from straying into restricted forest land, federal officials told him not to apply for the permit. Because it would disturb fish and sage grouse habitat, the US Forest Service "knows they

have to write a thick document for those 200 feet of fence," says Mr. Page, and that they're likely to be sued by environmentalists – which was not worth it, in their view, for such as small project.

The Upper Salmon area, Page agrees, has become a model for conservation and collaboration – but only because it has nonprofits and both federal and private money helping to support that work. In rural counties with less federal attention, there tends to be a lot less trust, he says.

Bob Cope has seen both cooperation and conflict. A large man with a deep voice and earthy sense of humor, he is a veterinarian for all the local ranchers as well as a Lemhi County commissioner. He has served on numerous state and federal committees representing Western interests.

With face-to-face collaboration and local involvement, he says public-lands disputes are solvable. But he understands people's frustrations, especially when they see onerous rules being made by people back East.

"We can work with our federal officials, but [local people] get handcuffed," he says. "We've had management by legislation and litigation. There's still a lot of mistrust on both sides…. People feel like they have no voice."

Over on the 25,000-acre ranch he's managed for 20 years, Shane Rosenkrance epitomizes the attitude of many people in this part of Idaho. He harbors a deep love for the lands he manages and the public holdings that surround them. Mr. Rosenkrance points to the imposing peaks rising out of the desert floor – the Lost River Range, the Pioneer Mountains, Mt. Borah. He wants them to remain in federal hands and not be sold to individuals who might turn them into their own private preserves.

"You can go anywhere you want," says Rosenkrance, whose family has lived in the valley for seven generations. "Residents appreciate that more than anyone. But we don't want some guy in New York telling us how to manage these lands, or to lock them up."

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19. **The Latest: Zinke says he may not favor shrinking monuments**

NewsOK, May 7 | The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Latest on a visit to Utah by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the designation of national monuments (all times local):

6:40 p.m.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke says he may not necessarily recommend that President Donald Trump rescind or shrink two Utah national monuments, and it's possible that once he views the red rock areas, he could decide the monuments need to be larger.

Zinke told reporters Sunday in Salt Lake City that his visit is a listening tour and he wants to ensure that the Antiquities Act was used as intended when Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments were declared.

The Interior secretary spoke to reporters after a closed-door meeting with leaders of a tribal coalition that campaigned for the monument.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

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5:05 p.m.

More than 500 protesters urging the protection of Utah's Bears Ears National Monument are demonstrating outside a Salt Lake City building where U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is meeting with tribal leaders.

Protesters carried signs Sunday and shouted "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears!" as Zinke started a four-day Utah trip.

He's assessing whether 3.2 million acres of the state's red rock region should remain national monuments or have borders scaled down.

Zinke's meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which pushed for the monument, was not open to the public or media.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

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4:15 p.m.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is meeting with a coalition of five tribes that pushed for President Barack Obama to designate Bears Ears National Monument.

Zinke's hour-long meeting Sunday with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition came as the Interior secretary kicked off a four-day tour in Utah.

The meeting was not open to the public or media, but Zinke is expected to speak to reporters later in the day.

While in Utah, he's expected to assess whether the designation of 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled back or rescinded.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

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U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is set to start a four-day Utah trip to assess whether the designation of 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled back or rescinded.

Zinke arrives in Salt Lake City Sunday to launch the re-evaluation of the new Bears Ears National Monument and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump's called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

The Bears Ears monument is a source of ire for Utah's conservative leadership and is a top review priority.

Zinke must make a recommendation on that monument by June 10 ahead of a final report about all the monuments.

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20. Zinke says monument designations have been an ‘effective tool,’ though ‘very few ... are to the scale of the recent actions’

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 7 | Matthew Piper

As he embarked on a tour of Utah to review two national monuments, Ryan Zinke said he sees no evidence Native American proponents of Bears Ears National Monument were exploited by special interest groups, as state leaders have suggested.

"I think they're smart, capable, passionate, and have a deep sense of tie to their culture and want to preserve it," the secretary of the Interior said after a meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which requested the monument on behalf of five tribes, at Salt Lake City's Bureau of Land Management office on Sunday.

Minutes later, however, Sen. Orrin Hatch said Native Americans are "manipulated sometimes by people" and that the "far left" has further designs on the 1.35 million acres in southeastern Utah protected by President Barack Obama on Dec. 28.

"The Indians, they don't fully understand that a lot of the things that they currently take for granted on those lands, they won't be able to do if it's made clearly into a monument or a wilderness," Hatch said.

Asked to describe which activities Obama's designation would prevent Native Americans from doing, Hatch said, "That'd take too much time right now."

Pressed further for one example, Hatch said: "Once you put a monument there, you do restrict a lot of things that could be done, and that includes use of the land. ... Just take my word for it."

Navajo nation delegate Davis Filfred, who serves as member of both the tribal coalition and a tribal commission created to provide input on management of the monument, said Sunday night that the meeting with Zinke was overdue.

"I told him today that you met with the Utah delegation more than a couple of times thus far and this is the first time that we are meeting," Filfred said. "I'm requesting equal time."

While Filfred and others fight to defend it, Hatch and other state leaders have four days to convince Zinke that the Bears Ears National Monument designation constituted federal overreach and defied the will of most of the region's inhabitants.

Zinke then has until June 10 to recommend to President Donald Trump a fate for the newborn monument.

He also will stop within the boundaries of Grand Staircase-Escalante — whose 1996 designation by President Bill Clinton is the starting point for a review of 27 large monuments that was ordered by Trump. Utah leaders hope Trump will drastically reduce the boundaries of the 1.9 million-acre monument.

Zinke said he arrives in Utah "without any predisposition of outcome."

"Over the course of our history, I think it's undisputed that the monuments have been an effective tool to save [and] preserve some of our greatest cultural treasures," Zinke said, though he later added that "very few monuments are to the scale of the recent actions.

"Some of the monuments are, I don't want to say universally but certainly widely, supported and accepted," Zinke said. "The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah."

His tour is reminiscent of one conducted last July by his predecessor, Sally Jewell, to inform Obama's decision.

Jewell witnessed striking vistas and delicate archaeological treasures as she weighed varied opinions about who should oversee them, and she concluded her visit by soliciting public comment for three hours inside a cramped Bluff Community Center.

The eventual designation hewed closely to boundaries in the Public Lands Initiative proposed by Utah's delegation, but if Obama's monument was intended as a compromise, it wasn't viewed that way by Utah leaders.

Hatch said Sunday that Obama made the declaration "without talking to any members of the delegation."

"It was pretty pathetic," he said.

Zinke's entourage drove past about two dozen protesters lining the 200 South border of The Gateway shopping mall as he accessed BLM offices Sunday for his first meeting with a full complement of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Zinke met earlier with Sens. Hatch and Mike Lee, Gov. Gary Herbert, Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes and state legislative leaders.

Proponents of the two disputed national monument designations worry that their voices will be absent from the Interior secretary's upcoming agenda.

Zinke's office rejected repeated requests to meet with members of the roundly pro-monument Boulder-Escalante Chamber of Commerce, writing "his current schedule is quite full and it's unlikely that he'll be able to accommodate any additional engagements." Chamber members were invited to comment on a forthcoming feedback website.

Members of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the monument, also have called publicly for a meeting and sent Zinke's office a letter Sunday describing two previous letters and "several email and verbal requests" to meet.

Executive Director Gavin Noyes said Sunday that the Bears Ears boundaries were drawn based on the group's conversations with 75 Native American elders.

"We want to make sure that he doesn't trim any boundaries without talking to people who know the Bears Ears area the best," Noyes said. "The biggest risk at this point is that he believes that [largely anti-monument] Blanding and Monticello residents are the only people that he needs to meet with."

The Center for Western Priorities' Greg Zimmerman declared in a Sunday statement that Zinke's itinerary "[makes] it clear he intends for his visit to Utah to be a one-sided affair, ignoring input from local stakeholders who support national monuments at Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante."

Tribal leaders who pushed for the monument have said they will sue to preserve the protections, if necessary.

Filfred said Zinke agreed to meet with members of the intertribal coalition only last Wednesday, after multiple requests went unanswered.

Sunday's hourlong meeting was insufficient for them to state their case for the monument, he said. He was unimpressed by Zinke's posture and took a cellphone photo of the secretary reclining in his chair.

"You're asking this question as if we're supposed to answer it in one sentence, one phrase, one paragraph," Filfred said.

Zinke said Sunday that it's clear involved Native Americans "have roots in that area. They recognize that this is the first time that they're at the table, and there is some distrust of previous efforts that the tribe and tribes, in this case, aren't heard. Remarkably, that's the same argument I hear from many counties and many elected officials: that the federal government by and large has not heard the local voice."

As a freshman representative from Montana, Zinke opposed a GOP effort to transfer federal lands to states.

"The federal government needs to do a much better job of managing our resources, but the sale or transfer of our land is an extreme proposal, and I won't tolerate it," he said last June after voting against a bill that would have given states the option to buy 2 million federal acres for logging.

He also took sides against Rob Bishop when the Utah representative, who serves as Natural Resources Committee chairman, tried to block funding to the Land and Water Conservation Fund that the government uses to buy and conserve potentially threatened lands.

In January, however, Zinke said there was "no doubt the president has the power to amend a monument" and "[i]t will be interesting to see if a president can nullify a monument."

Utah's Legislature resolved during this year's session to ask Trump to rescind Bears Ears despite legal scholars' doubts that he has such authority.

Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, who has been supported by Utah leaders as a candidate to lead the Bureau of Land Management, has said that "a whole lot of just plain old sagebrush" that could be ranched or mined lies within the boundaries of the two monuments.

A recent poll conducted by Dan Jones & Associates and commissioned by UtahPolicy.com found that a small majority of Utahns support reducing the acreage in Bears Ears or eliminating it altogether, while a similarly slim majority say Trump should leave the Grand Staircase as is.

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21. Zinke Begins Utah Listening Tour

KUER News, May 7 | Judy Fahys

Utahns for and against national monuments have been asking the Trump administration to weigh in on Bears Ears ever since it was created in December. U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke arrived in Utah Sunday to hear their concerns firsthand.

Around two hundred protestors gathered outside the federal Bureau of Land Management's state office as Zinke met inside with leaders of the five tribes that will help manage the new Bears Ears National Monument.

"There's a lot of anger out there," he said afterward, speaking with reporters. "There's a lot of mistrust out there."

Zinke's visit coincides with an open public comment period on 27 national monuments that have been created in the past two decades. He invited all Utahns and all Americans to voice their concerns. Zinke insists his mind is NOT made up.

"I'm talking to all parties," he said, "and getting a perspective of making sure that Utah and all the stakeholders have a voice."

He's scheduled to tour the new Bears Ears National Monument on foot, in a plane and on horseback over the next two days. Then he visits the Grand Staircase Escalante Monument.

The Interior Secretary also met Sunday with Utah Republican leaders. They've organized the tour to make a case that Bears Ears should be rescinded and the Grand Staircase should be shrunk.

"We're going to make sure Utah functions the way it should function and that it's protected and that it's not just shoved around by radical people from elsewhere," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, a Utah Republican who joined Zinke Sunday at the BLM.

Native Americans and conservationists throughout the state are among the monument supporters who complain they're being excluded from the Zinke meetings.

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22. Zinke in southern Utah to tour Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 8 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BLANDING — Native American supporters of the new Bears Ears National Monument talked Monday about the sacred nature of the rugged landscape and why it's so important to protect.

At an event hosted by Utah Dine Bikeyah, reporters and photographers in town for Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit were given aerial tours of the San Juan County monument.

The 30-minute flights come in advance of Zinke's scheduled hike to the House on Fire ruins near Mule Canyon, inside the monument footprint.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert is expected at the hike, as well as several staffers from Utah's congressional delegation.

Willie Grayeyes, chairman of the board of Utah Dine Bikeyah, said he hopes Zinke realizes that as Interior secretary he has a "trust responsibility" to Native Americans.

That responsibility, he added, should be part of Zinke's decision on whether the monument stands as Grayeyes hopes.

Members of Utah's congressional delegation have been united in opposition to Bears Ears' designation by former President Barack Obama late last year. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah led out on the effort that led to President Donald Trump signing an executive order on April 26 to review monument designations going back to 1996.

San Juan County commissioners were also at the airport for Zinke's arrival, which has stirred up residents. This is the second time in less than in a year that a secretary of the Interior has visited the region. Last summer, then-Secretary Sally Jewell was here.

“The windup has been pretty intense," said San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman, who said it was clear Zinke intended to listen to the variety of viewpoints about the December 2016 designation.

“He's gone above and beyond in that respect," he said. Lyman said the county leaders remain adamantly opposed to the monument.

"In this country we value consent, and this was done without our consent," he said.

This story will be updated throughout the day.

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23. Zinke kicks off Utah tour in national monuments review

The Hill, May 8 | Timothy Cama

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is in Utah this week to tour two controversial national monuments that the Trump administration is considering rescinding or shrinking.

Zinke arrived Sunday for meetings with stakeholders, including elected officials and a group of American Indian tribes that pushed for the creation of the Bears Ears National Monument.

At a news conference with Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) late Sunday, Zinke said that, unlike many other national monuments, Bears Ears doesn’t enjoy local support, according to the Salt Lake Tribune.

“Over the course of our history, I think it’s undisputed that the monuments have been an effective tool to save [and] preserve some of our greatest cultural treasures,” Zinke said, adding later that “very few monuments are to the scale of the recent actions.”

“Some of the monuments are, I don’t want to say universally, but certainly widely, supported and accepted,” he continued said. “The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah.”

Zinke pushed back on the narrative that the five nearby tribes that supported former President Barack Obama’s decision to protect the land were misled by environmentalists.

“I think they’re smart, capable, passionate, and have a deep sense of tie to their culture and want to preserve it,” Zinke said, according to the Tribune.

Zinke had met earlier with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.

Hatch, however, said he thinks the tribes were tricked.

“The Indians, they don't fully understand that a lot of the things that they currently take for granted on those lands, they won’t be able to do if it’s made clearly into a monument or a wilderness,” said Hatch, who declined to name specific activities that aren’t allowed within the monument area.

Dozens of protesters supporting the monuments faced Zinke outside the Salt Lake City offices of the Bureau of Land Management when he arrived, the Deseret News reported.

Zinke, Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) and others are taking a plane trip Tuesday to see Bears Ears from the air. Later in the week, he’ll tour parts of Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante national monument on horseback.

Interior will also take formal comments soon via mail and online as they consider a revisision of those monuments and two dozen others.

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24. Mr. Zinke, Keep Channeling Teddy Roosevelt

The New York Times, May 8 | The Editorial Board

On his first day on the job, Ryan Zinke, President Trump’s secretary of the interior, rode a horse to work, in plain imitation of Teddy Roosevelt, who as president used to gallop around Washington, and whose admirable record as a conservationist Mr. Zinke says he hopes to emulate.

By all accounts, Mr. Zinke, a former Navy SEALs member and congressman from Montana, is not a dope. He therefore knows that he cannot possibly match Mr. Roosevelt if he embraces the dismaying anti-environmental agenda Mr. Trump has saddled him with.

As David Roberts of Vox has pointed out, that agenda is both plutocratic and lazy. It seeks to confer new benefits on oil and gas interests that are already richly favored. Yet it requires nothing of Mr. Trump himself. All he has done is issue executive orders that tell someone else to do the work. He cannot scrap the clean power rule or President Barack Obama's aggressive fuel efficiency standards; the relevant federal agencies will have to face the laborious and uncertain process of writing new rules and whatever court challenges those rules bring.

In similar fashion, in two separate orders, Mr. Trump has instructed Mr. Zinke to review Obama policies designed to protect important landscapes for the enjoyment of future generations and the oceans from catastrophic oil spills. The wording in both orders makes it clear that Mr. Trump wants the policies revised or jettisoned altogether, and in the end, great damage could be inflicted on the environment. It's up to Mr. Zinke to make sure that does not happen.

One order instructs Mr. Zinke to review all national monument designations made under the Antiquities Act after Jan. 1, 1996, that encompass 100,000 or more acres. Since Mr. Roosevelt signed the law in 1906, eight Republican (including T.R.) and eight Democratic presidents have used it to unilaterally protect threatened landscapes from commercial intrusion. Mr. Trump complains that such designations prohibit new mining and drilling projects that could create jobs, but a close look at his order shows that it makes no economic sense and is little more than cynical genuflection to the Utah congressional delegation.

The order's bookends are the 1.9 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, established by President Bill Clinton in 1996, and the 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument established just last year by Mr. Obama. The designations have stuck in the craw of two Republican warhorses, Senator Orrin Hatch and Representative Rob Bishop.

Both monuments contain magnificent landscapes and priceless artifacts. Neither contains significant oil and gas reserves, and the Grand Staircase designation has led to a big growth in tourism. Bears Ears is likely to do the same. Both have popular support, and both are best left alone.

The second order deals with oil and gas exploration. The United States is producing robust supplies, from both federal and private lands, but the oil industry wants more, and so does Mr. Trump. He has therefore ordered Mr. Zinke to draw up a new five-year exploration plan, roll back an Obama rule from last December withdrawing America's Arctic waters from drilling, and "reconsider" several safety regulations implemented after the disastrous BP oil spill.

Five-year plans come and go; every nearly every administration draws up a new one. Mr. Trump's plan calls for drilling in the Atlantic, an idea Mr. Obama rejected after protests from coastal states. The instructions on Alaska and safety precautions are simply irresponsible. Mr. Obama withdrew Alaskan waters using existing legal authority and for a very good reason: An oil spill in the inhospitable waters of the Arctic would be a disaster. Further, after Shell's bumbling and ultimately fruitless $7 billion attempt to find oil, companies have been abandoning old leases right and left, and, whatever their ambitions elsewhere, do not seem to be seeking new ones in the Arctic.

As for revising and presumably weakening the safety regulations — common-sense efforts to strengthen specific pieces of offshore drilling equipment, like blowout preventers, that failed in the 2010 gulf disaster — it's hard to believe that even industry wants something that stupid.

Back to Mr. Zinke's first day on the job. The day after he got off his horse, he addressed his employees and promised to defend them against brutal budget cuts that Mr. Trump had already threatened. That's all well and good, but the real measure of his leadership is whether he will also defend the crucially important work his employees are involved in, and, like Mr. Roosevelt, decide to protect and add to the public lands and waters instead of diminishing them.

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25. **Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?**

The Las Vegas Sun, May 8 | Daniel Rothberg

At a Lake Tahoe fundraiser in August, Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl — a leader in the movement to transfer federal land to the states — met privately with then-candidate Donald Trump. According to a story Dahl has told many times since then, he asked Trump how he would feel operating a 10-floor hotel in which eight floors were owned by a bureaucracy 2,500 miles away.

"He caught right on," Dahl said.

This is how Dahl sees Nevada's position relative to the federal government, which owns more than 85 percent of the state. "So many of the rules and regulations we have to live by are made

so far away in Washington by people who are not really familiar with our problems out here," he said.

In late April, Dahl flew to Washington, D.C., to discuss the future of public lands with President Trump's staff, after the administration invited him to a signing ceremony for an executive order on education. The political landscape around the land issue had changed since August. Trump's administration had veered away from the pro-transfer position included in the Republican Party's platform.

"I'm adamantly opposed to the sale or transfer of public lands," Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke said at an Outdoor Industry Association event that same week in April. "So is my boss."

That position, which has hardened in recent weeks, has forced land-transfer advocates in the West to look at more modest proposals for giving states more control over federal lands. At the meeting in April, for instance, Dahl suggested transferring more management responsibilities to the states.

When asked about such proposals, a spokesperson for the Interior Department said in an email that Zinke "believes the federal government needs to be a better manager and a better neighbor and that bureaus need to work more closely with one another and local and state governments on local land management policy." She added: "What works for Seattle doesn't exactly work for Henderson."

State legislators across the West introduced bills this year encouraging Congress to revisit the idea of wholesale land transfers — ceding large parcels of land to the states, which could then sell the land for development and extraction, or manage it for the public. Those bills face an uphill battle.

The federal government, which owns the majority of land in Nevada, Oregon and Utah, sits on nearly 47 percent of all Western land. It's a reality that has existed since statehood, when the federal government ceded land to newly formed states looking to raise revenue for public services. Nonetheless, it's a development that remains a thorn in the side of land-transfer advocates, who argue that local jurisdictions should make choices about how their land is managed.

Politicians supporting the land-transfer movement, though, have had difficulty making gains, facing headwinds from both sides of the partisan spectrum.

Conservationists and sporting groups believe that transferring federal land could constrict space for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation. It's likely that these groups would oppose Dahl's suggestion — to transfer management, not the land, to the states.

"That gets to be a very slippery slope," said Alex Boian, vice president of governmental relations for the Outdoor Industry Association. "It's not a real compromise."

A spokesperson for Montana-based Backcountry Hunters and Anglers echoed Boian's concern. She too called such proposals a slippery slope and likened the protection of public lands to a "second Second Amendment."

The groups flexed their political muscle this year with a successful social media campaign that urged Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, to withdraw a bill to sell 3.3 million acres of federal land. "It's the first shot across the bow," Land Tawney, executive director for Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, told Outside Magazine in February. "We don't have the money, but we have the people."

At a recent lunch meeting with members of the Congressional Western Caucus, Zinke reiterated his opposition to divesting federal land, U.S. Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev., said in an interview with The Sunday.

Zinke declined to discuss whether there would be any exceptions, said Amodei, who introduced legislation in 2014 that would have transferred about 7.5 million acres of federal land to Nevada.

"That's not in the cards at this time," Amodei said.

Amodei instead plans to prioritize smaller gains for the land-transfer movement. He stressed the importance of monitoring land use around Yucca Mountain, funding for the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act and proposed expansions of Air Force facilities at Nellis and Fallon. He said he expected the administration to be open to land bills that address county-by-county issues.

While Dahl was in D.C., Trump signed a directive ordering Zinke to review national monument designations dating back to the Clinton administration. The request asked the Interior Department to look at downsizing or eliminating any recent monuments declared through presidential powers. .

The American Lands Council, a group that Dahl co-founded, applauded the order. But the group said on its website: “reforms need to go much further.”

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26. Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?

The Center for American Progress, May 8 | Mary Ellen Kustin

On April 26, President Donald Trump launched an attack on national parks, public lands, and waters. His executive order called on U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to “review” the 54 national monuments that presidents have designated or expanded since 1996. The order gives wide discretion to the secretary to recommend actions that the president or Congress should take to alter or rescind the protections for these natural, historical, and cultural treasures.

While the order is written in such a way that all recent national monuments—including the Stonewall, César E. Chávez, Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality, and Pacific Remote Islands Marine national monuments—are subject to the 120-day review, Secretary Zinke publicly called out two monuments: The “bookends” of his review will be the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments, both located in Utah. These two monuments later made the list of monuments Secretary Zinke is initially reviewing.

It has been widely reported that the Utah congressional delegation was the driving force behind President Trump’s executive order. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) have been particularly outspoken in their opposition to the Antiquities Act writ large and to Utah’s national monuments specifically. Indeed, both were at the signing ceremony for the executive order; Utah Gov. Gary Herbert (R) and Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) were also in attendance. President Trump gave Sen. Hatch the pen he used to sign the order after recognizing Hatch as “tough” for repeatedly calling Trump to say “you got to do this.”

The national monument review will be a legal, moral, and political minefield. President Trump’s embrace of the Utah delegation and its pet cause is especially interesting given that most of the delegation’s members were vocal in their opposition to him during the presidential primary. For a president known to keep a list of those who speak ill of him, it is a curious alliance. The Center for American Progress’ analysis suggests that a closer look at the oil, gas, and coal underneath

Utah's national monuments—and the fossil fuel industry's influence on Trump and the Utah delegation—might help explain this newly formed partnership.

The Trump administration and the Utah delegation's history of disagreement

President Trump struggled to find support in Utah during his campaign, with the majority of the state's voters supporting someone else in both the Republican caucuses and the general election. Rep. Bishop reluctantly voted for Trump, saying, "Unless he resigns, I must support the Republican nominee as my only option." Sen. Hatch eventually supported Trump, but only after endorsing two other Republican candidates first. And Utah's junior senator, Mike Lee, another critic of the Bears Ears National Monument, told constituents that Trump "scares [him] to death." Similarly, Utah Rep. Chris Stewart (R) said last year that "Donald trump does not represent republican ideals, he is our Mussolini."

In addition, the Trump administration's early policy statements on land management differ from those of the Utah delegation. During the campaign, Trump indicated in an interview with Field & Stream magazine that his administration would be "great stewards" of public lands and that he did not "like the idea" of transferring federal lands to the states. His pick of Secretary Zinke, who resigned his delegate post at the Republican National Convention over the party's platform on this issue, underscored that commitment. By contrast, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), and Sen. Lee (R-UT) have all introduced legislation that would make it easier to sell off public lands.

It is noteworthy, then, that President Trump is pushing an executive order that is a thinly veiled land seizure. He even parroted a land seizure activist talking point—embraced by Rep. Bishop and other proponents of diminishing federal land management—just before signing the order, saying he would "give that power back to the states and to the people, where it belongs." Curious, perhaps, until one remembers that this rhetoric traces its roots to industry-backed front groups with vested interests in selling off public lands for private gain.

Extractive industries threaten national monuments in Utah

Both President Trump and members of the Utah delegation, particularly Rep. Bishop, have benefited from oil, gas, and coal industry contributions. Trump's presidential campaign received more than $1.1 million from the fossil fuel industry. And coal, oil, and gas interests contributed $1 out of every $10 raised—a total of at least $10 million—for Trump's inaugural celebrations.

These events were not subject to the same campaign finance restrictions as donations made during the election.

Rep. Bishop, meanwhile, received the highest percentage of out-of-state campaign contributions of anyone in the House, and the oil and gas industries—including the American Petroleum Institute, a trade association that represents hundreds of oil and gas companies—contributed more to his campaigns than any other industry. Although Bishop has repeatedly claimed that his issues with the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments have nothing to do with the fossil fuel interests located below them, both monuments appear to be in the sights of this heavily invested industry.

The American Petroleum Institute was quick to send a letter to House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Bishop and his counterpart in the Senate shortly after the 115th Congress convened, imploring them to “re-examine the role and purpose of the Antiquities Act.” The organization argued that the law threatens the extraction of fossil fuels from public lands and waters. In addition, the oil and gas industry group Western Energy Alliance, or WEA, has indicated interest in drilling in Bears Ears. WEA President Kathleen Sgamma has said about the monument, “There certainly is industry appetite for development there, or else companies wouldn’t have leases in the area.” And geologists have known for years that the Grand Staircase-Escalante area has coal, oil, and mineral deposits.

The following maps reveal why special interests would want access to mine and drill within the boundaries of both Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments. A new analysis by CAP and Conservation Science Partners, or CSP, finds that Grand Staircase-Escalante scored in the 72nd percentile for oil and gas and the 37th percentile for mineral resources among similarly sized Western landscapes. The boundary of Grand Staircase-Escalante also encompasses the extensive coal beds found in the Kaiparowits Plateau. As CAP and CSP previously reported, when compared with similarly sized landscapes in the West, Bears Ears scored above the 50th percentile for both mineral resources and oil and gas. Without protection, Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears would be at great risk of destructive mining and oil and gas development.

These national monuments are also two of the wildest and most ecologically valuable places in the West. The new analysis indicates that Grand Staircase-Escalante is in the top 4 percent for ecological intactness and the top 6 percent for connectivity, which are essential to biodiversity

and landscape-level conservation. As CAP and CSP previously showed, Bears Ears is in the top 10 percent of similarly sized places in the West for these two important factors.

Even though national monuments are public lands that, by definition, belong to the people, President Trump said he was signing the executive order to “return control to the people—the people of Utah, the people of all the states, the people of the United States.” However, it appears the people he has in mind may be those with close industry ties.

Methodology

To determine the ecological importance of Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, CAP and CSP mapped and summarized 10 landscape-level indicators of resilience to climate change; ecological connectivity; and intactness, biodiversity, and remoteness. Publicly available spatial data and published methods of analysis were used to create indicator maps across 11 Western states to compare Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument with equivalently sized areas throughout the West. The same was done with each of seven national parks. A mixture of iconic Western national parks known for their ecological importance and Utah national parks were selected for comparison. CAP and CSP also assessed Bears Ears for two threat indicators: mineral resource potential and oil and gas resource potential. No coal resources were found within Bears Ears National Monument. Similarly, CAP and CSP assessed Grand Staircase-Escalante for three threat indicators: mineral resource potential, oil and gas resource potential, and coal resource potential.

CAP and CSP determined the values of each of the indicators relative to the larger landscape using a simple scoring system based on percentile ranks. Specifically, the mean value of each indicator within Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was compared with the distribution of means of a large random sample of 1,000 areas across the 11 Western states, including all jurisdictions. The size of the random samples was equivalent to the size of the monument. CAP and CSP did the same for the seven national parks. Scores on indicators ranged from 0 to 100. For example, a score of 98 for a given indicator signified that the mean value of that indicator in the monument was greater than or equal to 98 percent of the equivalently sized random samples. Scores of 50 or higher suggested a relatively important indicator.

A more detailed description of methods and data can be found here.

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27. US Interior secretary tours hotly contested Utah monument

The Washington Post, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Monday will get a bird's-eye view of one of 27 national monuments he's been ordered to review as he flies over 1.3 million acres of southern Utah's red rock plateaus, cliffs and canyons graced with sagebrush, juniper trees and ancient cliff dwellings in one of America's newest and most hotly contested monuments.

His tour guide aboard the helicopter will be Gov. Gary Herbert, one of several prominent Republican leaders in the state who oppose the Bears Ears National Monument. Herbert, U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch and the rest of the all-GOP Congressional delegation consider the monument creation by former President Barack Obama an unnecessary layer of federal control that will hurt local economies by closing the area to new energy development and isn't the best way to protect the lands.

During the first day of a four-day trip to Utah to see two monuments, Zinke was serenaded in Salt Lake City by about 500 protesters who chanted, "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears." They represented tribal leaders and conservationists on the other side of the debate who are imploring Zinke to leave Bears Ears alone to preserve lands considered sacred to the tribes.

After holding a closed-door meeting with a coalition of tribal leaders who pushed for the monument, Zinke spoke on Sunday of his admiration for President Theodore Roosevelt, who created the law that gives presidents the power to create monuments.

Zinke, a Montana Republican, said that "it is undisputed the monuments have been an effective tool to save, preserve our greatest cultural treasures."

He insisted there is no predetermined outcome of his review, saying he may not recommend the monuments be made smaller or rescinded, and he might even recommend an addition. Zinke has been tasked with making a recommendation on the monument by June 10, about 2½ months before a final report about on all the monuments.

“I’m coming in this thing as a Montanan, a former congressman and now the secretary of the Interior without any predispositions of outcome,” Zinke said at a news conference Sunday evening in Salt Lake City. “I want to make sure that the public has a voice, that the elected officials have a voice.”

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Hatch, who appeared with Zinke at the Sunday news conference, said he is grateful the Interior secretary was making the visit.

“He understands that there are two sides. Maybe more than two sides,” Hatch said.

Hatch led the campaign by Utah Republican to get President Donald Trump to take a second look a monument designated by President Barack Obama near the end of his term.

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Conservation groups contend that the monument review puts in limbo protections on large swaths of land that are home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and ocean habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

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Congress might weigh in as well. Numerous bills on the issue were introduced in the previous session, including measures to prevent the president from establishing or expanding monuments in particular states and to require the consent of Congress or state legislatures.

Zinke and Herbert are scheduled to hold a news conference Monday afternoon before hiking up to the House on Fire, one of dozens of intact ancient ruins within the monument.

On Tuesday, he plans to tour the area by while riding a horse, mentioning his horseback commute through the streets of Washington, D.C., on his first day on the job in March.

“I think, sometimes, the best way to see things is slow and easy with a horse,” Zinke said.

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28. Interior Secretary Zinke in southern Utah to tour Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 8 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BLANDING — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke landed in San Juan County Monday to begin his first full day exploring the rugged footprint of the new Bears Ears National Monument.

Zinke's midmorning arrival created much fanfare at the tiny airport on the southern edge of Blanding, where Native American monument supporters pressed their case to the media.

Zinke is expected to stay in Utah through Wednesday, and he is being accompanied on this trip by Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah.

Earlier Monday, Native American supporters talked about the sacred nature of the rugged landscape and why it’s so important to protect. At an event hosted by Utah Diné Bikéyah, reporters and photographers in town for Zinke’s visit were given aerial tours of the monument.

Zinke took his own aerial tour of the Bears Ears region in one of three Blackhawk helicopters before a scheduled hike later Monday to the House on Fire ruins near Mule Canyon, inside the monument footprint.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert is expected at the hike, as well as several staffers from Utah’s congressional delegation.

Ecoflight pilot Bruce Gordon, who has been flying 30 years, said he thinks having the "bird's eye" view of a landscape helps to further the conservation discussion.

"We give the land a voice and we try to be objective," he said. "The aerial perspective gives people a better view."

Willie Grayeyes, chairman of the board of Utah Diné Bikéyah, said he hopes Zinke realizes that as Interior secretary he has a “trust responsibility” to Native Americans.

That responsibility, he added, should be part of Zinke’s decision on whether the monument stands as Grayeyes hopes.

Diné Bikéyah describes itself on its website as a nonprofit organization that "works toward healing of people and the Earth by supporting indigenous communities in protecting their culturally significant, ancestral lands."

Woody Lee, the legislative district assistant for the Navajo Nation Council, said he hopes Zinke makes time to meet with members of the nation. He said the Bears Ears region "is something we all hold sacred. It's like the U.S. Capitol building that all Americans hold sacred.”

Members of Utah's congressional delegation have been united in opposition to Bears Ears' designation by former President Barack Obama late last year. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah led out on the effort that led to President Donald Trump signing an executive order on April 26 to review monument designations going back to 1996.

San Juan County commissioners were also at the airport for Zinke's arrival, which has stirred up residents. This is the second time in less than in a year that a secretary of the Interior has visited the region. Last summer, then-Secretary Sally Jewell was here.

“The windup has been pretty intense," said San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman, who said it was clear Zinke intended to listen to the variety of viewpoints about the December 2016 designation.

“He's gone above and beyond in that respect," he said. Lyman said the county leaders remain adamantly opposed to the monument.

"In this country we value consent, and this was done without our consent," he said.

The morning brought together a pair of men who were engaged in an amiable discussion over the monument, despite holding polar opposite views.

Mathew Gross, with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, and Matthew Anderson, with the conservative Sutherland Institute, even posed for photos together.

"We may be opposites, but everybody cares about this land," Anderson said.

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29. **Bears Ears: Hatch, Utah delegation lead pushback effort**

The Spectrum, May 8 | David DeMille

After signing an executive order calling for a review of more than two dozen national monuments, President Donald Trump handed the pen to U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, crediting the Utah Republican for being a driving force behind the order.

"Believe me, he's tough," Trump said, nodding to Hatch during the April 26 signing ceremony. "He would call me and say, 'You gotta do this.' Is that right, Orrin?"

Two weeks later, Hatch and the rest of Utah's all-Republican congressional delegation were meeting with newly-appointed Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke ahead of his on-site visit to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, Utah's two largest and the two that Hatch calls examples of Washington-ordered "land grabs" that lock out local communities.

The 83-year-old was already a 20-year veteran of the Senate when then-President Bill Clinton signed the Grand Staircase into monument status in 1996, and when he saw Bears Ears leaning the same direction two decades later he said the similarities were obvious.

"Nearly 20 years ago, the Clinton administration blindsided Utah with a massive 1.9-million-acre monument designation in Southern Utah," Hatch said, saying that in both cases a monument designation would go against the will of Utah's elected representatives and local residents.

The debate over those two monuments has made Utah ground zero in what is likely to become a wide-ranging political battle over monument designations, one that most observers expect to end up being fought in the courtroom.

On one side is the contention that Bears Ears, like other western monuments, is among the places most in need of protection, an undulating collection of mountainous terrain rich in cultural significance to native tribes, thousands of archaeological sites, paleontological resources, scenic landscapes and some of the nation's darkest night skies.

A large coalition of tribal leaders, environmentalist groups, archaeologists and others fought for the monument designation.

The monument proposal had the support of six of the seven Navajo chapters in the state, along with representatives from some two dozen other tribes and the National Congress of American Indians, as well as organizations like the Friends of Cedar Mesa and the Utah Diné Bikéyah, a conservation organization led by Native Americans.

"National monuments are designated so they may be preserved for all the people of the United States," said Madison Hayes, content manager for the advocacy group Alliance for a Better Utah. "These are national treasures. Once they are lost and sold off for development and extraction, there is no way to return these beautiful lands to their original state."

But Bears Ears, like the nearby Grand Staircase, is also rich with natural resources that area leaders contend could help prop up poor economies.

When Clinton signed the Grand Staircase into law, it closed ideas of mining coal out of potentially rich beds beneath the Kaiparowits Plateau, where the U.S. Geological Survey had suggested there were some 30 billion tons of minable coal.

Both monuments house what researchers suggest could be rich deposits of gas, oil, uranium and other resources.

Utah officials have long argued that environmental protections could be maintained while allowing for some resource extraction, and most have argued that both monuments ignored the wishes of local leadership.

"Utahns deserve a collaborative land management process that ensures local residents have a seat at the table," said U.S. Rep. Chris Stewart, whose district includes the Grand Staircase monument.

Legal experts suggest Trump would have difficulty unilaterally rescinding a national monument designated by a previous president, since that ability is not spelled out in the Antiquities Act.

But there are arguments that he could amend or shrink the borders of monuments.

Congress has acted in the past to remove monument status and to make changes to existing monuments, and Utah’s lawmakers have been among those proposing legislative changes to the 1906 law.

Last year, Hatch and Sen. Mike Lee proposed one measure that would have allowed monument designations to expire if states didn't sign off on them, and then a second bill that proposed exempting Utah from any new monuments. Neither made it to a vote.

Similarly, the Public Lands Initiative, legislation developed by Utah Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz as an alternative to the Bears Ears monument designation, never saw a vote.

But Trump's win on Election Day has raised the hopes of state officials that a Republican administration might take a different look at the monuments.

Utah's back-and-forth with federal agencies over control of federally-controlled lands within its borders goes back decades, reaching a fevered pitch in recent years as state lawmakers propose suing over control of about 31 million acres.

County commissioners, along with county and municipal leadership across the region, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and other state leaders have pushed for changes to the monument designation.

The Legislature passed a resolution this year demanding the federal government revisit the issue.

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30. San Juan County residents welcome visit from Secretary Zinke

ABC 4 Utah, May 8 | Glen Mills

Interior secretary Ryan Zinke is touring two national monuments, and taking input from local stakeholders.

This is the latest step in a bitter battle over public lands in Utah. Both sides say their way of life is at risk, and they are doing all they can to protect it.

On Main Street in Blanding, Utah sits the JC Hunt Company. Carl and DeeAnn Hunt are the owners. They distribute petroleum to farmers and ranchers in the Four Corners area.

All around their business you will find a strong statement on public lands. They want the Bears Ears National Monument rescinded.

“We are afraid we will lose those rights to go on the land, and to enjoy the land the way that we have," said DeeAnn Hunt.

The Hunts say the process under the Obama Administration was hijacked, and local voices weren't heard.

"Everybody was against the designation of the monument, and yet that was never taken into consideration. We feel like the monument was a foregone conclusion," said Carl Hunt.

Now opponents are getting a second chance under President Trump’s Executive Order calling for a review of the Antiquities Act.

Over the next few days Secretary Zinke will get an up close look at the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase- Escalante monuments, which combine for about 3.2 million acres.

He's also meeting with local stakeholders to get their input on the impact. Even monument supporters are welcoming the visit.

"I'm glad he's coming to educate himself, and also walk the lay of the land, to have a better understanding," said Mark Maryboy, with Utah Dine Bikeyah, and former San Juan County Commissioner.

But, Maryboy says they are ready to file a lawsuit with the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals if President Trump decides to rescind the monument or alter the size.

They say it's about protecting sacred traditions.

"Go baby, go baby drill. That's their philosophy, and we are all about conservation, Mother Earth, protect the land. We believe in climate change," said Maryboy.

The Hunts say they too want to preserve the land. They say it's in their blood, but they say the monument consumes way too much land.

"We've lived here, we love the land, we take care of it. We've been taught as young people to be stewards over the land and to take care of it," said DeeAnn Hunt.

Secretary Zinke is viewing the Bears Ears National Monument by helicopter and horseback on Monday. No decisions will be made during this trip.

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31. Interior Turns Down Meetings With 2 Groups Supporting Utah Monuments

The Morning Consult, May 8 | Jack Fitzpatrick

The Department of the Interior turned down meetings this week with at least two groups supporting national monument designations in Utah, spurring complaints that the Trump administration's review of monuments may be one-sided.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is in Utah through Wednesday to meet with stakeholders about a review of potential changes to two national monuments in the state. But Interior has not announced any public meetings in the area, though the department is taking written comments online and Zinke has met with some major stakeholders.

Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument are among 27 national monuments the administration is considering altering or revoking under an executive action signed by President Donald Trump in April. Designation as a monument limits the number of activities that can take place on the land, such as energy production.

Opponents of the monuments criticized former Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama for creating them without enough public input, using the 1906 Antiquities Act to unilaterally designate the monuments without approval from Congress.

But as Zinke starts a 45-day review of Bears Ears and a 120-day review of the others, monument supporters say he has not engaged enough with the local community.

Interior turned down requests for meetings with Utah Diné Bikéyah, a nonprofit that supports Bears Ears and and coordinates with five nearby tribes, Executive Director Gavin Noyes said. The department also declined to meet with some members of the Escalante & Boulder Utah Chamber of Commerce, Vice President Kris Waggoner said.

"We feel like our board members and the elders in the local community have critical knowledge that he [Zinke] needs to understand before he recommends any changes to the monument," Noyes said in a phone interview Monday. "So we don't quite understand why he hasn't felt it necessary to engage us, but we'll certainly continue trying to get that critical information to him. We had hoped to walk the land with him."

Zinke met with the Utah congressional delegation Monday morning, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) said in a statement. Interior also planned several stops to talk to local press Sunday through Wednesday, but Waggoner said she is not aware of any public meetings at which she could voice her support for the monuments.

Interior did not respond to requests on Monday for details on whom Zinke would meet during his tour.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that Zinke on Sunday met with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which supports the Bears Ears monument designation.

Noyes said he is concerned Zinke will not spend enough time in the southern half of San Juan County, Utah, an area with a more predominantly Native American population. That southern half of the county is where the most people hope to preserve the land for cultural reasons, he said.

“The people who use Bears Ears daily for cultural purposes, those are all south of where it seems he is going to visit,” Noyes said. “It seems like he’s spending his time primarily in the Anglo [northern] half.”

Bears Ears has also attracted criticism from some local tribal organizations, such as the Utah-based Aneth Chapter of Navajo and the Blue Mountain Diné, an organization that represents Navajos living in San Juan County.

In lieu of meeting in person with Zinke, Noyes said his group still hopes to hold a conference call with him before Zinke finishes his Bears Ears review. Waggoner said she will organize a “party” May 12-14 at a business she owns, where she will set up computers for guests to submit online comments on the monuments review.

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32. Zinke: Monument status may not be best to save sacred land

The Washington Post, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

BLANDING, Utah — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said sacred tribal lands he toured Monday in America’s newest and most hotly contested monument should be preserved but he questioned whether the monument designation was the right way to do it.

Zinke's aerial and ground tour of the Bears Ears National Monument was part of a review ordered by President Donald Trump to determine if 27 monuments were properly established.

Zinke spent the day getting familiar with the 1.3-million acre (5,300 square kilometers) swath of southern Utah with red rock plateaus, cliffs and canyons on land considered sacred to tribes.

His tour guide was Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, one of several prominent Republican leaders in the state who oppose Bears Ears National Monument.

Zinke, a Montana Republican, said he wants to make sure Native American culture is preserved but cautioned that not all tribal members share the same opinion about the monument designated by former President Barack Obama near the end of his term.

He spoke before taking a short, winding hike in the afternoon sun with Herbert and other state and local officials to a lookout post above ancient ruins.

"Of course, the legacy and what I've seen should be preserved," Zinke said, "The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle."

Herbert, U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch and the rest of the all-GOP congressional delegation consider the monument creation by former President Barack Obama an unnecessary layer of federal control that will hurt local economies by closing the area to new energy development. They also say it isn't the best way to protect the land.

In Blanding, with a population of 3,400 people, two large banners read, "#RescindBearsEars," reflecting the popular sentiment among residents.

Bears Ears supporters made their voices heard too. They believe the monument adds vital protections to tribal lands where members perform ceremonies, collect herbs and wood for medicinal and spiritual purposes, and do healing rituals.

Tara Benally, a member of Navajo Nation, was standing just outside the Blanding airport wearing a shirt commemorating the December declaration of Bears Ears National Monument.

"We want it left as is. We have history going through there," said Benally, who lives south of the nearby town of Bluff. "That was basically my mom's playground as she was growing up."

A group of Bears Ears supporters greeted Zinke when he arrived to the trailhead. One woman asked why he only met with tribal leaders for an hour.

Zinke, who was shaking another supporter's hand, turned around to face the woman and said: "Be nice." The woman responded that she always is.

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Davis Filfred of the Navajo Nation said Monday that the one-hour meeting Sunday wasn't enough time for the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to make their points to Zinke. Filfred, who was in the meeting, said it seems Zinke is listening more to opponents of the monument than people who want it preserved.

Zinke insisted there is no predetermined outcome of his review, saying he may not recommend the monuments be made smaller or rescinded, and he might even recommend an addition.

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On the way back from his hike to the ruins, Zinke stopped at the trailhead and spoke with several people on horseback and admired their horses. On Tuesday, Zinke plans to tour more of the Bears Ears area on horseback.

He said his upcoming decision is not just about how the local tribes, county officials or the governor feel about the monument, but it's also about how the entire country feels about it because it's America's public land.

"President Trump, I'm going to tell you, is a great boss. The reason why I think he felt so strongly about this is he feels like sometimes Washington makes these rules and we don't have a voice," Zinke said. "He put this in motion to make sure that local communities count. States count. America counts."

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33. Interior Secretary visits Bears Ears National Monument to decide its fate

Fox 13 News, May 8 | Ben Winslow

BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT -- Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke hiked past the lines of protesters out into the desert landscape.

Accompanied by Governor Gary Herbert, Congressman Rob Bishop, members of the Utah State Legislature and news reporters, Zinke took in his surroundings.

"It is drop dead gorgeous country, no question about it!" he declared. "Beautiful vistas."

The Secretary of the Interior is here in Utah's most controversial national monument to help decide its fate. He's spending the next couple of days in San Juan and Kane counties as part of a review of national monuments ordered by President Trump.

Zinke is touring Bears Ears National Monument on Monday and Tuesday. He'll then stop by Grand Staircase-Escalanate National Monument on Wednesday.

The president signed an executive order to review the use of the Antiquities Act, used to create national monuments. Bears Ears was basically the catalyst, having been created by President Obama at the end of his term.

At 1.35 million acres, the newly created national monument outraged Utah political leaders.

"I think there is a reverence for and a desire to be good stewards of the land and I think monuments are more restrictive," said House Speaker Greg Hughes, R-Draper. "Access becomes a lot harder."

Environmental and Native American tribal groups argue the area deserves protection. Filled with ancient petroglyphs and dwelling sites, they argue it is archaeologically rich and culturally sensitive.

"We call it holy places. We have offerings, we have prayer ceremonies done. We have places where our ancestors are buried. This is a sacred place," said Woody Lee, a Navajo Nation Council District Liaison.

San Juan County Commissioner Bruce Adams said locking up so much land in a national monument designation hurts the potential for development and hurts the local economy. He urged President Trump to rescind it.

"I want him to see what the economy and San Juan looks like. I want him to see how the monument might affect school children and see how it might affect the people who live here and work here every day of their life," Adams told FOX 13 as he waited to meet with Zinke.

Speaking to reporters on Monday, Zinke said he was not an advocate for selling public lands (some Utah lawmakers have advocated such a move). Asked by FOX 13 if Bears Ears should be preserved, Zinke replied: "Yes."

"Of course what I've seen should be preserved. The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle," he said. "Whether it's not the right vehicle, it's public land."

Zinke insisted he is listening to all sides as he makes his recommendation to President Trump. He has 45 days to decide Bears Ears and has asked for public comment online by May 12.

If he recommends rescinding Bears Ears, tribal and environmental groups said they will sue.

"We're going to have to try to do something. I mean, we're not going to take this lying down," said Kenneth Maryboy, the Mexican Water Chapter President of the Navajo Nation.

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34. **Interior Secretary visits Bears Ears National Monument to decide its fate**

KUTV 2 News, May 8 | Daniel Woodruff

Blanding, Utah — (KUTV) As the sun set over San Juan County Monday evening, Blanding, Utah, was buzzing.

"I'm really happy," Nicole Francom said as she stood with family and friends outside her home, waiting for a glimpse of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's motorcade to pass by.

When he did, Zinke gave them a big wave. Francom and her group yelled "thank you" and "Trump this monument!"

"I feel like everyone in Blanding just got so much hope back," Francom said.

She feel this way because Zinke is touring the 1.3-million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah. He is tasked with making a recommendation about what to do with the newly designated monument to President Trump by June.

Many in Blanding want the monument gone.

"Rescind it," said Wendy Black, "and then come back and do it the right way -- with the people, not against us."

Zinke said he hasn't made a decision yet.

"I'm actually optimistic at the end of the day we'll make a recommendation that I think will be best for our country," he told reporters Monday afternoon before he and a group of local and state elected officials hiked in to see some ancient Native American ruins. "We want to make sure that everyone's voice is heard."

But some feel that isn't happening.

"It seems like he's trying to lean his ear the other way," said Kenneth Maryboy, a member of the Navajo nation.

He and other native Americans say the monument protects their sacred lands. They want it left as it is.

"The intent is to leave it as a monument to where it will be for all people," said Woody Lee. "Not only natives, but for all people from now until eternity."

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35. **Interior secretary tours Bears Ears, hotly contested monument in Utah**

PBS Newshour, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

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"The only way to truly learn about and understand a place is with boots on the ground," Zinke posted to Twitter after landing in Blanding for the second day of his four-day trip to see Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante.

Zinke and Herbert were expected to hold a news conference later in the day before taking a hike to one of the ancient ruins within the Bears Ears site.

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36. Zinke flies over Bears Ears as critics urge him to 'Make San Juan County Great Again' and rescind monument

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 8 | Brian Maffly

Blanding • When Hank Stevens' family hunted under Bears Ears Buttes, they always honored the deer whose life they had taken and the place that nurtured it.

"We respect the animal where it dropped," said the Navajo tribal leader Monday while flying over the new Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah.

"We do a little ritual where we leave the intestine, testicles and the antlers there. We only take the meat and the buck hide."

Below, sinuous canyons fell away from the juniper-topped mesas surrounding Bears Ears Buttes, the 1.35-million-acre monument's namesake and home to tens of thousands of sites left by ancestral Puebloans.

The sky view was also enjoyed Monday by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke who is in Utah this week.

Under orders from President Donald Trump, Zinke is reviewing 27 large national monuments designated since 1996, starting with Bears Ears, which former President Barack Obama designated at the request of five tribes with ancestral ties to these public lands.

The designation has sparked an intense backlash from Utah's political leaders denouncing it as "federal overreach" and a "land grab."

Joined by an entourage composed entirely of anti-monument politicians, Zinke flew over the landscape aboard three Army Black Hawk helicopters and later hiked to Butler Wash, a popular destination overlooking cliff dwellings left by ancient American Indians.

"It's been a while since I flew in a Black Hawk without people shooting at me," said Zinke in joking reference to his stint as a Navy Seal commander.

"The trip today verified it is drop-dead gorgeous country. No question about it," Zinke told reporters gathered Monday at the Butler Wash trailhead. "We want to make sure everyone's voice is heard. A lot of the anger out there in our country is local communities and states don't feel like they had a voice. Washington has done things that seem heavy handed without coordination."

Zinke's remarks echoed criticism of the monument designation leveled by Utah's top political leaders, including Gov. Gary Herbert, who joined the hike.

"We know you are going to take a good look at this with an open mind and unbiased attitude, and I know your challenge is to get some recommendations on what to do to bring us together and resolve some of these conflicts," Herbert told Zinke.

But many pro-monument Navajo, including Stevens, complain that they are being excluded from the discussion.

President of the Navajo Mountain tribal chapter, Stevens was among several members of Utah Dine Bikeyah, the grass-roots Navajo nonprofit that has long lobbied to conserve what it considers a sacred landscape, gathered at the Blanding Airport on Monday morning, hoping for a word with Zinke.

The new secretary, who has earned a reputation for respecting tribal interests as a Montana politician, gathered inside with state and local leaders who want Trump to rescind the monument.

Bikeyah board Chairman Willie Grayeyes tried to enter but was barred by Utah Highway Patrol troopers.

"We are asking for equal time and it's not happening," said group member Woody Lee. "It happens all the time."

On Sunday in Salt Lake City, Zinke met with tribal leaders who support the monument, but his staff declined a formal meeting request submitted by Utah Dine Bikeyah. On the street outside the Bureau of Land Management headquarters, hundreds of Bears Ears supporters clamored for equal hearing and respect for tribal sovereignty.

Ute, Navajo and Puebloan tribal leaders are dismayed that the first national monument created at the request of American Indians could become the first undone by a succeeding president. But undoing or reducing the monument would not mean opening Bears Ears to extraction, Zinke said.

"Yes, of course the legacy and what I've seen should be preserved. The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle," said Zinke, who was trained as a geologist. "What vehicle of public land is appropriate to preserve the cultural identity, to make sure the tribes have a voice and make sure you preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing and public access?"

He said he is concerned about how monument rules would restrict land uses.

"If you live in the county, making a living is a good thing, too," he said. "Having your access limited is a problem."

Zinke is scheduled to continue his tour Tuesday with a ride through Bears Ears Buttes on a towering 17-hand horse provided by San Juan County Commissioner Bruce Adams.

He will conclude his tour Wednesday in Kanab, where he will review the 1.9-million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, designated 20 years ago by President Bill Clinton.

At the Blanding airport Monday, Adams, a Monticello rancher, passed around white cowboy hats emblazoned with the Trumpian slogan: "Make San Juan County Great Again."

"By getting rid of this layer of this monument, we can get back to the greatness of where we were," Adams said.

He and other monument critics fear restrictions that come with monument status on the 1.35 million acres west of Blanding will thwart economic development, impede public access and undermine local schools by disrupting possible revenue sources.

On Monday, local monument opponents, including American Indians, presented their case for erasing the monument at the Utah State University Blanding campus and later at a park, where Zinke briefly joined them.

"We are concerned by the divisiveness created in our county among the people," Adams said. "We want to see the people unified and want to see them brought together and work together to make San Juan County great."

But Lee, the Bikeyah member, had a different take on Adams' idea of greatness.

"It's great as long as Indians don't say anything," Lee said.

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37. Tribal leaders demand apology from Hatch after he said they ‘don’t fully understand’ Bears Ears implications

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 8 | Mariah Noble

After Sen. Orrin Hatch said Sunday that American Indians "don't fully understand" what they would lose if Bears Ears is "made clearly into a monument," tribal leaders have called his comments offensive, and they demand an apology.

Willie Grayeyes, chairman of the pro-monument Utah Dine Bikeyah board, said in a written statement Monday that it's "offensive" to believe "that Native Americans do not have a will of their own, or if they do take a position that their position is influenced by a non-native person."

American Indians "understand the special and sacred landscapes at Bears Ears National Monument better than anyone," Grayeyes said, and "have stewarded these landscapes for thousands of years." He said American Indians are "very pleased with the language used in the proclamation that protects the things we care about and gives us a voice in our future."

Hatch "does not understand what he is working so hard to take away," Grayeyes said. "If he would just listen to us, he would stop fighting against what we stand for because it is not a threat to him or anyone else," Grayeyes said.

The Utah League of Native American Voters called Hatch's comments "blatantly racist, misinformed and condescending [in] tone."

Hatch also said Sunday that Americans Indians are "manipulated sometimes by people" and that the "far left" has further designs on the 1.35 million acres in southeastern Utah protected by President Barack Obama on Dec. 28.

"The Indians, they don't fully understand that a lot of the things that they currently take for granted on those lands, they won't be able to do if it's made clearly into a monument or a wilderness," Hatch said.

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38. Boyd Matheson: The Navy SEAL and the Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 9 | Boyd Matheson

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, a former Navy SEAL commander, is touring Utah this week in response to President Donald Trump's executive order calling for a review of national monument designations over the past 21 years. There will be many who want to get in the secretary's ear as he visits the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante areas. I hope he can shun and shut out the strident and vitriolic voices in order to truly listen to and hear all the parties who have something constructive to say.

Zinke will need to rely on the training and leadership lessons of the SEAL teams he once led to navigate an issue that is deep and divisive, complex and infested with confusing rhetoric and an abundance of loud voices. Of late, the national monument issue has become filled with fictional claims and fraught with false choices. SEAL team members are known for their ability to drop into hostile environments, assess the situation and then act in the best interest of the country. Those skills will be priceless for his time here in Utah.

I hope the secretary brought his Navy SEAL Trident badge with him to remind him of what to do and how to act in dangerous or high-stakes circumstances. The Trident badge is unique in the

military. Normally, the eagle is placed on military decorations with its head held high. On the Navy SEAL badge, however, the eagle's head is lowered to remind each SEAL team member that humility is the true measure of a warrior's strength. Zinke understands that humility is not weakness and there is real power in listening.

I remember attending a dinner meeting for new members of Congress when Zinke was a newly elected congressman from Montana. He arrived with many of the other freshmen, but it was easy to tell he was different from his new congressional colleagues. He had a quiet confidence about him. I sensed he knew exactly why he was there and what his mission was going to be as a representative. I watched him throughout the evening. Many of the other people in the room seemed obsessed with getting a word in, making a point, sounding smart, dropping names and talking about how they won their elections. Zinke didn't just listen; he listened intently and was one of only two people in the room taking notes. He said little, which actually spoke volumes about him as a leader. He asked a lot of questions instead of making statements. When he finally commented on an issue, it was clearly thought out and it concluded with a call to action.

I suspect that everyone, on all sides of the Bears Ears issue, will walk away feeling heard and understood this week.

I hope the secretary will lead the discussion this week to issues such as: 1. What do the people whose lives and livelihoods are dependent upon the Bears Ears area think about the monument designation? 2. Does the Antiquities Act's "smallest area possible" necessary to preserve and protect antiquities really require 1.3 million acres? 3. How multiple use and local input can transcend the all-or-nothing false choices of conserving land or unchecked commercialization. (There really won't be an oil rig on top of Bears Ears or under Delicate Arch.) 4. How the Native American tribes who live in San Juan County (not national tribal groups) and the other local citizens (not from the Wasatch Front or the rest of the nation) feel about the monument designation and its impact on their lives and futures. 5. Is a presidential declaration the right process for national monuments? Local and state input is critical to ensuring that national monuments preserve antiquities and empower local communities.

I believe what happens in Utah this week will lead to an important dialogue across the country and in Congress about the president, of either party, having the power to declare such vast monuments. Trump's executive order could be a rarity in that it actually reduces or limits executive branch power. That would be a welcome change. Restoring power to the people's

representatives and ultimately to the people is vital for the people of Utah, and especially those in San Juan County.

Zinke's visit is important to Utah and to the nation. His Navy SEALs training will come in most handy. As he hears from big business, big government and big environmental groups, I hope he also remembers his Navy SEAL ethos to "humbly serve as a guardian to my fellow Americans, always ready to defend those who are unable to defend themselves."

And then I hope he remembers that a wealthy man's playground should never come at the expense of a working man's dream.

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39. The public is invited to comment as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tours monuments Utah politicians want abolished or shrunk

The National Geographic, May 9 | Laura Parker

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is touring a pair of controversial national monuments in Utah on horseback this week at the behest of President Trump, who is reconsidering their merits. Zinke's four-day visit will take in Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in southern Utah, the main targets in a review of 27 large monuments Trump ordered last month. The president assigned Zinke to examine whether his predecessors over-stepped their authority and made these monuments too large or ignored objections from the public.

The monuments under review are those created since 1996 by Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama. All but one are at least 100,000 acres in size. Bears Ears, which totals 1.35 million acres, was created by Obama in the final days of his presidency. The 1.7-million-acre Grand Staircase was designated by Clinton in 1996.

Utah lawmakers have been steamed for more than two decades about the creation of the Grand Staircase, which essentially locked up Utah's largest coal seam. They want the monument's size to be reduced so the coal can be mined. They also have been pushing to have Bear Ears revoked since Obama created it.

A public comment period begins May 12. Information about submitting comments online or by mail can be found at the Interior Department's website here.

The Antiquities Act, passed by Congress and signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, gives the president broad authority to set aside federal land for protection as national monuments. No president has ever revoked any monuments named by his predecessors; the question of whether a president can revoke a national monument has never been tested in court. The law does not require presidential consultation with anyone prior to creating a new monument. The Supreme Court dealt with the issue of size when it upheld Roosevelt's designation of the Grand Canyon National Monument in 1908.

Congress has the authority to abolish monuments outright, but it rarely does largely because of monuments' popularity with the public. More often, Congress has resized monuments, including Grand Staircase.

In addition to the Utah monuments, two others that have drawn fire are on Trump's list:

The creation of the 4,913-square-mile Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monuments in the Atlantic Ocean off New England has been challenged in court by five commercial fishing organizations, in part because commercial fishing is now prohibited within the monument's boundaries. And, the 87,560-acre Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine, also created by Obama, was added to the list after Gov. Paul LePage complained that there had not been adequate public comment before its designation. It is the only monument under review smaller than 100,000 acres.

Zinke, a Republican and fifth generation Montanan who touts his western heritage, rode horseback to the Interior Department on his first day on the job. A Republican, he served as Montana's lone congressman before Trump tapped him for Interior and says his voting record reflects a philosophy about public lands that aligns with Roosevelt's legacy as the conservation president.

Zinke resigned as a delegate to the Republican National Convention last summer because he disagreed with a party platform plank that endorsed the transfer of public lands to the states.

The Interior Department "is the steward of America's greatest treasures and the manager of one-fifth of our land," Zinke said in a statement. "Part of being a good steward is being a good neighbor and listening to the American people who we represent."

He said the review “finally gives voice to local communities and states” and added “there is no pre-determined outcome on any monument.”

Details about the monuments under review are from presidential proclamations published in the Federal Register as well as Interior Department websites for each of the monuments.

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40. The Case for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

The Center for American Progress, May 9 | Jenny Rowland

President Donald Trump’s national monuments executive order is an attack on American national parks, public lands, and oceans. One of its specific targets is the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah.

Although some Utah politicians argue that this monument has had a negative impact on the surrounding area, the reality on the ground is quite different: By a margin of better than 2 to 1, Utahns believe that the monument’s designation was good for their state. Even the Utah Office of Tourism cites the monument as one of its “most visited parks” and boasts about its vast size and “phenomenal” allure. The truth is that Grand Staircase-Escalante is valuable. It deserves its status as a national monument for a multitude of reasons and should not be targeted by Trump’s misguided attempts to sell out U.S. public lands.

This column details just some of the reasons why Grand Staircase-Escalante should remain protected as a national monument.

The local economy is thriving because of the monument

- Rural Western counties with more protected public lands, including national monuments, have faster-growing populations, employment rates, and personal incomes than those with less protected land. In fact, since Grand Staircase-Escalante’s designation in 1996, per capita incomes have risen 28 percent and employment has risen 40 percent in the communities adjacent to the national monument. While such statistics do not prove causation, they do disprove the idea that the national monument prevented economic growth.

- The vice president of the Escalante Chamber of Commerce has attested to the region's economic success following designation, noting that the tourism industry has continued to grow and that local businesses are employing more people than ever.
- Arguments that the monument has hurt ranchers by limiting grazing are untrue. Grazing within the monument has remained virtually unchanged since the designation. In fact, it has shrunk by less than 0.5 percent.

Grand Staircase-Escalante is full of antiquities and areas of scientific and archeological interest

- The monument's scientific, natural, and cultural value, as well as its more than 20,000 archeological sites, deserved protection when the monument was designated—and still do today. The monument's Bureau of Land Management, or BLM, webpage notes that its "size, resources, and remote character provide extraordinary opportunities for geologists, paleontologists, archeologists, historians, and biologists in scientific research, education, and exploration." A BLM archeologist has also emphasized that the "wholeness" of the archeological record is what makes the area unique.
- The monument has been called a dinosaur "Shangri-La" due to its high volume of well-preserved fossils from the late Cretaceous Period. Twenty-one never-before-seen dinosaurs have been discovered in the monument since its designation.
- Grand Staircase-Escalante is in the top 4 percent of similarly sized places in the West for ecological intactness and in the top 7 percent for ecological connectivity and night sky darkness—higher than the Grand Canyon or Yellowstone national parks. These indicators are necessary for high biodiversity and landscape-level conservation.

The courts have ruled that there is no question as to the monument's legality under the Antiquities Act

- In 2004, a federal judge ruled that former President Bill Clinton was well within his legal authority in designating the monument. The judge rejected claims made by a group of Utah counties that the size of the monument exceeded what is allowed under the Antiquities Act.

Congress has confirmed and clarified the boundaries of the monument

- At its creation, Grand Staircase-Escalante encompassed small pockets of land that were owned by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. An agreement was reached with the federal government in which state officials swapped the inholdings for more resource-rich federal land elsewhere in the state. In addition to receiving a $50 million payment upon completion of the deal, the lands that the state government acquired in the exchange have generated more than $310 million for Utah's public schools, counties, and other institutions.
- Importantly, the land exchange passed through Congress in 1998, codifying the new boundaries into law.

The monument holds oil, gas, and coal resources, raising questions about the motivations of those who want to roll back protections

- President Trump's executive order is part of a larger effort to sell off the nation's public lands to the highest bidder. Industry groups, including the American Petroleum Institute and the Western Energy Alliance, have already expressed interest in drilling in Utah's national monuments. Including Grand Staircase-Escalante in the review is yet another nod to the power of the fossil fuel industry to influence the administration's actions.
- The discussion on coal mining in the monument was settled 18 years ago, when the coal company that had leases within the monument's boundaries was compensated with a generous sum of $14 million. At a time when most major coal companies have been in and out of bankruptcy and the price of coal has declined to around $40 per ton, reversing protections on Grand Staircase-Escalante to appease special interests would not make economic sense. But it would sacrifice the rural economic gains driven by protection of natural and cultural heritage.

Conclusion

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is one of many national treasures under attack by the Trump administration. Any attempt by President Trump to eliminate or alter the monument would undermine the cultural and natural resources it protects.

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41. NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Standing in Bears Ears, Zinke says protections may change

E & E News, May 9 | Jennifer Yachnin,

BLANDING, Utah — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke questioned yesterday whether a monument designation is the "right vehicle" to protect tracts in southern Utah, suggesting that other public lands categories could be more appropriate for the 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument.

Zinke made the remarks in the midst of his visit to the Beehive State this week, as he meets with local officials in the course of a review of dozens of national monuments. He also drew criticism from some monument supporters over the lack of a public forum and for allegedly refusing to meet with them.

Following an aerial tour of the Bears Ears site with Utah Gov. Gary Herbert (R), Zinke spoke with reporters at the Butler Wash, a site inside the monument several miles south of the city of Blanding.

"Of course the legacy of what I've seen should be preserved," Zinke said. "The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle or if it's not the right vehicle. It is public land. It was public land before the monument. It'll be public land after the monument."

Zinke added that he must recommend the "appropriate" type of public land to preserve the area's "cultural identity," as well as access for hunting and fishing.

"How best do we look at the future of what it should be?" Zinke asked. He pointed to the current mix of lands in the monument, which is managed by both the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service.

Under President Trump's executive order mandating the review, Zinke has until June 10 to issue an interim report on Bears Ears and until late August to issue his recommendations for all monuments under review.

But he suggested the interim report could be simply that, and specific changes to Bears Ears may not be determined by next month.

"Now, my recommendation doesn't have to be so detailed that it's the final solution," Zinke said, adding that he wanted to speak to additional archaeologists, state officials and others. "Let's get the information."

Trump's order charged Zinke with making recommendations on whether to reduce or eliminate some monuments created since 1996 that include more than 100,000 acres, or suggesting changes to management plans for those sites.

The Interior Department announced Friday it will examine 27 monuments, including two in Utah, the Bears Ears site created by President Obama and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument designated by President Clinton.

Protesters

Zinke has faced criticism during his visit from members of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition — which represents the Hopi, Navajo, Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni — who complained he did not spend sufficient time with the group, as well as from individuals who assert he has focused his time with opponents of the monument, including House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah) and San Juan County commissioners.

In addition to those officials, Zinke was joined yesterday by Herbert, Utah House Speaker Greg Hughes (R) and other local officials who did not speak publicly.

Zinke brushed back questions over a lack of public forums during his visit to the state, arguing that Interior's decision to create a public comment forum for the monuments review on the agency's website will allow more individual voices to be heard.

But proponents of the monument, including the nonprofit Utah Diné Bikéyah and members of the Escalante & Boulder Utah Chamber of Commerce, said Zinke had rejected their requests for meetings.

"We are concerned and worried that he's not listening to the tribes," said Cassandra Begay, who serves as the tribal liaison on the board of the Salt Lake City-based Peaceful Advocates for Native Dialogue & Organizing Support.

Begay, who grew up in White Mesa in San Juan County, recalled gathering willow in what is now the Bears Ears monument to make Navajo baskets with her grandmother.

"This is land we see as having a pulse: a living being," said Begay, one of a few dozen protesters who gathered at Butler Wash to encourage Zinke to retain the monument.

Begay later faced off with Zinke as she shouted questions at the secretary about whether he planned to meet again with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.

"Sir, is there a reason why you're not listening to them more?" Begay shouted in a video she provided to reporters of the exchange. When the former Montana House lawmaker did not respond, she continued: "Zinke, are you going to visit with the tribes more?"

Zinke then turned and wagged a finger at the 31-year-old Begay and forcefully said: "Be nice."

She responded: "I'm so nice." Zinke continued: "Be nice. Don't be rude."

Legal fight

Bishop, who accompanied Zinke to the monument yesterday, praised the secretary's visit to his state.

"They're doing this the right way," said Bishop, who backed a legislative alternative to the Bears Ears designation known as the Utah Public Lands Initiative.

Bishop criticized former Obama administration Interior Secretary Sally Jewell for what he saw as shifting responsibility for the monument designation to the White House.

"This time, the White House told the secretary of Interior to be involved with it. That's exactly what should be done," Bishop said.

But whether the Trump administration can rescind the Bears Ears monument without congressional action remains to be seen.

While the conservative Pacific Legal Foundation and the American Enterprise Institute have asserted the president has inherent powers to alter decisions made under the Antiquities Act of 1906, legal scholars elsewhere suggest commanders in chief are limited to designating monuments (E&E News PM, March 29).

Although past presidents have reduced the size of monuments — notably the then-Mount Olympus National Monument and Grand Canyon II National Monument — those decisions were never challenged in court.

While Zinke is scheduled to spend another day focusing on Bears Ears before moving on to the Grand Staircase-Escalante monument near Kanab tomorrow, he acknowledged yesterday that he will not be visiting every monument facing a review.

"I've got 27 monuments, and not all the monuments, quite frankly, are controversial," he said.

'Holding pattern'

In the meantime, key decisions on management of the monument remain in limbo.

Bureau of Land Management Utah State Director Ed Roberson, who accompanied Zinke and other officials on a short hike to historic cliff dwellings near Butler Wash, said the agency has yet to recruit a Monument Advisory Committee needed to proceed with planning.

"We're in that holding pattern," he said.

Under the proclamation establishing the Bears Ears monument, both a Bears Ears Commission representing tribal leaders and a 12-member MAC will collaborate on the management plan.

While the Bears Ears Commission announced its members in March, membership of the MAC remains undecided. Moreover, the Interior Department issued a temporary freeze on its more than 200 advisory panels through at least September (Greenwire, May 5).

In the meantime, Roberson said BLM is proceeding with some decisions on the site, such as debating artwork to be featured on expected signage. Images could include the House on Fire ruin located in the monument.

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42. The Latest: Utah Rancher Tells Zinke Monument Unnecessary

US News, May 9 | The Associated Press

MONTICELLO, UTAH - Fifth-generation Utah rancher Bruce Adams has enjoyed a prime seat next to U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke this week as he reviews a national monument created on lands that Adams' ancestors helped settle in 1879.

Adams, a county commissioner who opposes the monument, sat next to Zinke on a helicopter ride Monday and narrated the landscape of the Bears Ears National Monument. On Tuesday morning, Adams was scheduled to saddle up horses for Zinke's ride in the monument, one of 27 that President Donald Trump ordered Zinke to review to determine if they were properly established.

Adams gave Zinke a cowboy hat bearing the phrase "Make San Juan County Great Again" and delivered a clear message: The national monument designation is unnecessary and could hurt our ability to make a living off grazing and agriculture while taking away trust fund revenue for public schools.

"A monument is an overlay of protections that are already there. And so it becomes about control," Adams said. "Not only control of the land, but control of the people that are living there and trying to make a living on the land."

Echoing a common refrain from many locals in this southeastern corner of Utah, Adams said he and the locals cherish and take care of the vast expanse of tribal lands, canyons and plateaus where people hunt, fish and go camping. In Blanding, with a population of 3,400 people, banners are up around town that say "#RescindBearsEars."

"Let us just live our lives here in San Juan County," Adams said. "We're respectful people."

Zinke is getting an earful from locals and Utah's top Republican leaders who think President Barack Obama went too far in designating Bears Ears National Monument. They hope to persuade the administration to reverse the decision or at least downsize the 1.3 million acre (5,300 square kilometers) monument.

Supporters of the monument are making their voices heard, too, to let Zinke know that they worked behind the scenes for years to get protections from sacred tribal lands home to an

estimated 100,000 archaeological sites, including ancient cliff dwellings. Tribal members visit the area to perform ceremonies, collect herbs and wood for medicinal and spiritual purposes and do healing rituals.

They offer a counterpoint to Adams, suggesting the monument will help the economy by bringing more visitors who will spend money at hotels and restaurants. They point out that the monument designation still allows grazing, hiking, hunting and fishing.

Bears Ears supporters have greeted Zinke throughout his trip. After his arrival Sunday in Salt Lake City, Zinke was met by about 500 protesters who chanted, "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears."

In Bears Ears on Monday, supporters stood with signs as he arrived to take a hike to an ancient ruin. One woman asked why he only met with tribal leaders for an hour. Zinke, who was shaking another supporter's hand, turned around to face the woman and said: "Be nice." The woman responded that she always is.

Zinke has insisted there is no predetermined outcome of his review, rooted in the belief of Trump and other critics that a law signed by President Theodore Roosevelt allowing presidents to declare monuments has been improperly used to protect wide expanses of lands instead of places with particular historical or archaeological value.

Zinke said Monday that it's clear that sacred tribal lands in Bears Ears should be preserved, but openly questioned if a monument is the right way. He is due to make a recommendation about Bears Ears by June 10 and issue a final report on all monuments about 2½ months later.

Conservation groups contend that the monument review puts in limbo protections on areas across the country that are home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and ocean habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

Environmental groups have vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts to rescind monuments — a move that would be unprecedented.

On Wednesday, Zinke is set to head west and visit the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, created in 1996. It is the oldest monument on the list of those to be reviewed.

Zinke has said multiple times that he wants to hear from locals and from different points of view — including from Native Americans who may not be in lockstep with a coalition of five tribes that pushed for the monument.

"A lot of the anger that is out there in our country is that local communities and states just don't feel like they've had a voice," Zinke, a Montana Republican, said.

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43. Executive Order gives ranchers hope

Livestock News, May 9 | Karin Schiley

The signing of a recent executive order by the president is giving ranchers hope that the administration is taking steps to reverse what some consider governmental land-grabs throughout history.

The Executive Order for a Review of Designation under the Antiquities Act of the Department of the Interior signed by President Trump on April 26 calls for the Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the monument designations made under the Antiquities Act by previous presidents.

"The Antiquities Act does not give the federal government unlimited power to lock up millions of acres of land and water, and it's time we ended this abusive practice," said President Trump at the signing.

"That's why today I am signing this order and directing Secretary Zinke to end the abuses and return control to the people–the people of Utah, the people of all of the states, the people of the United States," Trump further declared.

The Antiquities Act of 1906 grants the President of the United States the authority, through a presidential proclamation, to create national monuments on public lands. The executive order asks the Department of Interior to review monument designations made under the Antiquities Act since 1996 that include 100,000 acres or more. To date, more than 80 natural areas have been set aside as park or preservation lands, including nearly 137 million acres of public lands.

"The Antiquities Act was meant to preserve objects of antiquity–sites, objects, not thousands of acres of sagebrush grassland," said Dr. Angus McIntosh, the executive director of the Range

Allotment Owner's Association. The association represents the 22,000 ranchers who graze on public land allotments, many of whom have been impacted when a monument designation restricted or cut off their grazing rights completely.

"The attempt to propose designations by these federal bureaucrats has excluded cattle from grazing allotments, closed roads and launched a full-out assault on private landowner rights," said McIntosh.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association believes that this a good first step but that more legislation is needed for states to gain control over monument designations in the future.

In a press release, NCBA President Craig Uden said, "The Executive Order is an important first step to reining in past designations that were pushed through without local input. However, in order to bring the Act back to its original intent, Congress must act. Senator Murkowski's bill S. 33 Improved National Monument Designation Process Act would require Congressional approval of new designation, taking power away from the Administration and placing back into the hands of those most impacted."

Ethan Lane, Executive Director of the Public Lands Council agrees that the order is a measured first step in a political process that has been needed all along. "One of the most important aspects of this is that the president has asked Secretary Zinke to come back to him with congressional recommendations. What President Trump has said is 'Give me some ideas on how to fix it.'–that is incredibly refreshing."

While many of those impacted by previous monument designations may be hoping that the executive order means that those monument designations will be quickly rescinded, Lane says that the review process will take some time and patience along the way. Staffing issues, such as a new director of the BLM, must be addressed before the review process can begin.

Then, after each monument designation has been reviewed and reported back to the president, there is the legality regarding the complete rescinding of any monument designations is still under question.

"We believe that the monuments can be rescinded but there is some legal debate about that," said Lane. "Changing the boundaries of the monument designations may be simpler. You can still protect Bear's Ears with out taking a million acres around it."

McIntosh believes the review needs to be taken a step further to include all prior landowner rights. "Most of these national monument designations have included up to almost 2 million acres of land without any consideration that there is private land included inside the boundaries of these designations," said McIntosh.

"There needs to be a review and report to congress on the prior rights that exist on these lands on why these designations should not be allowed to stand."

The news that rights are being put back into the hands of the states and the people residing in them gives western ranchers, who feel like they have been fighting a losing battle, hope that things can turn around in the future.

David Johnson, an Arizona rancher who has had his share of struggles dealing with the federal land management system, believes things may be finally turning in private landowners favor.

"We don't know what's going to happen but it does give us a little bit of hope," said Johnson. "The last years, we felt like we were doomed. They just kept designating more land and it felt like it was never going to change. This does give us a little hope."

Several years ago, Johnson lost his job when a federal park expansion cancelled the 200 head grazing permit of his employer. In more recent years, Johnson has watched federal land expansion swallow more and more land where he ranches in an area called the "Arizona strip."

While they do have hope for the future, the relationship between federal land employees and local private landowners has been strained for so long it will take a change in the attitude of the entire system to improve the existing climate.

"There is a difference between policing the land and managing the land. Federal employees have stopped people here and held them at gunpoint until they can get a law enforcement officer to write a ticket," said Johnson. It's left many with bitter taste that they have a hard time forgetting.

Still, the recent executive order is giving Johnson and other ranchers a reason to believe that their voices may finally be heard.

"The ones making the decisions are not from this area. None of us has had any say in what happens. Maybe things can start going in the other direction now."

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44. NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Bears Ears won't become a national park — Zinke

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MONTICELLO, Utah — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke today ruled out the possibility that he will recommend converting Bears Ears National Monument into a national park but said he remained open to all other options for the 1.35 million acres of public lands.

In a press conference at the Nature Conservancy's Dugout Ranch — which sits inside the monument's boundaries — Zinke said he would not endorse changing any or all of the Bears Ears site to a national park, something that would require congressional action.

"A national park has some distractors on it," Zinke said, although he did not offer specific details. "I don't think a national park is on the table."

According to the Congressional Research Service, about half of the existing national parks began as national monuments before being converted by Congress.

He added that he remains open to designations including a national conservation and recreation area.

"The rest of it is on the table. Right now, I'm still in the listening mode on it," Zinke said.

The former Montana House lawmaker is visiting southern Utah this week as he undertakes a review of dozens of national monuments, including a specific focus on Bears Ears, which was created by President Obama in his final weeks in office.

Zinke suggested yesterday that a national monument status might not be the "right vehicle" to protect the Bears Ears area and said he could recommend alternative statutes when he is due to submit an interim report to President Trump on June 10 (Greenwire, May 9).

Trump signed an executive order last month requiring the Interior Department to review all monuments created since 1996 that contain more than 100,000 acres of land, and to issue recommendations on whether those sites should be eliminated or reduced, or if there should be changes to their respective management plans.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert (R) and state legislators, as well as Utah's all-GOP congressional delegation, have been vocal opponents of the Bears Ears monument and have likewise targeted the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, created by President Clinton, for revisions.

Zinke is set to tour Grand Staircase-Escalante tomorrow on the final day of his trip.

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KANAB, Utah – Yesterday, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke wrapped-up day three of a four-day listening tour regarding Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, both of which are under review under President Trump's Executive Order 13792, issued April 26, 2017.

The day kicked-off with a morning listening session and hike with the Nature Conservancy and the Redd family at the historic Dugout Ranch, the largest private landowners inside Bears Ears National Monument. After making slight schedule adjustments due to weather, the Secretary joined local ranchers for a three-hour afternoon horseback ride through rain, snow, sleet and hail.

"I'm an optimist," Zinke said. "After being on the ground for a few days and talking to people on all sides I think everyone has a lot more in common than previously thought. Everyone wants to preserve the important areas, the question is what vehicle of land management. I've got another day on the ground to listen and learn but we encourage especially those directly impacted to submit their recommendations on regulations.gov starting on Friday."

Today the Secretary will meet with Garfield and Kane County local officials and take driving and aerial tours of Grand Staircase-Escalate National Monument.

Press availability: Kanab Airport at 6:00 PM. Only news media who RSVP and are able to provide credentials at the gate will be permitted through airport security. All members of the news media must RSVP to Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov with the name, phone number and email address for every member of the reporting team.

Photos of the entire tour are available on the Department's Flickr page.

Friday opens the formal public comment period for the review of the monuments.

A public comment period is not required for monument designations under the Antiquities Act; however, Secretary Zinke and President Trump both strongly believe that local input is a critical component of federal land management.

Comments may be submitted online after May 12 at http://www.regulations.gov by entering "DOI-2017-0002" in the Search bar and clicking "Search," or by mail to Monument Review, MS-1530, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

Written comments relating to Bears Ears National Monument must be submitted within 15 days of publication of that notice. Written comments relating to all other designations subject to Executive Order 13792 must be submitted within 60 days of that date.

Executive Order 13792 of April 26, 2017 (82 FR 20429, May 1, 2017), directs the Secretary of the Interior to review certain National Monuments designated or expanded under the Antiquities Act of 1906, 54 U.S.C. 320301-320303 (Act). Specifically, Section 2 of the Executive Order directs the Secretary to conduct a review of all Presidential designations or expansions of designations under the Antiquities Act made since January 1, 1996, where the designation covers more than 100,000 acres, where the designation after expansion covers more than 100,000 acres, or where the Secretary determines that the designation or expansion was made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders, to determine whether each designation or expansion conforms to the policy set forth in section 1 of the order. Among other provisions, Section 1 states that designations should reflect the Act's "requirements and original objectives" and "appropriately balance the protection of landmarks, structures, and objects against the appropriate use of Federal lands and the effects on surrounding lands and communities." 82 FR 20429 (May 1, 2017).

In making the requisite determinations, the Secretary is directed to consider:

> (i) the requirements and original objectives of the Act, including the Act's requirement that reservations of land not exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected";
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> (ii) whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest";
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He put those words into action on a soggy afternoon, traversing 20-miles of winding, dirt road switchbacks on Elk Ridge Mountain in a 4-wheel drive vehicle to the Bears Ears grazing allotment managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

While the skies cleared, Zinke became acquainted with Payton, a tall flashy Tobiano paint mare who would take him through lush meadows high on south Elk Ridge Mountain, followed by a contingent of riders, including exclusive coverage by the Deseret News.

Zinke's no greenhorn on a horse and made plain to Utah cattle ranchers he understands what it's like to grow up in ranching country, with small towns, big dreams and tough challenges.

In a meadow, north of the Bears Ears buttes that rise 9,000 feet in elevation, he listened to Kenny Black talk about the controversial Bears Ears Monument designation made in December by President Barack Obama.

"There are a lot of protections in place," said Black, who began ranching in 2001 after buying a startup herd from his grandfather.

"There is nothing wrong with regular public land," he said.

The San Juan County native worries that the monument designation will bring another reason for the federal government to cut back on grazing allotments.

Right now, he runs about 225 head of cattle on two federal allotments from the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, which owns the majority of land inside the footprint of the 1.35-million-acre monument.

The presidential proclamation setting up Bears Ears National Monument declares that existing grazing will be honored, but Black, the Ivins family

and the Johnson family are skeptical.

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"The main thing is that it opens up the door to more federal regulations and scrutiny," Black said. "No one knows what the future will bring."

Zinke's visit to Bears Ears is part of an executive order directing the Montana native to review 27 monument designations — and come up with an answer on Bears Ears by early June — an unprecedented undertaking in the history of America's management of public lands.

Native American tribes, backed by environmental and conservation groups, pushed for a 1.9 million acre monument designation for Bears Ears, a succesful act that Utah and San Juan County leaders called an affront to their concerns over how the sweeping landscape will be managed.

"Bears Ears is a little large to me. Beautiful country," Zinke said, jostling his horse to overstep sagebrush and fallen logs. He'd ridden some time in

an unchanging landscape dotted with wildflowers and sagebrush, pine trees and soaked with rain.

That is what Black, Shawn Ivins and Sandy Johnson hoped he would see — large — that this country can accomodate ranching, hiking and Native American interests — without what they say is absentee dictatorship from Washington.

Zinke said that won't be the case any longer.

"We are going to pivot and change," he said. "Some of it is cultural within the department itself. But we want to be the 'adovocate, the yep' team."

There was a moment when he brought his horse to attention and just stopped on the ride.

"I don't want to overemphasize respect."

In the Bears Ears controversy, this is the second time an Interior secretary visted southeast Utah to conduct a listening tour.

No one disagrees about the differences between Zinke's visit and that of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell in 2016.

Sen. David Hinkins, R-Orangevile, just laughed at the contrast and shook his head.

"No comparison," he said. His smile was barely contained.

With Jewell's visit, monument critics were full of sighs, uptight, resigned. It's different now with Zinke.

"It was night and day," said San Juan County Commissioner Rebecca Benally, sporting a Brigham Young University ball cap while riding a dainty bay.

She said Jewell gave them 30 minutes in her listening tour, and listened to the coalition and Utah Dine Bikeyah — which spearheaded the proposal for the last seven years — for a day.

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That contrast has now put the opposing side in an attack mode, with Utah Dine Bikeyah issuing a statement that Zinke failed to give them enough time while he was here.

Board Chairman Willie Grayeyes said the one hour visit was a "tip of the hat" but worried it would not give the secretary the full story about the reaons for the monument push.

Grayeyes is an affable and sincere believer in the monument, and he is worried his voice, and that of the Navajo, are not being heard.

So do Sandy Johnson and Shawn Ivins, local ranchers who say there has never been such push for a monument until a few years ago.

"I've been coming off that mountain pretty much all my life, but until a few years ago is the only time I've heard of the Native Americans coming up here," Ivins said.

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Is it an Old West fight about cowboys and the Native Americans who were here first?

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Timber has been clear cut to make ski runs, lifts and cables have been installed to access the tops of the mountains, the river has been damned to make a reflection pond, and structures built for enjoyment of guests. To help "manage" nature, snow making machines have been installed. Sundance has multiple uses, generates revenues, creates jobs, and invests money each year to keep it a wonderful place!

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Now, Sundance is mostly privately owned. But there are exact parallels in whether you can have certain "management" activities of land, water and wildlife, and can certain functions, hunting, grazing, limited mineral development, take place. And, are these traditional uses continued to be allowed.

If the Shoe were on the other foot, Mr. Redford would be adamantly opposed to federal mandates from afar. I would join him in his defense.

It would be nice for once for those on the left to say, "Yes, lets protect and preserve these magnificent places. Lets protect historical uses. Lets allow continuing certain renewable activities that generate revenue. And lets not demonize Capitalism. And

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Secretary Zinke was joined by staff from the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Vice President Nez said tribes are united in protecting the Bears Ears region -- especially tribal cultural resources and the right for tribes to gather ceremonial herbs and medicines on the land.

Ensuring that the Navajo people have access and are able to perform traditional Navajo ceremonies at Bears Ears is another primary concern, he added.

"We look forward to working with Secretary Zinke to find a path forward for this very important sacred area," Vice President Nez said. "I appreciate the tribal leaders being here as well. We all supported and continue to support, the national monument designation."

Chairman Cuthair agreed and said tribes like the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe have ancestral ties to the Bears Ears, which must be protected.

"We'd like to preserve it, protect it, manage it. There's a lot (of cultural resources) out there. This land is sacred," Cuthair said.

Chairman Chapoose said the Bears Ears National Monument was the first instance for tribal nations to engage in the national monument designation process.

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White House Communications Report

No report was sent on Friday.

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Federal Register Listings.

REG0006982 BIA Notice of Service Area Designation. This Notice announces the BIA's approval of the designation of Kern County, California, as a service area for the Tejon Indian Tribe for purposes of operating the BIA financial assistance and/or social services programs as authorized under 25 CFR part 20, Financial Assistance and Social Services Programs. Notice 05/02/2017.

REG0006962 BLM Notice of Individual Special Recreation Permit Requirement and Cave Closures on Public Lands in Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties, Nevada. The BLM provides notice of a new Individual Special Recreation Permit (ISRP) requirement for recreational use in three caves within the Ely District in east-central Nevada. The BLM also provides notice of seasonal or temporary cave closures. Notice 05/01/2017.

REG0006842 FWS Nonessential Experimental Population of Red Wolves in North Carolina. This notice advises the public that FWS intends to gather information necessary to develop a proposed rule to revise the existing nonessential experimental population designation of red wolves in North Carolina under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act, and prepare a draft environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Advance Notice of Proposed Rule 05/05/2017.

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In the first part of a series, the St. Croix Source (4/10, Kossler) reported on the budget crisis facing the US Virgin Islands. According to the article, "along with this year's $110 million deficit, the USVI is facing ongoing structural deficits of around $170 million per year out of a locally funded budget of around $850 million." Part 1 looks "at the history of the territory's finances and some of the many factors that led to this crossroads." In part 2, the St. Croix Source (4/16, Kossler) takes a closer look at the 2012 closure of Hovensa. In part 3, the St. Croix Source (4/24, Kossler), highlights the growing insolvency of the Government Employee Retirement Plan. In part 4, the St. Croix Source (5/1, Kossler) analyzes whether the problem is "the growing debt or is it spending that leads to deficits that expand the debt?"

<u>White House Communications Report</u>
No report was sent on Friday.

Federal Register Listings.

REG0006982 BIA Notice of Service Area Designation. This Notice announces the BIA's approval of the designation of Kern County, California, as a service area for the Tejon Indian Tribe for purposes of operating the BIA financial assistance and/or social services programs as authorized under 25 CFR part 20, Financial Assistance and Social Services Programs. Notice 05/02/2017.

REG0006962 BLM Notice of Individual Special Recreation Permit Requirement and Cave Closures on Public Lands in Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties, Nevada. The BLM provides notice of a new Individual Special Recreation Permit (ISRP) requirement for recreational use in three caves within the Ely District in east-central Nevada. The BLM also provides notice of seasonal or temporary cave closures. Notice 05/01/2017.

REG0006842 FWS Nonessential Experimental Population of Red Wolves in North Carolina. This notice advises the public that FWS intends to gather information necessary to develop a proposed rule to revise the existing nonessential experimental population designation of red wolves in North Carolina under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act, and prepare a draft environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Advance Notice of Proposed Rule 05/05/2017.

REG0006978 FWS Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the Mount Hermon June Beetle at the Scotts Valley Middle School, Santa Cruz County, California. The Scotts Valley Middle School has applied for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act. The application addresses the potential for take of the endangered Mount Hermon June beetle, incidental to the renovation of the middle school campus. This is a high-profile school renovation project that was funded through a local bond measure. Notice 05/01/2017.

REG0006980 FWS Incidental Take Permit Application; Draft Habitat Conservation Plan for the R-Project Transmission Line, and Draft Environmental Impact Statement The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) has applied for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the R-Project transmission line in north-central Nebraska. The permit would authorize the take of the federally endangered American burying beetle incidental to the construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line. Notice 05/02/2017.

REG0006988 FWS Revised Notice of Intent to Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the National Bison Range, Moiese, Montana. The Service is revising a previously published notice of intent to prepare a draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the National Bison Range (NBR). This notice informs the public that the Service will not proceed with evaluating a previously stated preferred alternative of legislative transfer of the NBR. With this notice, the Service requests comments in order to obtain suggestions and information on a revised scope of issues to be considered in the planning process. Notice 05/04/2017.

REG0006989 FWS Notice of Intent to Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Pablo, Lost Trail, and Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuges, and the Northwest Montana Lake County Wetland Management District, Montana The Service intends to gather information necessary to prepare a draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for Pablo, Lost Trail, and Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuges, and the Northwest Montana Lake County Wetland Management District, all part of the National Bison Range Complex. Notice 05/04/2017.

REG0006977 ONRR Major Portion Prices and Due Date for Additional Royalty Payments on Indian Gas Production in Designated Areas Not Associated with an Index Zone. To value gas produced from Indian leases, ONRR is required to determine major portion prices and to notify industry by publishing the prices in the Federal Register. ONRR also must publish a due date for industry to pay additional royalties based on the major portion prices. Consistent with these requirements, this Notice provides major portion prices for the 12 months of calendar year 2015. Notice 05/02/2017.

REG0006993 OS Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996; Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment. DOI is conducting a review of certain National Monuments designated or expanded since 1996 under the Antiquities Act of 1906 in order to implement Executive Order 13792. This Notice identifies 27 National Monuments under review, including five Marine National Monuments, and invites public comments. Notice 05/05/2017.

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U.S. Department of the Interior shared the album Secretary Zinke visit to Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument with you from the Flickr app!
Check it out: https://flickr.com/photos/42687493@N06/sets/72157683501074886

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Hopefully Jackson will still be able to send out his release with the Secretary's quote (I assume from the Presidents office). FYI below from their Legislature...

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Dear Doug Domenech,

Last month, Donald Trump signed an Executive Order

Add your comment: NO

threatening Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears National Monument with drilling, mining and logging.

fossil fuel development in Bears Ears National Monument!

These monuments boast 1.9 million acres of canyons, arches, and piñon-juniper forests. They house artifacts, buildings, and sacred spaces of Native American communities.

The Department of the Interior is accepting public comments on whether to let Big Oil destroy Bears Ears. So we need you to speak up NOW and help save this special place!

Tell the Department of the Interior: No drilling, mining or logging in Bears Ears!

Trump's Executive Order forces the review of National Monuments that have been protected since 1996. It puts more than 50 National Monuments -- more than one billion acres of wild places -- at risk.

That means visitors to our natural wonders could see, hear and smell coal mines and oil wells.

Bears Ears is the first monument being targeted by Big Oil. This week, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke is visiting Utah to scope out its drilling potential for himself.

Now is the time to show Secretary Zinke that you want our lands to remain protected. With your help, we can demonstrate that rolling back protections for Bears Ears would be a tragic mistake.

Add your comment: Say NO to fossil fuel development in our wild places!

Trump's vision for our environment is clear. He thinks our national monuments are first and foremost meant to help his Big Oil friends.

We can't let him hand over these places to the fossil fuel industry. We need your help to fight back!

Stop Trump from handing over our national monuments to Big Oil: Write to the Department of the Interior now!

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Extended Team, Hope the trip is going well. Here's the BLM-Utah communications round up with related coverage. Anita

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Attached is the daily news report for May 6-8, as well as a more detailed listing with artilces related to the Secretary of the Interiors visit to Utah.

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
DAILY NEWS REPORT - UTAH

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5. **San Juan County residents welcome visit from Secretary Zinke**

ABC 4 Utah, May 8 | Glen Mills

Interior secretary Ryan Zinke is touring two national monuments, and taking input from local stakeholders.

6. **Interior Turns Down Meetings With 2 Groups Supporting Utah Monuments**

The Morning Consult, May 8 | Jack Fitzpatrick

The Department of the Interior turned down meetings this week with at least two groups supporting national monument designations in Utah, spurring complaints that the Trump administration's review of monuments may be one-sided.

E&E/NATIONAL NEWS – TOP STORIES

1. **Groups Seek to Use Anti-Regulatory Tool to Undo Obama-Era Land Restrictions**

The Washington Free Beacon, May 8 | Kevin Mooney

A rarely used but potent anti-regulatory tool could be used to undo land use restrictions the Obama administration imposed on more than 72 million acres of western lands, according to attorneys and public policy analysts.

2. **Tribal Groups Press U.S. Senate to Keep BLM Methane Waste Rule**

Public News Service, May 8 | Staff Writer

NAVAJO NATION -- A vote on whether to repeal the Bureau of Land Management's Methane Waste Rule could come in the U.S. Senate in the next few days, and tribal leaders are stepping up to support the rule.

3. **EPA dismisses half of key board's scientific advisers; Interior suspends more than 200 advisory panels**

The Washington Post, May 8 | Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis

Both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Interior Department are overhauling a slew of outside advisory boards that inform how their agencies assess the science underpinning policies, the first step in a broader effort by Republicans to change the way the federal government evaluates the scientific basis for its regulations.

4. **SPECIES: Birds, tortoise at new risk from wind power growth**

E & E News, May 8 | Kavya Balaraman

America's growing wind sector may be easing the country's carbon footprint, but it's leaving a heavy imprint on local wildlife.

5. **LAW: Trump team defends fracking authority as it rethinks rule**

E & E News, May 8 | Ellen M. Gilmer

Government lawyers walked a fine line in legal briefs Friday, arguing that the Interior Department does have authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing but shouldn't have to continue defending an Obama-era fracking rule in court.

6. **REGULATIONS: Congressional anti-rule push may live on after methane vote**

E & E News, May 8 | Arianna Skibell

The Congressional Review Act clock is ticking, and time is running out.

The window of opportunity to use the expedited procedure to roll back Obama-era regulations is set to close at the end of this week, and Senate Republicans are still trying to ram through one more resolution of disapproval.

UTAH – FULL STORY

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The outdoor recreation economy, and the industry that supports it, is a major force in international trade, economic development, job creation and public lands policy and is a major financial contributor to programs that get kids and families outside across the nation. It is a growing economy that is uniquely American.

The outdoor industry supports protecting our nation's public lands, not just because the American landscape and its rugged, natural beauty sets our nation apart from the rest of the world, but also because America's public lands are the very foundation, the infrastructure, of the massive outdoor recreation economy.

So, why are the next few months so pivotal? President Trump signed an Executive Order last month ordering the Department of the Interior to review the designation of National Monuments over 100,000 acres in size and created between 1996 and the end of 2016 under the authority of the Antiquities Act, a Teddy Roosevelt-era law that has protected more of America's landscapes and waterways than perhaps any other law. Interestingly, the majority of Utah's National Parks were first protected as monuments.

As part of his department's review, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke has stated that he is committed to a transparent process that will take into account the views of multiple stakeholders. This is a good starting point, and we look forward to working with the Administration, Secretary Zinke and others to highlight the significant, beneficial role National Monuments and the

Antiquities Act play in our American heritage, the protection of iconic places, and the development of local economies built on recreation and tourism.

The notion that monuments are harmful to their surrounding communities and result in net job loss is demonstrably false. Cities and towns that have protected lands like National Parks and Monuments attract employers in fast-growing economic sectors like tech and health care. It is proven that the communities that protect and invest in recreation infrastructure end up having more diverse economies and are better prepared to weather potential economic downturns.

While it is true that some traditional jobs do, at times, decrease with the designation of a monument in the short-term, those losses tend to stabilize even as the local economy transitions. The addition of monuments in most cases speeds up the economic diversification of the local community from traditional rural economies to a more dynamic combination of energy development, agriculture, ranching, tourism and outdoor recreation that coexist on the land. These economies and the local tax base that supports schools and government services benefit from adding more recreation-related businesses such as guide services, retailers, manufacturers and additional service related jobs such as doctors, engineers and teachers. Outdoor recreation generates $59 billion in state and local tax revenue.

As Secretary Zinke visits Utah this week and begins the evaluation of past monument designations, we ask that he remember that our national monuments are already the people's lands and that he consider the full and positive impact they have on the overall physical and economic health of our nation. We hope he notes the benefits they provide to our rural communities by counting ALL of the businesses and jobs added over a period of time after a designation, and the growth of the community's economy before and after the designation. As we have seen in Garfield County, Utah or Chaffee County, Colorado, if the process is truly transparent, the findings will be enlightening and should inform any eventual decision by this Administration on existing and future national monuments.

Amy Roberts is executive director of the Outdoor Industry Association.

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Zinke's midmorning arrival created much fanfare at the tiny airport on the southern edge of Blanding, where Native American monument supporters pressed their case to the media.

Zinke is expected to stay in Utah through Wednesday, and he is being accompanied on this trip by Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah.

Earlier Monday, Native American supporters talked about the sacred nature of the rugged landscape and why it’s so important to protect. At an event hosted by Utah Diné Bikéyah, reporters and photographers in town for Zinke’s visit were given aerial tours of the monument.

Zinke took his own aerial tour of the Bears Ears region in one of three Blackhawk helicopters before a scheduled hike later Monday to the House on Fire ruins near Mule Canyon, inside the monument footprint.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert is expected at the hike, as well as several staffers from Utah’s congressional delegation.

Ecoflight pilot Bruce Gordon, who has been flying 30 years, said he thinks having the "bird's eye" view of a landscape helps to further the conservation discussion.

"We give the land a voice and we try to be objective," he said. "The aerial perspective gives people a better view."

Willie Grayeyes, chairman of the board of Utah Diné Bikéyah, said he hopes Zinke realizes that as Interior secretary he has a “trust responsibility” to Native Americans.

That responsibility, he added, should be part of Zinke’s decision on whether the monument stands as Grayeyes hopes.

Diné Bikéyah describes itself on its website as a nonprofit organization that "works toward healing of people and the Earth by supporting indigenous communities in protecting their culturally significant, ancestral lands."

Woody Lee, the legislative district assistant for the Navajo Nation Council, said he hopes Zinke makes time to meet with members of the nation. He said the Bears Ears region "is something we all hold sacred. It's like the U.S. Capitol building that all Americans hold sacred.”

Members of Utah's congressional delegation have been united in opposition to Bears Ears' designation by former President Barack Obama late last year. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah led out on the effort that led to President Donald Trump signing an executive order on April 26 to review monument designations going back to 1996.

San Juan County commissioners were also at the airport for Zinke's arrival, which has stirred up residents. This is the second time in less than in a year that a secretary of the Interior has visited the region. Last summer, then-Secretary Sally Jewell was here.

“The windup has been pretty intense," said San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman, who said it was clear Zinke intended to listen to the variety of viewpoints about the December 2016 designation.

“He's gone above and beyond in that respect," he said. Lyman said the county leaders remain adamantly opposed to the monument.

"In this country we value consent, and this was done without our consent," he said.

The morning brought together a pair of men who were engaged in an amiable discussion over the monument, despite holding polar opposite views.

Mathew Gross, with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, and Matthew Anderson, with the conservative Sutherland Institute, even posed for photos together.

"We may be opposites, but everybody cares about this land," Anderson said.

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Kanab will host its 11th annual Amazing Earthfest on May 14-20 that includes arts and culture, healthy living events, documentary film screenings, hiking, mountain biking, and lectures on science and the land.

The free festival (donations appreciated) celebrates the national and state parks, national forests, national monuments and public lands of the American West. Organizers hope the educational events will stimulate the imagination and connect people to southern Utah's natural wonders.

Visit www.AmazingEarthfest.org for a complete list of events.

Sponsors include Grand Staircase Escalante Partners, the BLM, U.S. Forest Service, George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation, Utah Office of Tourism, Best Friends Animal Society, Garkane Energy, Kanab and Wingate Therapy.

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"Believe me, he’s tough," Trump said, nodding to Hatch during the April 26 signing ceremony. "He would call me and say, 'You gotta do this.' Is that right, Orrin?"

Two weeks later, Hatch and the rest of Utah’s all-Republican congressional delegation were meeting with newly-appointed Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke ahead of his on-site visit to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, Utah’s two largest and the two that Hatch calls examples of Washington-ordered "land grabs" that lock out local communities.

The 83-year-old was already a 20-year veteran of the Senate when then-President Bill Clinton signed the Grand Staircase into monument status in 1996, and when he saw Bears Ears leaning the same direction two decades later he said the similarities were obvious.

"Nearly 20 years ago, the Clinton administration blindsided Utah with a massive 1.9-million-acre monument designation in Southern Utah," Hatch said, saying that in both cases a monument designation would go against the will of Utah's elected representatives and local residents.

The debate over those two monuments has made Utah ground zero in what is likely to become a wide-ranging political battle over monument designations, one that most observers expect to end up being fought in the courtroom.

On one side is the contention that Bears Ears, like other western monuments, is among the places most in need of protection, an undulating collection of mountainous terrain rich in cultural significance to native tribes, thousands of archaeological sites, paleontological resources, scenic landscapes and some of the nation's darkest night skies.

A large coalition of tribal leaders, environmentalist groups, archaeologists and others fought for the monument designation.

The monument proposal had the support of six of the seven Navajo chapters in the state, along with representatives from some two dozen other tribes and the National Congress of American Indians, as well as organizations like the Friends of Cedar Mesa and the Utah Diné Bikéyah, a conservation organization led by Native Americans.

"National monuments are designated so they may be preserved for all the people of the United States," said Madison Hayes, content manager for the advocacy group Alliance for a Better Utah. "These are national treasures. Once they are lost and sold off for development and extraction, there is no way to return these beautiful lands to their original state."

But Bears Ears, like the nearby Grand Staircase, is also rich with natural resources that area leaders contend could help prop up poor economies.

When Clinton signed the Grand Staircase into law, it closed ideas of mining coal out of potentially rich beds beneath the Kaiparowits Plateau, where the U.S. Geological Survey had suggested there were some 30 billion tons of minable coal.

Both monuments house what researchers suggest could be rich deposits of gas, oil, uranium and other resources.

Utah officials have long argued that environmental protections could be maintained while allowing for some resource extraction, and most have argued that both monuments ignored the wishes of local leadership.

"Utahns deserve a collaborative land management process that ensures local residents have a seat at the table," said U.S. Rep. Chris Stewart, whose district includes the Grand Staircase monument.

Legal experts suggest Trump would have difficulty unilaterally rescinding a national monument designated by a previous president, since that ability is not spelled out in the Antiquities Act.

But there are arguments that he could amend or shrink the borders of monuments.

Congress has acted in the past to remove monument status and to make changes to existing monuments, and Utah's lawmakers have been among those proposing legislative changes to the 1906 law.

Last year, Hatch and Sen. Mike Lee proposed one measure that would have allowed monument designations to expire if states didn't sign off on them, and then a second bill that proposed exempting Utah from any new monuments. Neither made it to a vote.

Similarly, the Public Lands Initiative, legislation developed by Utah Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz as an alternative to the Bears Ears monument designation, never saw a vote.

But Trump's win on Election Day has raised the hopes of state officials that a Republican administration might take a different look at the monuments.

Utah's back-and-forth with federal agencies over control of federally-controlled lands within its borders goes back decades, reaching a fevered pitch in recent years as state lawmakers propose suing over control of about 31 million acres.

County commissioners, along with county and municipal leadership across the region, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and other state leaders have pushed for changes to the monument designation.

The Legislature passed a resolution this year demanding the federal government revisit the issue.

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5. **San Juan County residents welcome visit from Secretary Zinke**

ABC 4 Utah, May 8 | Glen Mills

Interior secretary Ryan Zinke is touring two national monuments, and taking input from local stakeholders.

This is the latest step in a bitter battle over public lands in Utah. Both sides say their way of life is at risk, and they are doing all they can to protect it.

On Main Street in Blanding, Utah sits the JC Hunt Company. Carl and DeeAnn Hunt are the owners. They distribute petroleum to farmers and ranchers in the Four Corners area.

All around their business you will find a strong statement on public lands. They want the Bears Ears National Monument rescinded.

“We are afraid we will lose those rights to go on the land, and to enjoy the land the way that we have," said DeeAnn Hunt.

The Hunts say the process under the Obama Administration was hijacked, and local voices weren't heard.

"Everybody was against the designation of the monument, and yet that was never taken into consideration. We feel like the monument was a foregone conclusion," said Carl Hunt.

Now opponents are getting a second chance under President Trump’s Executive Order calling for a review of the Antiquities Act.

Over the next few days Secretary Zinke will get an up close look at the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase- Escalante monuments, which combine for about 3.2 million acres.

He's also meeting with local stakeholders to get their input on the impact. Even monument supporters are welcoming the visit.

"I'm glad he's coming to educate himself, and also walk the lay of the land, to have a better understanding," said Mark Maryboy, with Utah Dine Bikeyah, and former San Juan County Commissioner.

But, Maryboy says they are ready to file a lawsuit with the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals if President Trump decides to rescind the monument or alter the size.

They say it's about protecting sacred traditions.

"Go baby, go baby drill. That's their philosophy, and we are all about conservation, Mother Earth, protect the land. We believe in climate change," said Maryboy.

The Hunts say they too want to preserve the land. They say it's in their blood, but they say the monument consumes way too much land.

"We've lived here, we love the land, we take care of it. We've been taught as young people to be stewards over the land and to take care of it," said DeeAnn Hunt.

Secretary Zinke is viewing the Bears Ears National Monument by helicopter and horseback on Monday. No decisions will be made during this trip.

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6. Interior Turns Down Meetings With 2 Groups Supporting Utah Monuments

The Morning Consult, May 8 | Jack Fitzpatrick

The Department of the Interior turned down meetings this week with at least two groups supporting national monument designations in Utah, spurring complaints that the Trump administration’s review of monuments may be one-sided.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is in Utah through Wednesday to meet with stakeholders about a review of potential changes to two national monuments in the state. But Interior has not announced any public meetings in the area, though the department is taking written comments online and Zinke has met with some major stakeholders.

Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument are among 27 national monuments the administration is considering altering or revoking under an executive

action signed by President Donald Trump in April. Designation as a monument limits the number of activities that can take place on the land, such as energy production.

Opponents of the monuments criticized former Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama for creating them without enough public input, using the 1906 Antiquities Act to unilaterally designate the monuments without approval from Congress.

But as Zinke starts a 45-day review of Bears Ears and a 120-day review of the others, monument supporters say he has not engaged enough with the local community.

Interior turned down requests for meetings with Utah Diné Bikéyah, a nonprofit that supports Bears Ears and and coordinates with five nearby tribes, Executive Director Gavin Noyes said. The department also declined to meet with some members of the Escalante & Boulder Utah Chamber of Commerce, Vice President Kris Waggoner said.

“We feel like our board members and the elders in the local community have critical knowledge that he [Zinke] needs to understand before he recommends any changes to the monument,” Noyes said in a phone interview Monday. “So we don’t quite understand why he hasn’t felt it necessary to engage us, but we’ll certainly continue trying to get that critical information to him. We had hoped to walk the land with him.”

Zinke met with the Utah congressional delegation Monday morning, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) said in a statement. Interior also planned several stops to talk to local press Sunday through Wednesday, but Waggoner said she is not aware of any public meetings at which she could voice her support for the monuments.

Interior did not respond to requests on Monday for details on whom Zinke would meet during his tour.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that Zinke on Sunday met with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which supports the Bears Ears monument designation.

Noyes said he is concerned Zinke will not spend enough time in the southern half of San Juan County, Utah, an area with a more predominantly Native American population. That southern half of the county is where the most people hope to preserve the land for cultural reasons, he said.

"The people who use Bears Ears daily for cultural purposes, those are all south of where it seems he is going to visit," Noyes said. "It seems like he's spending his time primarily in the Anglo [northern] half."

Bears Ears has also attracted criticism from some local tribal organizations, such as the Utah-based Aneth Chapter of Navajo and the Blue Mountain Diné, an organization that represents Navajos living in San Juan County.

In lieu of meeting in person with Zinke, Noyes said his group still hopes to hold a conference call with him before Zinke finishes his Bears Ears review. Waggoner said she will organize a "party" May 12-14 at a business she owns, where she will set up computers for guests to submit online comments on the monuments review.

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E&E/NATIONAL NEWS – FULL STORY

1. Groups Seek to Use Anti-Regulatory Tool to Undo Obama-Era Land Restrictions

The Washington Free Beacon, May 8 | Kevin Mooney

A rarely used but potent anti-regulatory tool could be used to undo land use restrictions the Obama administration imposed on more than 72 million acres of western lands, according to attorneys and public policy analysts.

The 15 amended federal land use plans the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management adopted in cooperation with the Agriculture Department's Forest Service are among the rules and regulations now in effect that could be vulnerable under the Congressional Review Act of 1996, attorneys with the Pacific Legal Foundation told the Washington Free Beacon.

The nonprofit, public interest law firm headquartered in Sacramento, California advocates on behalf of "private property rights, individual liberty, free enterprise, limited government, and a balanced approach to environmental protection." The firm embarked on a new initiative in February titled "Red Tape Rollback," which is devoted to educating lawmakers and the public about the Congressional Review Act (CRA) and its largely unexploited benefits.

How the CRA works

The legislation, which was enacted under House Speaker Newt Gingrich and signed into law by President Clinton in March 1996, calls for regulatory agencies to send rules to both houses of Congress and the Government Accountability Office. This must be done before the rule can go into effect. Congress then has the ability to schedule up-or-down votes with simple majorities on resolutions of disapproval for any rule the members want to disapprove using fast track procedures.

During the first 60 legislative days after a rule is received, the CRA allows Congress to vote on those resolutions of disapproval to overturn rules without a Senate filibuster and with limits on the amount of time the Senate can take to debate. A member of the House and Senate each have to first introduce a joint resolution and the majority leader has to bring it to the floor.

Both the House and the Senate versions would be subject to a simple majority vote if acted upon within the 60-day legislative window.

Those resolutions that pass are sent to the president for his signature or veto. If the president signs, this means the rule is voided and any "substantially similar" rule cannot be adopted in the absence of a new law authorizing it.

Grousing around

The Obama administration's land use amendments—which were implemented with the stated purpose of protecting a stout, ground-dwelling, chicken-type bird species known as the greater sage-grouse—are among the many Obama-era rules that the Trump administration could submit for congressional review, Todd Gaziano, an executive director for the Pacific Legal Foundation's Washington, D.C. Center, said in an interview.

Since the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management and the Agricultural Department's Forest Service failed to submit their "Records of Decision" on the land use plans for congressional review, they are not lawfully in effect and cannot be lawfully implemented, Gaziano said, adding that they are therefore vulnerable to resolutions of disapproval.

The greater sage-grouse occupies about 170 million acres in 11 western states, according to the Bureau of Land Management. The land use plans impact 10 of those states: North Dakota, South

Dakota, Wyoming, parts of California, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Montana and Idaho. Colorado is also home to the Gunnison sage-grouse, a close cousin of the greater sage-grouse, which Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in November 2014.

Gov. John Hickenlooper filed suit against the Interior Department and USFWS a few months later to overturn the listing. Local government officials in Gunnison County have joined with Hickenlooper in this effort. The Democratic governor points to figures in his lawsuit that show the bird population has increased in response to local conservation efforts and should not be listed under the ESA.

Environmental groups are calling on the USFWS to elevate the listing of the Gunnison sage-grouse from "threatened" to "endangered." WildEarth Guardians has partnered with Clait Braun, a retired sage-grouse researcher with the Colorado Division of Wildlife, in its Gunnison sage-grouse litigation while The Center for Biological Diversity and the Western Watersheds Project have joined in a separate suit calling for an endangerment listing.

The Interior Department announced in September 2015, that the greater sage-grouse would not be listed under the ESA thanks to public-private partnerships that have boosted the bird's population. However, Gaziano suspects that agency bowed to political pressure from environmentalists, imposing the land use amendments in lieu of an ESA listing.

"On the merits, the land use amendments are a good set of rules for Congress to express its will and as a citizen I hope that Congress disapproves of these rules because [U.S.] Fish and Wildlife properly found that the greater sage-grouse is not threatened or endangered," said Gaziano, who is also a senior fellow in constitutional law for the Pacific Legal Foundation. "In response to the anger over their correct scientific decision, which resulted in the lack of an ESA listing, BLM and Forest Service officials essentially did what would have been done under the ESA with the land use amendments."

Reasserting Congress's role

By striking down the Obama-era sage-grouse regulations, Congress would reaffirm constitutional principles and bolster local conservation efforts, said Jonathan Wood, a staff attorney with PLF.

"The Constitution gives Congress, not federal agencies, authority to decide what to do with federal lands," he said. "We think there is no question the land use amendments are subject to the Congressional Review Act since they were not reported to Congress. This means they could be sent up to Congress and disallowed. This would send two positive signals. First, it would discourage the agencies from doing this again and second, it would embrace what states and private industry have done to preserve the sage-grouse without burdensome federal regulations."

The land use amendments are in some ways more onerous and burdensome than an ESA listing said Brian Seasholes, a policy fellow with the Montana-based Property and Environment Research Center.

With the ESA, it is at least possible to have a species delisted if the population figures improve. However, the land use amendments are on the books for an indefinite period of time without any measurable goal posts for success.

"This coercive, heavy-handed, top-down approach to conservation does not work," he said. "The land that has the most ecological value is, for the most part, privately owned. But the federal plans only deal with federal land and they are operating under a narrative that says livestock is bad. If we are going to shove ranchers off federal land, that means they are going to graze private land more intensely and that could have an impact on the sage-grouse population."

Next steps

What happens next depends on the Trump administration. The Justice Department could attempt to reach a settlement between states and environmental groups suing the federal government, while the Interior and Agriculture departments work to revise the land use plans. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has been critical of BLM's "Washington Knows Best" approach to the greater sage-grouse and has said he favors state based solutions. Representatives with Zinke's Interior Department declined to comment for this story.

Seasholes is keen on the idea of pressing ahead with the Congressional Review Act. When the Obama administration finalized its land use plans, local conservation plans had paid off in the form of a rising greater sage-grouse population that now exceeds 430,000, according to the most recent figures. This could point a path forward.

"For conservation to work, it needs to be very localized and site specific," he said. "What works in central Nevada doesn't work in northern Utah. These federal plans take no account of the differences across geography. The Congressional Review Act offers a way out of these ill-conceived plans. There are significant restrictions that have been imposed on activity in western lands that were never submitted to Congress for review, which is what should have happened under the law."

If land use amendments were permitted to stand without congressional review, it would set a terrible precedent, Gaziano said.

"It's bad enough that the Endangered Species Act has been abused and used in ways that are not authorized by statute," he said. "But what has been done with the greater sage-grouse is to say that despite the fact that it is not threatened or endangered, the federal government can just come in and place controls on huge swaths of land without letting congress review these rules. If they can get away with it with the sage-grouse, they can get away with it almost any animal whether or not it is actually threatened or endangered."

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2. Tribal Groups Press U.S. Senate to Keep BLM Methane Waste Rule

Public News Service, May 8 | Staff Writer

NAVAJO NATION -- A vote on whether to repeal the Bureau of Land Management's Methane Waste Rule could come in the U.S. Senate in the next few days, and tribal leaders are stepping up to support the rule.

The Methane Waste Rule requires oil and gas companies to install equipment to capture methane gas at wells instead of venting it or burning it off. Companies also would be required to identify and fix leaks.

Laurie Weahkee, director of the Native American Voters Alliance, said the excess gas should be brought to market, which would bring royalties to states and tribes.

"Many tribes do not have an adequate infrastructure, and so all of this money goes back to tribes," Weahkee said. "You know, we need water lines, we need our roads, our schools, all that sort of stuff."

Opponents of the rule say it is too expensive for the industry and call it government overreach.

But Navajo Nation officials and President Russell Begaye, as well as the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and three affiliated tribes in North Dakota all have opposed the rollback of the Methane Waste Rule. They said that the methane mitigation industry already has begun to create jobs in Indian Country.

The release of methane gas into the atmosphere has been linked to climate change and to smog that worsens asthma and respiratory disease. Weahkee noted that the Four Corners area has long been plagued by air pollution coming from oil and gas facilities.

"And my understanding is that, you know, when it mixes with other chemicals, it really does cause a lot of health problems for a lot of our community members," she said.

Despite bipartisan opposition, the U.S. House already has voted to repeal the rule, which was finalized in the last days of the Obama administration. Now the Senate has until this week to reverse it under the Congressional Review Act.

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3. EPA dismisses half of key board's scientific advisers; Interior suspends more than 200 advisory panels

The Washington Post, May 8 | Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis

Both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Interior Department are overhauling a slew of outside advisory boards that inform how their agencies assess the science underpinning policies, the first step in a broader effort by Republicans to change the way the federal government evaluates the scientific basis for its regulations.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt decided to replace half of the members on one of its key scientific review boards, while Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is "reviewing the charter and charge" of more than 200 advisory boards, committees and other entities both within and outside his department. EPA and Interior officials began informing current members of the move Friday, and notifications continued over the weekend.

Pruitt's move could significantly change the makeup of the 18-member Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), which advises EPA's prime scientific arm on whether the research it does has sufficient rigor and integrity, and addresses important scientific questions. All of the people being dismissed were at the end of serving at least one three-year term, although these terms are often renewed instead of terminated.

EPA spokesman J.P. Freire said in an email that "no one has been fired or terminated" and that Pruitt had simply decided to bring in fresh advisers. The agency informed the outside academics on Friday that their terms would not be renewed.

"We're not going to rubber-stamp the last administration's appointees. Instead, they should participate in the same open competitive process as the rest of the applicant pool," Freire said. "This approach is what was always intended for the board, and we're making a clean break with the last administration's approach."

Separately, Zinke has postponed all outside committees as he reviews their composition and work. The review will effectively freeze the work of the Bureau of Land Management's 38 resource advisory councils, along with other panels focused on a sweep of issues, from one assessing the threat of invasive species to the science technical advisory panel for Alaska's North Slope.

"The Secretary is committed to restoring trust in the Department's decision-making and that begins with institutionalizing state and local input and ongoing collaboration, particularly in communities surrounding public lands," Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift said by email Monday. "As the Department concludes its review in the weeks ahead, agencies will notice future meetings to ensure that the Department continues to get the benefit of the views of local communities in all decision-making on public land management."

Greg Zimmerman, deputy director of the non-partisan advocacy group Center for Western Priorities, said in an interview that "it just doesn't make any sense they would be canceling meetings as they do this analysis." BLM's regional advisory councils include officials from the energy and outdoor recreation industry as well as scientists and conservationists, Zimmerman added. "The only reasonable explanation is they don't want to be hearing from these folks."

The moves came as a surprise to the agencies' outside advisers, with several of them taking to Twitter to announce their suspensions.

John Peter Thompson, who chairs Interior's Invasive Species Advisory Panel, tweeted Monday that he had been notified that "all activities are suspended subject to review by Depart of Interior."

Members of EPA's Board of Scientific Counselors had been informed twice — in January, before President Barack Obama left office, and then more recently by EPA career staff members — that they would be kept on for another term, adding to their confusion.

"I was kind of shocked to receive this news," Robert Richardson, an ecological economist and an associate professor in Michigan State University's Department of Community Sustainability, said in an interview Sunday.

Richardson, who on Saturday tweeted, "Today, I was Trumped," said that he was at the end of an initial three-year term but that members traditionally have served two such stints. "I've never heard of any circumstance where someone didn't serve two consecutive terms," he said, adding that the dismissals gave him "great concern that objective science is being marginalized in this administration."

Courtney Flint, a professor of natural resource sociology at Utah State University who had served one term on the board, said in an email that she was also surprised to learn that her term would not be renewed, "particularly since I was told that such a renewal was expected." But she added, "In the broader view, I suppose it is the prerogative of this administration to set the goals of federal agencies and to appoint members to advisory boards."

Ryan Jackson, Pruitt's chief of staff, noted in an email that all the board members whose terms are not being renewed could reapply for their positions. "I'm not quite sure why some EPA career staff simply get angry by us opening up the process," he said. "It seems unprofessional to me."

Yet Terry F. Yosie, who directed EPA's Science Advisory Board from 1981 to 1988, noted in an email that the Board of Scientific Counselors does not report directly to the administrator or his office. "It's quite extraordinary that such a body would receive this level of attention by the Administrator's office," he said.

And Rush Holt, CEO of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, expressed concern and said he hoped Pruitt reconsidered his decision. "Academic scientists play a critical role in informing policy with scientific research results at every level, including the federal government," he said.

Pruitt is planning a much broader overhaul of how the agency conducts its scientific analysis, said a senior administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. Pruitt has been meeting with academics to talk about the matter and putting thought into which areas of investigation warrant attention from the agency's scientific advisers.

The agency may consider industry scientific experts for some of the board positions as long as these appointments do not pose a conflict of interest, Freire said.

Conservatives have complained for years about EPA's approach to science, including the input it receives from outside scientific bodies. Both the Board of Scientific Counselors and the 47-member Scientific Advisory Board have come under criticism for bolstering the cause for greater federal regulation.
A majority of the members of the Board of Scientific Counselors have terms expiring this fiscal year, along with the terms of 12 members of the Scientific Advisory Board. GOP lawmakers have frequently criticized the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)—a committee within the Scientific Advisory Board—for its recommendation that the EPA impose much stricter curbs on smog-forming ozone. The seven-person panel, which is charged under the Clean Air Act to review the scientific basis of all ambient air quality standards, is legally required to have a medical doctor and a member of the National Academy of Sciences as members.

Sen. James M. Inhofe (R-Okla.), who questions the link between human activity and climate change and has several former aides now working for Pruitt, said in an interview earlier this year that under the new administration, "they're going to have to start dealing with science, and not rigged science."

House Science Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Tex.) held a hearing on the issue in February, arguing that the Scientific Advisory Board should be expanded to include more non-academics. The panel, which was established in 1978, is primarily made up of academic scientists and other experts who review EPA's research to ensure that the regulations the agency undertakes have a sound scientific basis.

"The EPA routinely stacks this board with friendly scientists who receive millions of dollars in grants from the federal government," Smith said at the time. "The conflict of interest here is clear."

In a budget proposal obtained by The Washington Post last month, the panel's operating budget is slated for an 84 percent cut — or $542,000 — for fiscal 2018. That money typically covers travel and other expenses for outside experts who attend the board's public meetings.

The document said the budget cut reflects "an anticipated lower number of peer reviews."

Joe Arvai, a member of the Scientific Advisory Board who directs the University of Michigan's Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise, said in an email that Pruitt and his colleagues should keep in mind that the board's membership, just like its standing and ad hoc panels, "already includes credible scientists from industry" and that its "work on agency rulemaking is open to public viewing and comment. So, if diversity of thought and transparency are the administrator's concerns, his worries are misplaced because the SAB already has these bases covered.

"So, if you ask me, his moves over the weekend — as well as the House bill to reform the SAB — are attempts to use the SAB as a political toy," Arvai said. "By making these moves, the administrator and members of the House can pander to the president's base by looking like they're getting tough on all those pesky 'liberal scientists.' But, all else being equal, nothing fundamentally changes about how the SAB operates."

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4. SPECIES: Birds, tortoise at new risk from wind power growth

E & E News, May 8 | Kavya Balaraman

America's growing wind sector may be easing the country's carbon footprint, but it's leaving a heavy imprint on local wildlife.

According to the American Wind and Wildlife Institute, an estimated three to five birds are killed every year per megawatt of wind energy. And new research indicates that wind farms could pose a threat to land-dwelling species, as well.

It's a far cry from President Trump's claim that wind energy "kills all your birds," but experts say they are beginning to pay more attention to how expanding wind facilities are affecting local wildlife.

"In the past decade, there's been a lot of incentive for wind energy development. The Department of Energy is calling for a 10 percent share of wind energy by 2020. With that development, we're seeing quite a few companies looking into buying land, and these lands are home to threatened and endangered species," said Mickey Agha, a graduate student at the University of California, Davis.

Agha authored a study on the impact that wind farms could have on wildlife, which was recently published in the Journal of Wildlife Management. It came about while working on a previous research project on tortoises in the California's Mojave Desert, he said. That project involved setting up cameras at a wind facility to study tortoise burrows. While looking through the tapes, scientists noticed that a host of animals passed through the site: coyotes, bobcats, foxes, skunks and even bears.

"Some of the developments are currently on undisturbed landscapes," said Agha, referring to sites that were being built on the first time. "And once you have the facility in place, infrastructure like roads and turbines add to the fragmentation of habitat. They could block migration routes for birds and restrict corridors that terrestrial wildlife use."

Birds are especially affected. Wind turbines are generally mounted on 300-foot towers and have wingspans that are twice that of a Boeing 747, spinning at around 200 mph. The operators of the first industrial-scale wind farm in the country — in Altamont Pass, Calif. — quickly began to notice that the turbines were killing numerous bird species, including red-tailed hawks and golden eagles, said Todd Katzner, a research wildlife biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey's Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center.

"Birds like golden eagles are essentially designed to soar on upward-moving wind curves," he explained, "and places with a lot of wind movement are also really good places to put wind turbines. Also, birds tend to not think about threats from things like spinning blades — their evolutionary history prepares them for threats from above, like other birds attacking, or from the ground. They aren't really used to things moving directly in front of them."

Roberto Albertani, associate professor of mechanical engineering with the Oregon State University College of Engineering, thinks he may have a solution to the problem. He recently received funding from the Department of Energy's Wind Energy Technologies Office to experiment with a network of sensors and cameras that he hopes will help reduce eagle fatalities in American wind farms. Working with a team of scientists, including Katzner, Albertani plans to set up a three-part system to test this technology.

"The project has three subsystems: detecting the eagle, providing a deterrent for the eagle and detection if there's a strike on the blade," he explained. "These are all integrated."

The system will be tested at the North American Wind Research and Training Center in Tucumcari, N.M., and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's National Wind Technology Center in Boulder, Colo. It includes a camera mounted on the towers, which is programmed to identify eagles flying toward it. If it spots one, it will trigger the "deterrent" — images of people, which will hopefully scare the bird away. The turbines will also be equipped with vibration sensors so that if an eagle does collide with one, scientists can examine footage and determine the cause.

Collecting similar data for terrestrial animals is equally important, said Agha.

"What we need to know is what's happening on the ground. For instance — how are the vibrations and noise produced by the turbines going to impact the auditory cues of wildlife? It may also impact their ability to [inhabit] these areas. Future research should look at monitoring these facilities," he added.

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5. **LAW: Trump team defends fracking authority as it rethinks rule**

E & E News, May 8 | Ellen M. Gilmer

Government lawyers walked a fine line in legal briefs Friday, arguing that the Interior Department does have authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing but shouldn't have to continue defending an Obama-era fracking rule in court.

Justice Department lawyers made those arguments to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals as part of the latest round of legal wrangling over the Bureau of Land Management's fracking rule, the Obama administration's marquee effort to increase oversight of modern oil and gas development on public and tribal lands. The rule has been sidelined by litigation since its March 2015 release.

"Although BLM had authority to promulgate the Hydraulic Fracturing Rule, it also has substantial discretion in how it carries out its statutory mission of administering federal and Indian leases," the brief says. "The specific provisions of the Rule may no longer reflect BLM's best judgment of how to exercise that authority."

The agency is in a tricky position after a district court struck down the fracking rule last summer, finding that the federal government has no authority over fracking. The Obama administration immediately appealed the decision, calling it a "manifestly incorrect" interpretation of federal laws.

The Trump administration is now trying to preserve its defense of federal authority over fracking while simultaneously walking away from President Obama's approach.

"In holding that BLM lacks authority to ensure safe operations on federal and Indian lands, the district court made a serious and consequential error about federal authority and the interpretation of statutes that BLM administers," government lawyers told the 10th Circuit. "BLM now faces a significant litigation dilemma: In order to seek review of the district court's error, the agency would have to defend a rule that it no longer considered appropriate to protect federal and Indian lands."

BLM is urging the court to instead put the case on hold while the agency reviews the rule, arguing that active judicial review would not be appropriate because the rule may change. While BLM

believes the lower court's decision was wrong, "review of that decision is not urgent in light of the upcoming rulemaking," the brief said.

Courts have recently granted several similar requests in litigation over other Obama-era regulations (Greenwire, April 27).

Appealing without the government

Friday's brief also sets the stage for another battle that may be on the horizon: If the Trump administration doesn't want to defend the rule, can environmental groups push the appeal forward on their own? The 10th Circuit asked the litigants to address the question in this round of briefs.

DOJ lawyers argued it's not relevant at this time because BLM only wants to pause the case, not walk away from it. But if the agency were to abandon its appeal, they argued, environmental groups would not have legal standing to carry it forward on their own.

They point to Diamond v. Charles, a 1986 Supreme Court decision that held that an intervenor did not have standing to appeal a court's decision to void a statute when the government itself declined to appeal.

Several appellate courts have applied Diamond to lawsuits over regulations, finding that intervenors supporting challenged rules lacked standing to appeal judgments without the government — though at least one circuit, the 9th, has taken a more permissive approach.

The 10th Circuit, where the fracking rule litigation is playing out, does not have much case law on the issue. In proceedings over the Forest Service's roadless rule, it allowed environmental groups to defend the Clinton-era regulation when the Bush administration would not. But the court ultimately dismissed the appeal in 2005 on unrelated grounds and never addressed the standing question directly.

The Sierra Club, Earthworks and several other groups have defended the fracking rule since the litigation began and have said they plan to continue fighting for it even if the Trump administration does not (Energywire, March 16).

"If the Court were to address the issue here, it should find that Diamond is controlling and that the Environmental Intervenors would lack standing to pursue their own appeal," DOJ told the court.

BLM also noted that environmental groups would have future opportunities to challenge the results of the agency's new rulemaking process or oppose individual permitting decisions.

The groups are expected to push back strongly on DOJ's position, arguing that they have a legal interest in seeing the lower court's decision reversed.

Status quo

Finally, the court asked BLM to discuss what should happen to the fracking rule if the case is put on hold. The agency noted that because the district court scrapped the rule, the 10th Circuit can preserve the status quo by simply letting that judgment stand while holding the appeal in abeyance.

If the appeal is ultimately made moot after BLM completes its new rulemaking process, the 10th Circuit should vacate the lower court's decision, the brief said. That would erase precedent BLM and the environmental intervenors disagree with without forcing the court to rule on the Obama regulation that is likely to change.

BLM plans to publish a Federal Register notice June 13 that kicks off a formal process to suspend, revise or rescind the rule.

"We've come to expect the Trump administration's eagerness to sacrifice our public lands and public health for the benefit of Big Oil," Earthjustice attorney Mike Freeman said in an email. "The administration's arguments are just as meritless now as they were when BLM announced its reversal in March."

The government's Friday filing was 11 days ahead of its deadline, speeding up the briefing schedule for the other parties in the case. Opponents of the fracking rule — Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, Utah, the Western Energy Alliance, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Ute Indian Tribe — have until June 5 to file their response. Environmental groups' response is due the same day.

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6. **REGULATIONS: Congressional anti-rule push may live on after methane vote**

E & E News, May 8 | Arianna Skibell

The Congressional Review Act clock is ticking, and time is running out.

The window of opportunity to use the expedited procedure to roll back Obama-era regulations is set to close at the end of this week, and Senate Republicans are still trying to ram through one more resolution of disapproval.

Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) said that, despite some unforeseen opposition within his party, he is confident a vote against a controversial rule limiting methane waste on public lands will happen this week.

Robert Dillon, spokesman for the American Council for Capital Formation and former aide to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), said last week the methane rule vote could happen Wednesday.

"We'd prefer sooner rather than later," said Dillon, whose organization supports repeal of the rule. "I think the votes are there. I think Barrasso is right," he said, adding that ACCF has been talking regularly to members about the issue.

However, Donald Stewart, deputy chief of staff to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), cautioned that McConnell had not yet announced when a methane rule vote would happen.

The House passed the resolution of disapproval, S.J. Res. 11, in February, but Senate Republicans have struggled to garner support for the measure.

The November 2016 Interior Department rule seeks to curb greenhouse gas emissions from oil and gas flaring, venting and leakage on public and tribal lands.

A slight glitch arose last week when a couple of corn-state Republicans tried to leverage the methane vote to pass through a waiver of seasonal restrictions on the sale of E15, or 15 percent ethanol in gasoline.

Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and John Thune (R-S.D.) signaled that their support of the methane repeal was contingent on Republican support for the ethanol change.

Relaxing restrictions for seasonal E15 use is not a party issue. Republicans remain divided, and Thune and Grassley's obstinacy may not be a politically viable stance, analysts say.

Another hurdle could be Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), who remains publicly undecided on the issue, though he is expected to vote in favor of the repeal when push comes to shove.

Next CRA fight

The repeal of the methane rule would mark President Trump's 14th deployment of the Congressional Review Act to roll back so-called midnight regulations finalized under the Obama administration.

Sponsored by former Rep. David McIntosh (R-Ind.), the CRA was signed by President Clinton in 1996. It requires federal agencies to submit final rules to both Congress and the Government Accountability Office before they can take effect.

Congress then has 60 legislative days to review the rule. Within that time, lawmakers can schedule a simple majority, up-or-down vote on whether to overturn it with fast-track procedures.

Once a rule is gone, the CRA prohibits the issuing agency from promulgating a future "substantially similar" one. Because the CRA has never been tested in court, the term "substantially similar" has yet to be defined.

The "substantially similar" clause has been a point of contention for many watching the CRA scenario unfold. The environmental group Center for Biological Diversity last month filed a lawsuit arguing the provision is unconstitutional because it amounts to a legislative veto, which is prohibited (E&E News PM, April 20).

The rule-busting statute will likely come under intense scrutiny again when the Securities and Exchange Commission issues a new transparency rule for resource extraction firms.

Trump this year used the CRA to eliminate the agency's second attempt at the rule, which is required under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

When lawmakers scrap a rule mandated by statute, the issuing agency has a year from repeal to offer a new one that is not "substantially similar." Assuming Republicans do not repeal Dodd-Frank, the new rule will likely set the stage for an unprecedented legal battle.

If SEC releases a new rule that is seen as more flexible, watchdog groups will likely sue. But if the agency issues a standard that business groups see as too strict, they could launch litigation on the grounds that the new rule is "substantially similar" to the old (E&E Daily, Feb. 10).

Complicated timing calculations

Until this year, Congress and the White House had used the CRA successfully only once, to toss out a Labor Department rule in 2001.

Because the law requires the president's signature on resolutions of disapproval, it is most successful at the start of a new administration; a president is not likely to undo actions taken under his executive authority.

Additionally, the CRA gives Congress 60 full legislative days to review new rules. If a rule is published in the Federal Register with fewer than 60 session days left, the clock starts over at the beginning of the next Congress with a fresh 60 days. That's why the clock on all Obama rules published after June 13, 2016, started over in the 115th Congress.

Accordingly, lawmakers had 60 session days from Jan. 30 to vote on disapproval resolutions against the previous administration's actions. But the House and the Senate measure time differently; the House uses legislative days, while the Senate uses session days.

How many calendar days fit into a session or legislative day varies, depending on leadership. For example, when Senate Democrats were attempting to stall Cabinet confirmations, five calendar days only counted as three session days.

The deadline to fast-track CRA resolutions is expected to expire either Thursday or Friday. But even after the 60-day window closes, Congress can still pass them. They just won't qualify for expedited procedures.

Some conservatives are arguing, however, that the CRA could actually be used to roll back rules dating back to the 1990s that agencies never submitted properly (E&E Daily, March 7).

Todd Gaziano, who's advocating for the expanded definition, was general counsel to McIntosh when he served in Congress and helped write the law.

Amit Narang, regulatory policy advocate at Public Citizen's Congress Watch, said that reading of the law stretches it "way beyond its intent."

"I think that's baloney," said Narang. "It reads into the CRA this paperwork requirement that becomes this be-all and end-all of whether a rule takes effect or not. That makes no sense."

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3. Patagonia to Zinke: 'Conserve Our Shared Public Lands for Future Generations'

EcoWatch, May 5 | Yvon Chouinard and Rose Marcario

Dear Secretary Zinke,

As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the national monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage—a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future.

4. **INTERIOR: Agency suspends advisory panels even as decisions loom**

E & E News, May 5 | Scott Streater

The Interior Department is formally reviewing the "charter and charge" of more than 200 advisory panels that assist federal agencies managing hundreds of millions of acres of public lands at a time when the Trump administration is considering significant changes to land-use designations and management practices.

5. **27 national monuments under Interior Dept. review**

David DeMille, May 5 | David DeMille

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Nearly two dozen national monuments will face a federal review period following an executive order by President Trump.

6. **Native American advocates size up Trump administration**

KPAX News, May 6 | Eleanor Mueller

With President Donald Trump's first 100 days in office in the rearview mirror, lawmakers and advocates are uncertain but hopeful about the impact the new administration will have on the Native American community.

7. **Op-ed: Utah Farm Bureau applauds review of national monuments**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Ron Gibson

Utah Farm Bureau applauds President Trump's review of presidential national monument designations over the past two decades, including the highly controversial 1996 Grand Staircase-Escalante and 2016 Bears Ears National Monument.

8. **Much at stake as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke visits Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 6 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

SALT LAKE CITY — To all in the fight over the Bears Ears monument designation, there is much to win, a way of life to lose, and very little room on any side to compromise.

9. **Supporters of Bears Ears, Grand Staircase rally in advance of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Peggy Fletcher Stack

After his birth in Utah's Monument Valley, James Adakai's umbilical cord was buried at Bears Ears.

10. **In our opinion: Reviewing the Antiquities Act is an important course of action**

The Deseret News, May 6 | Deseret News editorial board

We believe in the importance of conservation. The nation's public and shared lands are a vital treasure that need to be preserved.

11. **Op-ed: Will Bears Ears Be the Next Standing Rock?**

The New York Times, May 6 | Terry Tempest Williams

After seven years of organizing, the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition — made up of the Hopi, Navajo, Uintah and Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni Nations — played a key role in securing the protection of 1.35 million acres surrounding Bears Ears from development and resource extraction just before President Obama left office.

12. **Zinke promises to hear out protestors of rescinding national monuments**

The Washington Times, May 6 | Ben Wolfgang

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Sunday launched a "listening tour" across Utah designed to quell an uproar over his department's controversial review of national monuments.

13. **National Monuments: Presidents Can Create Them, but Only Congress Can Undo Them**

Govexec.com, May 6 | Nicholas Bryner, Eric Biber, Mark Squillace and Sean B. Hecht

On April 26 President Trump issued an executive order calling for a review of national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act. This law authorizes presidents to set aside federal lands in order to protect "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest."

14. **Rallies over Bears Ears act as prelude to Zinke's visit**

KSL News, May 7 | Jasen Lee and Marjorie Cortez

SALT LAKE CITY — For scores of Utahns, preserving the monument status of the state's newest protected public lands and one of its more revered places was more than enough reason to spend a weekend afternoon at the state Capitol.

15. **Zinke met by protest as he arrives to consider Utah voices on national monuments**

The Deseret News, May 7 | McKenzie Romero

SALT LAKE CITY — While protestors clogged the sidewalk outside, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said he will be gathering perspectives of people on all sides of a deeply controversial issue as he reviews the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments.

16. **Zinke starts review of Utah's Bears Ears National Monument**

The Las Vegas Review-Journal, May 7 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will start a four-day Utah trip Sunday to assess whether 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled down or even rescinded.

17. **The new range war**

The Christian Science Monitor, May 7 | Amanda Paulson

MAY 7, 2017 SALMON, IDAHO—Merill Beyeler bears the classic look of a Western rancher. He's got the leathery face of someone who has spent a lot of time outdoors. He wears flannel shirts, jeans, and a bone-colored cowboy hat.

18. **The Latest: Zinke says he may not favor shrinking monuments**

NewsOK, May 7 | The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Latest on a visit to Utah by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the designation of national monuments (all times local):

19. **Zinke says monument designations have been an 'effective tool,' though 'very few ... are to the scale of the recent actions'**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 7 | Matthew Piper

As he embarked on a tour of Utah to review two national monuments, Ryan Zinke said he sees no evidence Native American proponents of Bears Ears National Monument were exploited by special interest groups, as state leaders have suggested.

20. **Zinke Begins Utah Listening Tour**

KUER News, May 7 | Judy Fahys

Utahns for and against national monuments have been asking the Trump administration to weigh in on Bears Ears ever since it was created in December. U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke arrived in Utah Sunday to hear their concerns firsthand.

21. **Zinke in southern Utah to tour Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 8 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BLANDING — Native American supporters of the new Bears Ears National Monument talked Monday about the sacred nature of the rugged landscape and why it's so important to protect.

22. **Zinke kicks off Utah tour in national monuments review**

The Hill, May 8 | Timothy Cama

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is in Utah this week to tour two controversial national monuments that the Trump administration is considering rescinding or shrinking.

23. **Mr. Zinke, Keep Channeling Teddy Roosevelt**

The New York Times, May 8 | The Editorial Board

On his first day on the job, Ryan Zinke, President Trump's secretary of the interior, rode a horse to work, in plain imitation of Teddy Roosevelt, who as president used to gallop around Washington, and whose admirable record as a conservationist Mr. Zinke says he hopes to emulate.

24. **Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?**

The Las Vegas Sun, May 8 | Daniel Rothberg

At a Lake Tahoe fundraiser in August, Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl — a leader in the movement to transfer federal land to the states — met privately with then-candidate Donald Trump. According to a story Dahl has told many times since then, he asked Trump how he would feel operating a 10-floor hotel in which eight floors were owned by a bureaucracy 2,500 miles away.

25. **Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?**

The Center for American Progress, May 8 | Mary Ellen Kustin

On April 26, President Donald Trump launched an attack on national parks, public lands, and waters. His executive order called on U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to "review" the 54 national monuments that presidents have designated or expanded since 1996. The order gives wide discretion to the secretary to recommend actions that the president or Congress should take to alter or rescind the protections for these natural, historical, and cultural treasures.

26. **US Interior secretary tours hotly contested Utah monument**

The Washington Post, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Monday will get a bird's-eye view of one of 27 national monuments he's been ordered to review as he flies over 1.3 million acres of southern Utah's red rock plateaus, cliffs and canyons graced with sagebrush, juniper trees and ancient cliff dwellings in one of America's newest and most hotly contested monuments.

FULL STORY

1. With National Monuments Under Review, Bears Ears Is Focus Of Fierce Debate

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A lot of the anger over federal public land in rural Utah today can be traced back to a windy, gray day in Arizona in September 1996. At the Grand Canyon, President Bill Clinton formally designated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah, more than 100 miles away.

"On this remarkable site, God's handiwork is everywhere in the natural beauty of the Escalante Canyons," he said.

But Clinton didn't set foot in Utah. The planning for the monument was largely done in secret, and state leaders had little warning it was coming.

Now, nearly 21 years later, mistrust toward the federal government persists, in the tightknit, mostly Mormon town of Blanding, Utah. Folks can't help but draw a parallel to how President Barack Obama's sweeping Bears Ears National Monument ended up in their backyard.

"I don't understand how it would protect the land when you're inviting thousands of footprints in," says Laura O'Donnell.

O'Donnell, who works at Blanding's modest visitor center, says she is uncomfortable with her town suddenly being the flashpoint in the heated debate over the future of federal public lands.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is keeping a promise to travel into rural Utah beginning this weekend to hear from locals who live around the new 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears monument and the established 1.8 million-acre Grand Staircase monument to the west. The Trump administration has launched a 45-day review over whether large national monuments like these that protect federal land should be rescinded or shrunk.

In Blanding, Zinke's visit is highly anticipated. Here, opposition to the monument runs deeper than the usual anxieties in sagebrush country about adding more protections to public land that would restrict future mining and other development.

"Monuments should be an honor to an area, and we feel like this one is nothing but a punishment," says Jami Bayles, who founded a group called the Stewards of San Juan County.

From her office at a small college, you can see the twin Bears Ears buttes framing the distant horizon out on the vast Cedar Mesa west of town. While not as visually dramatic as the famous national parks nearby, the area is dense with cliff dwellings and ancient artifacts.

Bayles and many of her neighbors felt offended when the federal government announced additional protections under a new monument because they felt it sent a message that the land was being threatened.

"We keep that place pristine, we keep it clean, we check on it all the time," Bayles says. "I guess my argument is, 'OK, yeah, it belongs to everybody, but not everybody has been taking care of it.' "

Bayles says that the monument is being pushed by extreme, out-of-state environmentalists and that her side has struggled to be heard.

There are deep pockets behind the campaign to protect Bears Ears.

San Juan County is about 50 percent Native American. A short drive down the road, on the Navajo Nation Reservation, tribal leaders say it's a lie for people in Blanding to argue that the monument is being pushed on them from the outside.

"For them to be here for 130 years, they should at least understand the Native Americans now," says Kenneth Maryboy, a chapter president.

Native Americans from around the Four Corners region, where Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona meet, who back the new monument are open about the fact that they're getting outside help and money because they didn't have a voice before, according to interviews with tribal leaders. Many tribes in the region have officially come out in support of the monument, though not all.

Maryboy was involved with the first talks with Utah's congressional delegation almost a decade ago about protecting Bears Ears as a National Conservation Area. They broke down last year, then came Obama's executive order.

"Our gripe and our fight is to preserve what's there, the Native American artifacts, the antiquities and all the shrines and the ruins," Maryboy says.

The sacred burial grounds of the famous Navajo leader Manuelito are included in the new monument. Maryboy sees the monument as crucial to protecting these antiquities from vandalism and looting, a historical problem in San Juan County.

"The San Juan County good ol' boys don't want to see this happen," says Maryboy. "They adamantly, openly said, 'This is our land. The damn Navajos need to go back to the reservation.' "

It's not an overstatement to say that Zinke will see deep tension and polarization when he arrives at Bears Ears late this weekend for a two-day tour.

Tribes here point to a history of broken promises with the U.S. government. If the Trump administration moves to abolish Bears Ears, it's not hard to imagine a Standing Rock-inspired protest here. On the other hand, if the monument stays intact, some wonder whether the militias that support rancher Cliven Bundy and his sons would arrive in San Juan County.

Back in Blanding, some locals like Ferd Johnson are floating a compromise. Why not just shrink the monument and protect the cliff dwellings and other antiquities themselves, they say.

"All these environmentalists, these Navajos, Hopis and the other Indians didn't even know where the Bears Ears was," Johnson says. "Why is it so sacred if they don't even know where it is?"

The tribes dispute this. Some have already signaled they'll sue if, after Zinke's Utah trip, the Trump administration moves to rescind Bears Ears.

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2. Record-setting southern Utah tourism highlights stakes of national monument debate

KSL News, May 5 | Dave Cawley

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s plan to visit southern Utah next week will place him, and by extension the Trump Administration, in the middle of two bitter fights over public lands in the state.

One, a white-hot battle over the 1.3-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County, erupted last December when then-President Barack Obama created the monument at the request of tribal representatives and against the wishes of county and state leaders.

The other fight has simmered for two decades. It deals with an older and even larger monument, blamed by many in southern Utah for slowly strangling the life out of their communities. Yet the disagreement over Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is coming back to a boil even as tourism in the region sets new records year after year.

A review of economic indicators by KSL, including employment data, visitation statistics, tourism-related tax revenues and county building permit records obtained through an open records request, reveals both the struggles and opportunities facing places like Cannonville, Kanab, Boulder and Big Water.

The simmering dispute

An irritated Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, was sick of hearing about the values of southern Utah's tourism economy. During a meeting of the state's House Natural Resource, Agriculture and Environment Committee in late February, the lawmaker unloaded on his colleagues from Salt Lake City.

"People tell me there's all kinds of jobs down there; everything's going great," Noel said. "I really kind of get a gutful of it up here, I really do. It bothers me because it sends a false premise."

Noel represents House District 73, a giant swath of territory covering all of Kane, Garfield, San Juan, Wayne and Piute Counties, as well as pieces of Beaver and Sevier Counties. He chastised urban lawmakers for suggesting federal management of Utah lands has had a positive influence by driving visitors, and by extension their tax dollars, into the rural region he represents.

"I've lived there for 41 years. I've seen what's happened down there and my ancestors have lived there for over 100 years and it's not in a good condition as far as you say, as far as economically and what's happening to families," Noel said.

In recent years Noel has helped lead the charge in several high-profile efforts to take control of federal lands. Key among those lands is the monument at the heart of his district — Grand Staircase-Escalante.

The maligned monument

As designated by President Bill Clinton in 1996, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument covered roughly 1.9 million acres. It's bounded on the east by Capitol Reef National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and on the west by Bryce Canyon National Park. The monument's northern edge abuts the Dixie National Forest, while its southern extremity touches the Arizona border.

Wrapped within it sits a maze of twisted river canyons, eroded sandstone pinnacles and arches, relics of pioneer history and fossilized dinosaur bones.

Rep. Noel's cry to turn over those lands to state management, or to at least prioritize cattle grazing, ATV use and mineral extraction, have support from people like Garfield County Commissioner Leland Pollock.

"200,000 acres would be a stretch, to say that there's antiquities, things of value that meet the Antiquities Act criteria," Pollock said. "What is it? It's BLM range. It's brush land. It's sage brush."

The Bureau of Land Management administers the monument, unlike most other Utah monuments which are instead operated by the National Park Service.

Prior to the designation two decades ago, a bitter fight had raged between the mining company Andalex Resources, Inc. and environmental groups over the company's plans to extract large amounts of coal from the region. Andalex held federal mineral leases around the Kaiparowitz Plateau.

The wording of President Clinton's declaration made clear those existing leases were to be honored. However, the company made the decision not to develop the resources and ultimately gave up the leases in exchange for $14 million from the Department of the Interior.

Miners were not the only ones with claims to the land. Ranchers also held leases that allowed them to graze their cattle over much of what is now in the monument. Those uses were largely respected and allowed to continue by the Bureau of Land Management, though some parcels were withdrawn from use.

Monument critics believe the coal reserves could still be developed, to the economic benefit of the region, were the federal land managers not standing in the way.

Recreation opportunities on the monument are expansive, though not without difficulty.

Unlike many national parks, where trails are paved and shuttle buses run on tight schedules, Grand Staircase-Escalante is almost entirely primitive. It holds just three established campgrounds: Calf Creek along state Route 12 between Boulder and Escalante, Deer Creek on the Burr Trail Road and White House on the Paria River. Roads to most popular destinations are unpaved and at times impassable due to weather or damage.

“They did not want tourism,” Pollock said. “The monument itself, they would tell me when I was first sworn in as a commissioner, ‘this wasn’t created for tourism. It was created to study science.’”

The popularity explosion

Want them or not, tourists are coming to Grand Staircase-Escalante in record numbers.

Visitation statistics maintained by the National Park Service show Zion led the pack of Utah parks in 2016, taking in 4.3 million people. Bryce Canyon, the state’s second-most-visited park, welcomed almost 2.4 million. Both figures are nearly double the visitation recorded in 1996, when Grand Staircase-Escalante was born.

BLM records show the monument has also almost doubled its annual visitation during the same period. It set a high-water mark of 923,236 visitors last year, placing it above even Canyonlands and about on par with Capitol Reef National Park.

The rate of visitation growth for Zion, Bryce and Arches accelerated sharply in 2013. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute Director Natalie Gochnour noted that in recent years, the Utah Office of Tourism has heavily advertised the parks with the Mighty Five campaign.

“There’s a lot of money that goes into promoting our state and it’s proven to be very well invested … but you have to be really careful that you also invest in the quality of that experience,” Gochnour said. “Whether it’s roads or campgrounds or bridges or water treatment plants, amenities, you need to invest in the tourism infrastructure business to get a payback from it.”

In Washington County, home to St. George and the Zion gateway community of Springdale, taxes on short-term lodging and restaurant sales have followed a similar curve as the park's visitation. Grand County, too, has shown strong tourism-related tax growth, boosted by visitors to Arches who also stay and spend in Moab.

The visitation spike has helped accelerate recovery in Washington and Grand Counties following the recession of the late 2000s.

"The tax revenues related to tourism and travel are going up, have been for the last five years," Jennifer Leaver said. She works as a research analyst at Gardner Institute and has spent a good deal of time examining the economics of southern Utah. "Jobs have been either remaining flat or going up. Wages have been going up."

But while Garfield County is home to Bryce Canyon, it has not seen quite the same boost.

Challenges of the tourism economy

The tiny town of Boulder is made up of little more than a few buildings and farms snuggled into the valley where state Route 12 and the Burr Trail meet on the southern slopes of Boulder Mountain. As of the 2010 Census, Boulder claimed a population of 226.

Yet it's exactly where Blake Spalding and her partner chose to start their business, Hell's Backbone Grill, shortly after Grand Staircase-Escalante's creation.

"We really just built it up. This is our 18th season. We have about 45 employees that work with us year after year," Spalding said.

Hell's Backbone Grill, which is located on the grounds of the Boulder Mountain Lodge, has received numerous accolades from both local and national press over the years. It draws clientele with its menu and its reputation, but finding qualified help has proved to be one of the restaurant's biggest challenges.

"There's not a business from a construction company to the school to the towns themselves, certainly my restaurant, that isn't hiring right now. We have jobs aplenty," Spalding said. "What we don't have is residents to fill them."

Making a life in a place like Boulder can be incredibly difficult, especially for someone accustomed to urban living. Cell phone service is spotty. Cultural options are limited, though outdoor recreation is in abundant supply. Grocery runs can require long drives to bigger towns. And while there are jobs available, many are not the kind capable of providing a steady living.

Lecia Langston, a regional economist with the Utah Department of Workforce Services, said tourism jobs tend to come and go.

“For Garfield County particularly they see a huge amount of seasonality so that during the summer they basically have to import a lot of their labor because they need it, but they don’t need it in the winter,” Langston said.

People who can’t afford to stay the winter on what they earned are forced to leave in search of other opportunities, as work in other more stable fields can prove tough to find.

“Garfield County has the highest percentage of leisure and hospitality services jobs in the state. They run about 43 percent of their total non-farm employment,” Langston said.

The result is a yo-yoing effect. In March, the most recent month for which numbers are available, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Garfield County was 7.1 percent. That was the lowest it’s been since the end of the recession but it was still well above the statewide average of 3.1 percent.

“If you were to look at the raw rate in July for Garfield County it would be very, very, very low,” Langston said. Conversely, it would be much, much higher in December. “Kane County (in March) actually looks fairly low, given the fact that they do have a lot of seasonality. Their unemployment rate right now is 3.2 percent, which is comparable to the state average.”

Kanab on the cusp

Kane and Garfield Counties have much in common, making that difference in their unemployment rate very conspicuous.

“What’s interesting about Kane County is they do have a couple of unusual employers that make their employment numbers look a little bit different,” Langston said. “Kane County’s largest employer is actually Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. They show up in what we call ‘other services’ so they have a really high percentage of employment in that sector. The other thing

that's important to know about Kane County is they do have some manufacturing. Stampin' Up was a homegrown company that started in Kane County and still has a sizable employment presence."

That little bit of diversity helps make Kane's economy more resilient. Kane County Office of Tourism Executive Director Camille Johnson said the addition of steady jobs has allowed for more stability and, as a result, investment in the visitor experience.

"We had Comfort Suites and Hampton Inn open up in the last year and we've got a La Quinta on line to open in 2018. Then I just learned of one of our local partners that's doing an expansion," Johnson said. "We've had a lot of new restaurants open up."

The city also has geography to its advantage. Kanab sits within striking distance of Zion, Bryce Canyon, the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell and the Wave. The county is promoting Kanab as a place to base camp while visiting the whole variety of southern Utah destinations. The goal is to keep visitors in town long enough to help the local economy, rather than having them simply pass through on their way to another place.

Johnson said overcrowding in the banner locations like Zion also has Kane County pointing increasingly more visitors toward hidden gems outside of the Mighty Five.

"Because tourism is such a hot industry for us right now, we're having a little bit of a labor force crisis and a housing crisis," Johnson said. "With the two new hotels opening up and several restaurants, it spread our already thin labor force even thinner."

Up in Garfield County though, the hospitality industry has grown more slowly since the creation of Grand Staircase-Escalante.

Commercial building permit papers obtained by KSL through an open records request reveal much of the new lodging construction over the last 20 years has focused Ruby's Inn or the Bryce Canyon gateway communities. Recently, more rustic rental options like cabins, yurts or RV parks have started to open around Escalante and Tropic.

Back in Kanab, some fear the rapid growth could dilute the history and western character of the region.

“Locals will say to me ‘we don’t want to be like Moab, we don’t want to be like Springdale, please don’t let that happen’,” Johnson said. “They’re afraid that we’ll lose the spirit of our community and our heritage and then it won’t be appealing for locals to stay here and then they uproot and then we lose that heritage.”

The tale of two Utahs

The loss of locals is already happening and not just in Kanab. It’s evident from the average age in many rural Utah counties.

“There are two different economic realities in our state. We call it ‘the tale of two Utahs’,” Natalie Gochnour said. “They basically have children who left the counties, presumably for employment opportunities, schooling and they don’t come back. And so these counties get older and older and older.”

Why don’t they come back? Experts agree it’s a lack of high-paying skilled work in rural communities.

“It’s kind of a catch-22 because there aren’t necessarily the kinds of jobs young people want, or that pay the kind of wages that they’d really like to have, so they leave and you don’t get the population growth that you need to spur the economic growth,” Lecia Langston, the Workforce Services regional economist, said.

Garfield County even declared a state of emergency in 2015 due to declining enrollment at Escalante High School.

“In 1996 you had about 144 children enrolled at Escalante school, seventh through 12th grade,” Commissioner Leland Pollock said. “When we declared that state of emergency it was down to 51.”

Pollock points to Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument as the primary reason for the drop. Others though see the problem in more nuanced terms.

“I think it’s really a time to think very purposefully about rural Utah, particularly rural Utah that’s hurting, and figure out how do we connect and unify and help,” Gochnour said.

She suggested that could mean having policymakers lean on urban Utah's strength, investing the fruits of Wasatch Front productivity into rural counties through infrastructure improvements like better roads or broadband access. At the same time, battles over public lands could be quieted by some good-faith deal-making.

"I think a really productive place for state decision makers to focus is on land exchanges and making all of these state institutional trust lands that are locked up inside federal lands, not accessible, getting them closer to the cities, closer to the towns and letting those towns grow," Gochnour said.

The Wasatch Front could in turn benefit in the form of reduced air pollution and traffic congestion, as more people disperse into areas outside of the urban core. Gochnour suggested outdoor gear companies already operating in the state could lead the charge, choosing to locate their manufacturing facilities in areas like Kanab.

"Maybe it's time for the state and the federal government, locals, recreationists to all come together and say 'there is a path forward that can address our needs'."

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3. Patagonia to Zinke: 'Conserve Our Shared Public Lands for Future Generations'

EcoWatch, May 5 | Yvon Chouinard and Rose Marcario

Dear Secretary Zinke,

As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the national monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage—a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future.

That is why the arbitrary 120-day deadline for you to review whether to shrink or rescind dozens of national monuments is absurd. As you know, the process to establish a national monument

often takes years, if not decades. It involves significant study of the area of the proposed monument—including its ecological, cultural, archeological, economic and recreation value—and robust consultation with local communities and their elected representatives at every level. Given the unique and complex histories of each monument, there is simply no way to meaningfully review dozens of individual monuments in such a short period.

You justify this review on the false premise that the American people have not yet been heard on the designation of these national monuments. But the communities near the national monuments under your review have already made their voices heard during public input and stakeholder engagement periods prior to designation. For example, notwithstanding the rhetoric of Utah Governor Gary Herbert and members of the Utah Congressional delegation, the designation of Bears Ears National Monument involved years of public input gathered by the Obama administration. This process included a series of public meetings in Southeastern Utah in 2016, including several sessions attended by former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. It also included significant engagement with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which represents tribal nations for whom the land is sacred and contains archeological artifacts with immense cultural value. Additionally, in a recent poll, 68 percent of voters in seven Western states said they prioritize the protection of land, water and wildlife for recreation on public land, compared with 22 percent who prioritized increased production of fossil fuels. Your review must account for this extensive record of consultation as you purport to seek public input.

As you undertake this review, we urge you to consider the enormous economic benefits of protected public lands for nearby communities, including many rural areas. A recent study showed that areas in the West with protected lands consistently enjoy better rates of employment and income growth compared to those with no protected lands. In the 22 years since the Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah was declared a national monument, jobs grew by 38 percent in two neighboring counties. The designation of 17 national monuments—including nine monuments covered under your review—led to significant increases in per capita income in regions adjacent to the newly-protected areas.

Rescinding or shrinking the national monuments under review also threatens the fast-growing outdoor recreation economy, which relies significantly on recreation access to protected public lands. These lands are not "locked up," as the Trump administration has said repeatedly declared—they are extremely productive. As you know, since you participated in the outdoor industry's announcement of a new economic study last week, the recreation economy drives $887 billion in consumer spending every year and supports more jobs (7.6 million) than oil,

natural gas and mining combined. Rescinding or shrinking the national monuments under review would significantly impact the strength of the outdoor recreation economy and limit our ability to create and sustain jobs.

Patagonia has been outfitting outdoors people and protecting public lands for more than 30 years. The debate over land and water conservation is always complex and sometimes divisive. But we have never witnessed the legacy of America's federal lands encountering greater risk than we see right now. As you visit these protected places and report back to the president, I urge you to follow in the tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt and conserve our shared public lands for future generations.

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4. INTERIOR: Agency suspends advisory panels even as decisions loom

E & E News, May 5 | Scott Streater

The Interior Department is formally reviewing the "charter and charge" of more than 200 advisory panels that assist federal agencies managing hundreds of millions of acres of public lands at a time when the Trump administration is considering significant changes to land-use designations and management practices.

The Bureau of Land Management has told members of its 30 resource advisory councils (RACs) to postpone scheduled meetings through at least September as part of the new national review of Interior's advisory panels, both internal and external.

That includes canceling meetings of six other BLM advisory committees affiliated with specific sites within the agency's National Conservation Lands system, as well as two other high-profile panels: the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board and the North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel in Alaska.

It also affects other panels, such as the National Park System Advisory Board, which advises the NPS director and Interior secretary "on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service," including the Antiquities Act, which has been targeted by GOP congressional leaders.

The timing means some land management recommendations — including a high-profile review of national monuments — will be completed without the advisory panels' input.

Heather Swift, an Interior spokeswoman, told E&E News in an email today that the review is part of an ongoing effort by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke aimed at "restoring trust in the Department's decision-making."

Swift said the review of "the charter and charge of each Board/Advisory Committee" is designed to "maximize feedback from these boards and ensure their compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act," the 1972 law that ensures that advice by various advisory committees is objective and accessible to the public.

"This review process necessitates the temporary postponement of advisory committee meetings," Swift said.

But Swift said the review is also designed to ensure compliance with "the President's recent executive orders."

President Trump in the last month has signed a number of executive orders, including one requiring the review of all policies that may "potentially burden" energy production activity on federal lands.

Trump last week also signed one requiring Interior to review the boundaries of dozens of national monuments designated within the last two decades and to decide whether they should be altered or eliminated (Greenwire, April 26).

That executive order is targeted at more than 30 national monuments designated since 1996 that comprise at least 100,000 acres. It will initially focus on the fate of the recently designated 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument but will ultimately include sites like the 1.9-million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, both in Utah.

That executive order requires Zinke to submit a report with his recommendations on the national monuments to the president within 120 days, before the Interior review of the advisory committees and boards is completed and the postponement of the meetings lifted.

That means the Utah resource advisory council that provides recommendations to BLM on management of the 22.9 million acres of federal public lands in the state will not weigh in on the

national monument issue; neither, presumably, will the members of the agency's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument advisory committee.

That concerns Greg Zimmerman, deputy director of the Center for Western Priorities.

"The Trump administration and Interior Secretary Zinke talk a big game about including Western communities in decisionmaking on public lands, but this action proves it's nothing more than talk," Zimmerman said. "They are shutting out input from communities just as the administration takes unprecedented steps toward wiping national monuments from the map."

It's a particular concern for BLM, critics say.

Canceling the BLM RAC meetings "sends a clear signal that Secretary Zinke intends to make decisions behind closed doors and not through an open and transparent public process," Zimmerman said.

The agency's 30 RACs, whose members are appointed by the Interior secretary, are designed to help guide BLM administrators on a wide variety of issues involving major projects such as multistate transmission lines and energy projects.

The advisory panels typically have 10 to 15 members, who are supposed to represent a cross-section of local residents, state government agencies, industry and conservation leaders. They evaluate and submit recommendations on "land use planning, fire management, off-highway vehicle use, recreation, oil and gas exploration, noxious weed management, grazing issues, wild horse and burro herd management issues," and other topics, according to BLM.

Recommendations from the RACs, established by Interior in 1995 during the Clinton administration, are supposed to carry significant weight with BLM leaders.

But there have been some high-profile examples in the past two years where BLM ignored the recommendations of its RACs.

BLM in January approved the final two segments of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project in Idaho over the objections of an eight-member subcommittee of the BLM Boise District's RAC that concluded the route would unnecessarily affect communities, natural resource values and private landowners (Greenwire, Jan. 20).

And last year, BLM formally approved the 287-megawatt Soda Mountain Solar Project in the Southern California desert, despite the recommendation of BLM California's Desert District RAC against the project and its impacts on wildlife, groundwater quality and other natural resources (E&E News PM, April 5, 2016).

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5. 27 national monuments under Interior Dept. review

David DeMille, May 5 | David DeMille

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Nearly two dozen national monuments will face a federal review period following an executive order by President Trump.

The Department of the Interior, under new Trump appointee Secretary Ryan Zinke, released the names of 27 monuments Friday that it will put under a review, including a public comment period that will run for 60 days.

“Today’s action, initiating a formal public comment process finally gives a voice to local communities and states when it comes to Antiquities Act monument designations,” Zinke said in a written release. “There is no pre-determined outcome on any monument. I look forward to hearing from and engaging with local communities and stakeholders as this process continues.”

Trump ordered the reviews last week, covering a 21-year period bookended by two of the more controversial monument designations in recent memory, both in Utah: the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument designated by President Clinton in 1996 and the Bears Ears National Monument designated by President Obama late last year.

Zinke is scheduled to visit both monuments next week, meeting with local officials.

Either Congress or the president can protect federal land by designating a national monuments, with the 1906 Antiquities Act giving the president authority to quickly preserve land without waiting for legislation from Congress. There were 129 monuments nationwide at the start of the year, with recent presidents tending to designate more land than most of their predecessors. George W. Bush and Obama each designated more than 200 million acres as monument lands.

The Bears Ears designation was especially contentious in recent years, with many Utah officials comparing it to the Grand Staircase-Escalante designation two decades earlier.

No president has ever moved to rescind a designation made by a previous president.

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6. Native American advocates size up Trump administration

KPAX News, May 6 | Eleanor Mueller

With President Donald Trump's first 100 days in office in the rearview mirror, lawmakers and advocates are uncertain but hopeful about the impact the new administration will have on the Native American community.

Trump's choice of Ryan Zinke to be secretary of the interior quelled the concerns of some; as a former congressman from Montana, Zinke has experience representing Native Americans in Washington, which is seen as a promising sign by many of the community's top advocates.

But some of the President's executive actions and controversial comments, including a recent reference to Democratic Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren as "Pocahontas," have raised some concerns. Lawmakers serving on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs have voiced trepidation about the impact the new administration may have on Native American health care, education funding and sovereignty, among other issues.

However, community stakeholders say they trying to balance those concerns with optimism as the President's first term unfolds.

Zinke takes over

In interviews, lawmakers expressed trust in Zinke's demonstrated ability to understand the issues important to Native Americans across the nation. Hailing from a state with seven Indian reservations, Zinke possesses "a degree of knowledge" not typical of the interior secretary position, said Sen. John McCain, the current longest-serving member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

"Secretary Zinke has much more experience on Native American issues than his predecessor -- who had literally none," the Arizona Republican told CNN in an interview. "My initial impression is President Trump and the people around him support sovereignty and the Native American population. They can have a degree of knowledge and involvement in Native American issues that was not the case amongst their predecessors."

The interior secretary under former President Barack Obama was Sally Jewell, the previous CEO of outdoor retailer REI. The Interior Department did not respond to requests for comment.

In 2015, then-Rep. Zinke sought to make tax breaks on coal mined from American Indian reservations permanent -- a move viewed as boosting the communities' revenue and creating jobs for tribal members. In a statement emailed to CNN, the National Congress of American Indians expressed their support for Zinke, citing "his approach to the (Bureau of Indian Affairs) as well as his commitment to giving tribal nations a seat at the table across the federal government."

"Ryan Zinke has a long history of fighting for our country," NCAI President Brian Cladoosby said in the statement. "Throughout his service as a congressman for Montana, he fought for Montanans and Montana's tribes in the halls of Congress. We have no doubt that Secretary Zinke will continue fighting for all tribes as secretary of interior."

Tribal sovereignty

The densest cloud of uncertainty surrounds the matter of tribal sovereignty, or the US agreement to protect the ability of individual tribal governments to govern themselves.

While Zinke's congressional track record reflects commitment to Native American self-determination, Trump's past is not as clear.

"Secretary Zinke has always supported the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination," McCain said. "That's an important pillar of our tribal relations."

In 1993, Trump's comments in a congressional hearing on Indian casinos shocked lawmakers and others.

"Go up to Connecticut, and you look (at the Mashantucket Pequots)," Trump told the House Natural Resources Native American affairs subcommittee. "They don't look like Indians to me."

In June 2016, then-presidential candidate Trump labeled Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts "Pocahontas" -- a reference to her claimed Indian heritage.

"Pocahontas is at it again!" Trump wrote in a tweet. "Goofy Elizabeth Warren, one of the least productive U.S. Senators, has a nasty mouth."

The President resurfaced the comment in Atlanta on April 28 this year, telling a crowd of National Rifle Association members that "it may be Pocahontas" pursuing the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020.

The remarks were condemned by the National Council of American Indians, who in a May 3 statement called them "derogatory."

"I'm disturbed by some comments the President has made," Sen. Tom Udall, vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, told CNN. "He has made some very derogatory comments about tribes. I hope Secretary Zinke encourages President Trump about the importance of self-determination, teach him about that, understand what it's all about."

Recent executive actions have done little to assuage these worries, the New Mexico Democrat said. On the Dakota Access Pipeline and the planned border wall (which would cut a reservation in half), Trump has moved ahead "without talking to" American Indian stakeholders, Udall said.

"He's taken action without consultation," Udall said. "One of the cores of trust and responsibility is government-to-government consultation, talking with tribes that are concerned.

"It shows a complete lack of understanding of tribal sovereignty, self-determination -- things very, very important to tribes," Udall added.

However, these are missteps that could be remedied with future collaboration, Udall said.

"The tribes are a little apprehensive," Udall said. "But I think if they see an outreached hand, it is going to help get some things done."

Education

One issue that's already on Zinke's plate at Interior is Native American education. Speaking at a March 8 hearing of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the secretary acknowledged the failings of the Bureau of Indian Education.

"Words cannot capture how terrible it is that children in schools overseen by Bureau of Indian Education are so poorly served," Zinke said.

Many lawmakers agree that the schools should be a top priority for the new administration. But though Zinke has said he supports upgrading the schools, actually making changes is more difficult.

"He responded as you might expect (during the March 8 hearing) -- that he was committed to it, that he understood the challenges and the situation, and he said it was on his highest priority list," McCain said. "He gave the right answers. And I believe him. But I've heard those same answers for years and years."

Among the things McCain said he would like to see: More federal funding for school choice initiatives.

"The answer to that in my view is to give the tribe access to BIE funds to be used for private tuition, tutors, classes, charter schools, so Native families have more choices," McCain said. "I'm not saying charter schools are better or worse -- although I personally believe they're better -- but Native American parents should be able to have a choice where they want their children to go."

According to a 2014 Government Accountability Office report, the Bureau of Indian Education spent about $15,391 per pupil annually -- compared to the average of $9,896 per student at public schools nationwide.

Despite this, Government Accountability Office reports have found that BIE students have higher dropout rates, lower scores on college admission tests and lower college entrance rates than their public school counterparts.

"We have a long way to go when it comes to Indian education," Udall said.

And the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as secretary of education has done little to assuage the New Mexico Democrat's concerns: "The thing that worries me the most is the new education secretary," he said.

DeVos's efforts to "voucherize education" "could well apply to the Bureau of Indian Education," Udall said.

"I think that would be a real disaster," Udall said. "It would be draining resources away from already depleted resources pool. That is not a good idea."

Health care

Also on Zinke and lawmakers' wish lists are improvements to Native American health care.

"The one (issue) I would really start with would be Indian health care," Udall said. "It's been a hot-button issue."

During his January 17 confirmation hearing, Zinke told lawmakers that "as bad as the VA is, (Native American health) is worse."

With the ongoing GOP efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, lawmakers and advocates are unsure what the future may hold for the health care of the Native American community.

According to Udall, Republicans are "not involving Democrats" in health care reform discussions; an exclusion that makes it difficult for the party to advocate for Indian-American rights.

"It's a closed-door affair," Udall said. "The best advocates for Native Americans excluded from the table."

Given the underfunding of the Indian Health Service, many tribal members "rely heavily" on the Affordable Care Act's health exchange, Udall said. Were the federal government to cut discretionary spending -- as proposed in the President's budget -- and repeal Obamacare, tribes across the country would suffer, Udall said.

"The proposal in the budget is to increase defense dramatically at the expense of the domestic side," Udall said. "With that proposal and the proposal on the Affordable Care Act, that could be a big hit on the tribes across the country."

Speaking at the March 8 hearing, Paul Torres, the chairman of Al Pueblo Council of Governors, also voiced concerns about the budget cuts.

"These across-the-board cuts are alarming because the majority of programs serving Indian Country fall under the category of discretionary spending and are not exempted under the President's proposed plan," Torres said.

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7. **Op-ed: Utah Farm Bureau applauds review of national monuments**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Ron Gibson

Utah Farm Bureau applauds President Trump's review of presidential national monument designations over the past two decades, including the highly controversial 1996 Grand Staircase-Escalante and 2016 Bears Ears National Monument.

It is refreshing, remembering President Bill Clinton sitting on the south rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona without consulting local officials or notifying Utah's elected leaders of his intention to set aside 1.9 million acres in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Or, that one month before the end of his presidency, Barack Obama would unilaterally lock up another 1.35 million acres in the Bears Ears National Monument. Certainly, a closer look is warranted!

The president has authority under the Antiquities Act to "protect objects of historic and scientific interest" but it must be "confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Such was the case when Teddy Roosevelt made the 1,300-acre Devils Tower the first National Monument in 1906. Sadly, things have taken a drastic turn toward massive monuments since President Jimmy Carter in the 1970s.

Did protection of unique features or politics of the day drive the designation of nearly 3.5 million acres being locked away in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Bears Ears National Monuments? It's obvious the politics of Clinton and Obama didn't line up with Utah. The courts have declared there is no need to protect common sagebrush ground with no scientific or historic value. While there are clearly beautiful areas of historic and cultural importance that can be preserved in these monuments, much of it is common sagebrush that should be open for multiple uses.

A review of land ownership in the most affected counties – Kane, San Juan and Garfield – would bring into focus whether or not the designation of these national monuments is excessive and regulatory overkill. These rural county governments already struggle to meet their citizens' needs and to educate their children with only 10 percent (Kane), 8 percent (San Juan) and a paltry 5 percent (Garfield) of the land in these counties privately owned.

National monument designations in these three counties have, and will continue, to adversely impact generations-old sheep and cattle ranching families, as well as other multiple uses such as recreation and resource development. Livestock ranching, a major economic contributor going

back to pioneer settlement, must now deal with a new level of Resource Management Planning by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service.

In Utah, with 67 percent of the state owned and controlled by the federal government, family sheep and cattle ranchers have been compelled for generations to combine their limited private land and water with the public domain to have sustainable and economically viable businesses. While this model worked historically for these family businesses, increasing uncertainty in how public lands are managed makes going forward difficult. Ranchers have already had to absorb a reduction of 70 percent of livestock grazing numbers in the past 50 years.

Cattle ranching and its economic contribution in Southern Utah's Kane, Garfield and San Juan Counties has been hard hit by the presidential orders. Approximately 40,000 head of cattle were harvesting the annually renewing forage in these counties in 2016, generating more than $33 million in direct sales. Using a conservative multiplier, as ranching families spend those dollars and they ripple through the small towns, cattle sales will generate more than $50 million to the local economy. And that is a contribution that can renew itself every year.

Livestock grazing on the public lands is an important part of the history and culture of rural Utah and is a critical component of these rural economies. Harvesting the renewable forage provides an affordable protein for American dinner tables, contributes to the health of the ecosystem, reduces the potential for catastrophic wildfires, and supports rural, local economies.

The Utah Farm Bureau welcomes President Trump's desire to review these monuments for the past 20 years to ensure they're keeping with the stated intent of the Antiquities Act. With all the economic growth taking place along the Wasatch Front, it's important for us all to support one of the pillars of economic success for these rural Utah counties – agriculture.

Ron Gibson is president of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation.

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8. Much at stake as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke visits Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 6 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

SALT LAKE CITY — To all in the fight over the Bears Ears monument designation, there is much to win, a way of life to lose, and very little room on any side to compromise.

When Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke steps off the plane Sunday in Utah, he will become the key witness to a dramatic showdown over the fate of the 1.35 million-acre monument, and for the next several days, the man everyone in this fight will want to meet.

If the monument stands, Native Americans, environmental groups and conservation organizations that spent millions of dollars on the effort for a new monument in San Juan County can set about on the next steps.

Monument status elevates the cultural, historical and spiritual significance of the rugged country, they say, and puts federal land managers on a path to protecting thousands upon thousands of ancient artifacts.

A monument designation for the region gives five Native American tribes not only a reason to celebrate, but a reason to hope that strong bonds will be forged with an American government that over centuries has let them down at best or betrayed them at worst.

To these Native American men and women who fight for the survival of the Bears Ears National Monument, it assures their spiritual connection there will live on, cradled in the arms of wind-swept buttes, pine-dotted mountaintops and sprawling Cedar Mesa sandstone.

But a loud chorus of people in San Juan County say they love the land as well, but hate the monument.

They're offended that a place hailed for its beauty and solitude suddenly needs an absentee landlord in Washington, D.C., to exercise oversight when generations have grown up with it as their backyard.

Regardless of the promises in President Barack Obama's Bears Ears proclamation, they see monument status as the wedge in the door of access that the federal government will eventually slam shut.

They fear hunting, fishing, grazing, collecting firewood, motorized travel — multiple uses of the land — will be chipped away and restricted until the activities are eventually gone. In their place will rise a Moab-esq atmosphere with monument signs, a visitor center, lines of cars and hoards of selfie-taking tourists intent on scratching one more destination off their to-do list.

With 65 percent of land within Utah's borders already owned and controlled by the federal government, the state's leaders and county governments are indignant that one more layer of government control — over their objections — was hoisted upon a county that is already the poorest in the state, where jobs are already tough to come by.

Against this backdrop, Zinke — a former Navy Seal Team Six leader — will wade into the fray by visiting Bears Ears and meeting with local residents before he returns to Washington, D.C., to eventually advise President Donald Trump on what its fate should be.

"The fact that he has agreed to come and visit, I think, is a good thing for everybody," Gov. Gary Herbert said. "He needs to come and look at the public lands issues we have here in the Intermountain West and particularly in Utah. He needs to look at some of the areas of controversy. I think he needs to come with an open mind and an unbiased attitude, and take a look and listen to the pros and cons."

Zinke's visit to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments — also under fire but in a blaze that was set 21 years ago when it was created — comes as a result of an executive order issued by President Trump on April 26.

That order directs a 45-day review centered around Bears Ears with resulting recommendations for the president, as well as a look at designations of monuments with more than 100,000 acres since 1996.

With a sympathetic president at the helm who campaigned on the promise to return power to the states and power to the people — and also unravel federal regulations — Utah's leaders are practically giddy at the prospect there will be some sort of presidential directive on Bears Ears.

While no president has ever rescinded a monument, and therefore that executive power has never been tested in court, five presidents have significantly reduced monuments. In the most extreme example, President Howard Taft reduced the Navajo National Monument by 89 percent.

Over time, 11 national monuments have been abolished through acts of Congress, according to the National Park Service, most typically because their importance was overstated or the resources for which they were established were diminished.

In Utah, a legal battle raged to overturn Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, but that proved unsuccessful.

History, then, offers a mosaic of executive branch and congressional reactions to controversial monument creations.

For supporters of Bears Ears, a rescission is akin to blasphemy — and any reduction in size as a so-called "compromise" is untenable.

"Friends of Cedar Mesa is committed to on-the-ground stewardship of these public lands whatever the politicians decide," said Josh Ewing, the group's executive director. "However, any shrinkage of the monument just makes it that much harder for us to do good stewardship to benefit the landscape as we're forced into legal/political/policy battles to stop bad things from happening to lands that should have been protected in the first place."

Jami Bayles, president of Stewards of San Juan County, said the designation goes against what residents want and won't automatically come with protections supporters want. The monument designation needs to go.

"It is appalling that nonlocal voices have drowned out those who treasure this land the most. Long before established bureaus arrived, it was and has always been the local people who have protected and cared for this land. We are the reason it is pristine," Bayles said.

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9. Supporters of Bears Ears, Grand Staircase rally in advance of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 6 | Peggy Fletcher Stack

After his birth in Utah's Monument Valley, James Adakai's umbilical cord was buried at Bears Ears.

The Navajo Nation's commissioner for Bears Ears now worries such a sacred spot will be lost unless Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke agrees to meet with the state's tribal authorities during his four-day visit to Utah — a face-to-face conversation the secretary has so far declined.

Zinke needs to "listen to everyone," Adakai told a crowd of more than 1,000 supporters of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments gathered on the Capitol's steps Saturday afternoon.

Zinke intends to be in the Beehive State from Sunday to Wednesday as part of President Donald Trump's plan to review 27 large monuments designated since 1996.

The review could lead Trump to shrink the size of some monuments or possibly attempt to rescind one, which has never happened. Zinke has until June 10 to report back on the 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears monument, the last one created by President Barack Obama just weeks before his term ended. The secretary has a few more months to make recommendations on the others, including Grand Staircase. Zinke's fact-finding trip will be highly watched and highly political, with a much smaller anti-monument rally held in Blanding on Saturday.

Many in the larger Capitol crowd — including a contingent of American Indians — held signs that read "Save our monuments — antiquities in stone and bone," "Don't Trump Utah," "Don't give our public lands to greedy local politicians," "Rural Born Utahn for Bears Ears" and "Honor Tribal Sovereignty."

As they filled the Capitol's steps and spilled down the lawns, Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Dine Bikeyah, told The Salt Lake Tribune he hoped Zinke would "walk the land with traditional tribal elders whose past and future is tied to Bears Ears." His group, which is led by Native Americans, sought the creation of the controversial monument over the objection of Utah's members of Congress and most state leaders.

Noyes opened the 1 p.m. rally under a blazing sun with a call for the Cabinet official to listen to more than just Utah's top politicians.

"Don't touch our monuments," he said. "Listen to the people, not the delegation."

The Dine Bikeyah director urged attendees to plant pro-monument signs in their yards so that when the Interior secretary arrives Sunday for meetings in Salt Lake City, he will be visually bombarded. Noyes further instructed supporters to pack Zinke's news conference scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday to make their wishes known.

Evangeline Gray, a Navajo medicine woman, offered a prayer to the Creator Spirit, calling on the divine to "get people to hear our voices ... that the land is precious to us ... and to touch [the delegation's] heart."

Virgil Johnson, chairman of the Utah Tribal Leaders Association, said: "We are stewards of this land ... protective of our land and beliefs."

Noting tribal sovereignty, Johnson said he asked for a meeting with Zinke while the Cabinet member was in Utah but was declined.

"We are not being heard," he said. "Our rights are being swept aside. ... It needs to stop."

That was followed by wild applause.

During Utah's legislative session earlier this year, state representatives passed resolutions asking the president either to reduce the size of Grand Staircase and Bears Ears or eliminate Bears Ears altogether.

"I represent a conservative district," state Rep. Patrice Arent, D-Millcreek, said "but I didn't hear from one person asking me to vote for these bills."

These lands are not just valuable to Utahns, but "all over the nation and world," Arent told the crowd. "We cannot afford to auction them off to the highest bidder."

She further argued that tourists visiting these monuments have helped, not hurt, the local economy — a point reiterated by Nate Waggoner, of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, near the Grand Staircase monument.

At the same time supporters were meeting in Salt Lake City, dozens of Bears Ears opponents gathered in Blanding's Pioneer Park.

"Unlike the rally being held 300 miles away at the state Capitol, the San Juan celebration of local voices is about bringing together those who know and love our public lands the most," Ryan Bennaly, vice president of Stewards of San Juan County, wrote on the group's website. "For the monument advocates far, far away, San Juan County is a vacation spot. For First Nations people, it's our home."

At the Blanding rally, Jami Bayles urged participants to meet back at the park Monday, when they hope to meet with the secretary in person.

"San Juan County is eager to have Secretary Zinke visit our home and see firsthand why locals oppose the national monument designation," Bayles wrote on the site. "We have worked tirelessly to advocate for what's best for this land, and it's nice to know that someone is finally listening."

Back at the Capitol rally, attended by many Native Americans and some residents of San Juan County, Jared Campbell of Salt Lake City brought his 3-year-old daughter, Phoebe, because she's "grown up living in the outdoors."

Recently, Campbell spent four days in the designated area, drinking in its beauty and grandeur.

After that experience, he wondered if monument opponents across the state have "touched the soil" there.

Zinke will have his chance this week. He plans a full day of meetings in San Juan County on Monday, followed by a visit to Bears Ears on Tuesday. He'll then travel to Kanab and a part of the Grand Staircase monument on Wednesday.

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10. **In our opinion: Reviewing the Antiquities Act is an important course of action**

The Deseret News, May 6 | Deseret News editorial board

We believe in the importance of conservation. The nation’s public and shared lands are a vital treasure that need to be preserved.

Yet, legislators must fix the Antiquities Act and allow for greater local input and decision-making power before monuments are made.

As Utah welcomes U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to the state this weekend, we also welcome his department's review of the Antiquities Act.

Sec. Zinke's visit to Utah comes as President Trump directed the Department of the Interior to review national monument designations made under the Antiquities Act since 1996 that exceed 100,000 acres. On Friday, the department released a list of 15 monuments under review and invited public comment. The Bears Ears (1,353,000 acres) and the Grand Staircase-Escalante (1,700,000 acres) monuments in Utah both made the list.

The review is a worthwhile endeavor to see what public input went in to the designations. It should help lead to legislative revisions of the Antiquities Act, which is being used to lock up land without the consent of local citizens.

Conservationists, of course, are fearful that this review will lead to rescinding or reducing of the Bears Ears National Monument. But, in the long-run, the important question for America is what should be the proper political process for declaring a monument designation that permits local involvement.

When President Theodore Roosevelt championed the Antiquities Act in the early 20th century, the legislation was enacted to protect Native American artifacts and sacred burial sites from looting and to preserve historic edifices or areas of scientific importance. Designations under the act were to “be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”

In recent years, however, with the stroke of a pen, the executive branch has restricted access to millions of acres of land without, in some instances, even consulting the local citizenry or their political representatives. No matter the original intent of the Antiquities Act, the law is increasingly used to sanction unacceptable federal overreach.

Shared governance and compromise is part of what makes the American system unique — abuse of the Antiquities Act is antithetical to those principles.

Reporting by Deseret News’ Jesse Hyde uncovered the behind the scenes political maneuvering that led to the Trump administration’s decision to review the law. Utah's senior Sen. Orrin Hatch played a major role in persuading Trump to look at rescinding or reducing the Bear’s Ears National Monument.

It’s well known that Utah’s political leaders have been lobbying the administration to reverse the order by President Obama creating the Bear’s Ears monument. In announcing the review, President Trump made it clear that he philosophically sides with Utah’s political leadership, saying, “The Antiquities Act does not give the federal government unlimited power to lock up millions of acres of land and water, and it is time we ended this abusive practice.”

If the administration is inclined to follow the advice of Utah’s governor, legislative leaders and congressional delegation and ultimately rescind or make changes to national monuments in Utah, it will immediately trigger lawsuits and a judicial review of the president's authority to do so.

What will come of such a legal battle is unclear, but the real long-term solution to this problem is to fix the legislation. Whether or not Bear’s Ears should be rescinded is a question separate from

the legitimacy of the Antiquities Act. Polls show Utahns are largely split on the issue of Bear's Ears. We believe the region deserves protection.

Political leaders, however, have couched the most recent designation as a “betrayal” by the Obama Administration of good-faith efforts by the state to cobble together a consensus on how best to protect the land. Supporters of the monument argue, with some justification, that the state’s efforts in that direction were doomed to succumb to political pressures as they stumbled through the legislative process in Washington. Others counter by pointing out that the prospect of a presidential monument designation caused negotiations to go no where since conservationists were confident they would get their monument anyway.

The solution, however, should not be that the executive branch steps in to pick a winner. Rather, the U.S. needs a system that fosters the kind of compromise and local solutions that were being worked out.

Reviewing the Antiquities Act with an eye toward congressional revision is an important course of action and one that will hopefully lead to good conservationism and sound practices of shared governance.

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11. Op-ed: Will Bears Ears Be the Next Standing Rock?

The New York Times, May 6 | Terry Tempest Williams

“Rising from the center of the southeastern Utah landscape and visible from every direction are twin buttes so distinctive that in each of the native languages of the region their name is the same: Hoon’Naqvut, Shash Jáa, Kwiyagatu Nukavachi, Ansh An Lashokdiwe, or ‘Bears Ears.’ For hundreds of generations, native peoples lived in the surrounding deep sandstone canyons, desert mesas … one of the densest and most significant cultural landscapes in the United States.”

— Proclamation by President Barack Obama establishing Bears Ears National Monument, Dec. 28, 2016

After seven years of organizing, the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition — made up of the Hopi, Navajo, Uintah and Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni Nations — played a key role in

securing the protection of 1.35 million acres surrounding Bears Ears from development and resource extraction just before President Obama left office.

But in our climate of political myopia, President Trump recently ordered the Interior Department to review the size and scope of national monuments larger than 100,000 acres created since 1996. He complained that these designations “unilaterally put millions of acres of land and water under strict federal control,” called them a “massive federal land grab” and directed Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review and reverse some of them.

There is a subtext here, as his order made clear. Monument designations, the document said, can “create barriers to achieving energy independence” and “otherwise curtail economic growth.” Among the likely beneficiaries of any reversals are the oil and gas industries, mining and logging interests and commercial development.

In issuing this order, President Trump — who has never visited Bears Ears — apparently chose to listen to the bellicose politicians of Utah and do the bidding of Senator Orrin Hatch and Representatives Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz, who complain that Utahns were cut out of the process. Call that another alternative fact. The lawmakers claim it was an endgame move by the departing President Obama to create a “midnight monument.”

The truth is, the establishment of Bears Ears National Monument was a healing moment of historic importance. A unique agreement was reached between Indian tribes and the United States government for a collaborative approach to the management of Bears Ears. It was a clasp of hands across history. It was also about America looking into the deep future rather than into the narrow exhaust pipe of today. It was about drilling for hope and dignity, rather than fossil fuels.

But now Bears Ears could very well become another Standing Rock in both desecration and resistance — the latest example of a new colonialism, with the government bulldozing Indian sovereignty and privileging Big Oil. “If the Trump administration moves forward with their interests, they are taking us backward 100 years, rupturing trust once again between the federal government and Indian people,” Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, a former councilwoman from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, said.

No president has ever attempted to abolish a national monument, and it is unclear whether a president has the power to do it without Congress. And no president in the last half-century has reduced the size of a monument.

Bears Ears is a cradle of Native American history. Far from creating a “midnight monument” willed into existence at the slash of a presidential pen, the Obama designation provides these sacred lands with the protection that has long been in the prayers and dreams of tribal leaders.

“Bears Ears is all about Indian sovereignty,” said Russell Begaye, the president of the Navajo Nation.

The removal of one square inch from Bears Ears National Monument will be seen as an assault on the home ground of Native Americans in the American Southwest, a disrespect for their ceremonial lives and the traditional knowledge of their ancestors. Hundreds of thousands of artifacts are buried in the serpentine canyons and shifting pink sands of Cedar Mesa, hidden, until exposed by rain or wind or theft. The desecration of Indian graves has prompted F.B.I. raids and convictions.

But it’s not just about local desecration. So much of the American West these days is under threat of development and fossil fuel extraction. Our very sense of wildness and wilderness is at stake, from Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah to the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks in New Mexico. “This is a war on our public lands,” said Senator Tom Udall, Democrat of New Mexico. Our national parks and monuments and other public lands are breathing spaces for a society increasingly holding its breath.

“We are not just protecting these lands for our people, but all people,” Jonah Yellowman, a Navajo medicine person and spiritual leader, said.

As a Utahn, I have spent considerable time in the pinyon-juniper-laced mesas and sandstone canyons of Bears Ears. This is a landscape of immense stillness where ancient handprints left on red rock walls are a reminder of who came before us and who will follow.

If President Trump is successful in rescinding Bears Ears National Monument, it will be a breach of faith with our future and our past. Over 330 million visits were made to the national parks last year. One park or monument at risk means all are at risk. Pick yours: Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Big Bend, Acadia. The federal Bureau of Land Management has proposed

issuing oil and gas leases just outside Zion National Park, one of the nation's most visited parks. Forty national parks are vulnerable to oil and gas extraction.

A portrait of Andrew Jackson has been newly hung in the Oval Office over Donald Trump's shoulder. The portrait might remind our 45th president of how Jackson signed the 1830 Indian Removal Act, which lit the match to America's criminal treatment of native people. The Trail of Tears is just part of Jackson's legacy. His face still remains on the $20 bill — fitting perhaps, since so much of the battle over land is the battle over the dollar.

No amount of money is a substitute for beauty. No amount of political power can be matched by the power of the land and the indigenous people who live here. If we do not rise to the defense of these sacred lands, Bears Ears National Monument will be reduced to oil rigs and derricks, shining bright against an oiled sky of obliterated stars.

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12. Zinke promises to hear out protestors of rescinding national monuments

The Washington Times, May 6 | Ben Wolfgang

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Sunday launched a "listening tour" across Utah designed to quell an uproar over his department's controversial review of national monuments.

Mr. Zinke is spearheading a federal study of more than two dozen land and marine monuments following an executive order from President Trump last month.

The process is likely to lead to the first revocation of a U.S. monument, though there are still outstanding legal questions about whether a president has the power to make such a rescission.

Attempts to un-designate any monument surely will be met with legal challenges from environmental groups and tribal groups.

Mr. Zinke's review notably includes Utah's Bears Ears National Monument, established late in President Barack Obama's tenure and a prime example, critics say, of the previous

administration stretching the century-old Antiquities Act to its breaking point in declaring vast areas of land as monuments and shutting them off from energy exploration and other activities.

Mr. Zinke met Sunday afternoon in Salt Lake City with members of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, kicking off a trip that will include a stop at Bears Ears on Tuesday and conclude Wednesday.

While Sunday's meeting was not open to the public or press, about 500 people protested outside the building as it occurred, carrying signs and shouting "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears!"

Talking with reporters after the meeting, Mr. Zinke said the local Indians are "smart, capable, passionate, and have a deep sense of tie to their culture and want to preserve it."

He said no decisions had been made and that he was coming to Utah "without any predisposition of outcome."

Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, Utah Republican, said Sunday evening that the Indians might be being manipulated by left-wing political groups.

More broadly, the monuments review includes sites dating back to 1924's Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho through Bears Ears.

Other notable monuments under review include Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach in Washington, Grand Canyon-Parashant in Arizona, the Papahanaumokuakea marine monument off the coast of Hawaii and a host of others.

Though the review need not mean any will be stripped of their designations, it's clear the administration intends to shrink the number of monuments and, in the process, open up that land for energy development.

Critics charge that the listening tour, along with the fact that the Interior Department is soliciting public comments as part of its study, is a sham.

"Trump and Zinke pretend to care what the public thinks, but they're really only listening to the oil, gas and timber industries. It's special interests, not the public, that want these monuments to lose protection," said Randi Spivak, public lands director at the Center for Biological Diversity.

"We must leave these spectacular cultural and national treasures just as they are. Our grandchildren won't look back and wish we'd cut down more trees or drilled for more oil."

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13. National Monuments: Presidents Can Create Them, but Only Congress Can Undo Them

Govexec.com, May 6 | Nicholas Bryner, Eric Biber, Mark Squillace and Sean B. Hecht

On April 26 President Trump issued an executive order calling for a review of national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act. This law authorizes presidents to set aside federal lands in order to protect "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest."

Since the act became law in 1906, presidents of both parties have used it to preserve 157 historic sites, archaeological treasures and scenic landscapes, from the Grand Canyon to key landmarks of the civil rights movement in Birmingham, Alabama.

President Trump calls recent national monuments "a massive federal land grab," and argues that control over some should be given to the states. In our view, this misrepresents the law. National monuments can be designated only on federal lands already owned or controlled by the United States.

The president's order also suggests that he may consider trying to rescind or shrink monuments that were previously designated. Based on our analysis of the Antiquities Act and other laws, presidents do not have the authority to undo or downsize existing national monuments. This power rests with Congress, which has reversed national monument designations only 10 times in more than a century.

Contests over land use

Trump's executive order responds to opposition from some members of Congress and local officials to national monuments created by Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. It calls for Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review certain national monuments created since 1996 and to recommend "Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions," presumably to shrink

or eliminate these monuments. The order applies to monuments larger than 100,000 acres, as well as others to be identified by Secretary Zinke.

When a president creates a national monument, the area is “reserved” for the protection of sites and objects there, and may also be “withdrawn,” or exempted, from laws that would allow for mining, logging or oil and gas development. Frequently, monument designations grandfather in existing uses of the land, but prohibit new activities such as mineral leases or mining claims.

Zinke said that he will examine whether such restrictions have led to “loss of jobs, reduced wages and reduced public access” in communities around national monuments. Following Secretary Zinke’s review, the Trump administration may try either to rescind monument designations or modify them, either by reducing the size of the monument or authorizing more extractive activities within their boundaries.

Two of the most-contested monuments are in Utah. In 1996 President Clinton designated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, a region of incredible slot canyons and remote plateaus. Twenty years later, President Obama designated Bears Ears National Monument, an area of scenic rock formations and sites sacred to Native American tribes.

Utah’s governor and congressional delegation oppose these monuments, arguing that they are larger than necessary and that presidents should defer to the state about whether to use the Antiquities Act. Local officials have raised similar complaints about the Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada and the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine, both designated by Obama in late 2016.

What the law says

The key question at issue is whether the Antiquities Act gives presidents the power to alter or revoke decisions by past administrations. The U.S. Constitution gives Congress the power to decide what happens on “territory or other property belonging to the United States.” When Congress passed the Antiquities Act, it delegated a portion of that authority to the president so that administrations could act quickly to protect resources or sites that are threatened.

Critics of recent national monuments argue that if a president can create a national monument, the next one can undo it. However, the Antiquities Act speaks only of designating monuments. It says nothing about abolishing or shrinking them.

Two other land management statutes from the turn of the 20th century – the Pickett Act of 1910 and the Forest Service Organic Act of 1897 – gave the president authority to withdraw other types of land, and also specifically stated that the president could modify or revoke those actions. These laws clearly contrast with the Antiquities Act's silence on reversing past decisions.

In 1938, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt considered abolishing the Castle-Pinkney National Monument – a deteriorating fort in Charleston, South Carolina – Attorney General Homer Cummings advised that the president did not have the power to take this step. (Congress abolished the monument in 1951.)

Congress enacted a major overhaul of public lands law in 1976, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, repealing many earlier laws. However, it did not change the Antiquities Act. The House Committee that drafted the 1976 law also made clear in legislative reports that it intended to prohibit the president from modifying or abolishing a national monument, stating that the law would "specifically reserve to the Congress the authority to modify and revoke withdrawals for national monuments created under the Antiquities Act."

The value of preservation

Many national monuments faced vociferous local opposition when they were declared, including Jackson Hole National Monument, which is now part of Grand Teton National Park. But over time Americans have come to appreciate them.

Indeed, Congress has converted many monuments into national parks, including Acadia, the Grand Canyon, Arches and Joshua Tree. These four parks alone attracted over 13 million visitors in 2016. The aesthetic, cultural, scientific, spiritual and economic value of preserving them has long exceeded whatever short-term benefit could have been derived without legal protection.

As Secretary Zinke begins his review of Bears Ears and other national monuments, he should heed that lesson, and also ensure that his recommendations do not overstep the president's lawful authority.

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14. Rallies over Bears Ears act as prelude to Zinke's visit

KSL News, May 7 | Jasen Lee and Marjorie Cortez

SALT LAKE CITY — For scores of Utahns, preserving the monument status of the state's newest protected public lands and one of its more revered places was more than enough reason to spend a weekend afternoon at the state Capitol.

Hundreds of people fanned out across the front lawn and stairs leading up to the Capitol on Saturday to show their support for the national monument status of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.

The "Monumental Rally," as it was called, was organized as "an urgent call to action" because the two monuments are in the crosshairs of powerful political interests, including Utah's congressional delegation and members of the Trump administration.

Opponents call the designations by two Democratic presidents — Barack Obama for Bears Ears and Bill Clinton for Grand Staircase-Escalante — federal overreach that didn't take into account the feelings and sensibilities of local interests.

Contrarily, supporters believe the designations preserve the land considered hallowed by Native Americans for centuries.

"My ancestors lived in the area and traded with other Native Americans in the area," explained Hank Stevens, member of the Navajo Nation. "The land is sacred in Native American culture. It's very important."

Stevens expressed concern that if the monument status were rescinded by the Trump administration, revered artifacts may be destroyed and many of the traditions practiced by local tribes could be lost.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is scheduled to be in Utah this week to visit with stakeholders concerned about the designation of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante as national monuments. The Trump administration has directed Zinke to conduct a 45-day review of the Bears Ears monument and a 120-day review of Grand Staircase-Escalante, then offer some recommendations.

The state Capitol rally was organized by Gavin Noyes, executive director of Utah Diné Bikéyah — a nonprofit organization that supports indigenous communities in protecting culturally significant ancestral lands.

Noyes said Utahns must show Zinke that supporters intend to defend culturally important places such as Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.

"This event is really important to remind Utahns that this is not a political issue," he said. "All Utahns care about our public lands and monuments. I'm proud to see so many of my fellow citizens out here supporting each other and supporting the land, and standing up for what's best for our future.

"We (also) want to remind people that local voices matter, and they should have a say in how lands are treated in this state. The governor and the Utah (congressional) delegation are out of touch."

Buoyed by a strong turnout, with throngs of people wearing "Protect Bears Ears" T-shirts and many hoisting signs supporting the individual causes of both national monuments, Noyes said he believes the message of the people will resonate with Zinke while he's in Utah.

"If Secretary Zinke gets a full understanding of who we are as Utahns and what our landscapes are like, I absolutely think that he would stand with us defend these lands," Noyes said.

Salt Lake City resident Ian Wade said because Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante are such "special" places, they deserve the added protection of monument status. He attributed much of the opposition to the monument status to partisanship.

"It's a political thing. People are just opposed to the idea that President Obama designated something in Utah just like they hated President Clinton when he designated Grand Staircase," Wade said. "Just the simple anger that a Democrat would do something in a Republican state."

Meanwhile, opponents of the monument designation gathered simultaneously at Pioneer Park in Blanding for a rally organized by Stewards of San Juan County.

Unlike monument supporters who are backed by corporations and the likes of actor Leonardo DiCaprio, Stewards of San Juan County has been a true grass-roots effort, said the organization’s president, Jami Bayles.

People have literally walked up to her and other leaders of the group on the streets, offering the cash in their pockets to fight the designation, she said.

Ultimately, “it’s a fight about what’s right and what’s wrong,” Bayles said.

Area residents have been slighted by name-calling, insults, purposely left out by organizations conducting public opinion polls, and personal accounts of some opponents of the designation have even been dismissed as “fake news,” she said.

“We’ve been told by out-of-state recreation enthusiasts that, ‘My hobby is more important than your livelihood. If you don’t like it, go live somewhere else,’” Bayles said.

Through it all, area residents have stood resolute against the designation in the waning days of the Obama administration.

“The best part is we did this together. We did this on our own time and, we did this on our own dime. We paid for all this ourselves,” Bayles said.

San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman urged those in attendance to be “loud and controversial.” Otherwise, the county “is going to be steamrolled,” he said.

Still, Bayles and Lyman urged opponents to comport themselves with grace and decency during Zinke’s upcoming visit to the area and the ongoing fight.

"It's San Juan County's opportunity to show who we are with dignity and respect," Lyman said.

While Bears Ears is one of 27 national monuments that will be reviewed under an executive order by President Trump signed Friday, the outcome is yet unknown. Bayles said opponents of the designation will continue to fight “long and hard. We’re going to fight with everything that we have.”

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, addressing the rally via FaceTime, said he will urge Zinke during his upcoming visit to Utah to end the monument designation.

“It’s time to expect, my fellow Americans, to expect more. It’s time to expect freedom,” Lee said.

Eva Clarke, secretary of Stewards of San Juan County, said the fight has been a painful reminder that area residents must constantly be engaged to protect the land and way of life.

Area residents have joined forces with “my ancestors … who first loved this beautiful, red earth,” Clarke said.

“Thank you so much. Keep up the good fight,” she said.

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15. Zinke met by protest as he arrives to consider Utah voices on national monuments

The Deseret News, May 7 | McKenzie Romero

SALT LAKE CITY — While protestors clogged the sidewalk outside, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said he will be gathering perspectives of people on all sides of a deeply controversial issue as he reviews the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments.

Zinke landed in Salt Lake City on Sunday bound for his four-day "listening tour" regarding the monuments — both designated by Democratic presidents and decried by Utah Republicans — but the voices on the street expressed their doubt the secretary will listen much at all.

Speaking to reporters in the offices of Utah's Bureau of Land Management, Zinke said that while many of the nearly 30 national monuments he will be reviewing enjoy widespread support, he doesn't believe that's the case with Bears Ears.

"The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah," Zinke said, citing the outcry from state legislators and congressmen over the designation, and a Native American population he says is at odds with one another.

Zinke went on to say he has no doubt the area will be a breathtaking "cultural treasure," but he isn't decided about how it should be protected.

"I'm sure what I'm going to find over the next couple of days is beautiful, beautiful land worthy of protection. What vehicle that takes, I don't want to be predisposed because I haven't see it and haven't talked to everybody yet," Zinke said.

Outside, Dena Williams, of Salt Lake City, stood with her two sons among the crowd of protesters watching for a glimpse of Zinke's motorcade. The family carried signs demanding, "Keep public lands in public hands."

"This is important because this is about their future, their quality of life, and everything they hold important today and in the future is at risk," Williams said of her two boys.

Asked if she thinks Zinke will listen to that plea, Williams said she "wants to remain hopeful, but it's hard to tell."

Nikolas Johnson, 14, and Lukas Johnson, 12, are active with the Boy Scouts of America, going often to Grand Staircase to hike, camp and enjoy nature.

"The president or anyone else shouldn't be controlling the lands. It should be the people," Nikolas said.

Lukas said he wants the nature he enjoys to be preserved for other kids in the future, voicing concern that without protections, "lousy coal and oil" will take over the land.

Under an executive order from President Donald Trump, Zinke will conduct a 45-day review of the Bears Ears monument and a 120-day review of Grand Staircase-Escalante before sending his recommendations to the White House.

"I'm looking at making sure we follow the law, what the Antiquities Act was intended to do, talking to all parties, and getting a perspective of making sure Utah and the stakeholders have a voice," Zinke said of the reviews.

While Zinke acknowledged no U.S. president has ever rescinded a national monument, he noted that few monuments "are to the scale of the recent actions," and saying it's not uncommon for a monument and its boundaries to be modified.

Rallies for and against the monument designations over the weekend prefaced Zinke's visit.

Opponents of the monuments say the designations by Democratic presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton are examples of federal overreach that didn't take into account the feelings and sensibilities of local interests.

But supporters believe setting the areas aside under the Antiquities Act preserves land considered hallowed by Native Americans for centuries and ensures they will remain intact for future generations to enjoy.

Zinke met Sunday with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which is made up of leaders of the Hopi Tribe, Utah Navajo Chapter of Olijato, Navajo Nation Council, Ute Indian Tribe and Zuni Tribe.

The secretary called it the first time the tribal leaders have had an opportunity to voice their perspectives about the monument designations, describing the mistrust he believes they feel over a history of efforts to manage the land.

A similar mistrust, Zinke says, is felt by Utahns living near the monuments, the state's elected leaders and others.

However, at least some representatives of Native American groups in the state say they have been cut out of the conversation. Virgil Johnson, tribal chairman of the confederated tribes of the Goshute nation, was among the protestors Sunday and said his letter requesting a meeting with Zinke was denied.

"The executive order gives us a right to come to the table, but they're making decisions without native voices at the table," Johnson said. "What we would like is for him to see why we are very protective of our sacred grounds and the artifacts that are left there."

Throughout his media appearance, Zinke called himself a Montana man; a former geologist who is fascinated by archaeology; a military commander who wants to see "the frontlines" of any situation; an admirer of President Teddy Roosevelt, who created the Antiquities Act and designated the first national monument; and someone who is not an advocate of transferring or selling public lands.

Zinke also met Sunday with Sens. Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee, both R-Utah, followed by meetings with the State Historic Preservation Office and Utah Department of Heritage; legislative leadership and Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes; and the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

At the media appearance, Hatch introduced the secretary as someone who is "experienced in Western lands" and "understands what we're up against."

Afterward, Hatch said Native Americans in Utah "may not understand" how a national monument designation restricts what they are able to do on the land. Asked to provide examples of what tribes would no longer be able to do, Hatch simply said the reasons would take too much time to go into.

"They would be severely restricted on what they could or could not do on the land," Hatch said. "I can just tell you it will never cease until the far left gets their way in locking up all these lands in Utah, and we're just not going to allow that."

Hatch said there are a number of political obstacles between different Native American groups in the state and that sometimes different groups are "manipulated." He also said the state's elected leaders "love Utah" and will ensure it's protected without being "shoved around by radical people from elsewhere, on either side of the issues."

On Monday, Zinke will be joined by Gov. Gary Herbert and members of the state's congressional delegation as he flies over Bears Ears and takes a tour of the House of Fire site.

Moving forward, Zinke encouraged Utahns wanting to weigh in on the review to visit regulations.gov in the coming weeks to leave a comment.

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16. Zinke starts review of Utah's Bears Ears National Monument

The Las Vegas Review-Journal, May 7 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will start a four-day Utah trip Sunday to assess whether 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled down or even rescinded.

The re-evaluation of the new Bears Ears National Monument on sacred tribal lands and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, created in 1996, is part of an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump calling for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

The Bears Ears monument, a source of ire for Utah's conservative leadership, is a top priority in the review.

Zinke has been tasked with making a recommendation on that monument by June 10, about 2 ½ months before a final report about all the monuments.

Utah Republican leaders, led by U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, campaigned hard to get President Donald Trump to take a second look a monument designated by President Barack Obama near the end of his term.

Hatch and others contend the monument designation is a layer of unnecessary federal control that hurts local economies by closing the area to new energy development.

Hatch said in a statement he looks forward to hosting Zinke and showing him “our beautiful state and working with him to give the people of San Juan County a voice in protecting the lands they’ve lived on for generations.”

Zinke will spend Sunday in Salt Lake City before traveling Monday to the southeastern corner of Utah to spend time in the Bears Ears area.

On Wednesday, he’ll be in the area near the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Interior officials haven’t made public the details of whom Zinke plans to meet with. But officials with a coalition of five tribes that pushed for the Bears Ears designation said they have a one-hour meeting with Zinke Sunday in Salt Lake City.

Natasha Hales, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition lead staffer, said members plan to tell Zinke about their long history with the Bears Ears land and the landscape’s sacred importance.

They also plan to reiterate that they willing to take legal action to defend the monument if needed.

“The Utah congressional delegation is cherry picking a few voices in opposition to this but there’s overwhelming support for this,” Hales said. “We wanted to take Secretary Zinke out on the ground with our people and show him around but that invitation was never extended.”

The monument review is rooted in the belief Trump and other critics that a law created by President Theodore Roosevelt to designate the monument has been improperly used to protect wide expanses of lands instead of places with particular historical or archaeological value.

Grand Staircase-Escalante is 1.9 million acres, about the size of Delaware. Bears Ears is a bit smaller at 1.3 million acres.

Conservation groups counter that the review puts in limbo protections on large swaths of land home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and oceans habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

Environmental groups have vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts to rescind monuments, which would be unprecedented.

Patagonia, the outdoor clothing company, put ads in newspapers in Utah and Montana over the weekend playing off Trump's own comments at the signing of the executive order in which he said, "I've heard a lot about Bears Ears, and I hear it's beautiful."

"Mr. President, Bears Ears National Monument is beautiful," the ad said, listing how it has more species diversity than Yellowstone and darker skies than Yosemite.

Zinke has said the report will recommend whether any monuments should be abolished or resized.

He promises an open-minded approach and said he remains opposed to selling any federal land or transferring it to state or local control.

Congress might weigh in as well. Numerous bills on the issue were introduced in the previous session, including measures to prevent the president from establishing or expanding monuments in particular states and to require consent of Congress or state legislatures.

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17. **The new range war**

The Christian Science Monitor, May 7 | Amanda Paulson

MAY 7, 2017 SALMON, IDAHO—Merill Beyeler bears the classic look of a Western rancher. He's got the leathery face of someone who has spent a lot of time outdoors. He wears flannel shirts, jeans, and a bone-colored cowboy hat.

Mr. Beyeler, whose family roots in Idaho's Lemhi County extend back to the 1850s, is also a rock-ribbed Republican. True, in Idaho, one of the reddest states in the nation, most people are Republican. But in Lemhi County, a hauntingly beautiful expanse of bald, taupe mountains and verdant river valleys wedged up against the Montana border, virtually no one puts a Democratic

bumper sticker on his or her pickup. So you'd think that people like Beyeler would be happy at the prospect of the new Trump administration, buttressed by one of the most conservative cabinets in decades, ushering in a dramatic change in the management of public lands in the West. You'd think that they would relish the prospect of federal agencies either opening up more expanses to ranchers and commercial interests or giving more control back to the states.

You'd be wrong.

While Beyeler occasionally chafes at the way federal lands are managed, he doesn't want US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management land opened up unconditionally to loggers or developers, or – worse – handed over to bureaucrats in Boise and sold off. "The reason you come home is that this is the soul of our people," he says. "When you look at our public lands in that respect – as an economic driver and as the soul of our state – the idea of losing that, or risking that, is just too great."

As the Trump administration works to fashion an identity in Washington, one of the big questions is how much the federal government will change its stewardship of public lands in the West. With Republicans in control of Congress, many envision a significant shift in access to and development of public expanses similar to what happened under the Reagan administration 35 years ago. They believe it could be one of the signature achievements of the Trump era. A few on the right are even pushing for an outright transfer of some of those lands back to state control.

Yet others – including many Republicans – occupy a more pragmatic middle. Like Beyeler, they are looking for a recalibration rather than a land-management revolution. They believe that the natural landscape is as much a part of the region's identity as coal seams and oil shale and requires at least some federal stewardship. And they believe firmly that public lands need to stay public – not sold off to private interests.

When Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R) of Utah recently introduced a bill in Congress to sell 3.3 million acres of federal lands in the West, he was forced to withdraw the legislation days later because of the backlash from his own constituents, many of whom regularly fish for steelhead trout or hunt elk on federal lands.

"I've been working in this field for 17 years, and no one has ever seen a congressman introduce a bill and then withdraw it within a week," says Land Tawney, director of Backcountry Hunters

and Anglers, a nonprofit that fiercely opposed the bill. “The sportsman community is about 70 percent conservative. We’re finding this is a unifying issue, with folks on both sides of the aisle. There can be nothing more American than our public lands.”

The land-use decisions of the next four years will have the most impact in places like Lemhi County, which is 92 percent owned by the federal government. Few areas of the United States are more remote than the high desert sagebrush area here.

Salmon, the county’s largest town, is 90 miles from a railroad, and 150 miles from an airport, the Interstate, or a Wal-Mart. The county is empty, stark, and stunning. Local ranchers and residents differ – even within families – over how public lands should be managed. But some of them are also working with government officials in a way that could become a model for solving future land wars in the West.

The battle over public lands and resources is as old as westward expansion itself. It extends from early fights over mining and water claims in the 1800s to the Sagebrush Rebellion of the 1970s to the anti-Washington “wise-use movement” of the 1980s and ’90s. The only constant in it all is the ebb and flow of tensions between Western residents and the largest landholder, Washington.

“The political side of it dates all the way back to the creation of the country,” says Robert Keiter, a law professor at the University of Utah and director of the Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and the Environment.

Last year, simmering frustrations about federal control over Western lands culminated most visibly in the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon by militant ranchers. Yet Westerners’ grievances have been finding an outlet through various assaults in Washington as well.

In late April, the Trump administration ordered the Interior Department to review some 30 places that have been designated national monuments over the past 20 years. The White House believes the designations have increasingly set aside more land than was intended under the 1906 Antiquities Act, costing the nation jobs. Environmentalists see the move undermining one of the most important tools for protecting national parks and public lands.

The change could affect places such as the Bears Ears National Monument, in the red-rock area of southern Utah, which was protected in the waning days of the Obama administration. Several Utah lawmakers, including Mr. Chaffetz and Republican Rep. Rob Bishop, have been pressing to

overturn the designation. (In response, the Outdoor Industry Association pulled a trade show, which brings about $45 million a year to Utah, from Salt Lake City.)

Western lawmakers have also been pushing the idea of selling off some public lands to private parties, or transferring them to state ownership. And the Trump administration is trying to repeal a regulation that requires oil and gas firms operating on public lands to control their methane emissions.

Behind all the rebellious moves is the size of Washington's real estate portfolio. The federal government owns 47 percent of all the land in 11 Western states. That ranges from a high of 85 percent in Nevada to a low of 30 percent in Montana.

"It's a long-standing irritation, and at times it becomes more pronounced," says Lynn Scarlett, global managing director for public policy for The Nature Conservancy and a former deputy Interior secretary under President George W. Bush. Ms. Scarlett says tensions have always simmered over how the federal government manages those lands in regard to energy development, mining, grazing rights, and endangered species.

What's new in the latest backlash, she says, is the focus on the lack of maintenance on public lands, which is largely the result of federal agencies getting less funding. Departments such as the Forest Service, BLM, and US Fish & Wildlife Service had hoped that highlighting the backlog of work would help them garner more funds. Instead, critics have just seized on the maintenance issues to buttress their argument that the federal government isn't the right steward of public lands.

"The bottom line is that we want our public lands to be managed in a way that's responsible," says Jennifer Fielder, a Montana state senator and chief executive officer of the American Lands Council, a leader in the call to transfer federal land to state control. "Those of us who live near here are sick of seeing the lock-it-up and let-it-burn policies out of Washington."

Senator Fielder says she watches the ineptitude from her living-room window in Montana. The Feds' inability or unwillingness to thin underbrush and perform other basic management practices, she says, led to a wildfire last summer becoming much larger, and more expensive, than it needed to be. "Forty thousand acres burnt to a crisp, habitat destroyed," she says.

Others believe that having an absentee landlord isn't the best way to care for property and that the people closest to the land are the ones who know best how to manage it – and should reap the benefits from it.

"Without these lands, you can't operate as a republican form of government inside your state," says Jim Chmelik, a former Idaho county commissioner and a leader of the land-transfer movement. "If you don't have access to your resources, you can't provide good-paying jobs and you can't provide a good quality of life."

Yet critics of shifting control to the states believe it will either lead to lands being sold off to private interests or an oil derrick being put on top of every ridge, despoiling the natural beauty that attracts people from around the country – and contributes to regional economies. States also have far fewer resources than Washington to manage the vast public expanses. And most states are required to balance their budgets, which could put pressure on them to sell lands in lean times, even if they vow not to do so.

As proof, critics point out that 11 Western states were granted a total of almost 77 million acres of land at statehood. They've sold off about 44 percent of those lands. Nevada, granted 2.7 million acres at its founding, now has just 3,000 acres of public state land.

"Study after study has shown states can't afford" to manage public lands well, says Mr. Tawney of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers.

Just south of Lehmi lies Custer County – home of some of the most spectacular wilderness in Idaho. The celebrated Middle Fork of the Salmon River flows through the area, and the rugged Sawtooth Mountains rise steeply from the plains. It's the third largest county in Idaho, but home to barely 4,000 people. Roughly 96 percent of the county is federal land.

"Custer County is the size of Connecticut, but we have one sheriff and four deputies," says Wayne Butts, a county commissioner who has lived in Challis, the county seat, since he was 8. "There's no tax bases."

Sitting next to the warmth of a wood-burning stove in his small-motor repair shop, he ticks off the economic limitations of living in a remote area: The county has a 100-year-old jail with just six beds in one room, making it impossible to house men and women at the same time. Local roads are in desperate need of repair, but no money exists to fix them. A decrease in grazing

rights on federal lands has led to fewer ranchers, resulting in less local revenue. A molybdenum mine, once the county's largest employer, shut down in 2014.

People come from all over the country to hike, fish, and play in Custer County, but don't add much to the economy, says Mr. Butts: Many of them drive in from Boise, bring their own food and camping supplies. They don't even buy gas in Custer.

"Old-time customs and culture – that's the way we like it," says Butts. To him, that means ranching, mining, logging. He's frustrated that federal lands increasingly seem to be managed to inhibit those activities.

Still, despite all those irritations, Butts isn't willing to back transferring lands to state ownership unless he sees a budget proposal that makes sense to him. He thinks either the state or local communities could do a better job managing the lands, but he is well aware of the costs involved. Instead, he wants to see limits put on turning any more private land into public land and hopes that the Trump administration and Republican Congress will help roll back some of the more onerous environmental protections on federal lands that already exist.

A few dozen miles to the east of Challis, in the shadow of Idaho's tallest peak, Mt. Borah, Steve Smith shares many of Butts's grievances. Mr. Smith and his parents live on his family's 2,800-acre ranch, where they have a herd of 400 cows.

Just a mention of public lands is enough to set Smith and his father, Wiley, off, venting about their years of vexation in dealing with the BLM and Forest Service. This has included navigating around what they see as burdensome protections for the sage grouse, as well as a BLM water-rights claim that took them years to defeat.

Yet even this father and son don't agree on whether control of public lands should be shifted from Washington to the states. Despite his virulent criticism of federal management, Wiley doesn't believe states have the resources to care for public lands.

Steve would like to see a modest transfer – perhaps 2 percent of total holdings – provided states have a plan for how they will manage the areas. "The ranchers, the miners, the loggers – they're the ones that have taken care of these areas," he says. "[Federal officials] put a black mark on those industries and don't see that [the land] has been in their care for 150 years."

Others are more adamant in their opposition to state control. On a cold, rainy Saturday in March, nearly 3,000 people gathered at the State Capitol in Boise to support public lands staying public – and under federal stewardship.

The demonstration attracted plenty of traditional environmentalists, but also hunters, anglers, and dirt-bike riders. “Rednecks and hippies unite!” read one sign. “I fill my freezer on public lands,” said another.

In between various chants – such as “Keep public lands in public hands!” – the crowd listened to speakers ranging from a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to a fifth-generation Idaho woman who talked of accompanying her mother on her first moose hunt when she was 8 days old.

“I hunt and I fish on public lands,” says Travis Long, who came to the rally from Kuna, Idaho, outfitted in camouflage. “I’ve got four kids and I want to make sure public lands remain that way.”

It is too early to know what a Trump administration will mean for public lands. Much of the push to undermine the power of federal oversight agencies, or to transfer or sell off public lands, is coming from Congress, and President Trump’s Interior secretary, Ryan Zinke, has repeatedly said he would never transfer or sell them.

“I think we’re in a better place with [Mr. Trump and Mr. Zinke] than we would have been with others interviewed for the Interior secretary, or with Ted Cruz,” says Whit Fosburgh, president and chief executive officer of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, a nonprofit that represents sportsmen and sportswomen.

At the same time, Mr. Fosburgh and other conservation leaders say they’re concerned about legislation that has been passed or proposed. In March, for instance, the Trump administration rescinded Barack Obama’s three-year moratorium on coal leases on federal land. A proposed bill in Congress would strip the Forest Service and BLM of their law enforcement powers, putting the job of policing environmental and other rules in the hands of local sheriffs.

“It’s one more attempt to weaken management of public lands,” says Fosburgh.

Trump's proposed budget also includes a 12 percent cut to the Interior Department, which could make maintenance of public lands even more problematic and give states more leverage in their quest to take over.

Eventually, it's possible that some of the hostility to Washington's handling of public lands will die down under the new administration. The Sagebrush Rebellion subsided once Reagan came to power.

"In the big picture politically, it would not surprise me if [the transfer movement] slowly disappears from the radar screen with Republicans in control of Congress and the White House," says Mr. Keiter, the Utah law professor. "It works as an oppositional strategy to more progressive or environmentally friendly policies of Democratic administrations."

Perhaps the best hope for ending the standoffs over public lands is a more collaborative approach in the canyons and valley floors of the West itself – far from the politics of Washington and statehouses. One such effort is under way in Salmon, where ranchers, federal agencies, and conservation groups are finding common ground.

"What doesn't get attention is the really good, responsible, productive work taking place on the Western landscape," says Beyeler, the Lemhi County rancher.

At the same time that the Malheur standoff was occurring, he notes, the Forest Service and BLM were working with a local rancher to help him get seven miles of pipeline approved in an area that includes an important salmon spawning tributary. Endangered sockeye salmon travel more than 900 miles, up 6,500 feet of elevation, to spawn in rivers and lakes here.

"It was a collaborative process," says Beyeler. "I worry that this tension on whether the state or federal government should own [public lands] distracts from the collaborative work."

Tom Page, another Salmon Valley rancher, got into ranching in part because he wanted to see if he could do it in a conservation-minded way – and make money. He is surprised by how hard it has been to navigate all the environmental rules and by how difficult lawsuits filed by activists make it for local landowners.

When he recently sought to get approval for 200 feet of fence on his grazing allotment, to keep cows from straying into restricted forest land, federal officials told him not to apply for the permit. Because it would disturb fish and sage grouse habitat, the US Forest Service "knows they

have to write a thick document for those 200 feet of fence," says Mr. Page, and that they're likely to be sued by environmentalists – which was not worth it, in their view, for such as small project.

The Upper Salmon area, Page agrees, has become a model for conservation and collaboration – but only because it has nonprofits and both federal and private money helping to support that work. In rural counties with less federal attention, there tends to be a lot less trust, he says.

Bob Cope has seen both cooperation and conflict. A large man with a deep voice and earthy sense of humor, he is a veterinarian for all the local ranchers as well as a Lemhi County commissioner. He has served on numerous state and federal committees representing Western interests.

With face-to-face collaboration and local involvement, he says public-lands disputes are solvable. But he understands people's frustrations, especially when they see onerous rules being made by people back East.

"We can work with our federal officials, but [local people] get handcuffed," he says. "We've had management by legislation and litigation. There's still a lot of mistrust on both sides…. People feel like they have no voice."

Over on the 25,000-acre ranch he's managed for 20 years, Shane Rosenkrance epitomizes the attitude of many people in this part of Idaho. He harbors a deep love for the lands he manages and the public holdings that surround them. Mr. Rosenkrance points to the imposing peaks rising out of the desert floor – the Lost River Range, the Pioneer Mountains, Mt. Borah. He wants them to remain in federal hands and not be sold to individuals who might turn them into their own private preserves.

"You can go anywhere you want," says Rosenkrance, whose family has lived in the valley for seven generations. "Residents appreciate that more than anyone. But we don't want some guy in New York telling us how to manage these lands, or to lock them up."

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18. **The Latest: Zinke says he may not favor shrinking monuments**

NewsOK, May 7 | The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Latest on a visit to Utah by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the designation of national monuments (all times local):

6:40 p.m.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke says he may not necessarily recommend that President Donald Trump rescind or shrink two Utah national monuments, and it's possible that once he views the red rock areas, he could decide the monuments need to be larger.

Zinke told reporters Sunday in Salt Lake City that his visit is a listening tour and he wants to ensure that the Antiquities Act was used as intended when Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments were declared.

The Interior secretary spoke to reporters after a closed-door meeting with leaders of a tribal coalition that campaigned for the monument.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

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5:05 p.m.

More than 500 protesters urging the protection of Utah's Bears Ears National Monument are demonstrating outside a Salt Lake City building where U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is meeting with tribal leaders.

Protesters carried signs Sunday and shouted "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears!" as Zinke started a four-day Utah trip.

He's assessing whether 3.2 million acres of the state's red rock region should remain national monuments or have borders scaled down.

Zinke's meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which pushed for the monument, was not open to the public or media.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

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4:15 p.m.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is meeting with a coalition of five tribes that pushed for President Barack Obama to designate Bears Ears National Monument.

Zinke's hour-long meeting Sunday with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition came as the Interior secretary kicked off a four-day tour in Utah.

The meeting was not open to the public or media, but Zinke is expected to speak to reporters later in the day.

While in Utah, he's expected to assess whether the designation of 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled back or rescinded.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

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9:20 a.m.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is set to start a four-day Utah trip to assess whether the designation of 3.2 million acres of national monuments in the state's southern red rock region should be scaled back or rescinded.

Zinke arrives in Salt Lake City Sunday to launch the re-evaluation of the new Bears Ears National Monument and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

His visit comes after an executive order signed last month by President Donald Trump's called for a review of 27 national monuments established by several former presidents.

The Bears Ears monument is a source of ire for Utah's conservative leadership and is a top review priority.

Zinke must make a recommendation on that monument by June 10 ahead of a final report about all the monuments.

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19. Zinke says monument designations have been an ‘effective tool,’ though ‘very few ... are to the scale of the recent actions’

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 7 | Matthew Piper

As he embarked on a tour of Utah to review two national monuments, Ryan Zinke said he sees no evidence Native American proponents of Bears Ears National Monument were exploited by special interest groups, as state leaders have suggested.

"I think they're smart, capable, passionate, and have a deep sense of tie to their culture and want to preserve it," the secretary of the Interior said after a meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which requested the monument on behalf of five tribes, at Salt Lake City's Bureau of Land Management office on Sunday.

Minutes later, however, Sen. Orrin Hatch said Native Americans are "manipulated sometimes by people" and that the "far left" has further designs on the 1.35 million acres in southeastern Utah protected by President Barack Obama on Dec. 28.

"The Indians, they don't fully understand that a lot of the things that they currently take for granted on those lands, they won't be able to do if it's made clearly into a monument or a wilderness," Hatch said.

Asked to describe which activities Obama's designation would prevent Native Americans from doing, Hatch said, "That'd take too much time right now."

Pressed further for one example, Hatch said: "Once you put a monument there, you do restrict a lot of things that could be done, and that includes use of the land. ... Just take my word for it."

Navajo nation delegate Davis Filfred, who serves as member of both the tribal coalition and a tribal commission created to provide input on management of the monument, said Sunday night that the meeting with Zinke was overdue.

"I told him today that you met with the Utah delegation more than a couple of times thus far and this is the first time that we are meeting," Filfred said. "I'm requesting equal time."

While Filfred and others fight to defend it, Hatch and other state leaders have four days to convince Zinke that the Bears Ears National Monument designation constituted federal overreach and defied the will of most of the region's inhabitants.

Zinke then has until June 10 to recommend to President Donald Trump a fate for the newborn monument.

He also will stop within the boundaries of Grand Staircase-Escalante — whose 1996 designation by President Bill Clinton is the starting point for a review of 27 large monuments that was ordered by Trump. Utah leaders hope Trump will drastically reduce the boundaries of the 1.9 million-acre monument.

Zinke said he arrives in Utah "without any predisposition of outcome."

"Over the course of our history, I think it's undisputed that the monuments have been an effective tool to save [and] preserve some of our greatest cultural treasures," Zinke said, though he later added that "very few monuments are to the scale of the recent actions.

"Some of the monuments are, I don't want to say universally but certainly widely, supported and accepted," Zinke said. "The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah."

His tour is reminiscent of one conducted last July by his predecessor, Sally Jewell, to inform Obama's decision.

Jewell witnessed striking vistas and delicate archaeological treasures as she weighed varied opinions about who should oversee them, and she concluded her visit by soliciting public comment for three hours inside a cramped Bluff Community Center.

The eventual designation hewed closely to boundaries in the Public Lands Initiative proposed by Utah's delegation, but if Obama's monument was intended as a compromise, it wasn't viewed that way by Utah leaders.

Hatch said Sunday that Obama made the declaration "without talking to any members of the delegation."

"It was pretty pathetic," he said.

Zinke's entourage drove past about two dozen protesters lining the 200 South border of The Gateway shopping mall as he accessed BLM offices Sunday for his first meeting with a full complement of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Zinke met earlier with Sens. Hatch and Mike Lee, Gov. Gary Herbert, Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes and state legislative leaders.

Proponents of the two disputed national monument designations worry that their voices will be absent from the Interior secretary's upcoming agenda.

Zinke's office rejected repeated requests to meet with members of the roundly pro-monument Boulder-Escalante Chamber of Commerce, writing "his current schedule is quite full and it's unlikely that he'll be able to accommodate any additional engagements." Chamber members were invited to comment on a forthcoming feedback website.

Members of Utah Dine Bikeyah, a grassroots nonprofit that supports the monument, also have called publicly for a meeting and sent Zinke's office a letter Sunday describing two previous letters and "several email and verbal requests" to meet.

Executive Director Gavin Noyes said Sunday that the Bears Ears boundaries were drawn based on the group's conversations with 75 Native American elders.

"We want to make sure that he doesn't trim any boundaries without talking to people who know the Bears Ears area the best," Noyes said. "The biggest risk at this point is that he believes that [largely anti-monument] Blanding and Monticello residents are the only people that he needs to meet with."

The Center for Western Priorities' Greg Zimmerman declared in a Sunday statement that Zinke's itinerary "[makes] it clear he intends for his visit to Utah to be a one-sided affair, ignoring input from local stakeholders who support national monuments at Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante."

Tribal leaders who pushed for the monument have said they will sue to preserve the protections, if necessary.

Filfred said Zinke agreed to meet with members of the intertribal coalition only last Wednesday, after multiple requests went unanswered.

Sunday's hourlong meeting was insufficient for them to state their case for the monument, he said. He was unimpressed by Zinke's posture and took a cellphone photo of the secretary reclining in his chair.

"You're asking this question as if we're supposed to answer it in one sentence, one phrase, one paragraph," Filfred said.

Zinke said Sunday that it's clear involved Native Americans "have roots in that area. They recognize that this is the first time that they're at the table, and there is some distrust of previous efforts that the tribe and tribes, in this case, aren't heard. Remarkably, that's the same argument I hear from many counties and many elected officials: that the federal government by and large has not heard the local voice."

As a freshman representative from Montana, Zinke opposed a GOP effort to transfer federal lands to states.

"The federal government needs to do a much better job of managing our resources, but the sale or transfer of our land is an extreme proposal, and I won't tolerate it," he said last June after voting against a bill that would have given states the option to buy 2 million federal acres for logging.

He also took sides against Rob Bishop when the Utah representative, who serves as Natural Resources Committee chairman, tried to block funding to the Land and Water Conservation Fund that the government uses to buy and conserve potentially threatened lands.

In January, however, Zinke said there was "no doubt the president has the power to amend a monument" and "[i]t will be interesting to see if a president can nullify a monument."

Utah's Legislature resolved during this year's session to ask Trump to rescind Bears Ears despite legal scholars' doubts that he has such authority.

Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, who has been supported by Utah leaders as a candidate to lead the Bureau of Land Management, has said that "a whole lot of just plain old sagebrush" that could be ranched or mined lies within the boundaries of the two monuments.

A recent poll conducted by Dan Jones & Associates and commissioned by UtahPolicy.com found that a small majority of Utahns support reducing the acreage in Bears Ears or eliminating it altogether, while a similarly slim majority say Trump should leave the Grand Staircase as is.

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20. Zinke Begins Utah Listening Tour

KUER News, May 7 | Judy Fahys

Utahns for and against national monuments have been asking the Trump administration to weigh in on Bears Ears ever since it was created in December. U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke arrived in Utah Sunday to hear their concerns firsthand.

Around two hundred protestors gathered outside the federal Bureau of Land Management's state office as Zinke met inside with leaders of the five tribes that will help manage the new Bears Ears National Monument.

"There's a lot of anger out there," he said afterward, speaking with reporters. "There's a lot of mistrust out there."

Zinke's visit coincides with an open public comment period on 27 national monuments that have been created in the past two decades. He invited all Utahns and all Americans to voice their concerns. Zinke insists his mind is NOT made up.

"I'm talking to all parties," he said, "and getting a perspective of making sure that Utah and all the stakeholders have a voice."

He's scheduled to tour the new Bears Ears National Monument on foot, in a plane and on horseback over the next two days. Then he visits the Grand Staircase Escalante Monument.

The Interior Secretary also met Sunday with Utah Republican leaders. They've organized the tour to make a case that Bears Ears should be rescinded and the Grand Staircase should be shrunk.

"We're going to make sure Utah functions the way it should function and that it's protected and that it's not just shoved around by radical people from elsewhere," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, a Utah Republican who joined Zinke Sunday at the BLM.

Native Americans and conservationists throughout the state are among the monument supporters who complain they're being excluded from the Zinke meetings.

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21. Zinke in southern Utah to tour Bears Ears

The Deseret News, May 8 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BLANDING — Native American supporters of the new Bears Ears National Monument talked Monday about the sacred nature of the rugged landscape and why it's so important to protect.

At an event hosted by Utah Dine Bikeyah, reporters and photographers in town for Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit were given aerial tours of the San Juan County monument.

The 30-minute flights come in advance of Zinke's scheduled hike to the House on Fire ruins near Mule Canyon, inside the monument footprint.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert is expected at the hike, as well as several staffers from Utah's congressional delegation.

Willie Grayeyes, chairman of the board of Utah Dine Bikeyah, said he hopes Zinke realizes that as Interior secretary he has a "trust responsibility" to Native Americans.

That responsibility, he added, should be part of Zinke's decision on whether the monument stands as Grayeyes hopes.

Members of Utah's congressional delegation have been united in opposition to Bears Ears' designation by former President Barack Obama late last year. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah led out on the effort that led to President Donald Trump signing an executive order on April 26 to review monument designations going back to 1996.

San Juan County commissioners were also at the airport for Zinke's arrival, which has stirred up residents. This is the second time in less than in a year that a secretary of the Interior has visited the region. Last summer, then-Secretary Sally Jewell was here.

“The windup has been pretty intense," said San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman, who said it was clear Zinke intended to listen to the variety of viewpoints about the December 2016 designation.

“He's gone above and beyond in that respect," he said. Lyman said the county leaders remain adamantly opposed to the monument.

"In this country we value consent, and this was done without our consent," he said.

This story will be updated throughout the day.

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22. Zinke kicks off Utah tour in national monuments review

The Hill, May 8 | Timothy Cama

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is in Utah this week to tour two controversial national monuments that the Trump administration is considering rescinding or shrinking.

Zinke arrived Sunday for meetings with stakeholders, including elected officials and a group of American Indian tribes that pushed for the creation of the Bears Ears National Monument.

At a news conference with Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) late Sunday, Zinke said that, unlike many other national monuments, Bears Ears doesn’t enjoy local support, according to the Salt Lake Tribune.

“Over the course of our history, I think it’s undisputed that the monuments have been an effective tool to save [and] preserve some of our greatest cultural treasures,” Zinke said, adding later that “very few monuments are to the scale of the recent actions.”

“Some of the monuments are, I don’t want to say universally, but certainly widely, supported and accepted,” he continued said. “The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah.”

Zinke pushed back on the narrative that the five nearby tribes that supported former President Barack Obama’s decision to protect the land were misled by environmentalists.

“I think they’re smart, capable, passionate, and have a deep sense of tie to their culture and want to preserve it,” Zinke said, according to the Tribune.

Zinke had met earlier with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.

Hatch, however, said he thinks the tribes were tricked.

“The Indians, they don't fully understand that a lot of the things that they currently take for granted on those lands, they won’t be able to do if it’s made clearly into a monument or a wilderness,” said Hatch, who declined to name specific activities that aren’t allowed within the monument area.

Dozens of protesters supporting the monuments faced Zinke outside the Salt Lake City offices of the Bureau of Land Management when he arrived, the Deseret News reported.

Zinke, Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) and others are taking a plane trip Tuesday to see Bears Ears from the air. Later in the week, he’ll tour parts of Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante national monument on horseback.

Interior will also take formal comments soon via mail and online as they consider a revisision of those monuments and two dozen others.

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23. **Mr. Zinke, Keep Channeling Teddy Roosevelt**

The New York Times, May 8 | The Editorial Board

On his first day on the job, Ryan Zinke, President Trump’s secretary of the interior, rode a horse to work, in plain imitation of Teddy Roosevelt, who as president used to gallop around Washington, and whose admirable record as a conservationist Mr. Zinke says he hopes to emulate.

By all accounts, Mr. Zinke, a former Navy SEALs member and congressman from Montana, is not a dope. He therefore knows that he cannot possibly match Mr. Roosevelt if he embraces the dismaying anti-environmental agenda Mr. Trump has saddled him with.

As David Roberts of Vox has pointed out, that agenda is both plutocratic and lazy. It seeks to confer new benefits on oil and gas interests that are already richly favored. Yet it requires nothing of Mr. Trump himself. All he has done is issue executive orders that tell someone else to do the work. He cannot scrap the clean power rule or President Barack Obama's aggressive fuel efficiency standards; the relevant federal agencies will have to face the laborious and uncertain process of writing new rules and whatever court challenges those rules bring.

In similar fashion, in two separate orders, Mr. Trump has instructed Mr. Zinke to review Obama policies designed to protect important landscapes for the enjoyment of future generations and the oceans from catastrophic oil spills. The wording in both orders makes it clear that Mr. Trump wants the policies revised or jettisoned altogether, and in the end, great damage could be inflicted on the environment. It's up to Mr. Zinke to make sure that does not happen.

One order instructs Mr. Zinke to review all national monument designations made under the Antiquities Act after Jan. 1, 1996, that encompass 100,000 or more acres. Since Mr. Roosevelt signed the law in 1906, eight Republican (including T.R.) and eight Democratic presidents have used it to unilaterally protect threatened landscapes from commercial intrusion. Mr. Trump complains that such designations prohibit new mining and drilling projects that could create jobs, but a close look at his order shows that it makes no economic sense and is little more than cynical genuflection to the Utah congressional delegation.

The order's bookends are the 1.9 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, established by President Bill Clinton in 1996, and the 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument established just last year by Mr. Obama. The designations have stuck in the craw of two Republican warhorses, Senator Orrin Hatch and Representative Rob Bishop.

Both monuments contain magnificent landscapes and priceless artifacts. Neither contains significant oil and gas reserves, and the Grand Staircase designation has led to a big growth in tourism. Bears Ears is likely to do the same. Both have popular support, and both are best left alone.

The second order deals with oil and gas exploration. The United States is producing robust supplies, from both federal and private lands, but the oil industry wants more, and so does Mr. Trump. He has therefore ordered Mr. Zinke to draw up a new five-year exploration plan, roll back an Obama rule from last December withdrawing America's Arctic waters from drilling, and "reconsider" several safety regulations implemented after the disastrous BP oil spill.

Five-year plans come and go; every nearly every administration draws up a new one. Mr. Trump's plan calls for drilling in the Atlantic, an idea Mr. Obama rejected after protests from coastal states. The instructions on Alaska and safety precautions are simply irresponsible. Mr. Obama withdrew Alaskan waters using existing legal authority and for a very good reason: An oil spill in the inhospitable waters of the Arctic would be a disaster. Further, after Shell's bumbling and ultimately fruitless $7 billion attempt to find oil, companies have been abandoning old leases right and left, and, whatever their ambitions elsewhere, do not seem to be seeking new ones in the Arctic.

As for revising and presumably weakening the safety regulations — common-sense efforts to strengthen specific pieces of offshore drilling equipment, like blowout preventers, that failed in the 2010 gulf disaster — it's hard to believe that even industry wants something that stupid.

Back to Mr. Zinke's first day on the job. The day after he got off his horse, he addressed his employees and promised to defend them against brutal budget cuts that Mr. Trump had already threatened. That's all well and good, but the real measure of his leadership is whether he will also defend the crucially important work his employees are involved in, and, like Mr. Roosevelt, decide to protect and add to the public lands and waters instead of diminishing them.

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24. **Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?**

The Las Vegas Sun, May 8 | Daniel Rothberg

At a Lake Tahoe fundraiser in August, Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl — a leader in the movement to transfer federal land to the states — met privately with then-candidate Donald Trump. According to a story Dahl has told many times since then, he asked Trump how he would feel operating a 10-floor hotel in which eight floors were owned by a bureaucracy 2,500 miles away.

"He caught right on," Dahl said.

This is how Dahl sees Nevada's position relative to the federal government, which owns more than 85 percent of the state. "So many of the rules and regulations we have to live by are made

so far away in Washington by people who are not really familiar with our problems out here," he said.

In late April, Dahl flew to Washington, D.C., to discuss the future of public lands with President Trump's staff, after the administration invited him to a signing ceremony for an executive order on education. The political landscape around the land issue had changed since August. Trump's administration had veered away from the pro-transfer position included in the Republican Party's platform.

"I'm adamantly opposed to the sale or transfer of public lands," Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke said at an Outdoor Industry Association event that same week in April. "So is my boss."

That position, which has hardened in recent weeks, has forced land-transfer advocates in the West to look at more modest proposals for giving states more control over federal lands. At the meeting in April, for instance, Dahl suggested transferring more management responsibilities to the states.

When asked about such proposals, a spokesperson for the Interior Department said in an email that Zinke "believes the federal government needs to be a better manager and a better neighbor and that bureaus need to work more closely with one another and local and state governments on local land management policy." She added: "What works for Seattle doesn't exactly work for Henderson."

State legislators across the West introduced bills this year encouraging Congress to revisit the idea of wholesale land transfers — ceding large parcels of land to the states, which could then sell the land for development and extraction, or manage it for the public. Those bills face an uphill battle.

The federal government, which owns the majority of land in Nevada, Oregon and Utah, sits on nearly 47 percent of all Western land. It's a reality that has existed since statehood, when the federal government ceded land to newly formed states looking to raise revenue for public services. Nonetheless, it's a development that remains a thorn in the side of land-transfer advocates, who argue that local jurisdictions should make choices about how their land is managed.

Politicians supporting the land-transfer movement, though, have had difficulty making gains, facing headwinds from both sides of the partisan spectrum.

Conservationists and sporting groups believe that transferring federal land could constrict space for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation. It's likely that these groups would oppose Dahl's suggestion — to transfer management, not the land, to the states.

"That gets to be a very slippery slope," said Alex Boian, vice president of governmental relations for the Outdoor Industry Association. "It's not a real compromise."

A spokesperson for Montana-based Backcountry Hunters and Anglers echoed Boian's concern. She too called such proposals a slippery slope and likened the protection of public lands to a "second Second Amendment."

The groups flexed their political muscle this year with a successful social media campaign that urged Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, to withdraw a bill to sell 3.3 million acres of federal land. "It's the first shot across the bow," Land Tawney, executive director for Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, told Outside Magazine in February. "We don't have the money, but we have the people."

At a recent lunch meeting with members of the Congressional Western Caucus, Zinke reiterated his opposition to divesting federal land, U.S. Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev., said in an interview with The Sunday.

Zinke declined to discuss whether there would be any exceptions, said Amodei, who introduced legislation in 2014 that would have transferred about 7.5 million acres of federal land to Nevada.

"That's not in the cards at this time," Amodei said.

Amodei instead plans to prioritize smaller gains for the land-transfer movement. He stressed the importance of monitoring land use around Yucca Mountain, funding for the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act and proposed expansions of Air Force facilities at Nellis and Fallon. He said he expected the administration to be open to land bills that address county-by-county issues.

While Dahl was in D.C., Trump signed a directive ordering Zinke to review national monument designations dating back to the Clinton administration. The request asked the Interior Department to look at downsizing or eliminating any recent monuments declared through presidential powers. .

The American Lands Council, a group that Dahl co-founded, applauded the order. But the group said on its website: “reforms need to go much further.”

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25. Could management shift to states even if public lands remain federally owned?

The Center for American Progress, May 8 | Mary Ellen Kustin

On April 26, President Donald Trump launched an attack on national parks, public lands, and waters. His executive order called on U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to “review” the 54 national monuments that presidents have designated or expanded since 1996. The order gives wide discretion to the secretary to recommend actions that the president or Congress should take to alter or rescind the protections for these natural, historical, and cultural treasures.

While the order is written in such a way that all recent national monuments—including the Stonewall, César E. Chávez, Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality, and Pacific Remote Islands Marine national monuments—are subject to the 120-day review, Secretary Zinke publicly called out two monuments: The “bookends” of his review will be the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments, both located in Utah. These two monuments later made the list of monuments Secretary Zinke is initially reviewing.

It has been widely reported that the Utah congressional delegation was the driving force behind President Trump’s executive order. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) have been particularly outspoken in their opposition to the Antiquities Act writ large and to Utah’s national monuments specifically. Indeed, both were at the signing ceremony for the executive order; Utah Gov. Gary Herbert (R) and Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) were also in attendance. President Trump gave Sen. Hatch the pen he used to sign the order after recognizing Hatch as “tough” for repeatedly calling Trump to say “you got to do this.”

The national monument review will be a legal, moral, and political minefield. President Trump’s embrace of the Utah delegation and its pet cause is especially interesting given that most of the delegation’s members were vocal in their opposition to him during the presidential primary. For a president known to keep a list of those who speak ill of him, it is a curious alliance. The Center for American Progress’ analysis suggests that a closer look at the oil, gas, and coal underneath

Utah's national monuments—and the fossil fuel industry's influence on Trump and the Utah delegation—might help explain this newly formed partnership.

The Trump administration and the Utah delegation's history of disagreement

President Trump struggled to find support in Utah during his campaign, with the majority of the state's voters supporting someone else in both the Republican caucuses and the general election. Rep. Bishop reluctantly voted for Trump, saying, "Unless he resigns, I must support the Republican nominee as my only option." Sen. Hatch eventually supported Trump, but only after endorsing two other Republican candidates first. And Utah's junior senator, Mike Lee, another critic of the Bears Ears National Monument, told constituents that Trump "scares [him] to death." Similarly, Utah Rep. Chris Stewart (R) said last year that "Donald trump does not represent republican ideals, he is our Mussolini."

In addition, the Trump administration's early policy statements on land management differ from those of the Utah delegation. During the campaign, Trump indicated in an interview with Field & Stream magazine that his administration would be "great stewards" of public lands and that he did not "like the idea" of transferring federal lands to the states. His pick of Secretary Zinke, who resigned his delegate post at the Republican National Convention over the party's platform on this issue, underscored that commitment. By contrast, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), and Sen. Lee (R-UT) have all introduced legislation that would make it easier to sell off public lands.

It is noteworthy, then, that President Trump is pushing an executive order that is a thinly veiled land seizure. He even parroted a land seizure activist talking point—embraced by Rep. Bishop and other proponents of diminishing federal land management—just before signing the order, saying he would "give that power back to the states and to the people, where it belongs." Curious, perhaps, until one remembers that this rhetoric traces its roots to industry-backed front groups with vested interests in selling off public lands for private gain.

Extractive industries threaten national monuments in Utah

Both President Trump and members of the Utah delegation, particularly Rep. Bishop, have benefited from oil, gas, and coal industry contributions. Trump's presidential campaign received more than $1.1 million from the fossil fuel industry. And coal, oil, and gas interests contributed $1 out of every $10 raised—a total of at least $10 million—for Trump's inaugural celebrations.

These events were not subject to the same campaign finance restrictions as donations made during the election.

Rep. Bishop, meanwhile, received the highest percentage of out-of-state campaign contributions of anyone in the House, and the oil and gas industries—including the American Petroleum Institute, a trade association that represents hundreds of oil and gas companies—contributed more to his campaigns than any other industry. Although Bishop has repeatedly claimed that his issues with the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments have nothing to do with the fossil fuel interests located below them, both monuments appear to be in the sights of this heavily invested industry.

The American Petroleum Institute was quick to send a letter to House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Bishop and his counterpart in the Senate shortly after the 115th Congress convened, imploring them to "re-examine the role and purpose of the Antiquities Act." The organization argued that the law threatens the extraction of fossil fuels from public lands and waters. In addition, the oil and gas industry group Western Energy Alliance, or WEA, has indicated interest in drilling in Bears Ears. WEA President Kathleen Sgamma has said about the monument, "There certainly is industry appetite for development there, or else companies wouldn't have leases in the area." And geologists have known for years that the Grand Staircase-Escalante area has coal, oil, and mineral deposits.

The following maps reveal why special interests would want access to mine and drill within the boundaries of both Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments. A new analysis by CAP and Conservation Science Partners, or CSP, finds that Grand Staircase-Escalante scored in the 72nd percentile for oil and gas and the 37th percentile for mineral resources among similarly sized Western landscapes. The boundary of Grand Staircase-Escalante also encompasses the extensive coal beds found in the Kaiparowits Plateau. As CAP and CSP previously reported, when compared with similarly sized landscapes in the West, Bears Ears scored above the 50th percentile for both mineral resources and oil and gas. Without protection, Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears would be at great risk of destructive mining and oil and gas development.

These national monuments are also two of the wildest and most ecologically valuable places in the West. The new analysis indicates that Grand Staircase-Escalante is in the top 4 percent for ecological intactness and the top 6 percent for connectivity, which are essential to biodiversity

and landscape-level conservation. As CAP and CSP previously showed, Bears Ears is in the top 10 percent of similarly sized places in the West for these two important factors.

Even though national monuments are public lands that, by definition, belong to the people, President Trump said he was signing the executive order to “return control to the people—the people of Utah, the people of all the states, the people of the United States.” However, it appears the people he has in mind may be those with close industry ties.

Methodology

To determine the ecological importance of Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, CAP and CSP mapped and summarized 10 landscape-level indicators of resilience to climate change; ecological connectivity; and intactness, biodiversity, and remoteness. Publicly available spatial data and published methods of analysis were used to create indicator maps across 11 Western states to compare Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument with equivalently sized areas throughout the West. The same was done with each of seven national parks. A mixture of iconic Western national parks known for their ecological importance and Utah national parks were selected for comparison. CAP and CSP also assessed Bears Ears for two threat indicators: mineral resource potential and oil and gas resource potential. No coal resources were found within Bears Ears National Monument. Similarly, CAP and CSP assessed Grand Staircase-Escalante for three threat indicators: mineral resource potential, oil and gas resource potential, and coal resource potential.

CAP and CSP determined the values of each of the indicators relative to the larger landscape using a simple scoring system based on percentile ranks. Specifically, the mean value of each indicator within Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was compared with the distribution of means of a large random sample of 1,000 areas across the 11 Western states, including all jurisdictions. The size of the random samples was equivalent to the size of the monument. CAP and CSP did the same for the seven national parks. Scores on indicators ranged from 0 to 100. For example, a score of 98 for a given indicator signified that the mean value of that indicator in the monument was greater than or equal to 98 percent of the equivalently sized random samples. Scores of 50 or higher suggested a relatively important indicator.

A more detailed description of methods and data can be found here.

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26. US Interior secretary tours hotly contested Utah monument

The Washington Post, May 8 | Michelle L. Price and Brady McCombs, AP

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Monday will get a bird's-eye view of one of 27 national monuments he's been ordered to review as he flies over 1.3 million acres of southern Utah's red rock plateaus, cliffs and canyons graced with sagebrush, juniper trees and ancient cliff dwellings in one of America's newest and most hotly contested monuments.

His tour guide aboard the helicopter will be Gov. Gary Herbert, one of several prominent Republican leaders in the state who oppose the Bears Ears National Monument. Herbert, U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch and the rest of the all-GOP Congressional delegation consider the monument creation by former President Barack Obama an unnecessary layer of federal control that will hurt local economies by closing the area to new energy development and isn't the best way to protect the lands.

During the first day of a four-day trip to Utah to see two monuments, Zinke was serenaded in Salt Lake City by about 500 protesters who chanted, "Save our monuments, stand with Bears Ears." They represented tribal leaders and conservationists on the other side of the debate who are imploring Zinke to leave Bears Ears alone to preserve lands considered sacred to the tribes.

After holding a closed-door meeting with a coalition of tribal leaders who pushed for the monument, Zinke spoke on Sunday of his admiration for President Theodore Roosevelt, who created the law that gives presidents the power to create monuments.

Zinke, a Montana Republican, said that "it is undisputed the monuments have been an effective tool to save, preserve our greatest cultural treasures."

He insisted there is no predetermined outcome of his review, saying he may not recommend the monuments be made smaller or rescinded, and he might even recommend an addition. Zinke has been tasked with making a recommendation on the monument by June 10, about 2½ months before a final report about on all the monuments.

“I’m coming in this thing as a Montanan, a former congressman and now the secretary of the Interior without any predispositions of outcome,” Zinke said at a news conference Sunday evening in Salt Lake City. “I want to make sure that the public has a voice, that the elected officials have a voice.”

The two monuments he’s reviewing in Utah are quite large. Created in 1996, Grand Staircase-Escalante is 1.9 million acres (7,700 square kilometers), about the size of Delaware. Bears Ears is a bit smaller at 1.3 million acres (5,300 square kilometers).

Hatch, who appeared with Zinke at the Sunday news conference, said he is grateful the Interior secretary was making the visit.

“He understands that there are two sides. Maybe more than two sides,” Hatch said.

Hatch led the campaign by Utah Republican to get President Donald Trump to take a second look a monument designated by President Barack Obama near the end of his term.

The monument review is rooted in the belief of Trump and other critics that a law signed by President Theodore Roosevelt allowing presidents to declare monuments has been improperly used to protect wide expanses of lands instead of places with particular historical or archaeological value.

Conservation groups contend that the monument review puts in limbo protections on large swaths of land that are home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering Sequoias, deep canyons and ocean habitats where seals, whales and sea turtles roam.

Environmental groups have vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts to rescind monuments, which would be unprecedented.

Congress might weigh in as well. Numerous bills on the issue were introduced in the previous session, including measures to prevent the president from establishing or expanding monuments in particular states and to require the consent of Congress or state legislatures.

Zinke and Herbert are scheduled to hold a news conference Monday afternoon before hiking up to the House on Fire, one of dozens of intact ancient ruins within the monument.

On Tuesday, he plans to tour the area by while riding a horse, mentioning his horseback commute through the streets of Washington, D.C., on his first day on the job in March.

“I think, sometimes, the best way to see things is slow and easy with a horse,” Zinke said.

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Background for Secretary Zinke's Visit to Utah Monday, May 8, 2017: Bear Ears National Monument

SALT LAKE CITY, UT - Today, Secretary Zinke, Governor Herbert and members of Utah's Congressional Delegation will travel to Bears Ears National Monument to do a morning aerial tour of the south part of the monument and an afternoon hiking tour of the House of Fire site. The Secretary and other officials will be available for credentialed news media at 2:30 PM between the aerial tour and the hike.

Please email Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov for details.

On Sunday, May 7, 2017 Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke began a four-day listening tour regarding the Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, both of which are under review under President Trump's Executive Order 13792, issued April 26, 2017.

The Secretary of the Interior, as well as local and/or State of Utah officials, will have the following press availability during the trip. **All members of the news media must RSVP to Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov with the name, phone number and email address for every member of the reporting team.**

~~**Sunday, May 7, 2017**~~

~~Time: 4:30 PM MT~~

~~Location: Bureau of Land Management, 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT~~

~~Please arrive no later than 4:00 PM MT~~

Monday, May 8, 2017

Time: 2:30 PM MT

Location: House on Fire Ruins; South Fork of Mule Canyon (Trailhead for hike to House on Fire ruin).

From Blanding: Drive south on US 191 S for 4 miles and turn right (west) on UT-95 N. Follow UT-95 for 19.4 miles and turn right (north) on County Road 263 / Texas Flat Road, located between mile posts 103 and 102. Drive northeast on the dirt road for 0.3 miles and park where the road crosses the first canyon. There are pullouts along the right (south) side of the road for a few cars. More parking spaces are located further up the road. Note: The road becomes impassable during wet conditions.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Time: 1:30 PM MT

Location: Trailhead, Bears Ears National Monument

More details to follow

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM MT

Location: Turn off to the Paria Townsite - the best way to describe it at this point is that it is 33 miles east of Kanab, UT on US Highway 89.

More details to follow

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To:	heather_swift@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Fwd: Economic and Hunting Interest In Utah Monuments
Attachments:	ZINKE.pages Henry Mountains bison.JPG Henry Mountains buck.JPG

FYI this mentions bison

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
To: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: FW: Economic and Hunting Interest In Utah Monuments

Downey,

See below for the information that Don Peay, founder of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, will bring up in his meeting with Secretary Zinke tomorrow when he meets with him privately at the dinner.

The attachments include: the economic impacts of hunting to the State of Utah and the areas in and around both national monuments; and photos of big game taken in the area.

Don will also mention his ties to Donald Trump Jr. He developed a relationship with Jr. during the campaign. They have been on several hunts together in Utah.

See you tomorrow.

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Soon, interior Secretary Zinke will be touring Utah Monuments - Bears Ears and Grand Staircase for a review per Executive Order from President Trump

These 3.2 Million acres, thanks to modern conservation funding are now home to thriving herds of Elk, Mule Deer, Desert Bighorn Sheep, antelope, cougar, black Bear and wild turkey

These areas are lands of the 235 plus inch mule deer, 400 inch elk, 170 inch Rams, and most importantly places where thousands of families have enjoyed world class hunting adventures on public lands. It is the place where many of our children have bagged their first turkey!

51,007 hunters apply for the permits in these areas - highly coveted opportunities! It generates at a Minimum $29 Million in direct conservation funding, and economic activity. See attached.

The above data is supplied by Don Peay, Founder of Sportsmen for Fish And Wildlife, that has an MBA. It is the best data as supplied by the Utah DWR and knowledge of the hunting economies in these areas. See attached, any comments welcome. Very important to the American Sportsmen

Subject: Economic and Hunting Interest In Monuments

Just north of Lake Powell, a cross from the Bears Ears Border, lies the magnificent Henry Mountains, with mountain peaks reaching 10,000 plus feet

The mountain Range is home to the only free ranging, disease free Bison herd in North America. The Bison herd, and restoration of what now many consider the best mule deer herd in North America, are examples of Modern day Sportsmen and state agency Conservation efforts. More than $1 Million of private sportsmen funds have been invested in the last ten years to grow and expand these herds. The Dept. of Interior recognized the Bison efforts last year.

There are opportunities to further expand these herds, and make this a Zinke and Interior Legacy project for elk, Mule Deer and Bison. Desert bighorn are scheduled to be added to the mountain as well.

This is a microcosm for the west. Massive habitat restoration, impacts of fires, finding win win solutions for conflicts between wildlife and domestic livestock, sportsmen funding, state wildlife agencies working cooperatively with Federal Agencies.

And in the end, healthy watersheds, local economic growth, and incredible hunting on Americas great public lands!

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Don Peay

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SanJuanCtyComm briefing attached now

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POC: Mike Richardson, BLM-Utah Communications Director, (801)539-4020

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San Juan County Commissioners

Phil Lyman, Chairman

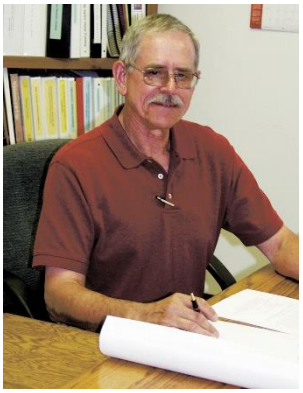
Lives in Blanding, Utah. Professional Certified Public Accountant and runs a CPA business. Currently serving as commission chairman, longstanding member of the commission. Led a protest ride in May 2014 into Recapture Canyon, served 10 days Jail time in 2015, he has appealed his conviction. Family has long history in the county.

Bruce Adams, past chair

Longstanding member of the commission. Rancher, with long family history in the county.

Rebecca Benally

Rebecca Benally was born in New Mexico and was raised on a cattle farm. She has been recognized by the state of Utah for her efforts championing education for Navajo children and over 20 years in the education field before running for County Commission in 2014.

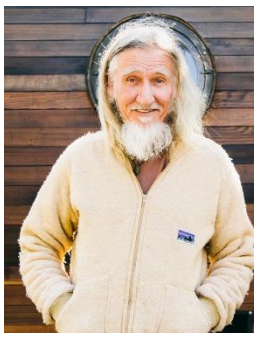


Nick Sandberg

Nick is the County Planner and serves as an administrator for the commission.

Friends of Cedar Mesa

Josh Ewing: Josh has been fascinated by the Bears Ears area for 17 years, moving from Salt Lake City to Bluff in 2012. In 2013, Josh took over the helm of Friends of Cedar Mesa from its founder Mark Meloy, a former BLM river ranger. After taking over FCM, Josh helped develop the organization's strategic development to include significant on-the-ground stewardship work in collaboration with the BLM, USFS, NPS and SITLA. Josh personally attended more than 30 meetings in San Juan County regarding the PLI and was heavily personally invested in a legislative protective designation for Bears Ears, making several trips to Washington DC to meet with Utah's delegation and DOI on a compromise solution.



Vaughn Hadenfeldt: Vaughn is the Board President for Friends of Cedar Mesa. He owns Far Out Expeditions, sharing his knowledge of the cultural and natural histories of the Bears Ears landscape with visitors from all corners of the globe while emphasizing the ethics and understanding of exploring those sites respectfully. Vaughn has been guiding in the Bears Ears for more than 20 years and has been featured in many publications, including National Geographic and several books by David Roberts. Vaughn has worked with leading local archaeologists on documentation and excavation projects throughout the area

Amanda Podmore: Amanda leads FCM's stewardship and volunteer activities, as well as its policy initiatives. An avid river runner and hiker, she also volunteers as a site steward and as co-chairwoman of the Bluff Arts Festival. Amanda has a Masters in Natural Resource Law from the University of Denver and a B.A. in Environmental Policy from Colorado College. She has worked professionally with several non-profits concerned with watershed conservation & education, mining impacts, and sustainable development.

Steve Simpson: Steve advises Friends of Cedar Mesa in its efforts to engage business interests in protecting and stewarding public lands around Bluff. In 2016, Steve traveled to Washington DC with Friends of Cedar Mesa to talk with congressional and DOI representatives about local support for permanently protecting public lands around Bluff.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (BLM-MOU-UT-2014-008)

between the

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
MONTICELLO FIELD OFFICE

and the

FRIENDS OF CEDAR MESA

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereafter referred to as an MOU, is entered into by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Monticello Field Office, hereafter referred to as the BLM, and the Friends of Cedar Mesa, hereafter referred to as FCM.

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this document is to formalize a collaborative partnership between the BLM and FCM and to establish a general framework of cooperation for the promotion of public land stewardship, resource protection, and educational opportunities on public lands managed by the BLM Monticello Field Office. While the primary focus of FCM is on lands in the greater Cedar Mesa area, FCM may also assist the BLM on other lands within San Juan County, particularly regarding issues/projects relating to cultural resource and wilderness protection.

This agreement is intended to define the roles and expectations each party has for the partnership.

II. AUTHORITY:

A: BLM Authority. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Section 307(b), provides that the BLM may undertake programs of resource management through cooperative agreements. Furthermore, the Utah 5-year NLCS Strategy outlines goals to "Advance and strengthen partnerships to facilitate shared stewardship and to advance the relevance of the National Conservation Lands . . ." as well as to "Expand opportunities for volunteers within the National Conservation Lands."

B: FCM Authority: Friends of Cedar Mesa is a non-profit, public benefit 501(c)(3) corporation, and as such is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with other entities to further the concerns of the organization.

III. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFITS:

In developing this Memorandum of Understanding, the BLM and FCM recognize that we are entering this partnership as two autonomous organizations that have an opportunity to work within a voluntary, mutually beneficial collaborative relationship to benefit the public lands and public lands visitors. This partnership is built on the premise that each partner has the potential to make unique contributions, which can assist in moving toward

common goals, that neither organization could achieve alone. The fact that we choose to work together is not intended to diminish the individual authority, autonomy or independence of either party to the partnership, nor is it intended to modify either organization's individual mission.

The BLM has a broad mandate to manage vast tracts of federal land. This mission includes a duty to protect cultural resources, preserve wilderness character, provide for recreational opportunities, and manage many commercial uses of the land, such as grazing and mineral extraction. All of this requires a strong commitment to working with the public to protect lands owned by all Americans and maximize the public value derived from these lands. As such, the BLM can benefit from partnering with FCM and working closely on stewardship-related projects, as well as obtaining valuable feedback about projects or activities that might impact cultural resources or National Conservation Lands.

FCM was founded in 2009 with the mission "to effect good stewardship that protects the natural and cultural integrity of public lands in San Juan County, Utah." FCM has a strong interest in working closely with the BLM to maximize public involvement with protecting BLM lands, educating visitors, and improving on the ground conditions.

As such, both BLM and CCA mutually benefit from a cooperative relationship that works to achieve the following broad objectives:

1. Conserve, protect, restore and sustain the lands administered by the BLM, particularly those with high cultural, recreational, and natural resources.

2. Increase public awareness of the value of (and need to protect) cultural resources and National Conservation Lands, such as Cedar Mesa's four wilderness study areas.

3. Expand the volunteer base and provide meaningful volunteer opportunities within the field office.

4. Maintain open lines of communication so both parties can benefit from the expertise, experience, and "eyes and ears" of each other.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

IV. BLM SHALL:

1. Meet with FCM representatives on a regular basis to build and promote a strong relationship. Invite FCM staff to discuss future projects, important developments and participate in project brainstorming or preparation meetings as appropriate.
2. Ensure that all projects, events, and other activities have gone through the required level of permitting/authorization prior to implementation (e.g. appropriate clearances, NEPA analysis, risk assessments, and volunteer agreements).

3. Utilize FCM as volunteers for engaging in service projects and co-sponsored events. BLM's liability and tort coverage will normally extend to volunteers who are signed up on volunteer agreements approved by the BLM in advance of doing volunteer work.

4. Identify opportunities for challenge grant program collaborations where appropriate to advance BLM duties and objectives.

V. FCM SHALL:

1. Help recruit and organize volunteers for service projects to benefit BLM lands and resources.

2. Within its discretion and to its ability, help raise funds to support conservation, education, and recreation enhancement projects.

3. Ensure that FCM staff, members, and volunteers comply with BLM safety procedures when working on BLM lands and projects.

4. Provide field observations, monitoring, research, and expertise to the BLM to assist with resource protection initiatives.

5. Regularly take photos and video documenting the area, as well as guide educational trips in the area. When doing so, FCM shall follow all BLM rules and regulations regarding group sizes, surface disturbance, travel, and other management policies. Most of the time, these activities will be purely educational and will not fit the BLM's definition of "commercial activity." However, FCM will occasionally engage in trips and photography/video that do qualify as commercial under BLM definitions. As such, FCM will seek the appropriate permits with the agency, which will be outlined in the appropriate permitting documents, separate from this agreement.

VI. BLM and FCM MUTUALLY AGREE TO

1. Collaborate in the long-term preservation and stewardship of important cultural and natural resources in the greater Cedar Mesa area.

2. Seek opportunities to coordinate, share, and/or combine resources to serve the mission and purpose of both the BLM and FCM.

3. Meet periodically to discuss and reach agreement on monitoring, education, outreach, protection, restoration, and/or similar projects, tasks, or initiatives undertaken pursuant to this MOU.

4. Enter into agreements, supplemental to this MOU, and when necessary or otherwise appropriate, regarding the implementation of agreed upon projects, tasks, or initiatives.

5. Maintain e-mail and telephone communications on issues, policies, and plans that may

affect FCM and particularly cultural resource and wilderness assets within the Field Office boundaries.

VI. OTHER PROVISIONS

1. Either party may terminate this memorandum in part or in whole by providing 30 days written notice to the other party whenever it is determined that the other parties have materially failed to comply with the conditions of this memo.

2. This agreement terminates five (5) years from the date of the last signature. It may be renewed prior to the termination date by mutual agreement of the parties.

3. NON-FUND OBLIGATION DOCUMENT: This agreement is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any endeavor to transfer anything of value involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the Parties to this agreement will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures including those for Government procurement and printing. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate documents that shall be made in writing by representatives of the Parties and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This agreement does not represent such authority. Specifically, this agreement does not establish authority for noncompetitive award to the cooperator of any contract or other agreement.

4. Each party shall identify a point of contact for coordination of this MOU. If the below contacts change, the other party will be notified as soon as possible.

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Bluff, UT 84512
Contact: Josh Ewing, Executive Director
(801) 410-0773
josh@cedarmesafriends.org

BLM Monticello Field Office
365 North Main
Monticello, Utah 84535
Contact: Don Hoffheins, Field Manager
(435) 587-1506
dhoffhei@blm.gov

5. Nothing in this MOU will be construed as limiting or affecting in any way the respective authorities or legal responsibilities of either party.

6. Nothing in this MOU binds either party to perform beyond the respective authority of each.

7. Nothing in this MOU requires any party to assume or expend any sum in advance of

appropriations available nor does this agreement obligate the parties to spend funds on any particular project or purpose, even if funds are available.

8. Nothing in this MOU restricts either party from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

9. BLM retains the sole decision-making authority for public lands and resources it administers.

10. Activities conducted under this MOU will be in compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions as contained in Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100-259) and other nondiscrimination statues, namely Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and in accordance with the regulations of 7 CFR 15, Subparts A and B, which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal assistance.

The parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last day written below.

_____ Date: 9/17/14
Josh Ewing, Executive Director
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Russell, Heather and Downey,
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Secretary Zinke, Utah Officials Launch Listening Tour of Utah Monuments

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

5/5/2017

Date: May 5, 2017
Contact: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

WASHINGTON - On Sunday, May 7, 2017 Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will visit Utah and launch a four-day listening tour regarding the Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, both of which are under review under President Trump's Executive Order 13792, issued April 26, 2017.

The Secretary of the Interior, as well as local and/or State of Utah officials, will have the following press availability during the trip. **All members of the press must RSVP to Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov with the name, phone number and email address for every member of the reporting team.**

Sunday, May 7, 2017

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- Since a FS ROD was signed prior to the Secretary of the Interior's "coal pause," the Greens Hollow LBA would be exempt from deferral during the pause.
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- This proposal has been controversial with some environmental groups and interest has recently heightened since the mine is immediately adjacent to the recently proclaimed Bears Ears National Monument. Access to the mine is on state and county roads that pass through the monument.

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- Utah 1610 program has an average base budget of $1.3 million.
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PLANNING

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- The Federal Register NOI was published Friday, Sept. 10, 2010.
- The Director's briefing on the Draft EIS/Draft RMP was held February 2014. However, due to the pending greater sage-grouse planning effort, this planning effort was put on hold until June 2016 when WO approved moving forward now that the GRSG RMPA and step-down Instruction Memorandums are issued.
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- GSENM provided draft alternatives for public input in December 2014.
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- BLM-Colorado is the lead for this planning effort. This effort may amend the Moab and Monticello 2008 RMPs to provide additional regulatory certainty for the protection of critical habitat and for the listed species.
- DEIS comment period has closed.

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- A Decision Record will likely be issued in March 2017 followed shortly thereafter by FRN for Supplementary Rules.

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Wild Horse and Burro Program

- In Utah, population estimates as of March 1, 2016, were 5,440 wild horses and 400 burros that roam freely within 19 herd management areas (HMA), and 10 herd areas; two of the HMAs are wild burro areas.
- The HMAs range from 37,000 to 255,000 acres in size, and population numbers within the areas vary from 10 to over 950 animals.
- The appropriate management level (AML) of animals established in Utah Land Use Plans is currently set at 1,956 wild horse and burros.
- This put the current populations at nearly 300 percent of AML, or an excess of 3,884 animals, not taking into consideration the 2016 foal increase which is estimated at approximately 1,000 animals.
- In efforts to reduce numbers on the range, BLM-Utah removed 608 animals (474 horses and 134 burros) in FY 2016. In FY 2017 BLM-Utah has been approved to remove approximately 900 horses from various HMAs.
- Approximately 350-400 mares are scheduled to be treated with fertility control vaccine in FY-2017 on four different HMAs.
- BLM-Utah is the only state conducting research using neutering of wild stallions. This research project is being conducted in the Conger HMA. Horses were removed from these areas in FY 2016 and animals were returned with radio collars and GPS trackers. The neutering will occur in FY 2017 along with some additional removals. This research project is being conducted in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey and Colorado State University.

Recapture Canyon ATV Trail

- The Monticello Field Office has prepared an EA to analyze an application from San Juan County for a right-of-way across public lands in Recapture Canyon for an all-terrain vehicle trail.

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- The EA examines six alternatives in detail, ranging from granting the county a right-of-way for an 11.6-mile trail system allowing motorized use through Recapture Canyon to a "no action" alternative that would limit travel to designated routes with no new ATV trail system authorized.
- Since the county's first right-of-way application in 2006, the county has revised its proposal, the BLM developed a formal "consulting parties" agreement, and BLM delayed work while assessing damages resulting from the 2014 illegal ATV ride into the canyon—all of which has added time to the process.
- On Sept. 9, 2016, the EA was released for a 45-day public comment period.

Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative

- The Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI) is a partnership-driven effort to conserve, restore, and manage ecosystems since 2003.
- 1,658 WRI projects have been completed, or are in progress since fiscal year 2006.
- 1.5 million acres have been treated to date.
- Over 400 miles of stream have been restored to proper functioning condition.
- In 2016, BLM-Utah completed treatments on 56,148 acres that benefited greater sage-grouse, including mechanical vegetation treatments, seeding, etc.
- BLM-Utah has contributed over $80 million to the Utah watershed restoration initiative. In 2016, the BLM contributed $8.3 million in funding, with over $2 million matched by the State of Utah and NGO partners.

Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Effort

- The BLM-Utah has been implementing the Greater Sage-Grouse Approved Resource Management Plan

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Amendments (ARMPA) for 14 land use plans in Utah. This has included coordination on many habitat improvement projects throughout the state using our relationship through the Watershed Restoration Initiative.

- The BLM-Utah has expanded engagement efforts, focusing now on the September 2016 sage-grouse IMs including: meeting with state and local agencies, working groups, and a diverse array of organizations regarding the content of the IMs.
- The BLM-Utah, U.S. Forest Service, and State of Utah developed a draft MOU for multi-agency coordination of greater sage-grouse conservation. The BLM and USFS approved the draft MOU language and are waiting for the State of Utah to review.
- The State of Utah is currently working on a state-level rule-making effort that addresses mitigation in greater sage-grouse habitat. BLM-Utah continues to work with the State of Utah to make sure the new rule can be used to meet our needs regarding compensatory mitigation.

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Livestock Grazing Monument Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement

- The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is currently engaged in a public planning effort that will modify the 1999 Monument Management Plan to more thoroughly address livestock grazing decisions. Once complete, this planning effort will result in decisions about which lands should be available for livestock grazing, how much forage could be available for livestock, and specific best management practices for grazing management on the Monument.
- The Presidential proclamation designating the Monument in 1996 included language allowing for the continuation of grazing on the Monument. Although grazing use levels have varied considerably from year to

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year due to factors like drought, no reductions in permitted livestock grazing use have been made as a result of the Monument's designation nearly 20 years ago.

- Currently, there are 79 active livestock grazing allotments (+17 allotments wholly or partially unavailable), with 91 permittees authorized to graze cattle and horses on the Monument.
- WO review and briefings process for the DEIS/DRMPA was initiated January 2017.

Cedar City Resource Management Plan Revision

- The Cedar City Field Office is preparing a new RMP for 2.1 million acres of BLM-administered public lands in Iron and Beaver counties, Utah.
- Existing land use plans for the Cedar City Field Office are the Pinyon Management Framework Plan, approved in 1983, and the Cedar/Beaver/Garfield/Antimony RMP, approved in 1986. Since these plans were implemented, considerable changes have occurred in the area. There has been substantial population growth resulting in an increased use of public lands for recreational activities such as mountain biking, hunting and off-road vehicle use. There has been an increase in renewable energy proposals, such as wind and geothermal projects. In addition, there is new information for many resources of interest to the public, including threatened and endangered species, greater sage grouse, and wild horses.
- The Federal Register NOI was published Friday, Sept. 10, 2010.
- The Director's briefing on the Draft EIS/Draft RMP was held February 2014. However, due to the pending greater sage-grouse planning effort, this planning effort was put on hold until June 2016

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when WO approved moving forward now that the GRSG RMPA and step-down Instruction Memorandums are issued.

- ADEIS review completed by WO; awaiting WO SOL review which is dependent on administration priorities.
- WO review and briefings process for the second version of the DEIS/DRMP was initiated January 2017.

Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs National Conservation Areas Proposed Resource Management Plans

- On Sept. 2, 2016, the Bureau of Land Management Utah St. George Field Office published in the Federal Register the Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plans (RMP) for the Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs National Conservation Areas (NCA), the Proposed Amendment for the St. George RMP and associated Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- The key elements of the proposed plans for the NCAs include: protection for diverse threatened and endangered plant and animal species and critical habitats including the Mojave Desert Tortoise, Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, and native fish of the Virgin River System; management actions to reduce the threat of wildfires and restore fire-damaged landscapes; development of trails and other facilities to provide for sustainable recreations experiences; and protection for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- The proposed amendment to the St. George Field Office RMP addresses two primary management issues as directed by OPLMA: identification of areas where biological conservation is a priority and modifications of the off-highway vehicle area designations to prepare for the development of a comprehensive travel management plan.
- These plans are the culmination of several years of public involvement and gathering input from stakeholders, cooperating agencies, local government

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agencies, consulting parties, tribes, and comments from the general public. Approximately 6,000 comment letters were received on the Draft EIS.

- A Record of Decision was signed on Dec. 20, 2016.
- Washington County filed an appeal to IBLA; BLM UT is working on a response to the statement of reasons.

Lake Mountains Target Shooting Closure/Plan Amendment

- The Salt Lake Field Office is analyzing a proposal that would close approximately 2,000 acres of public land in the Lake Mountain in Utah County. The BLM received 291 comments on the draft EA, which required an extended period for review, analysis, research, preparation of comment responses, and revision of the EA.
- No valid protests were received nor did the Governor identify consistency concerns.The Decision Record and Approved Plan amendment to close public lands to recreational shooting is expected to be signed in March 2017 with the supplementary rules process initiating shortly after issuance of the Decision.
- To meet some of the target shooting demands, the BLM transferred 160 acres of public land to Utah County to develop the Soldier Pass Shooting Range in the southeastern Lake Mountains. Utah County has arranged for the National Guard to begin construction this fall with completion planned in summer 2017. The new shooting range will be located less than three miles from the current closure area.
- In the interim, the Salt Lake Field office renewed the temporary public safety target shooting closure for this area located near the cities of Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain. This temporary closure

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covers the same land that has been closed to target shooting since December 2012. The temporary closure will continue to protect the public and passing motorists on the lower eastern slopes of the Lake Mountains from gunfire, while also protecting sacred prehistoric resources from shooting damage.

Resource Management Plan Litigation/Pending Settlement

- Final Order from the District Court of Utah on the Richfield RMP litigation was issued May 22, 2015. BLM-Utah is working aggressively to meet the remedy order including conducting on-the-ground class III cultural resource surveys along 100% of the4,277 miles of designated routes and completing three new travel management plans in three years.
- The other five 2008 RMPs (Price, Vernal, Moab, Monticello, and Kanab) are also part of the litigation. The Court allowed the Plaintiff's complaint to be amended to provide for challenges against the 2014 oil and gas lease sales within Price and Vernal Field Offices.
- After extensive negotiation, Plaintiffs, defendants, and some of the intervenors filed a settlement agreement with the District Court in January 2017. On February 17, 2017, the State of Utah and eight counties filed opposition briefs to the pending settlement agreement. The U.S. Government is planning to request an extension to file responses to these opposition briefs, and currently estimate that the responses will be due to the District Court in early April 2017.
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MASTER LEASING PLANS

Moab MLP

- The Moab Master Leasing Plan (MLP) area covers 946,469 acres (785,567 acres BLM-managed lands). This planning effort would amend mineral leasing decisions for oil, gas, and potash in the Moab and Monticello RMPs.
- The MLP addresses potash leasing in the planning area due to high interest in potash exploration and development as evidenced by the submission of more than 300 potash prospecting permit applications.
- The Record of Decision was approved December 23, 2016.

San Rafael Desert MLP

- Comprised of 525,000 acres in Emery and Wayne counties, in eastern Utah, the MLP will consider whether to amend leasing decisions in the 2008 Price and Richfield Office RMPs.
- The MLP will enable the Price and Richfield field offices to resolve lease protests for four parcels that have been sold, but not issued, in the planning area. The MLP will also determine whether the BLM should cancel, modify, or lift the suspensions on 16 suspended leases in the planning area.
- The NOI to initiate scoping for the EA published in the Federal Register on May 18, 2016.
- The BLM-Utah is working with cooperating agencies to develop draft EA alternatives
- San Juan MLP, Vernal MLP, and Cisco Desert MLP remains on hold.
- Western San Rafael Desert is a citizen-proposed MLP submitted in 2016 that is currently being evaluated to determine if it meets the MLP criteria. This proposal is very geographically similar to previous submittals that were found to not meet the MLP criteria.

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LANDS AND MINERALS

- In Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue reported $146,279,546 in revenue from oil and gas development activities in Utah (royalties, rentals and bonus bid payments). Total revenue generated from all minerals including coal was $185,502,592. The State of Utah received nearly $70 million from federal oil and gas revenues.
- As of Feb. 22, 2017, there were 2,973 authorized oil and gas leases covering 2,875,091 acres in Utah and 1,813 leases on 1,411,088 acres were held by production.
- In FY2016, BLM-Utah conducted two oil and gas lease sales:
  - Acres Nominated – 353,249
  - Acres Offered for Sale – 52,444
  - Acres Receiving Bids – 22,772
  - Total Receipts - $314,255

Greens Hollow Coal Lease by Applications (LBA)

- The competitive coal lease sale for a 6,175-acre tract containing ~55.7 million tons of recoverable coal was held on Jan. 4, 2017. Canyon Fuels Compay, LLC secured the lease with a bid of $22.85 million, or $3,700.17 per acre.

Alton Coal Mine Lease by Application (LBA)

- Alton Coal Development, LLC submitted an LBA to expand an existing surface coal mine from private mineral estate to federal mineral estate. Following receipt of the application, a tract delineation, scoping, publication of a draft EIS, and a supplemental EIS were completed.
- A record of Decision has not yet been signed. It is currently on hold subject to Secretarial "coal pause" order.

San Rafael Desert Master Leasing Plan (MLP)

- Comprised of 525,000 acres in Emery and Wayne counties, the MLP considers whether to amend leasing decisions in the 2008 Price and Richfield Field Office Resource Management Plans (RMP). A NEPA document is in progress after public review of preliminary alternatives.

Moab Master Leasing Plan

- The Moab MLP area covers 946,469 acres (785,567 acres of BLM lands) and addresses potash leasing in the planning area due to high interest as evidenced by the submission of more than 300 potash prospecting permit applications.
- A Record of Decision was signed on Dec. 15, 2016.
- The newly established Bears Ears National Monument encompasses a small portion of the Moab MLP.

Monument Butte Area Oil and Gas Project Record of Decision

- On. Sept. 30, 2016, BLM-Utah signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Monument Butte Area Oil and Gas Project in the Uinta Basin to allow "infill" of up to 5,750 new wells.
- The project is estimated to generate about 540-600 million cubic feet of natural gas and about 335 million barrels of oil over the next 20 years. Total employment would peak at about 500 jobs during build up phases and sustain 40-50 jobs over the life of the project. About $73.6 million in taxes would be paid to Uintah and Duchesne counties and about $138.7 million would be paid to the state.

Greater Chapita Wells Oil and Gas Infill Drilling Project

- A draft EIS for the Greater Chapita Wells project is expected in summer 2017. The project involves the infill drilling of 2,808 wells from 960 expanded existing pads and construction of 233 new pads.

Daneros Uranium Mine Facility Expansion

- Energy Fuels proposes to expand facilities at the Daneros uranium mine and construct new facilities at two previously mined sites (Bullseye and South Portal Areas).
- Total production is expected to increase from 100,000 tons in seven years to 500,000 tons over 20 years. Although approved in 2009, the mine is not currently operating, due to market conditions.
- This proposal has been controversial due to the proximity to Bears Ears National Monument.

Utah Test and Training Range

- The land exchange authorized by NDAA in the UTTR call up area 85K acres of SITLA for 95K of BLM

Bears Ears Land Exchange

- The potential exchange in Bears Ears with SITLA is for 108K acres.

Red Cliffs in-Private Holdings Exchange

- We don't have the staff/scarce skills to do it now.

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NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING

St. George RMP Amendment, Red Cliffs National Conservation Area (NCA) RMP, Beaver Dam Wash NCA RMP

- BLM-Utah met the court ordered deadline to sign a ROD for the Red Cliffs NCA RMP by Dec. 31, 2016. BLM-Utah also issued decisions for Beaver Dam Wash NCA and the St. George RMP Amendment.
- Washington County filed an appeal to IBLA; BLM-Utah is working on a response to the statement of reasons.

Cedar City RMP

- The Cedar City Field Office is preparing a new RMP for 2.1 million acres of BLM-administered public lands in Iron and Beaver counties, Utah. It is currently under WO review.

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment

- GSENM is amending their Monument Management Plan to address livestock grazing planning-level decisions that were not made in the original 2000 plan.
- The planning decision addresses up to 2.1 million acres and includes lands within the Kanab and Arizona Strip field offices as well as lands managed by the National Park Service within a portion of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area where the GSENM administers livestock grazing.

Eastern Lake Mountains Recreational Target Shooting Closure Plan Amendment EA

- For public safety, and to protect archaeological sites, the Salt Lake Field Office has restricted target shooting within the area under temporary closure orders since 2012. The ROD and FONSI are under state office review.

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- In FY2017, BLM-Utah had three gathers in January and February.

Frisco HMA Gather (Beaver County) Jan. 6-16, 2017

- Gathered and removed 82 horses.
- Some horses will be returned to this HMA with research collars later this month.

Sulphur HMA Gather (Beaver/Millard County) Jan. 17-31, 2017

1. Gathered 655 horses.
2. Treated with PZP-22: 80 mares.
3. Total Removal: 463

Cedar Mountain HMA Gather (Tooele County) Jan. 17-31, 2017

1. Gathered 534 horses.
2. Treated with PZP-22: 104 mares.
3. Total Removal: 306

- BLM-Utah is the only state conducting research using neutering of wild stallions.

Recapture Canyon ATV Trail EA

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COAL LEASING IN UTAH

Greens Hollow Coal Lease by Applications (LBA)

- The Greens Hollow Lease by Application was submitted in 2005.
- The U.S. Forest Service (FS) is co-lead with the BLM on the project, with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement as a cooperating agency. The FS signed the Record of Decision (ROD) on Oct. 5, 2015. The FS also sent a letter of consent to lease to the BLM.
- Since a FS ROD was signed prior to the Secretary of the Interior's "coal pause," the Greens Hollow LBA would be exempt from deferral during the pause.
- The BLM signed the ROD for a competitive coal lease sale for a 6,175-acre tract containing ~55.7 million tons of recoverable coal on Aug. 12, 2016., On Sept. 12, 2016, WildEarth Guardians, the Center for Biological Diversity, the Grand Canyon Trust, and the

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Sierra Club jointly filed a Notice of Appeal and Petition for Stay for the Greens Hollow Tract coal lease sale. On Oct. 26, 2016, the Interior Board of Land Appeals issued a decision to deny the petition for stay, allowing the coal sale to be rescheduled. However, the appeal remains before the Interior Board of Land Appeals which has yet to rule on the full merits of the case.

- BLM-Utah's response to petition for stay was submitted to IBLA on Oct. 6, 2016.
- The coal lease sale was held on Jan. 4, 2017. Canyon Fuels Compay, LLC, of Grand Junction, Colorado, submitted a bid in the amount of $22.85 million, or $3,700.17 per acre.

Flat Canyon Coal Lease by Application

- BLM conducted the sale on June 17, 2015 offering 42 million tons from the 2,692-acre Flat Canyon tract.
- The BLM received a bid from Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, of Midvale, Utah, for $17.2 million or $6,388.92 per acre. The BLM subsequently issued the Flat Canyon lease on July 1, 2015.
- On Sept. 11, 2015, WildEarth Guardians and Grand Canyon Trust filed suit in US District Court arguing that the BLM approved the lease based on outdated environmental review and inadequate analyses of potential impacts to air quality and climate. The case has not yet been decided and settlement negotiations are being pursued.
- The OSMRE is currently preparing and Environmental Assessment in conjunction with the approval of the federal mine plan for the tract which may also have bearing on the lawsuit.

Alton Coal Mine Lease by Application

- Alton Coal Development, LLC submitted a lease by application to expand the existing surface coal mine from private mineral estate to federal mineral estate in 2004.

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Following receipt of the application, a tract delineation, scoping, publication of a draft EIS, and a supplemental EIS were completed.

- Key issues on this proposal include night skies, greater sage-grouse, and impacts to the town of Alton, Utah. The remaining wetland area is not included in the preferred alternative.
- A Record of Decision has not yet been signed. Consequently, it is subject to the "coal pause."
- In March 2016 (amended in May 2016), Alton Coal submitted a request to divide the lease by application into two tracts and move forward with the smaller 640-acre tract under the emergency leasing criteria during the Secretary of the Interior's "coal pause." The federal tract bridges between two private tracts currently being mined and avoids waste of coal.
- On Aug. 17, 2016, BLM-Utah deferred the lease request stating it did not meet emergency leasing criteria, but continue to work on the original EIS.
- On Sept. 9, 2016, Alton Coal submitted additional information to support its request for an emergency lease. The request included a proposal to reduce the tonnage of the emergency tract and clarify current qualifying tonnages, production rates and future tonnage needs. The BLM and SOL are considering this information.

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Moab Master Leasing Plan

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- The MLP also addresses potash leasing in the planning area due to high interest in potash exploration and development as evidenced by the submission of more than 300 potash prospecting permit applications.
- A Record of Decision was signed on Dec. 15, 2016.
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Monument Butte Area Oil and Gas Project Record of Decision

- On. Sept. 30, 2016, BLM-Utah signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Monument Butte Area Oil and Gas Project in Utah's Uinta Basin to allow "infill" drilling of up to 5,750 new wells to aid in the secondary recovery of oil and gas resources in the area. The infill development plan includes 119,743 acres of an existing oil-and-gas producing area that currently has more than 3,000 wells on federal, state and private land. These activities would disturb about 10,122 acres, which would be reduced to about 4,978 acres through interim reclamation.

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- The project is estimated to generate about 540-600 million cubic feet of natural gas and about 335 million barrels of oil over the next 20 years. Total employment would peak at just under 500 jobs during build up phases and sustain 40-50 jobs over the life of the project. About $73.6 million in taxes would be paid to Uintah and Duchesne counties and about $138.7 million would be paid to the state.
- The ROD incorporates an advanced air-quality mitigation and monitoring strategy that was developed by BLM, EPA and Newfield to reduce emission of ozone precursors. This strategy is unprecedented in the Basin, and Newfield committed to extraordinary measures to minimize not only future emissions from the proposed project, but also reduce current emissions from existing producing wells.

Greater Chapita Wells Oil and Gas Infill Drilling Project

- The proposed action for the Greater Chapita Wells project involves the infill drilling of 2808 wells from 960 expanded existing pads and construction of 233 new pads.
- 43,071 acres project area; 1600 to 1900 acres of disturbance (depending on alternative selected).
- Currently 1247 wells currently exist in the field and produce gas and natural gas liquids.
- Centralized liquids gathering systems proposed to minimize air emissions.
- Draft EIS expected to be published mid-summer

Daneros Uranium Mine Facility Expansion

- Energy Fuels proposes to expand facilities at the existing Daneros uranium mine located 67 miles west of Blanding, Utah, and construct new facilities at two previously mined sites (Bullseye and South Portal Areas).

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- The proposal includes constructing up to eight additional mine ventilation holes and associated infrastructure. The proposed modification would increase initially approved disturbance from 4.5 acres to 46 acres. To minimize surface disturbance, the development would be done in phases. All disturbed areas would be reclaimed—including previously disturbed mine workings.
- Total production is expected to increase from 100,000 tons in seven years to 500,000 tons over 20 years. Although approved in 2009, the mine is not currently operating, due to market conditions.
- A draft EA was released for public comment on June 15, 2016. The comment period was extended by two weeks and ended Aug. 1, 2016. Comments are being addressed and incorporated into a final EA.
- This proposal has been controversial with some environmental groups and interest has recently heightened since the mine is immediately adjacent to the recently proclaimed Bears Ears National Monument. Access to the mine is on state and county roads that pass through the monument.

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STATEWIDE OVERVIEW

- Utah 1610 program has an average base budget of $1.3 million.
- Utah issued almost 700 NEPA decisions in FY16.

PLANNING

St. George RMP Amendment, Red Cliffs NCA RMP, Beaver Dam Wash NCA RMP

- The St. George Field Office (SGFO) is responsible for land use planning on approximately 635,000 acres of public lands in southwestern Utah.
- The 2009 Omnibus Public Land Management Act (OPLMA) established the two National Conservation Areas and directed BLM to consider actions on public lands that would require a plan amendment including identifying areas that are of "priority biological concern." OPLMA also directed the BLM to identify one or more alternatives for a northern transportation route within Washington County in the travel management process. The TMP is subsequent to the RMP process.
- This planning effort has been contentious with the Utah Delegation in regards to the Northern Transportation Route (NTR) that was identified in OPLMA. A field hearing to discuss this planning effort and the NTR was held in St. George in January 2016.
- BLM UT met the court ordered deadline to reach a decision on the Red Cliffs NCA RMP by Dec. 31, 2016. We also issued Decisions for Beaver Dam Wash NCA and the St. George RMP Amendment.
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Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment

- GSENM is amending their Monument Management Plan to address livestock grazing planning-level decisions that were not made in the original 2000 MMP.
- The planning decision could impact up to 2.1 million acres and includes lands within the Kanab and Arizona Strip field offices as well as lands managed by the National Park Service within a portion of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area where the GSENM administers livestock grazing.
- The NOI published for the amendment in Nov. 2013.

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- GSENM provided draft alternatives for public input in December 2014.
- Draft alternatives were revised based on public feedback and updates were provided to the public in June 2016.
- GSENM anticipates an administrative draft EIS for review this fall.
- Extensive coordination with the counties has occurred and livestock grazing management remains a highly contentious issue in southern Utah.
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Gunnison Sage-Grouse Range-wide Plan Amendment

- BLM-Colorado is the lead for this planning effort. This effort may amend the Moab and Monticello 2008 RMPs to provide additional regulatory certainty for the protection of critical habitat and for the listed species.
- DEIS comment period has closed.

Lake Mountain Recreational Shooting Closure Plan Amendment

- Salt Lake Field Office has restricted target shooting within the area under temporary closure orders since 2012.
- An EA analyzing a permanent restriction has been completed; there were no protests and no issues raised during the Governor's consistency review.
- A Decision Record will likely be issued in March 2017 followed shortly thereafter by FRN for Supplementary Rules.

Resource Management Plan Litigation/Proposed Settlement

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Wild Horse and Burro Program

- In Utah, population estimates as of March 1, 2016, were 5,440 wild horses and 400 burros that roam freely within 19 herd management areas (HMA), and 10 herd areas; two of the HMAs are wild burro areas.
- The HMAs range from 37,000 to 255,000 acres in size, and population numbers within the areas vary from 10 to over 950 animals.
- The appropriate management level (AML) of animals established in Utah Land Use Plans is currently set at 1,956 wild horse and burros.
- This put the current populations at nearly 300 percent of AML, or an excess of 3,884 animals, not taking into consideration the 2016 foal increase which is estimated at approximately 1,000 animals.
- In efforts to reduce numbers on the range, BLM-Utah removed 608 animals (474 horses and 134 burros) in FY 2016. In FY 2017 BLM-Utah has been approved to remove approximately 900 horses from various HMAs.
- Approximately 350-400 mares are scheduled to be treated with fertility control vaccine in FY-2017 on four different HMAs.
- BLM-Utah is the only state conducting research using neutering of wild stallions. This research project is being conducted in the Conger HMA. Horses were removed from these areas in FY 2016 and animals were returned with radio collars and GPS trackers. The neutering will occur in FY 2017 along with some additional removals. This research project is being conducted in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey and Colorado State University.

Recapture Canyon ATV Trail

- The Monticello Field Office has prepared an EA to analyze an application from San Juan County for a right-of-way across public lands in Recapture Canyon for an all-terrain vehicle trail.

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- The EA examines six alternatives in detail, ranging from granting the county a right-of-way for an 11.6-mile trail system allowing motorized use through Recapture Canyon to a "no action" alternative that would limit travel to designated routes with no new ATV trail system authorized.
- Since the county's first right-of-way application in 2006, the county has revised its proposal, the BLM developed a formal "consulting parties" agreement, and BLM delayed work while assessing damages resulting from the 2014 illegal ATV ride into the canyon—all of which has added time to the process.
- On Sept. 9, 2016, the EA was released for a 45-day public comment period.

Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative

- The Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI) is a partnership-driven effort to conserve, restore, and manage ecosystems since 2003.
- 1,658 WRI projects have been completed, or are in progress since fiscal year 2006.
- 1.5 million acres have been treated to date.
- Over 400 miles of stream have been restored to proper functioning condition.
- In 2016, BLM-Utah completed treatments on 56,148 acres that benefited greater sage-grouse, including mechanical vegetation treatments, seeding, etc.
- BLM-Utah has contributed over $80 million to the Utah watershed restoration initiative. In 2016, the BLM contributed $8.3 million in funding, with over $2 million matched by the State of Utah and NGO partners.

Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Effort

- The BLM-Utah has been implementing the Greater Sage-Grouse Approved Resource Management Plan

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Amendments (ARMPA) for 14 land use plans in Utah. This has included coordination on many habitat improvement projects throughout the state using our relationship through the Watershed Restoration Initiative.

- The BLM-Utah has expanded engagement efforts, focusing now on the September 2016 sage-grouse IMs including: meeting with state and local agencies, working groups, and a diverse array of organizations regarding the content of the IMs.
- The BLM-Utah, U.S. Forest Service, and State of Utah developed a draft MOU for multi-agency coordination of greater sage-grouse conservation. The BLM and USFS approved the draft MOU language and are waiting for the State of Utah to review.
- The State of Utah is currently working on a state-level rule-making effort that addresses mitigation in greater sage-grouse habitat. BLM-Utah continues to work with the State of Utah to make sure the new rule can be used to meet our needs regarding compensatory mitigation.

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Livestock Grazing Monument Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement

- The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is currently engaged in a public planning effort that will modify the 1999 Monument Management Plan to more thoroughly address livestock grazing decisions. Once complete, this planning effort will result in decisions about which lands should be available for livestock grazing, how much forage could be available for livestock, and specific best management practices for grazing management on the Monument.
- The Presidential proclamation designating the Monument in 1996 included language allowing for the continuation of grazing on the Monument. Although grazing use levels have varied considerably from year to

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year due to factors like drought, no reductions in permitted livestock grazing use have been made as a result of the Monument's designation nearly 20 years ago.

- Currently, there are 79 active livestock grazing allotments (+17 allotments wholly or partially unavailable), with 91 permittees authorized to graze cattle and horses on the Monument.
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Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs National Conservation Areas Proposed Resource Management Plans

- On Sept. 2, 2016, the Bureau of Land Management Utah St. George Field Office published in the Federal Register the Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plans (RMP) for the Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs National Conservation Areas (NCA), the Proposed Amendment for the St. George RMP and associated Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
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- The proposed amendment to the St. George Field Office RMP addresses two primary management issues as directed by OPLMA: identification of areas where biological conservation is a priority and modifications of the off-highway vehicle area designations to prepare for the development of a comprehensive travel management plan.
- These plans are the culmination of several years of public involvement and gathering input from stakeholders, cooperating agencies, local government

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agencies, consulting parties, tribes, and comments from the general public. Approximately 6,000 comment letters were received on the Draft EIS.

- A Record of Decision was signed on Dec. 20, 2016.
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- No valid protests were received nor did the Governor identify consistency concerns.The Decision Record and Approved Plan amendment to close public lands to recreational shooting is expected to be signed in March 2017 with the supplementary rules process initiating shortly after issuance of the Decision.
- To meet some of the target shooting demands, the BLM transferred 160 acres of public land to Utah County to develop the Soldier Pass Shooting Range in the southeastern Lake Mountains. Utah County has arranged for the National Guard to begin construction this fall with completion planned in summer 2017. The new shooting range will be located less than three miles from the current closure area.
- In the interim, the Salt Lake Field office renewed the temporary public safety target shooting closure for this area located near the cities of Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain. This temporary closure

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covers the same land that has been closed to target shooting since December 2012. The temporary closure will continue to protect the public and passing motorists on the lower eastern slopes of the Lake Mountains from gunfire, while also protecting sacred prehistoric resources from shooting damage.

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MASTER LEASING PLANS

Moab MLP

- The Moab Master Leasing Plan (MLP) area covers 946,469 acres (785,567 acres BLM-managed lands). This planning effort would amend mineral leasing decisions for oil, gas, and potash in the Moab and Monticello RMPs.
- The MLP addresses potash leasing in the planning area due to high interest in potash exploration and development as evidenced by the submission of more than 300 potash prospecting permit applications.
- The Record of Decision was approved December 23, 2016.

San Rafael Desert MLP

- Comprised of 525,000 acres in Emery and Wayne counties, in eastern Utah, the MLP will consider whether to amend leasing decisions in the 2008 Price and Richfield Office RMPs.
- The MLP will enable the Price and Richfield field offices to resolve lease protests for four parcels that have been sold, but not issued, in the planning area. The MLP will also determine whether the BLM should cancel, modify, or lift the suspensions on 16 suspended leases in the planning area.
- The NOI to initiate scoping for the EA published in the Federal Register on May 18, 2016.
- The BLM-Utah is working with cooperating agencies to develop draft EA alternatives
- San Juan MLP, Vernal MLP, and Cisco Desert MLP remains on hold.
- Western San Rafael Desert is a citizen-proposed MLP submitted in 2016 that is currently being evaluated to determine if it meets the MLP criteria. This proposal is very geographically similar to previous submittals that were found to not meet the MLP criteria.

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UTAH – TOP STORIES – MAY 5, 2017

1. **Op-ed: What Bears Ears is really like**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 4 | Brian K. Jones

There are lots of articles about Bears Ears National Monument but very few describe what it's actually like to be there.

2. **County appeal over northern corridor dismissed by board**

St George News, May 4 | Julie Applegate

ST. GEORGE – The U.S. Department of the Interior's Board of Land Appeals has dismissed an appeal over recent Bureau of Land Management resource plans.

3. **Op-ed: Protecting Land Without Overreaching**

Inside Sources, May 4 | Megan Hansen and Camille Harmer

Donald Trump recently signed an executive order that tasks the Interior Department with investigating 24 of the 57 national monuments designated since 1996. Some worry that this order is the first step in allowing presidents to reverse national monument designations.

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5. **With National Monuments Under Review, Bears Ears Is Focus Of Fierce Debate**

NPR, May 5 | Kirk Siegler

A lot of the anger over federal public land in rural Utah today can be traced back to a windy, gray day in Arizona in September 1996. At the Grand Canyon, President Bill Clinton formally designated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah, more than 100 miles away.

6. **Record-setting southern Utah tourism highlights stakes of national monument debate**

KSL News, May 5 | Dave Cawley

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's plan to visit southern Utah next week will place him, and by extension the Trump Administration, in the middle of two bitter fights over public lands in the state.

7. **Op-ed: Why Bears Ears is worth monument status**

The Spectrum, May 5 | Mike Small, Iron County Democrats

On Dec. 28, 2016, President Obama proclaimed the Bears Ears National Monument by using his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906. He did this primarily to protect the many cultural resources from vandalism. There are an estimated 100,000 cultural sites in the area and protection of these sites is critically important to Native American people and others.

8. **Patagonia to Zinke: 'Conserve Our Shared Public Lands for Future Generations'**

EcoWatch, May 5 | Yvon Chouinard and Rose Marcario

As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the national monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage—a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future.

E&E/NATIONAL NEWS – TOP STORIES

1. **BLM suspends Resource Advisory Council meetings as part of national review of committees**

The Denver Post, May 4 | Jason Blevins

The Bureau of Land Management has suspended Colorado's four Resource Advisory Councils until September as part of a national review of the agency's advisory boards and committees.

2. **Op-ed: Environment suffers as union diverts funds to clean deserted mine sites**

The Hill, May 5 | Arthur Wardle and Randy Simmons

The Abandoned Mine Land fund (AML) is America's source of funding for reclaiming abandoned coal mines, especially those causing environmental damage. Financed through a tax on coal production, the AML was set up by Congress to serve that goal alone.

3. **Sage-grouse Population Increases When Interloping Western Juniper is Pushed Back**

Cattlenetwork, May 5 | Chris Branam, Oregon State University

Greater sage-grouse, a bird that has been the subject of intense conservation efforts in recent decades, do better in areas where juniper trees have been removed, new research suggests.

4. **INTERIOR: Agency suspends advisory panels even as decisions loom**

E & E News, May 5 | Scott Streater

The Interior Department is formally reviewing the "charter and charge" of more than 200 advisory panels that assist federal agencies managing hundreds of millions of acres of public lands at a time when the Trump administration is considering significant changes to land-use designations and management practices.

5. **Q&A: Bishop serves up politics, plays and Dr Pepper**

E & E News, May 5 | Kellie Lunney

Utah Republican Rep. Rob Bishop knows that timing is everything in theater, music and politics.

6. **INTERIOR: Industry, enviros to feds — take your time on valuation regs**

E & E News, May 5 | Pamela King

Supporters and opponents of federal regulations to determine royalty rates for oil, gas and coal produced on public lands have a message for the Interior Department: Revising these rules may take a long time.

7. **PUBLIC LANDS: Mont. business group pressures Zinke on national monuments**

E & E News, May 5 | Scott Streater

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke should "stand on the right side of history" and oppose any move to decrease the size of or eliminate already designated national monuments, according to a business coalition from the fifth-generation Montanan's home state.

8. **INTERIOR: More offshore revenue would help morale, backlog — Zinke**

E & E News, May 5 | Corbin Hiar

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke suggested today at a "Doggy Days" press event that additional offshore oil and gas drilling royalties could offset potential budget cuts at the department.

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The two-track winds through the junipers and pinion pines toward the unmarked trailhead. I park the truck, throw on a pack and walk down the trail into the canyon. There's no one here.

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2. County appeal over northern corridor dismissed by board

St George News, May 4 | Julie Applegate

ST. GEORGE – The U.S. Department of the Interior's Board of Land Appeals has dismissed an appeal over recent Bureau of Land Management resource plans.

Washington County, St. George City and the Washington County Water Conservancy District filed the appeal Feb. 23 over what officials feel is the lack of a satisfactory route for a northern corridor and inadequate utility development protocols in the resource plans.

The appeal was dismissed April 28 in an order signed by administrative judges James Roberts and Amy Sosin.

“These appeals are dismissed because we do not have jurisdiction to consider challenges to land designations,” the dismissal states. Legal challenges to BLM’s land designation in resource management plans are not within the board’s authority, the judges said.

“When and if BLM makes specific decisions implementing the RMPs’ (resource management plans’) designations of right-of-way exclusion and avoidance areas, adversely affected parties will have the opportunity to challenge those decisions, e.g., right-of-way grant application denials, before the board.”

County officials will continue pursuing their options, Deputy Washington County Attorney Celeste Maloy said.

“We aren’t going to stop working to make sure that we can bring utilities to the residents of the county, provide necessary water and plan for foreseeable future transportation needs,” Malloy said.

We are still regularly communicating with BLM about our concerns. If they can’t solve the problems administratively, then we will focus our time and energy on the legislative and legal avenues.”

The decision was not entirely unexpected and does not signal the end of the county’s appeal process, Washington County Commissioner Dean Cox said.

“Instead, Washington County has embraced a comprehensive plan to pursue all useful avenues of redress including administrative, legislative, and the courts, if necessary,” Cox said.

Opposition

Four conservation groups including the Conserve Southwest Utah, which is based in St. George, oppose any loosening of the management plans and filed motions to intervene in the appeal.

Conserve Southwest Utah President Tom Butine said the group suspects the next move on the county’s part will be federal court, but they would prefer to pursue other options.

"Rather than proceed down judicial or even legislative paths, we would much rather work with the county commissioners to understand and perhaps mitigate their concerns," Butine said.

"We think there are practical solutions to the county's three main issues, and we're hoping to be able to work with them on those solutions."

History

The county, city and water district are opposing resource management plans for the Red Cliffs and Beaver Dam Wash national conservation areas in Washington County. The Bureau of Land Management recently completed the plans that affect more than 100,000 acres.

Local officials believe the plans do not reflect what was promised by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, a collaborative effort between the county, municipalities, state and federal governments, and conservation groups that was intended to resolve land use conflicts in the county.

Language in the Act specified that a northern corridor through the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area be designated; however, the bill's language is vague and has been interpreted differently by the interested parties.

The appeal specifically contested the designation of large exclusion areas in the national conservation areas. Exclusion areas are not available for roads, power lines or pipelines, under any conditions and would prevent the construction of the proposed northern corridor.

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3. Op-ed: Protecting Land Without Overreaching

Inside Sources, May 4 | Megan Hansen and Camille Harmer

Donald Trump recently signed an executive order that tasks the Interior Department with investigating 24 of the 57 national monuments designated since 1996. Some worry that this order is the first step in allowing presidents to reverse national monument designations.

But the order addresses a deeper issue — whether a century-old law has been abused by presidents in the last 20 years. While the Antiquities Act may have been important for preserving

some Native American artifacts, recent monument designations have allowed presidents to affect the access to and use of millions of acres of land without regard to local effects.

Since 1906, the Antiquities Act has allowed presidents to change the use of land with the stroke of a pen — land that they have frequently never seen. The Antiquities Act was designed to allow presidents to protect lands that are in immediate danger of being damaged.

The Antiquities Act specifies that designated areas must cover “the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.” The first monument created under the Antiquities Act, Devil’s Tower National Monument in Wyoming, covers 1,347 acres, less than 3 square miles. The monument covers the Devil’s Tower itself — nothing more.

Bears Ears National Monument, an area in southern Utah designated at the end of 2016, covers far more than the buttes it’s named for. The monument spans 1.35 million acres (roughly 2,100 square miles) and includes neighboring canyons, gulches and even an existing wilderness area.

When national monument designations are made over vast swaths of land, the results can be devastating to locals. In 1996, President Bill Clinton designated Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, an area in southern Utah that covers 1.9 million acres. Clinton announced the designation from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona, more than 100 miles from the monument itself. When he announced the monument, locals and Utah officials were blindsided. While some Utahans were concerned about mining in the area, there was no local movement to manage and protect the land with a federal designation. It seems that Clinton might have designated the area purely in a political ploy, not in the interest of protecting the land.

In 2016, near the end of his time in office, President Barack Obama designated Bears Ears National Monument. Prior to the designation, Utah Rep. Rob Bishop, a Republican, proposed the Public Lands Initiative, an alternative to the national monument that would have created 11 national conservation areas and added to or created 41 wilderness areas. In addition, the bill would have opened up some of Utah’s lands to energy development.

While there may have been national support for the monument’s designation, many Utahans and those closest to the area did not want it. The designation restricts grazing and prohibits the collection of wood in the area. Since many locals depend on wood to heat their homes and cook their food, the national monument could hurt local people.

It’s easy to agree that the American landscape should be managed in such a way that our great-great-grandchildren will be able to enjoy its beauty. In that respect, the intentions of the Antiquities Act are noble. But designations like Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears that cover millions of acres and ignore local impacts suggest the law has been abused.

With so much evidence of federal overreach, we shouldn’t be afraid to examine recent national monument designations. When laws intended to protect some of our most valued landscapes are instead abused to win political battles, both current and future generations of Americans lose.

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4. Op-ed: What Bears Ears is really like

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 4 | Brian K. Jones

There are lots of articles about Bears Ears National Monument but very few describe what it's actually like to be there.

I've been exploring this area for well over 20 years. This is a national issue and few people in the country have any concept of what is actually there. Here is a description of a day. (None of the archaeological sites described here appears on published maps. BLM archeologists have asked me not to mention specific locations.)

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5. With National Monuments Under Review, Bears Ears Is Focus Of Fierce Debate

NPR, May 5 | Kirk Siegler

A lot of the anger over federal public land in rural Utah today can be traced back to a windy, gray day in Arizona in September 1996. At the Grand Canyon, President Bill Clinton formally designated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah, more than 100 miles away.

"On this remarkable site, God's handiwork is everywhere in the natural beauty of the Escalante Canyons," he said.

Clinton didn't set foot in Utah. The planning for the monument was largely done in secret and state leaders had little warning it was coming.

Now, nearly 21 years later, mistrust toward the federal government persists, in the tightknit, mostly Mormon town of Blanding, Utah. Folks can't help but draw a parallel to how President Barack Obama's sweeping Bears Ears National Monument ended up in their backyard.

"I don't understand how it would protect the land when you're inviting thousands of footprints in," says Laura O'Donnell.

O'Donnell, who works at Blanding's modest visitor center, says she's uncomfortable with her town suddenly being the flashpoint in the heated debate over the future of federal public lands.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is keeping a promise to travel into rural Utah beginning this weekend to hear from locals who live around the new 1.35-million acre Bears Ears monument, and the established 1.8-million acre Grand Staircase National Monument to the west. The Trump administration has launched a controversial 45-day review over whether large national monuments like these that protect federal land should be rescinded or shrunk.

In Blanding, Zinke's visit is highly anticipated. Here, opposition to the monument runs deeper than the usual anxieties in sagebrush country about adding more protections to public land that would restrict future mining and other development.

"Monuments should be an honor to an area, and we feel like this one is nothing but a punishment," says Jami Bayles, who founded a group called the Stewards of San Juan County.

From her office at a small college, you can see the twin "Bears Ears" buttes framing the distant horizon out on the vast Cedar Mesa west of town. While not as visually dramatic as the famous national parks nearby, the area is dense with cliff dwellings and ancient artifacts.

Bayles and many of her neighbors felt offended when the federal government announced additional protections under a new monument because they felt it sent a message that the land was being threatened.

"We keep that place pristine, we keep it clean, we check on it all the time," Bayles says. "I guess my argument is, OK, yeah, it belongs to everybody, but not everybody has been taking care of it."

Bayles says the monument is being pushed by extreme, out-of-state, environmentalists and her side has struggled to be heard.

There are deep pockets behind the campaign to protect Bears Ears.

But San Juan County is about 50 percent Native American. A short drive down the road, on the Navajo Nation Reservation, tribal leaders say it's a lie for people in Blanding to argue that the monument is being pushed on them from the outside.

"For them to be here for 130 years, they should at least understand the Native Americans now," says Kenneth Maryboy, a chapter president.

Native Americans from around the Four Corners region that back the new monument are open about the fact that they're getting outside help and money because they didn't have a voice before, according to interviews with tribal leaders. Many tribes in the region have officially come out in support of the monument, though not all.

Maryboy was involved with the first talks with Utah's congressional delegation almost a decade ago about protecting Bears Ears as a National Conservation Area. They broke down last year, then came President Obama's executive order.

"Our gripe and our fight is to preserve what's there, the Native American artifacts, the antiquities, and all the shrines and the ruins," Maryboy says.

The sacred burial grounds of the famous Navajo leader Manuelito are included in the new monument, among other things. Maryboy sees the monument as crucial to protecting these antiquities from vandalism and looting, an historical problem in San Juan County.

"The San Juan County good ol' boys don't want to see this happen," says Maryboy. "They adamantly, openly said, 'This is our land. The damn Navajos need to go back to the reservation.' "

It's not an overstatement to say that Secretary Zinke will see deep tension and polarization when he arrives at Bears Ears late this weekend for a two-day tour.

Tribes here point to a history of broken promises with the U.S. government. If the Trump administration moves to abolish Bears Ears, it's not hard to imagine a Standing Rock-inspired protest here. On the other hand, if the monument stays intact, some wonder whether the militias that support Cliven Bundy and his sons would arrive in San Juan County.

Back in Blanding, some locals like Ferd Johnson are floating a compromise. Why not just shrink the monument, and protect the cliff dwellings and other antiquities themselves, they say.

"All these environmentalists, these Navajos, Hopis and the other Indians didn't even know where the Bears Ears was," Johnson says. "Why is it so sacred if they don't even know where it is?"

The tribes dispute this. Some have already signaled they'll sue if, after Zinke's Utah trip, the Trump administration moves to rescind Bears Ears.

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6. Record-setting southern Utah tourism highlights stakes of national monument debate

KSL News, May 5 | Dave Cawley

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s plan to visit southern Utah next week will place him, and by extension the Trump Administration, in the middle of two bitter fights over public lands in the state.

One, a white-hot battle over the 1.3-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County, erupted last December when then-President Barack Obama created the monument at the request of tribal representatives and against the wishes of county and state leaders.

The other fight has simmered for two decades. It deals with an older and even larger monument, blamed by many in southern Utah for slowly strangling the life out of their communities. Yet the disagreement over Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is coming back to a boil even as tourism in the region sets new records year after year.

A review of economic indicators by KSL, including employment data, visitation statistics, tourism-related tax revenues and county building permit records obtained through an open records request, reveals both the struggles and opportunities facing places like Cannonville, Kanab, Boulder and Big Water.

The simmering dispute

An irritated Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, was sick of hearing about the values of southern Utah's tourism economy. During a meeting of the state's House Natural Resource, Agriculture and Environment Committee in late February, the lawmaker unloaded on his colleagues from Salt Lake City.

"People tell me there's all kinds of jobs down there; everything's going great," Noel said. "I really kind of get a gutful of it up here, I really do. It bothers me because it sends a false premise."

Noel represents House District 73, a giant swath of territory covering all of Kane, Garfield, San Juan, Wayne and Piute Counties, as well as pieces of Beaver and Sevier Counties. He chastised urban lawmakers for suggesting federal management of Utah lands has had a positive influence by driving visitors, and by extension their tax dollars, into the rural region he represents.

"I've lived there for 41 years. I've seen what's happened down there and my ancestors have lived there for over 100 years and it's not in a good condition as far as you say, as far as economically and what's happening to families," Noel said.

In recent years Noel has helped lead the charge in several high-profile efforts to take control of federal lands. Key among those lands is the monument at the heart of his district — Grand Staircase-Escalante.

The maligned monument

As designated by President Bill Clinton in 1996, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument covered roughly 1.9 million acres. It's bounded on the east by Capitol Reef National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and on the west by Bryce Canyon National Park. The monument's northern edge abuts the Dixie National Forest, while its southern extremity touches the Arizona border.

Wrapped within it sits a maze of twisted river canyons, eroded sandstone pinnacles and arches, relics of pioneer history and fossilized dinosaur bones.

Rep. Noel's cry to turn over those lands to state management, or to at least prioritize cattle grazing, ATV use and mineral extraction, have support from people like Garfield County Commissioner Leland Pollock.

"200,000 acres would be a stretch, to say that there's antiquities, things of value that meet the Antiquities Act criteria," Pollock said. "What is it? It's BLM range. It's brush land. It's sage brush."

The Bureau of Land Management administers the monument, unlike most other Utah monuments which are instead operated by the National Park Service.

Prior to the designation two decades ago, a bitter fight had raged between the mining company Andalex Resources, Inc. and environmental groups over the company's plans to extract large amounts of coal from the region. Andalex held federal mineral leases around the Kaiparowitz Plateau.

The wording of President Clinton's declaration made clear those existing leases were to be honored. However, the company made the decision not to develop the resources and ultimately gave up the leases in exchange for $14 million from the Department of the Interior.

Miners were not the only ones with claims to the land. Ranchers also held leases that allowed them to graze their cattle over much of what is now in the monument. Those uses were largely respected and allowed to continue by the Bureau of Land Management, though some parcels were withdrawn from use.

Monument critics believe the coal reserves could still be developed, to the economic benefit of the region, were the federal land managers not standing in the way.

Recreation opportunities on the monument are expansive, though not without difficulty.

Unlike many national parks, where trails are paved and shuttle buses run on tight schedules, Grand Staircase-Escalante is almost entirely primitive. It holds just three established campgrounds: Calf Creek along state Route 12 between Boulder and Escalante, Deer Creek on the Burr Trail Road and White House on the Paria River. Roads to most popular destinations are unpaved and at times impassable due to weather or damage.

“They did not want tourism,” Pollock said. “The monument itself, they would tell me when I was first sworn in as a commissioner, ‘this wasn’t created for tourism. It was created to study science.’”

The popularity explosion

Want them or not, tourists are coming to Grand Staircase-Escalante in record numbers.

Visitation statistics maintained by the National Park Service show Zion led the pack of Utah parks in 2016, taking in 4.3 million people. Bryce Canyon, the state’s second-most-visited park, welcomed almost 2.4 million. Both figures are nearly double the visitation recorded in 1996, when Grand Staircase-Escalante was born.

BLM records show the monument has also almost doubled its annual visitation during the same period. It set a high-water mark of 923,236 visitors last year, placing it above even Canyonlands and about on par with Capitol Reef National Park.

The rate of visitation growth for Zion, Bryce and Arches accelerated sharply in 2013. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute Director Natalie Gochnour noted that in recent years, the Utah Office of Tourism has heavily advertised the parks with the Mighty Five campaign.

“There’s a lot of money that goes into promoting our state and it’s proven to be very well invested … but you have to be really careful that you also invest in the quality of that experience,” Gochnour said. “Whether it’s roads or campgrounds or bridges or water treatment plants, amenities, you need to invest in the tourism infrastructure business to get a payback from it.”

In Washington County, home to St. George and the Zion gateway community of Springdale, taxes on short-term lodging and restaurant sales have followed a similar curve as the park's visitation. Grand County, too, has shown strong tourism-related tax growth, boosted by visitors to Arches who also stay and spend in Moab.

The visitation spike has helped accelerate recovery in Washington and Grand Counties following the recession of the late 2000s.

"The tax revenues related to tourism and travel are going up, have been for the last five years," Jennifer Leaver said. She works as a research analyst at Gardner Institute and has spent a good deal of time examining the economics of southern Utah. "Jobs have been either remaining flat or going up. Wages have been going up."

But while Garfield County is home to Bryce Canyon, it has not seen quite the same boost.

Challenges of the tourism economy

The tiny town of Boulder is made up of little more than a few buildings and farms snuggled into the valley where state Route 12 and the Burr Trail meet on the southern slopes of Boulder Mountain. As of the 2010 Census, Boulder claimed a population of 226.

Yet it's exactly where Blake Spalding and her partner chose to start their business, Hell's Backbone Grill, shortly after Grand Staircase-Escalante's creation.

"We really just built it up. This is our 18th season. We have about 45 employees that work with us year after year," Spalding said.

Hell's Backbone Grill, which is located on the grounds of the Boulder Mountain Lodge, has received numerous accolades from both local and national press over the years. It draws clientele with its menu and its reputation, but finding qualified help has proved to be one of the restaurant's biggest challenges.

"There's not a business from a construction company to the school to the towns themselves, certainly my restaurant, that isn't hiring right now. We have jobs aplenty," Spalding said. "What we don't have is residents to fill them."

Making a life in a place like Boulder can be incredibly difficult, especially for someone accustomed to urban living. Cell phone service is spotty. Cultural options are limited, though outdoor recreation is in abundant supply. Grocery runs can require long drives to bigger towns. And while there are jobs available, many are not the kind capable of providing a steady living.

Lecia Langston, a regional economist with the Utah Department of Workforce Services, said tourism jobs tend to come and go.

“For Garfield County particularly they see a huge amount of seasonality so that during the summer they basically have to import a lot of their labor because they need it, but they don’t need it in the winter,” Langston said.

People who can’t afford to stay the winter on what they earned are forced to leave in search of other opportunities, as work in other more stable fields can prove tough to find.

“Garfield County has the highest percentage of leisure and hospitality services jobs in the state. They run about 43 percent of their total non-farm employment,” Langston said.

The result is a yo-yoing effect. In March, the most recent month for which numbers are available, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Garfield County was 7.1 percent. That was the lowest it’s been since the end of the recession but it was still well above the statewide average of 3.1 percent.

“If you were to look at the raw rate in July for Garfield County it would be very, very, very low,” Langston said. Conversely, it would be much, much higher in December. “Kane County (in March) actually looks fairly low, given the fact that they do have a lot of seasonality. Their unemployment rate right now is 3.2 percent, which is comparable to the state average.”

Kanab on the cusp

Kane and Garfield Counties have much in common, making that difference in their unemployment rate very conspicuous.

“What’s interesting about Kane County is they do have a couple of unusual employers that make their employment numbers look a little bit different,” Langston said. “Kane County’s largest employer is actually Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. They show up in what we call ‘other services’ so they have a really high percentage of employment in that sector. The other thing

that's important to know about Kane County is they do have some manufacturing. Stampin' Up was a homegrown company that started in Kane County and still has a sizable employment presence."

That little bit of diversity helps make Kane's economy more resilient. Kane County Office of Tourism Executive Director Camille Johnson said the addition of steady jobs has allowed for more stability and, as a result, investment in the visitor experience.

"We had Comfort Suites and Hampton Inn open up in the last year and we've got a La Quinta on line to open in 2018. Then I just learned of one of our local partners that's doing an expansion," Johnson said. "We've had a lot of new restaurants open up."

The city also has geography to its advantage. Kanab sits within striking distance of Zion, Bryce Canyon, the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell and the Wave. The county is promoting Kanab as a place to base camp while visiting the whole variety of southern Utah destinations. The goal is to keep visitors in town long enough to help the local economy, rather than having them simply pass through on their way to another place.

Johnson said overcrowding in the banner locations like Zion also has Kane County pointing increasingly more visitors toward scenic spots outside of the Mighty Five and within Grand Staircase-Escalante.

"Because tourism is such a hot industry for us right now, we're having a little bit of a labor force crisis and a housing crisis," Johnson said. "With the two new hotels opening up and several restaurants, it spread our already thin labor force even thinner."

Up in Garfield County though, the hospitality industry has grown more slowly since the creation of Grand Staircase-Escalante.

Commercial building permit papers obtained by KSL through an open records request reveal much of the new lodging construction over the last 20 years has focused Ruby's Inn or the Bryce Canyon gateway communities. Recently, more rustic rental options like cabins, yurts or RV parks have started to open around Escalante and Tropic.

Back in Kanab, some fear the rapid growth could dilute the history and western character of the region.

“Locals will say to me ‘we don’t want to be like Moab, we don’t want to be like Springdale, please don’t let that happen’,” Johnson said. “They’re afraid that we’ll lose the spirit of our community and our heritage and then it won’t be appealing for locals to stay here and then they uproot and then we lose that heritage.”

The tale of two Utahs

The loss of locals is already happening and not just in Kanab. It’s evident from the average age in many rural Utah counties.

“There are two different economic realities in our state. We call it ‘the tale of two Utahs’,” Natalie Gochnour said. “They basically have children who left the counties, presumably for employment opportunities, schooling and they don’t come back. And so these counties get older and older and older.”

Why don’t they come back? Experts agree it’s a lack of high-paying skilled work in rural communities.

“It’s kind of a catch-22 because there aren’t necessarily the kinds of jobs young people want, or that pay the kind of wages that they’d really like to have, so they leave and you don’t get the population growth that you need to spur the economic growth,” Lecia Langston, the Workforce Services regional economist, said.

Garfield County even declared a state of emergency in 2015 due to declining enrollment at Escalante High School.

“In 1996 you had about 144 children enrolled at Escalante school, seventh through 12th grade,” Commissioner Leland Pollock said. “When we declared that state of emergency it was down to 51.”

Pollock points to Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument as the primary reason for the drop. Others though see the problem in more nuanced terms.

“I think it’s really a time to think very purposefully about rural Utah, particularly rural Utah that’s hurting, and figure out how do we connect and unify and help,” Gochnour said.

She suggested that could mean having policymakers lean on urban Utah's strength, investing the fruits of Wasatch Front productivity into rural counties through infrastructure improvements like better roads or broadband access. At the same time, battles over public lands could be quieted by some good-faith deal-making.

"I think a really productive place for state decision makers to focus is on land exchanges and making all of these state institutional trust lands that are locked up inside federal lands, not accessible, getting them closer to the cities, closer to the towns and letting those towns grow," Gochnour said.

The Wasatch Front could in turn benefit in the form of reduced air pollution and traffic congestion, as more people disperse into areas outside of the urban core. Gochnour suggested outdoor gear companies already operating in the state could lead the charge, choosing to locate their manufacturing facilities in areas like Kanab.

"Maybe it's time for the state and the federal government, locals, recreationists to all come together and say 'there is a path forward that can address our needs'."

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7. Op-ed: Why Bears Ears is worth monument status

The Spectrum, May 5 | Mike Small, Iron County Democrats

On Dec. 28, 2016, President Obama proclaimed the Bears Ears National Monument by using his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906. He did this primarily to protect the many cultural resources from vandalism. There are an estimated 100,000 cultural sites in the area and protection of these sites is critically important to Native American people and others.

The truth is that vandalism of Native American cultural sites on Bureau of Land Management-administered lands, while illegal, is relatively common. Vandalism includes organized ongoing looting, grave robbing and destruction of structures. Estimates vary, but some 70 percent of the known sites on BLM-administered land in Southern Utah and Northern Arizona have likely already been vandalized.

The BLM has tried for years to protect the cultural sites but its resources are spread too thin over this large area.

Reaction to President Obama's proclamation has been split. In general, Native Americans and environmentalists, including the Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance, support the designation and believe it will result in greater protection for the cultural and other resources in the subject area.

It is also important to note that 99 percent of the Bears Ears National Monument was existing federal public land administered by either the BLM or U.S. Forest Service. The monument designation merely raises the level of resource protection. This designation did not expand federal government land holdings.

However, nearly all elected Republican officials in Utah — including Gov. Gary Herbert, congressional delegation, county commissioners, and others — strongly oppose the designation. The reason for their opposition is probably political, but local culture may also be key.

Most of the elected officials are white and grew up where arrowhead collecting and buried pot hunting were accepted activities. Unfortunately, thus far the governor's opposition to Bears Ears has only resulted in the Outdoor Retailer Show, which had generated some $45 million in annual spending, announcing its exit from Utah.

Nationally, President Trump has directed Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to review all the national monuments designated in the last 20 years by Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama and which are more than 100,000 acres, starting with Bears Ears.

Such a review is completely reasonable, especially by a new president. Nonetheless, the legal process by which a president can modify monument designations by previous presidents is unclear.

Hopefully, Zinke will fully involve the tribes, as well as the environmental community and tourism industry, in his review of the Bears Ears. The future of the national monument will depend upon an objective and just review.

Remember, too, that a number of former national monuments have eventually become national parks that contribute greatly to the local and regional economies — for example, Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce, Acadia, and Grand Teton.

In closing, and to illustrate how Native Americans may not have been fully considered, on the front page of The Spectrum & Daily News on April 27, Utah House Speaker Greg Hughes was

quoted that he wanted to ensure "… antiquities are preserved, while keeping the lands accessible to the Native Americans and citizens."

It should be pointed out to Hughes that Native Americans are citizens.

Mike Small of Cedar City is a member of the Iron County Democrats.

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8. Patagonia to Zinke: 'Conserve Our Shared Public Lands for Future Generations'

EcoWatch, May 5 | Yvon Chouinard and Rose Marcario

Dear Secretary Zinke,

As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the national monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage—a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future.

That is why the arbitrary 120-day deadline for you to review whether to shrink or rescind dozens of national monuments is absurd. As you know, the process to establish a national monument often takes years, if not decades. It involves significant study of the area of the proposed monument—including its ecological, cultural, archeological, economic and recreation value—and robust consultation with local communities and their elected representatives at every level. Given the unique and complex histories of each monument, there is simply no way to meaningfully review dozens of individual monuments in such a short period.

You justify this review on the false premise that the American people have not yet been heard on the designation of these national monuments. But the communities near the national monuments under your review have already made their voices heard during public input and stakeholder engagement periods prior to designation. For example, notwithstanding the rhetoric of Utah Governor Gary Herbert and members of the Utah Congressional delegation, the designation of

Bears Ears National Monument involved years of public input gathered by the Obama administration. This process included a series of public meetings in Southeastern Utah in 2016, including several sessions attended by former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. It also included significant engagement with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which represents tribal nations for whom the land is sacred and contains archeological artifacts with immense cultural value. Additionally, in a recent poll, 68 percent of voters in seven Western states said they prioritize the protection of land, water and wildlife for recreation on public land, compared with 22 percent who prioritized increased production of fossil fuels. Your review must account for this extensive record of consultation as you purport to seek public input.

As you undertake this review, we urge you to consider the enormous economic benefits of protected public lands for nearby communities, including many rural areas. A recent study showed that areas in the West with protected lands consistently enjoy better rates of employment and income growth compared to those with no protected lands. In the 22 years since the Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah was declared a national monument, jobs grew by 38 percent in two neighboring counties. The designation of 17 national monuments—including nine monuments covered under your review—led to significant increases in per capita income in regions adjacent to the newly-protected areas.

Rescinding or shrinking the national monuments under review also threatens the fast-growing outdoor recreation economy, which relies significantly on recreation access to protected public lands. These lands are not "locked up," as the Trump administration has said repeatedly declared—they are extremely productive. As you know, since you participated in the outdoor industry's announcement of a new economic study last week, the recreation economy drives $887 billion in consumer spending every year and supports more jobs (7.6 million) than oil, natural gas and mining combined. Rescinding or shrinking the national monuments under review would significantly impact the strength of the outdoor recreation economy and limit our ability to create and sustain jobs.

Patagonia has been outfitting outdoors people and protecting public lands for more than 30 years. The debate over land and water conservation is always complex and sometimes divisive. But we have never witnessed the legacy of America's federal lands encountering greater risk than we see right now. As you visit these protected places and report back to the president, I urge you to follow in the tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt and conserve our shared public lands for future generations.

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E&E/NATIONAL NEWS – FULL STORY

1. BLM suspends Resource Advisory Council meetings as part of national review of committees

The Denver Post, May 4 | Jason Blevins

The Bureau of Land Management has suspended Colorado's four Resource Advisory Councils until September as part of a national review of the agency's advisory boards and committees.

BLM public affairs specialists emailed members of the state's four Resource Advisory Councils this week, informing them the upcoming June and August meetings were suspended.

The councils — typically 15 citizen-nominated members who meet four times a year — are made up of public land management stakeholders like conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreation users, energy industry representatives and local leaders. According to a national statement from the BLM, the agency is reviewing more than 200 boards, committees and other advisory councils. The review "necessitates the postponement of all advisory committee meetings" until September, according to the statement.

Greg Zimmerman, deputy director of the Center of Western Priorities conservation group, said the canceled meetings are "a significant development" because they fall while the Interior Department searches for potential violations of the Antiquities Act in the presidential creation of national monuments since 1996.

"Resource Advisory Councils are one of the primary venues for BLM to receive direct feedback from stakeholders … designed to ensure that the diverse set of stakeholders that care about public lands have a direct say in how lands are managed," Zimmerman said. "This announcement runs absolutely counter to the Trump Administration's commitment to listen to rural communities. At the very time they're discussing major land management changes—eliminating monuments and increasing the pace of development—they're also choosing to shutout stakeholders."

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2. Op-ed: Environment suffers as union diverts funds to clean deserted mine sites

The Hill, May 5 | Arthur Wardle and Randy Simmons

The Abandoned Mine Land fund (AML) is America's source of funding for reclaiming abandoned coal mines, especially those causing environmental damage. Financed through a tax on coal production, the AML was set up by Congress to serve that goal alone.

Since its 1977 passage, however, numerous interest groups have managed to jockey for a piece of the fund. In its deliberations over an omnibus spending package, Congress is again being given the chance to review one of largest diversions from the AML: United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) benefits packages.

To ensure the future of abandoned coal mine reclamation, Congress should put an end to AML fund misuse by discontinuing transfers to the UMWA. Instead, Congress appears ready to make the misuse permanent.

The AML was established by Congress in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reclaim coal mines that had been abandoned, often by long-gone companies. Just under $6 billion has been spent to date to restore nearly 800,000 acres of land and water in the United States. There's still plenty of reclamation work to be done — the Bureau of Land Management estimates that at least 92,000 sites in need of restoration remain on BLM property in California, Nevada and Utah alone.

The AML's implementation has generally been beneficial, but any large pile of government money attracts vultures, and the AML is no exception. Although misuse takes many forms, UMWA transfers are the most obvious aberration in AML spending. The diversion began in 1992 after Congress first allowed the UMWA to draw upon AML resources for their combined benefit fund (which came with a $70 million cap).

That cap was later removed. These transfers to the UMWA have been made with woefully inadequate oversight. A recent report from the Office of the Inspector General found that the government failed to verify beneficiary eligibility for fund recipients, provide documentation to support administrative expenses, or reconcile key information, among other abuses.

Protecting the health and pension benefits of retired mine workers is a noble goal, but it is not the intended goal of the AML. Its goal is environmental reclamation, and when funds are diverted to support other priorities, that can only come at the expense of the environment.

Some might be tempted to say that the AML is a good source of funds for anything the coal industry is collectively responsible for, not necessarily just environmental reclamation. By this argument, using AML dollars to fund benefits for workers who may have been physically harmed from working in the coal industry might initially appear to make sense.

This logic would not, however, justify holding the entire coal industry to account for UMWA benefits packages when, in 2015, only a meager 9 percent of domestic coal was produced by UMWA producers.

Coal miners have understandably attracted sympathy from across the political aisle, as many promised retirement and health benefits never materialized. But even if Congress unanimously agrees that UMWA benefits are a worthwhile use of government funds, there is no reason that money should come at the expense of reclamation.

The AML serves an important role in cleaning up abandoned sites left unaddressed by modern regulation. Protecting the financial security of the AML, even from nobly intentioned diversions, is critical to ensure the fund exists for future cleanup efforts. Today, that means standing against attempts to divert AML funds away from reclamation and toward politically-connected unions.

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3. Sage-grouse Population Increases When Interloping Western Juniper is Pushed Back

Cattlenetwork, May 5 | Chris Branam, Oregon State University

Greater sage-grouse, a bird that has been the subject of intense conservation efforts in recent decades, do better in areas where juniper trees have been removed, new research suggests.

The four-year study is the first to link sage-grouse demographics with tree reduction and supports the idea of conserving sage-grouse by controlling conifer expansion into the bird's habitat. In the last half of the 20th century, the proliferation of the western juniper in Oregon and pinyon pine in Nevada and Utah degraded the sagebrush ecosystem by forming dense stands that suck up rainwater and push sagebrush out.

The findings are published in the journal PLOS ONE.

"We are tremendously excited," said Christian Hagen, an avian ecologist at Oregon State University and a co-author of the study. "The arrow is pointing in the right direction. The grouse are finding these areas where the juniper was taken out much more quickly than we anticipated."

This study focused on the encroachment of western juniper in southeast Oregon and just over the border in California and Nevada. Wildlife biologists in Oregon, Idaho and Montana, estimated a 25 percent increase in the sage-grouse population growth rate in an area where western juniper was being removed, either by cutting or burning, where juniper continued to spread slowly and the sage-grouse population did not increase.

The researchers collected data on 219 female sage-grouse and 225 nests from 2010 to 2014 in an area in southeast Oregon where western juniper was being removed and an area with no removal in southeast Oregon, northeast California and northwest Nevada. Both areas involved both public and private lands.

The annual survival of females from one breeding season to the next, and the survival of their nests over a month-long incubation period, both led to population growth over time, Hagen said. In the area where juniper was removed, female sage-grouse annual survival increased 6.6 percent each year, and the nest survival rate increased by 18.8 percent each year.

Encroaching juniper degrades sage-grouse habitat in two ways: by outcompeting the sagebrush and by introducing trees that the birds consider threatening, said Hagen, a senior researcher in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

"Dense tree stands become perches and hiding cover for predators, so sage-grouse avoid them," Hagen said.

The trees that were removed were less than a hundred years old, Hagen said. Most of the juniper was cut down by hand-cutting and chainsaws and generally occurred from late fall to early spring, to both maximize shrub retention and minimize negative effects to grouse breeding activities.

The study was led by John Severson, who conducted the research for his dissertation at the University of Idaho. The research was funded by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, through its Conservation Effects Assessment Project and Sage Grouse Initiative.

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4. INTERIOR: Agency suspends advisory panels even as decisions loom

E & E News, May 5 | Scott Streater

The Interior Department is formally reviewing the "charter and charge" of more than 200 advisory panels that assist federal agencies managing hundreds of millions of acres of public lands at a time when the Trump administration is considering significant changes to land-use designations and management practices.

The Bureau of Land Management has told members of its 30 resource advisory councils (RACs) to postpone scheduled meetings through at least September as part of the new national review of Interior's advisory panels, both internal and external.

That includes canceling meetings of six other BLM advisory committees affiliated with specific sites within the agency's National Conservation Lands system, as well as two other high-profile panels: the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board and the North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel in Alaska.

It also affects other panels, such as the National Park System Advisory Board, which advises the NPS director and Interior secretary "on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service," including the Antiquities Act, which has been targeted by GOP congressional leaders.

The timing means some land management recommendations — including a high-profile review of national monuments — will be completed without the advisory panels' input.

Heather Swift, an Interior spokeswoman, told E&E News in an email today that the review is part of an ongoing effort by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke aimed at "restoring trust in the Department's decision-making."

Swift said the review of "the charter and charge of each Board/Advisory Committee" is designed to "maximize feedback from these boards and ensure their compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act," the 1972 law that ensures that advice by various advisory committees is objective and accessible to the public.

"This review process necessitates the temporary postponement of advisory committee meetings," Swift said.

But Swift said the review is also designed to ensure compliance with "the President's recent executive orders."

President Trump in the last month has signed a number of executive orders, including one requiring the review of all policies that may "potentially burden" energy production activity on federal lands.

Trump last week also signed one requiring Interior to review the boundaries of dozens of national monuments designated within the last two decades and to decide whether they should be altered or eliminated (Greenwire, April 26).

That executive order is targeted at more than 30 national monuments designated since 1996 that comprise at least 100,000 acres. It will initially focus on the fate of the recently designated 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument but will ultimately include sites like the 1.9-million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, both in Utah.

That executive order requires Zinke to submit a report with his recommendations on the national monuments to the president within 120 days, before the Interior review of the advisory committees and boards is completed and the postponement of the meetings lifted.

That means the Utah resource advisory council that provides recommendations to BLM on management of the 22.9 million acres of federal public lands in the state will not weigh in on the

national monument issue; neither, presumably, will the members of the agency's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument advisory committee.

That concerns Greg Zimmerman, deputy director of the Center for Western Priorities.

"The Trump administration and Interior Secretary Zinke talk a big game about including Western communities in decisionmaking on public lands, but this action proves it's nothing more than talk," Zimmerman said. "They are shutting out input from communities just as the administration takes unprecedented steps toward wiping national monuments from the map."

It's a particular concern for BLM, critics say.

Canceling the BLM RAC meetings "sends a clear signal that Secretary Zinke intends to make decisions behind closed doors and not through an open and transparent public process," Zimmerman said.

The agency's 30 RACs, whose members are appointed by the Interior secretary, are designed to help guide BLM administrators on a wide variety of issues involving major projects such as multistate transmission lines and energy projects.

The advisory panels typically have 10 to 15 members, who are supposed to represent a cross-section of local residents, state government agencies, industry and conservation leaders. They evaluate and submit recommendations on "land use planning, fire management, off-highway vehicle use, recreation, oil and gas exploration, noxious weed management, grazing issues, wild horse and burro herd management issues," and other topics, according to BLM.

Recommendations from the RACs, established by Interior in 1995 during the Clinton administration, are supposed to carry significant weight with BLM leaders.

But there have been some high-profile examples in the past two years where BLM ignored the recommendations of its RACs.

BLM in January approved the final two segments of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project in Idaho over the objections of an eight-member subcommittee of the BLM Boise District's RAC

that concluded the route would unnecessarily affect communities, natural resource values and private landowners (Greenwire, Jan. 20).

And last year, BLM formally approved the 287-megawatt Soda Mountain Solar Project in the Southern California desert, despite the recommendation of BLM California's Desert District RAC against the project and its impacts on wildlife, groundwater quality and other natural resources (E&E News PM, April 5, 2016).

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5. Q&A: Bishop serves up politics, plays and Dr Pepper

E & E News, May 5 | Kellie Lunney

Utah Republican Rep. Rob Bishop knows that timing is everything in theater, music and politics.

The seven-term congressman, a former thespian and sometime piano player, is poised to capitalize on the White House's current focus on reviewing the 111-year-old law that gives presidents broad authority to designate national monuments without congressional approval, as well as a major push to upgrade the country's failing infrastructure.

As a Westerner and the chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, Bishop, 66, is an influential voice in the debate over the "damn" Antiquities Act, as he's called it. The law became an even greater source of angst for him after President Obama protected 1.35 million acres of land late last year in southeastern Utah as Bears Ears National Monument.

Bishop, known on Capitol Hill for his tart humor and three-piece suits, chatted with E&E News this week about the politics of public lands, why he prefers the House to the Senate, and his favorite drink, Dr Pepper.

Do you think President Trump is interested in, or knowledgeable about, natural resources issues?

No president is. To expect a president to know the details of the stuff that I know? Because when you're in Congress, you specialize. This is my area, this is my state. I know the details of it, more than senators do, so when Obama designated [Bears Ears], I have no qualms in my mind that he

had no idea where it was. I don't know if he could find it on a map. The people who surrounded him on the White House staff, they should have known. For them, I have a lot less generosity than I do for President Obama.

Where do you disagree with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, with whom you served in Congress?

I don't really see much potential disagreement, to be honest with you. If you listen to what he's talking about, he gets the problem, he understands the dysfunction that the Interior Department has. He understands the department has made people livid. He talks about how he wants to change the culture. We're right on board with that.

Do you think he's going to have free rein in his job?

Based on nothing more than my gut feeling right now, I think he will actually have greater latitude with this White House once he has his team in place. I often thought [Obama administration Interior Secretary] Sally Jewell brought an element to the department that was sadly lacking before with her business background. I ultimately was disenchanted with her performance, because I think a lot of the positive things she could have done [in] reorganizing the place was frustrated, as she had to do what the White House was telling her to do. Left to her own devices, she would have been a much more effective secretary of Interior. I don't think that same interface will happen between Trump and Zinke, but I could be totally wrong.

When do you plan to introduce another Public Lands Initiative bill [his legislative alternative to the Bears Ears designation]?

Most of the leg work has been done, but I'm not going to give myself a timeline; I am going to take some time to do it. The big three issues in front of Congress right now, as everyone knows, are health care, taxes and infrastructure. That's sucking all the air out right now. The stuff I want to do is still kind of on the back burner. That's why I'd like to hurry and get those things done, so we can bring some of these things up.

Are you going to run for the Senate if [Republican Sen. Orrin] Hatch retires?

[Laughs] I think you'd have to ask yourself, would I rather be a chairman of a full committee in the House, or sit on the back row of the Senate? Then you'd have to ask yourself, why would anyone want to be a senator?

Why not?

Have you seen that chamber? Seen the color of the marble and the carpet?

You used to be a teacher. What did you teach?

Well, allegedly. At the end, I was doing all Advanced Placement government and history classes. But I also taught English, debate and speech, and German for a while.

You were also a thespian, is that right?

Kind of. I did a lot of community theater plays. I met my wife doing a musical, "Once Upon a Mattress." She was the princess, and I was the prince. That's really corny. When I taught, I always directed a few plays for the drama department every year. And I accompanied a couple of them [on piano], as well.

I see you're drinking Dr Pepper. Is that your drink of choice?

As a matter of fact, it is. This is my Dr Pepper story, and it deals with George W. Bush. I had two trips to the White House: The first one, there was a waiter with some shrimp. I love shrimp. So I put a shrimp in my mouth and turned around, and there was George Bush with his hand extended. And all I could do was [makes mouth-full-of-food noises]. [Bush] said, "I caught you with your mouth full, huh, big boy?" Which offended me.

The next year, I was invited back, went over to the bar, and as a good Mormon, I ordered a Diet Pepsi [because they didn't have Dr Pepper]. I turned around, I had just taken a swallow, and there was George W. Bush again. The guy has to have a bell on him. I had the chance of talking to the president of the United States and asking anything I wanted to, and the first question that came to my mind was, "Why don't you have Dr Pepper in the White House?" He was very personable and kind, which I appreciated.

I thought Mormons weren't supposed to have caffeine.

The prohibition is on smoking, alcohol, coffee and tea.

You have nice suits. Has that always been your signature?

Thank you, no. I have to have vests now because it's become the -ism. When I first came here, I was a little bit overweight. I was fat. I dropped about 75 pounds. I started wearing vests because I needed the extra material, and it became a standard. So now I wear a vest. I'm not really a very formal person. If I am not in vests, my choice is to be in shorts and flips. I don't do business casual.

Have you ever worn flip-flops on the Capitol grounds here?

Actually, yes. I used to do that a lot, especially when I was taking people through the Capitol, because it really drove the guards crazy, especially on the Senate side.

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6. INTERIOR: Industry, enviros to feds — take your time on valuation regs

E & E News, May 5 | Pamela King

Supporters and opponents of federal regulations to determine royalty rates for oil, gas and coal produced on public lands have a message for the Interior Department: Revising these rules may take a long time.

Last month, Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) called for comments on whether and how to revise its regulations on federally produced fossil fuels. Separately, the agency asked for feedback on a proposal to repeal ONRR's "2017 Valuation Rule," the most recent set of reforms to those regulations (Energywire, April 4).

The review and advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) followed a request by Interior to stay litigation related to the ONRR rule. The move garnered praise from oil and gas industry groups, including the American Petroleum Institute (Energywire, March 27).

In comments filed April 17, API requested more time to analyze the nuanced changes Interior has proposed to the ONRR rule.

"This topic is very complex and requires members to review and consider both the 2017 Valuation Rule as well as the regulations that existed prior to the 2017 Valuation Rule," wrote Emily Hague, API's senior policy adviser for industry and upstream operations. "Any regulatory changes — whether to the 2017 Valuation Rule or to preexisting rules — could significantly impact American energy development."

API asked to extend the comment period, which closed yesterday, an additional 60 days to July 3. The group also asked that ONRR consider presenting the rule revision and all public comments to its newly established Royalty Policy Committee.

Chartered in 2010 by former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, the committee's formation had been on hold until an April 3 call for nominations appeared in the Federal Register. ONRR this week extended the due date for nominations from May 3 to June 2.

The panel will also include as ex-officio members several Interior officials who have yet to be appointed, such as the directors of the bureaus of Land Management and Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

An ONRR spokeswoman said the agency is tentatively scheduled to announce the committee's appointments in the fall.

The Western Energy Alliance said it supports immediate and complete repeal of the 2017 Valuation Rule.

"The rule if left to stand would do to small independent oil and natural gas producers operating on federal lands what Dodd-Frank did to community banks and what the Affordable Care Act did to independent hospitals: render the federal regulatory environment so complex that small businesses cannot possibly comply," the trade group's president, Kathleen Sgamma, wrote in comments filed yesterday.

Industry has been explaining the faults of the ONRR rule since the proposed regulation came out in 2015, Sgamma wrote in an email to E&E News.

"We already know the problems with it," she said. "It's time to get on with the repeal and then deal with any targeted regulatory changes in the future."

The Independent Petroleum Association of America, a trade group representing small producers, also supported repeal of the 2017 rule but requested additional time to review options for the existing regulation.

"The ANPR which seeks to offer greater simplicity, certainty, clarity, and consistency is welcomed by our member companies," wrote Daniel Naatz, the group's senior vice president of government relations and political affairs. "However, we feel the short time frame for comments is not adequate given the complex subject matter."

A 'massive waste'

Conservation advocates also called for more time on the ONRR rule — but they ultimately urged caution on scrapping the 2017 reform.

ONRR's rulemaking is premature and muddled, the Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC), a grass-roots environmental group, wrote in its remarks.

"By simultaneously seeking comment on whether or not to repeal the Valuation Rule and seeking comment on what to replace the rule with, commenters and other members of the public — including WORC — are left to provide substantive comments on hypothetical or imaginary alternative scenarios, never defined by your department," WORC wrote.

The group requested a 60-day extension to the comment period but urged ONRR to altogether halt the ANPR until the agency definitively decides whether to repeal the 2017 Valuation Rule.

The Wilderness Society, a conservation group, called Interior's revisit of the ONRR rule a "massive waste of federal resources" inconsistent with President Trump's goal of reducing regulatory costs.

"The purpose of the current ANPR is to essentially repeat what had already been accomplished with the Final Valuation Rule," wrote Bruce Pendery, energy and climate specialist for the Wilderness Society's BLM Action Center.

Repeal of the 2017 Valuation Rule appears to be a knee-jerk reaction to a pair of industry challenges to the regulation last year, he added (Greenwire, Jan. 9).

"But we would note that these legal challenges only contest 'certain provisions of the Final Valuation Rule,'" Pendery wrote. "If the whole rule is not being challenged, there certainly is no need to dispose of the whole rule just to react to these lawsuits."

House Natural Resources ranking member Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.) yesterday echoed the call for additional time in his own letter to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. He questioned the legality of Interior's postponement of the 2017 Valuation Rule as the agency decided its next steps.

The postponement last week prompted a lawsuit from the states of California and New Mexico (Greenwire, April 27).

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7. PUBLIC LANDS: Mont. business group pressures Zinke on national monuments

E & E News, May 5 | Scott Streater

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke should "stand on the right side of history" and oppose any move to decrease the size of or eliminate already designated national monuments, according to a business coalition from the fifth-generation Montanan's home state.

In a brief letter to Zinke, Business for Montana's Outdoors writes that it is very concerned with President Trump's executive order last week requiring the Interior Department to review the boundaries of dozens of national monuments designated within the last two decades and to decide whether they should be altered or eliminated (Greenwire, April 26).

The review will ultimately recommend whether the president should rescind, resize or modify the management of about 30 monuments. A final report is due within 120 days.

"The Antiquities Act has a history of preserving natural treasures for the benefit of all Americans, enacted and first used by the 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt," according to the letter from the group, which comprises more than 130 businesses including outdoor equipment retailers and manufacturers.

Zinke, a former Republican congressman from Montana, has often compared his views on public lands and conservation to those of Teddy Roosevelt.

"In Montana, our national monuments not only have a track record of protecting public lands for hunting and fishing but also helping to grow local economies," the letter says.

The group references a 2014 study by Montana-based nonpartisan research group Headwaters Economics that found local economies "grew after the 2001 designation of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument."

"Protected public lands and waters are the backbone of this economy," the letter says. "Creating uncertainty over the future of national monuments will hurt those gateway communities and businesses that rely on these crucial public lands."

It's not clear yet what Interior's evaluation of existing national monuments designated since 1996 and larger than 100,000 acres will recommend.

Zinke has given mixed signals.

During a signing ceremony of Trump's executive order, Zinke said the order would not eliminate any monument designations or weaken environmental protections, even as he criticized unspecified monument designations for placing lands "off-limits to public access for grazing, fishing, mining, multiple use and even outdoor recreation."

But he also emphasized that the monuments should conform to the "smallest area" possible, suggesting the final review could aim to slash the size of numerous sites.

Business for Montana's Outdoors' letter says that would be a bad idea.

"We need not remind you that revoking Teddy Roosevelt's conservation legacy is a highly controversial proposal. No previous administration has ever attempted to revoke a predecessor's monument designation, even where some initial public disagreement over the designation existed," the letter says. "In fact, Administrative action to remove protections for sites protected under the Antiquities Act are widely considered illegal. You are uniquely suited to stand up for a long and bipartisan tradition of protecting national monuments — to stand on the right side of history.

"Given your experience as a fifth-generation Montanan, we encourage you to remember the Montana way of leaving this place better than we found it for all who come after us," the letter concludes.

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8. **INTERIOR: More offshore revenue would help morale, backlog — Zinke**

E & E News, May 5 | Corbin Hiar

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke suggested today at a "Doggy Days" press event that additional offshore oil and gas drilling royalties could offset potential budget cuts at the department.

"I have an MBA in finance, and I open up both sides of the budget," Zinke said when asked whether more dog-friendly policies at the department could compensate for employee dissatisfaction about the White House's proposed cuts (Greenwire, March 20).

"If you go back to 2008, we made $15.5 billion more in a year than what we made in the last year," he added. "That's just in offshore."

By comparison, Zinke noted that the department's National Park Service has a backlog of overdue repairs that will cost around $12.5 billion to fix.

"But $15.5 billion would cover the entirety of our backlog for our parks — the entirety of it and have $3 billion more to deliver to go ahead and build in recapitalization on things," he said.

Interior is set to receive $12.3 billion for the rest of the current fiscal year, an increase of $42 million from its current spending level (Greenwire, May 1).

That budget boost was included in an omnibus negotiated by lawmakers and sent to President Trump yesterday (E&E News PM, May 4).

The White House has asked Congress to slash Interior's budget 12 percent for fiscal 2018, a drop of $1.5 billion.

The secretary also acknowledged that morale at the department is not good, something that the "Doggy Days" pilot program seeks to improve on (Greenwire, March 23).

Interior came in 11th out of 18 large agencies in the nonprofit Partnership for Public Service's most recent governmentwide survey of employee satisfaction. Only about 61 percent of Interior staffers were happy with the department (Greenwire, Dec. 15, 2016).

"A lot of the reasons why we're not last is because Interior has the holdings that are our greatest national treasures," Zinke told reporters, while his dog Ragnar scurried around his wood-paneled office. "We need to take care of them more. And I think our folks — we have good people — they care about public property, too. I've got to give them the tools to do that."

That's why "I do talk a lot about revenue," Zinke added. "And I think that helps morale, too — that they know that I'm paying attention to infrastructure. As I should. We all love clean bathrooms."

Dozens of employees and their dogs streamed into the secretary's office for a chance to shake hands and get a photo with Zinke and Ragnar during the half-hour event. Several employees who came to the meet-and-greet without dogs were turned away.

The department plans to do an "after action" report examining how the first Doggy Day went at Interior's main and south buildings in D.C., the secretary said. One issue that's likely to come up is the difficulty many employees had getting to work without public transportation, which doesn't allow dogs.

The second day of the pilot program at Interior headquarters is scheduled for Sept. 1. But Zinke said the department is also encouraging other Interior offices to consider allowing dogs.

Other departments are also considering following Interior's lead on dogs, he added. The pilot program came up yesterday during a meeting with Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, Zinke said. He declined to provide further details on their discussion.

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Sunday, May 7, 2017

Time: 4:30 PM MT

Location: Bureau of Land Management, 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT

Please arrive no later than 4:00 PM MT

Monday, May 8, 2017

Time: 2:30 PM MT

Location: House on Fire Ruins; South Fork of Mule Canyon (Trailhead for hike to House on Fire ruin).

From Blanding: Drive south on US 191 S for 4 miles and turn right (west) on UT-95 N. Follow UT-95 for 19.4 miles and turn right (north) on County Road 263 / Texas Flat Road, located between mile posts 103 and 102. Drive northeast on the dirt road for 0.3 miles and park where the road crosses the first canyon. There are pullouts along the right (south) side of the road for a few cars. More parking spaces are located further up the road. Note: The road becomes impassable during wet conditions.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Time: 1:30 PM MT

Location: Trailhead, Bears Ears National Monument

More details to follow

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM MT

Location: Turn off to the Paria Townsite - the best way to describe it at this point is that it is 33 miles east of Kanab, UT on US Highway 89.

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Follow-Up From Secretary Zinke Roundtable
With the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

Secretary Commitment

- Offered to meet quarterly on an informal basis with the Subcommittee Members

- Offered to put together a trip for the Subcommittee Members to join him for a tour of the Mall to see underneath the Jefferson Memorial (some of the Members have already seen the bottom of the Lincoln Memorial which he offered).

Member Requests

Kaptur

- Would like to work together to improve interpretation services at the WWII Memorial.

Kilmer

- Extended an invitation to visit Puget Sound

- City of Port Angeles and National Park Service. NPS wants to hand over a water facility to the City but it doesn't work. Have been having conversations with NPS regarding upgrades. City is concerned they cannot afford the estimated $1 million/year to operate the facility but need the facility. Asked the Secretary to continue to fund it – Congress cannot earmark funds. Rep. Kilmer gave the Secretary some material on it.

- Mentioned a situation with a tribe on the Lower Elwha River which lost hundreds of acres of trust lands associated with tearing down the Elwha dams. They were supposed to get additional lands in exchange for their agreement and nothing has happened. Rep. Kilmer indicated he would provide the Secretary with background information.

McCollum

- Indicated she wants a formal budget hearing on the FY 2018 budget.

- Expressed interest in working together on the Secretary's reorganization proposals.

- (After the hearing) Staff asked that DOI/USDA have another public meeting on the Twin Metals mining lease withdrawal in the twin cities area of Minnesota. One was held March 17 in Duluth, MN but the area is important to the region and Rep. McCollum would like another meeting to be scheduled near St. Paul/Minneapolis.

McCollum/Cole

- (After the hearing) Staff expressed Rep. McCollum's interest in getting a response to a joint letter sent to the Secretary on March 6 requesting he meet with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. (Contacted Rob Howarth for the status, Exec Sec #931).

Pingree

- Gave Secretary a packet of letters supporting the Katahdin Woods monument designation. Extended an invitation to visit Acadia.

Stewart
- Holding conversations with the Secretary until Secretary's visit next week.

Member Interests

Jenkins
- Expressed support for the Abandoned Mine Lands Development grants.

Joyce
- Would like to get a meaningful plan to address Asian Carp in the Great Lakes.

Kaptur
- Indicated there has been a problem getting a coherent response from FWS and NPS on an issue involving a wildlife refuge and Cuyahoga NP but did not provide background.

- Suggested leveraging the reserve troops and the Civilian Conservation Corps to do restoration work. Secretary responded with idea for "Trail Warriors."

- Suggested coming up with a market solution to Asian Carp to incentivize their harvest.

Lowey
- Expressed support for the Heritage Partnership Program.

Pingree
- Expressed support for ongoing research at DOI on ocean acidity and ticks which is very important to her area.

Simpson
- Wants the "Craters of the Moon" Monument left alone.

Stewart
- Expressed concern for the impact a Department of Labor overtime pay requirement is having on outfitters and guides. (FYI, DOI does not enforce this.)

Members of Congress in Attendance: Chairman Rep. Calvert, Rep. Simpson, Rep. Joyce, Rep. Stewart, Rep. Jenkins, Full Committee Ranking Member Rep. Lowey, Ranking Member McCollum, Rep. Pingree, Rep. Kilmer, Rep. Kaptur.

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Katahadin Woods and Waters	Maine	2016	87,563

The Department of the Interior seeks public comments related to: (1) Whether national monuments in addition to those listed above should be reviewed because they were designated or expanded after January 1, 1996 “without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders;” and (2) the application of factors (i) through (vii) set forth above to the listed national monuments or to other Presidential designations or expansions of designations meeting the criteria of the Executive Order. With respect to factor (vii), comments should address other factors the Secretary might consider for this review.

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Northeast Canyons and Seamounts	Atlantic Ocean	2016	3,114,320
Pacific Remote Islands	Pacific Ocean	2009	55,608,320
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	Re: Interior Department Releases List of Monuments Under Review, Announces

Subject: First-Ever Formal Public Comment Period for Monuments: TEST

Downey - Great job!

On Fri, May 5, 2017 at 3:31 PM, Magallanes, Downey <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Comments may be submitted online after May 12 at http://www.regulations.gov by entering "DOI-2017-0002" in the Search bar and clicking "Search," or by mail to Monument Review, MS-1530, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

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82 FR 20429-20430 (May 1, 2017).

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Carrizo Plain	California	2001	204,107
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Gold Butte	Nevada	2016	296,937
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Meeting with Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition

Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation Dinner

Monday, May 8, 2017

Breakfast Meeting with Utah Federal Delegation

Fly over Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument en route

Black Hawk Helicopter Tour (South Portion of Monument)

HOLD for Media Access - Bears Ears National Monument

Hiking Tour of Bears Ears National Monument

Depart Bears Ears National Monument en route Blanding, UT

Meeting with Friends of Cedar Mesa

Dinner at Edge of Cedar Mesa Museum Hosted by Governor Herbert

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

The Nature Conservancy's Dugout Ranch

HOLD: Media Access - Trailhead at Bears Ears National Monument

Tour Monument via Horseback to Predetermined Sites

Wheels Up Blanding, UT (KBDG) en route Kanab, UT (KKNB)

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Breakfast Meeting with Kane and Garfield County Commissioners and Area Legislators

Driving Tour of Portions of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

State Helicopter Tour of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

HOLD: Media Access

Wheels Up Kanab, UT (KKNB) en route Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Salt Lake City-Airport East

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Thursday, May 11, 2017

POLITICAL EVENT: Keynote Remarks at the RNC Spring Meeting Dinner

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Friday, May 12, 2017

Wheels down Billings, MT

VPOTUS lands at 1:00pm MDT

Arrive at Westmoreland Coal Company Tour of Westmoreland Coal Company Property on Horseback

Roundtable with Tribal Leaders & Absaloka Mine Energy Producers

POLITICAL EVENT: Rally for Greg Gianforte, Candidate for MT-AL

VPOTUS remarks at 6:35PM

Long Range: 5/25-5/28. The Secretary will participate in a CODEL sponsored by Senator Murkowski. Arctic Council. Norway, Greenland, Alaska. Various AK events 5/29-5/31.

Upcoming Media

TODAY: The Department will issue a press release and a Federal Register notice requesting information related to the review of the National Monuments under the President's EO.

"Interior Department Releases List of Monuments Under Review, Announces First-Ever for Public to Weigh in on Monuments" - WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior today announced the first ever opportunity for members of the public to officially weigh in on monument designations under the Antiquities Act of 1906, and the Department released the final list of monuments that will be reviewed under the President's Executive Order 13792, issued April 26, 2017. A public comment period is not required for monument designations under the Antiquities Act, however, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and President Trump both strongly believe local input is a critical component of federal land management.

[I am attaching at the end of this report the list of monuments to be reviewed based on the

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Speaking Invitations

Accepted

5/6 Montana State University-Northern Commencement Address (Havre, MT)

5/16 DOI Annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony (DC)

5/31 Alaska Oil and Gas Association Conference remarks in Anchorage

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Regretted

5/10 Association of California Water Agencies 2017 Spring Conference (Monterey, CA)

5/11 Safari Club International Lobby Day (Crystal City, VA)

5/12 Heritage Foundation's Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies' 2017 Spring Legal Strategy Forum (Colorado Springs, CO)

5/19 Montana Logging Association Annual Meeting (Bozeman, MT)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

5/24 Virginia Chamber of Commerce Energy Conference

Emergency Management

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 111,650 (+3,804) acres. The fire is 12 (+4)-percent contained and managed by a Type-1 IMT with 503 (+11) personnel, including 87 (+8) DOI personnel. There are 87 (no change) residences and 17 (no change) commercial structures threatened. The containment date remains November 1.

The National Weather Service reports improving conditions in the central Plains and Midwest, where flood response, including USGS support, continues.

Media of Interest

Secretary Zinke To Meet With Bears Ears Tribal Leaders.

The High Country (CO) News (5/4, Blankenbuehler) reports that During a Wednesday conference call, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition requested an audience with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. Following the call, “a staffer from the Bureau of Land Management’s Utah office called the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition on behalf of Interior to set up a meeting with Zinke.” According to the coalition, tribal leaders will meet with Zinke on Sunday in Salt Lake City.

North Dakota Gov. Burgum: Trump Appointees Good For State.

The Minot (ND) Daily News (5/4, Ogden) reports that North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum "said he thinks the biggest change for North Dakota as a result of the Trump administration is the president's new team, in particular, two of its members," Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Environmental Protection Agency administration Scott Pruitt. Burgum believes that Zinke will be "good for North Dakota for agriculture, energy, for the tribes, etc."

New Mexico Issues Wolf Release Permit To FWS.

The AP (5/4, Bryan) reports that "despite a pending legal battle over efforts to reintroduce endangered Mexican gray wolves in the American Southwest, New Mexico has cleared the way for the federal government to place two captive-born wolf pups with wild foster families." A permit issued this week by the state Game and Fish Department arrives "after a federal court recently lifted a temporary restraining order that had stopped the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from releasing more of the endangered animals." While New Mexico "still plans to pursue its case in court, the 30-day permit allows for federal wildlife managers to place up to two pups in a den in the Gila National Forest as part of a project aimed at boosting the genetic diversity of wolves in the wild in New Mexico and Arizona."

Legislation Introduced To Stop Offshore Seismic Airgun Use.

WHYY-FM Philadelphia (5/4, Auciello) reports that Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo has "introduced legislation to halt permits for controversial seismic airgun blasting along the Atlantic seaboard." LoBiondo "says the practice, used by petroleum companies to identify oil and gas reservoirs deep in the ocean floor, has 'significant, adverse effects' on marine life." He said, "The ecological damage and negative economic impact caused by seismic testing is clear, which is why there is near-unanimous opposition from local concerned residents, commercial and recreational fishermen, and environmentalists along the Jersey Shore. This bipartisan legislation reaffirms my strong opposition to seismic air-gun testing in waters off South Jersey."

Editorial: Offshore Drilling Opposed.

In an editorial, the Newport News (VA) Daily Press (5/3) opposes offshore drilling and recent President Trump's recent "America First" energy executive order. It argues that "at the present time, there is less urgency than any time in recent memory for an increase in domestic oil production" because "our nation has increased oil production and decreased consumption." As such, "a risk-reward analysis here would be terribly one-sided."

Dakota Access Fills As It Prepares To Start Service.

Bloomberg BNA (5/4) reports the Dakota Access Pipeline is being filled with crude oil as it prepares to go into service on May 14. Analysts say the line should rearrange some crude oil flows and boost profit margins for producers in North Dakota. Many production companies and investment bank analysts expect the line to be a boost to gross margins in to $1-3 a barrel range as transportation costs drop and North Dakota prices rise as it assumes greater market access in the Midwest and South.

Torres Backs Review Of Antiquities Act.

The Saipan (MNP) Tribune (5/3, Perez) reports that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, "who witnessed President Donald Trump sign an executive order mandating a review of the Antiquities Act, said there is a need to review the law to ensure that it upholds its original intent." Torres said, "I support the President's decision to review these declarations to ensure they uphold their intents and provide benefits to the people who must live with the long term effects of their [national monuments] presence."

White House Communications Report (sent to WH Comms, Thursday.)

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Federal Register Listings.

Nothing was cleared for the FR on Thursday.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING INITIALLY REVIEWED PURSUANT TO CRITERIA IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13792

Monument	Location	Year(s)	Acreage
Rose Atoll	American Samoa	2009	8,609,045
Grand Canyon-Parashant	Arizona	2000	1,014,000
Ironwood Forest	Arizona	2000	128,917
Sonoran Desert	Arizona	2001	486.149
Vermilion Cliffs	Arizona	2000	279,568
Northeast Canyons and Seamounts	Atlantic Ocean	2016	3,114,320
Berryessa Snow Mountain	California	2015	330,780
Carrizo Plain	California	2001	204,107
Giant Sequoia	California	2000	327,760
Mojave Trails	California	2016	1,600,000
Sand to Snow	California	2016	154,000
San Gabriel Mountains	California	2014	346,177
Marianas Trench	CNMI/Pacific Ocean	2009	60,938,240
Canyons of the Ancients	Colorado	2000	175,160
Papahanaumokuakea	Hawaii	2006/2016	89,600,000
Craters of the Moon	Idaho	1924/2000	737,525
Upper Missouri River Breaks	Montana	2001	377,346
Basin and Range	Nevada	2015	703,585
Gold Butte	Nevada	2016	296,937
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks	New Mexico	2014	496,330
Rio Grande del Norte	New Mexico	2013	242,555
Cascade Siskiyou	Oregon	2000/2017	100,000
Pacific Remote Islands	Pacific Ocean	2009	55,608,320
Bears Ears	Utah	2016	1,353,000
Grand Staircase-Escalante	Utah	1996	1,700,000
Hanford Reach	Washington	2000	194,450.93

NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DESIGNATION OR EXPANSION WAS MADE WITHOUT ADEQUATE PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Katahadin Woods and Waters	Maine	2016	87,563

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Meeting with State Historic Preservation Office & Utah Department of Heritage and Arts
Meeting with Legislative Leadership & Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes
Meeting with Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)
Meeting with Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition
Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation Dinner

Monday, May 8, 2017
Breakfast Meeting with Utah Federal Delegation
Fly over Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument en route
Black Hawk Helicopter Tour (South Portion of Monument)
HOLD for Media Access - Bears Ears National Monument
Hiking Tour of Bears Ears National Monument
Depart Bears Ears National Monument en route Blanding, UT
Meeting with Friends of Cedar Mesa
Dinner at Edge of Cedar Mesa Museum Hosted by Governor Herbert

Tuesday, May 9, 2017
The Nature Conservancy's Dugout Ranch
HOLD: Media Access - Trailhead at Bears Ears National Monument
Tour Monument via Horseback to Predetermined Sites
Wheels Up Blanding, UT (KBDG) en route Kanab, UT (KKNB)

Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Breakfast Meeting with Kane and Garfield County Commissioners and Area Legislators
Driving Tour of Portions of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
State Helicopter Tour of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
HOLD: Media Access
Wheels Up Kanab, UT (KKNB) en route Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Salt Lake City-Airport East

Thursday, May 11, 2017

POLITICAL EVENT: Keynote Remarks at the RNC Spring Meeting Dinner

Friday, May 12, 2017
Wheels down Billings, MT
VPOTUS lands at 1:00pm MDT
Arrive at Westmoreland Coal Company Tour of Westmoreland Coal Company Property on Horseback
Roundtable with Tribal Leaders & Absaloka Mine Energy Producers
POLITICAL EVENT: Rally for Greg Gianforte, Candidate for MT-AL
VPOTUS remarks at 6:35PM

Long Range: 5/25-5/28. The Secretary will participate in a CODEL sponsored by Senator Murkowski. Arctic Council. Norway, Greenland, Alaska. Various AK events 5/29-5/31.

Upcoming Media
TODAY: The Department will issue a press release and a Federal Register notice requesting information related to the review of the National Monuments under the President's EO.
"Interior Department Releases List of Monuments Under Review, Announces First-Ever for Public to Weigh in on Monuments" - WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior today announced the first ever opportunity for members of the public to officially weigh in on monument designations under the Antiquities Act of 1906, and the Department released the final list of monuments that will be reviewed under the President's Executive Order 13792, issued April 26, 2017. A public comment period is not required for monument designations under the Antiquities Act, however, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and President Trump both strongly believe local input is a critical component of federal land management.

[I am attaching at the end of this report the list of monuments to be reviewed based on the criteria in the Executive Order.]

Speaking Invitations
Accepted
5/6 Montana State University-Northern Commencement Address (Havre, MT)
5/16 DOI Annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony (DC)
5/31 Alaska Oil and Gas Association Conference remarks in Anchorage

Regretted
5/10 Association of California Water Agencies 2017 Spring Conference (Monterey, CA)
5/11 Safari Club International Lobby Day (Crystal City, VA)
5/12 Heritage Foundation's Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies' 2017 Spring Legal Strategy Forum (Colorado Springs, CO)
5/19 Montana Logging Association Annual Meeting (Bozeman, MT)

Outstanding Invitations in Process
5/24 Virginia Chamber of Commerce Energy Conference

Emergency Management
In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 111,650 (+3,804) acres. The fire is 12 (+4)-percent contained and managed by a Type-1 IMT with 503 (+11) personnel,

including 87 (+8) DOI personnel. There are 87 (no change) residences and 17 (no change) commercial structures threatened. The containment date remains November 1.

The National Weather Service reports improving conditions in the central Plains and Midwest, where flood response, including USGS support, continues.

Media of Interest

Secretary Zinke To Meet With Bears Ears Tribal Leaders.
The High Country (CO) News (5/4, Blankenbuehler) reports that During a Wednesday conference call, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition requested an audience with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. Following the call, "a staffer from the Bureau of Land Management's Utah office called the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition on behalf of Interior to set up a meeting with Zinke." According to the coalition, tribal leaders will meet with Zinke on Sunday in Salt Lake City.

North Dakota Gov. Burgum: Trump Appointees Good For State.
The Minot (ND) Daily News (5/4, Ogden) reports that North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum "said he thinks the biggest change for North Dakota as a result of the Trump administration is the president's new team, in particular, two of its members," Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Environmental Protection Agency administration Scott Pruitt. Burgum believes that Zinke will be "good for North Dakota for agriculture, energy, for the tribes, etc."

New Mexico Issues Wolf Release Permit To FWS.
The AP (5/4, Bryan) reports that "despite a pending legal battle over efforts to reintroduce endangered Mexican gray wolves in the American Southwest, New Mexico has cleared the way for the federal government to place two captive-born wolf pups with wild foster families." A permit issued this week by the state Game and Fish Department arrives "after a federal court recently lifted a temporary restraining order that had stopped the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from releasing more of the endangered animals." While New Mexico "still plans to pursue its case in court, the 30-day permit allows for federal wildlife managers to place up to two pups in a den in the Gila National Forest as part of a project aimed at boosting the genetic diversity of wolves in the wild in New Mexico and Arizona."

Legislation Introduced To Stop Offshore Seismic Airgun Use.
WHYY-FM Philadelphia (5/4, Auciello) reports that Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo has "introduced legislation to halt permits for controversial seismic airgun blasting along the Atlantic seaboard." LoBiondo "says the practice, used by petroleum companies to identify oil and gas reservoirs deep in the ocean floor, has 'significant, adverse effects' on marine life." He said, "The ecological damage and negative economic impact caused by seismic testing is clear, which is why there is near-unanimous opposition from local concerned residents, commercial and recreational fishermen, and environmentalists along the Jersey Shore. This bipartisan legislation reaffirms my strong opposition to seismic air-gun testing in waters off South Jersey."

Editorial: Offshore Drilling Opposed.
In an editorial, the Newport News (VA) Daily Press (5/3) opposes offshore drilling and recent President Trump's recent "America First" energy executive order. It argues that "at the present time, there is less urgency than any time in recent memory for an increase in domestic oil production" because "our nation has increased oil production and decreased consumption." As such, "a risk-reward analysis here would be terribly one-sided."

Dakota Access Fills As It Prepares To Start Service.
Bloomberg BNA (5/4) reports the Dakota Access Pipeline is being filled with crude oil as it prepares to go into service on May 14. Analysts say the line should rearrange some crude oil flows and boost profit margins for producers in North Dakota. Many production companies and investment bank analysts expect the line to be a boost to gross margins in to $1-3 a barrel range as transportation costs drop and North Dakota prices rise as it assumes greater market access in the Midwest and South.

Torres Backs Review Of Antiquities Act.
The Saipan (MNP) Tribune (5/3, Perez) reports that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, "who witnessed President Donald Trump sign an executive order mandating a review of the Antiquities Act, said there is a need to review the law to ensure that it upholds its original intent." Torres said, "I support the President's decision to review these declarations to ensure they uphold their intents and provide benefits to the people who must live with the long term effects of their [national monuments] presence."

White House Communications Report (sent to WH Comms, Thursday.)

Federal Register Listings.
Nothing was cleared for the FR on Thursday.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING INITIALLY REVIEWED PURSUANT TO CRITERIA IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13792

Monument	Location	Year(s)	Acreage
Rose Atoll	American Samoa	2009	8,609,045
Grand Canyon-Parashant	Arizona	2000	1,014,000
Ironwood Forest	Arizona	2000	128,917
Sonoran Desert	Arizona	2001	486.149
Vermilion Cliffs	Arizona	2000	279,568
Northeast Canyons and Seamounts	Atlantic Ocean	2016	3,114,320
Berryessa Snow Mountain	California	2015	330,780
Carrizo Plain	California	2001	204,107
Giant Sequoia	California	2000	327,760
Mojave Trails	California	2016	1,600,000
Sand to Snow	California	2016	154,000
San Gabriel Mountains	California	2014	346,177
Marianas Trench	CNMI/Pacific Ocean	2009	60,938,240
Canyons of the Ancients	Colorado	2000	175,160
Papahanaumokuakea	Hawaii	2006/2016	89,600,000
Craters of the Moon	Idaho	1924/2000	737,525
Upper Missouri River Breaks	Montana	2001	377,346
Basin and Range	Nevada	2015	703,585
Gold Butte	Nevada	2016	296,937
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks	New Mexico	2014	496,330
Rio Grande del Norte	New Mexico	2013	242,555
Cascade Siskiyou	Oregon	2000/2017	100,000
Pacific Remote Islands	Pacific Ocean	2009	55,608,320
Bears Ears	Utah	2016	1,353,000
Grand Staircase-Escalante	Utah	1996	1,700,000
Hanford Reach	Washington	2000	194,450.93

NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DESIGNATION OR EXPANSION WAS MADE WITHOUT ADEQUATE PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Katahadin Woods and Waters	Maine	2016	87,563

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Subject: Invitation Letter
To: carleton.bowekaty@ashiwi.org

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Subject: Meeting Invitation
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Subject: Meeting Letter
To:

Good afternoon. Please find attached two letters sent from Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to the Hopi and Zuni Tribes concerning a meeting this Sunday in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the Bears Ears National Monument.

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State Historic Briefing

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To:	Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

SUBJECT: **Meeting with State Historic Preservation Office & Utah Department of Heritage**

DATE: **May 7, 2017** **TIME: 1-2 pm**

FROM: **Maureen Foster, Acting Assistant Secretary**

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To discuss cultural and historic objects within the Bears Ears & Grand Staircase-Escalante N.M..

II. DISCUSSION

The National Park Service has worked with the Utah State Historic Preservation Office on several projects.

In 2014, the state received an Underrepresented Community Grant to complete a Asian and Pacific Islander Survey and Nomination of Historical Resources. $42,050 was awarded for archaeological survey of the Iosepa Polynesian Archaeological District and railroad sites associated with Chinese labor and the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad. The survey has been completed and a National Register nomination is being prepared as a model for future listings of these sites.

The State of Utah has 93 Certified Local Governments (CLGs), the second largest program in the country, Utah's CLGs have made a local commitment to historic preservation and become part of the Federal Preservation Partnership with the NPS and the State Historic Preservation Office, Utah Division of State History. Springfield, UT, a CLG since the start of the program in 1985, recently monies passed through from the Historic Preservation Fund to rehabilitate the windows at the Springville Museum of Art. Constructed in 1936 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the project aided in the long-term preservation provided an improved environment for the artwork displayed in the galleries.

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Subject:	Attachment to : Utah 05074 3:30 BE Tribal Commisison
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- I am aware of misspelling but fear if I correct others will no longer be able to use

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March 17, 2017

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Honorable Michael Scuse
Acting Secretary of the Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Zinke and Acting Secretary Scuse,

This letter is to inform you that the Bears Ears Commission, which was established in President Obama's Bears Ears National Monument Proclamation, is now fully constituted. The elected Commissioners from the five sovereign Native American Tribes are : Alfred Lomahquahu - the Hopi Nation, Davis Filfred and James Adakai - the Navajo Nation, Terry Knight - the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Shaun Chapoose - the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, and Carleton Bowekaty - the Zuni Tribe. We urge you to meet with the Commission members as soon as possible, and there will be a good opportunity will when Secretary Zinke makes his first visit to Utah as Secretary. This letter sets forth the reasons that such meeting would be beneficial as soon as possible.

Our five Tribes were the driving force in the effort to create the Bears Ears National Monument. Our people were forcibly removed from the Bears Ears area in the mid-1800s but we have always continued to return to this cultural landscape for ceremonies, hunting, gathering of herbs and medicines, and other purposes. Then, beginning in 2010, we turned to formal protection. We conducted a tremendous amount of research into the scientific, historic, and cultural values of the region. Based on that research, we developed boundaries for a protected area. Then, in October 2015, we submitted a comprehensive, formal proposal for protection as a national monument or other designated area and took the lead in meetings with the Obama Administration and the Utah Delegation. This was the first time in history that American Indian Tribes had ever petitioned for a national monument or other such designation. Making the monument a reality required long and hard work by a large number of Indian people, especially our tribal leaders and traditional practitioners.

The purpose of the Proclamation is to honor the Tribes, both historic and contemporary, the land, and the relationship between the Tribes and the land. The proclamation, in many places, emphasizes the importance of incorporating tribal traditional knowledge into all aspects of monument management. To be certain that the Tribes are fully represented in managing the new monument, the Proclamation calls for a regime of collaborative management between the tribes and the federal agencies. Our Commission was established "to *ensure* that management decisions affecting the monument reflect tribal expertise and historical knowledge." (emphasis added).

Among other provisions, your two agencies are directed to “partner" with the Commission, to “meaningfully engage” the Commission in monument management, to “carefully and fully consider" recommendations of the Commission, and to conduct “meaningful engagement" with the Commission. All of these provisions are now fully in force as federal law.

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We have heard reports that the Trump Administration may be considering actions to reduce the size of the monument or to eliminate it entirely. If that is correct, we would consider it essential that we are able to have full discussions with you about those possibilities. Of course, from our standpoint, any such actions would be absolute tragedies in terms of impacts on our people today and the eternal values and traditions of our many generations of ancestors. Needless to say, if such actions are not being considered, than the meetings would be extraordinarily productive in terms of starting to put in place a system of collaborative management that would make this monument one of the brightest stars in America's public land system.

We invite you to meet with the Commission when you visit Utah in March so that we may discuss the Bears Ears National Monument, its importance to our Nations, and our management priorities with you. Please contact Commission member Carleton Bowekaty at (505) 879-2826 or Carleton.Bowekaty@ashiwi.org to arrange this meeting.

Respectfully,

Alfred Lomahquahu
Bears Ears Commission Interim Co-Chair

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Cc: Ed Roberson, State Director – Utah, Bureau of Land Management
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Sent:	Wed Mar 08 2017 17:40:25 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Thank you

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From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 04 2017 20:38:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@vistaoutdoor.com>
Subject:	Re: Thank you

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To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Thank you

Sounds good. Safe travels.

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"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 04 2017 15:32:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, James Cason <james_cason@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Update
Attachments:	OS_Draft Notice_EO 13792 Review_50417.docx

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Sent:	Thu May 04 2017 16:00:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
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From:	Daniel Jorjani <daniel_jorjani@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 04 2017 16:01:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>, James Cason <james_cason@ios.doi.gov>
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Anita Bilbao <abilbao@blm.gov>

From:	Anita Bilbao <abilbao@blm.gov>
Sent:	Wed May 03 2017 19:52:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov, kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov
CC:	russell_roddy@ios.doi.gov, caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov, mcrandal@blm.gov, eroberso@blm.gov
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Sent:	Wed May 03 2017 19:54:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	juliette_lillie@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Fwd: Bear Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition Meeting
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Sent:	Thu May 04 2017 12:53:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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To:	"Roddy, Russell" <russell_roddy@ios.doi.gov>, "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Bear Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition Meeting

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Sent:	Tue Mar 07 2017 11:06:24 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"Brown, Laura" <Laura.Brown@sol.doi.gov>
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 15, 2016

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

We are troubled by recent news that you may designate a massive new National Monument in southeast Utah in the next few weeks.[1] Such a unilateral designation infringes on the rights and the way of life of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in the area. This decision could abruptly and permanently close off a substantial area of land respected and used by generations of local Indian Tribes in an area already containing numerous national parks and monuments.[2]

One of the most alarming aspects of this prospective action arises from potential misrepresentations made by the Department of the Interior (DOI) to Indian tribes that DOI and the tribes will allegedly co-manage the monument.[3] As noted in a recent letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, DOI lacks authority to enter into any such cooperative management arrangement with the Tribes in the absence of authorization from Congress.[4] We believe that such misleading promises may have been made by DOI in an attempt to persuade tribal members to support a possible designation. With the long and sordid history of the federal government's treatment of tribal obligations it would be the height of irresponsibility to designate a monument based on misrepresentations.[5]

With this extremely controversial decision allegedly pending, we write to, again, strongly and unequivocally ask that you not designate Bears Ears as a national monument. Doing so will not only deprive local Indian Tribes of use of land they have valued and rights they have

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[1] Brian Maffly, *If Obama declares a mini Bears Ears monument, would anyone in Utah be happy?*, THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, Dec. 9, 2016, *available at* http://www.sltrib.com/home/4689454-155/if-obama-declares-a-mini-bears.
[2] Brian Maffly, *If Obama declares a Bears Ears monument in Utah, could President-elect Trump undo it?*, THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, Nov. 11, 2016, *available at* http://www.sltrib.com/news/4563968-155/if-obama-declares-a-bears-ears.
[3] Dept. of Interior Sec. Order No. 3342 (Oct 21, 2016). https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/so3342_partnerships.pdf.
[4] Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Hon. Sally Jewell, Sec'y, U.S. Dept. of the Interior (Dec. 9, 2016).
[5] Hansi Lo Wang, *Broken Promisies On Display At Native American Treaties Exhibit.*. NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, Jan. 18, 2015 *available at* http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2015/01/18/368559990/broken-promises-on-display-at-native-american-treaties-exhibit.

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enjoyed, but it will also ensure that we will be unable to work towards a commonsense Congressional solution that could allow for co-management with affected Tribes.

Sincerely,

Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senator

Jason Chaffetz
Member of Congress

Michael S. Lee
United States Senator

Rob Bishop
Member of Congress

Enclosure

cc: President Russell Begaye

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December 29, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Madam Secretary:

On December 28, 2016, President Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and the Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada pursuant to his authority under the Antiquities Act.[1] Advocates for this action touted it as a means to establish a co-management agreement for Bears Ears between the federal government and a group of Native American tribes.[2] In fact, in the press release announcing these new national monuments, the White House recognizes the importance of tribal participation in the management of the land and asserts this action serves as a tool to achieve co-management.[3] Co-management of public lands, however, requires the approval of Congress.[4] Advocacy organizations, federal agencies, and the White House have all put out differing opinions on co-management, and it is important to clarify the bounds of the President's authority. I am writing to obtain more information about how and why the President exercised his authority in this case.

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[1] *Rumors point toward possible December 23 designation. Anxiety builds over possible national monument,* SAN JUAN RECORD, Dec. 13, 2016, *available at* http://www.sjrnews.com/view/full_story/27329673/article-Rumors-point-toward-possible-December-23-designation--Anxiety-builds-over-possible-national-monument-?instance=home_news_left.

[2] Amy Jol O'Donoghue, *Native American chairman says Jewell order lacks equality for tribes*, DESERET NEWS, Oct. 21, 2016, *available at* http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865665388/Bears-Ears-coalition-leader-says-Jewell-order-lacks-equality-for-tribes.html?pg=all.

[3] FACT SHEET: President Obama to Designate New National Monuments Protecting Significant Natural and Cultural Resources in Utah and Nevada, https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/28/fact-sheet-president-obama-designate-new-national-monuments-protecting.

[4] *See U.S. Telecom Ass'n v. FCC*, 359 F.3d 554, 565-66 (D.C. Cir. 2004) ("[S]ubdelegations to outside parties are assumed to be improper absent an affirmative showing of congressional authorization . . . . When an agency delegates authority to its subordinate, responsibility—and thus accountability—clearly remain with the federal agency. But when an agency delegates power to outside parties, lines of accountability may blur, undermining an important democratic check on government decision-making. Also, delegation to outside entities increases the risk that these parties will not share the agency's "national vision and perspective . . . ."). *See also High Country Citizens' Alliance v. Norton*, 448 F. Supp. 2d 1235, 1246-1247 (D. Colo. 2006) (similar, citing U.S. Telecom).

The President has exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act to create or expand at least 25 national monuments—more than any other president in history.[5] His sweeping application of the Antiquities Act raises questions about the Administration's commitment to transparency and consultation with local stakeholders with respect to designating national monuments. It also raises serious questions about whether these designations are limited to the, "smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected."[6] The Antiquities Act "was designed to protect federal lands and resources quickly" in response to concerns about "theft from and destruction of archaeological sites."[7] In most cases, however, the processes outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) are most appropriate because they require environmental studies, a review of the public purpose, and an opportunity for public participation before any federal agency action.[8] The NEPA and the FLPMA processes provide for a more thoughtful determination, whereas the Antiquities Act was meant to be reserved for emergency scenarios.

Until yesterday, the Administration's actions with respect to Bears Ears more closely resembled the NEPA and FLPMA process. In anticipation of the Bears Ears designation, the Department of the Interior took on a large role in gathering input and coordinating planning.[9] You, Secretary Jewell, visited the potential site for a listening session.[10] In fact, during a hearing before the Subcommittee on the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Neil Kornze testified that BLM and the White House have been coordinating.[11] It is therefore unclear why the President opted to designate a massive national monument in Utah via the Antiquities Act in the waning days of his presidency, and to ignore federal environmental and procedural laws enacted to ensure stakeholders and other affected parties have a meaningful role in determining the outcome.

Similarly, the President's actions with regard to the Gold Butte National Monument designation bypassed Congress and the public. Located in Clark County, Nevada, the Gold Butte National Monument spans nearly 300,000 acres.[12] Such a large designation, made unilaterally, deprives the American people and their elected representatives a collaborative discussion on how best to protect the land for all to enjoy. Large designations such as Gold Butte Monument are the type of major federal agency action envisioned by our federal environmental and procedural laws.

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[5] H. Sterling Burnett, *Obama's Dangerous Use of The National Monument law*, FORBES, Oct. 12 2016.
[6] Antiquities Act of 1906, 54 U.S.C. §§320301-320303
[7] Carol Hardy Vincent, "National Monuments and the Antiquities Act," Cong. Research Serv. (2016) (R41330).
[8] *Id.*
[9] Amy Jol O'Donoghue, *Bears Ears Controversy Ramps Up With Jewell's Visit; Bishop's Planned Legislation*, KSL NEWS, July 13, 2016, *available at* https://www.ksl.com/?sid=40632616&nid=148&title=bears-ears-controversy-ramps-up-with-jewells-visit-bishops-planned-legislation.
[10] *Id.*
[11] *Examining BLM Public Lands Leasing Hearing Before the Subcomm. on the Interior of the H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform,* 114th Cong. 14 (2016) (statement of Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management) (Mr. Kornze: "I am talking about looking at the country and figuring out where would this be appropriate, where would it not?" Mr. Gosar: "So there is some conversation going on between the White House and BLM and agencies in regards to antiquities withdrawal?" Mr. Kornze: "Yes.").
[12] *See supra* note 3.

Furthermore, in a letter dated March 29, 2016, this Committee, along with the House Committees on Natural Resources and on Appropriations, requested information related to use of the Antiquities Act of 1906.[13] After receiving an inadequate response, a follow up letter was sent on May 11, 2016.[14] As outlined in both letters, the Committees are interested in the Administration's process for using the Antiquities Act. Specifically, the Committees requested documents and communications from the Council on Environmental Quality and the Department of the Interior (DOI) referring or relating to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from January 1, 2015, to the present.

To date, DOI has only provided a very limited response to the Committee that largely consisted of public statements and news clippings. If the Department does not produce these documents voluntarily, the Committee will be required to obtain them through compulsory measures.

Please immediately provide the documents requested in the Committee's March 29th and May 11th letters. In addition, please produce the following documents as soon as possible, but not later than January 13, 2017:

1. All calendars, including all meetings and attendees, for all DOI employees involved or referenced in any discussions related to any national monument selection or designation.

2. The daily schedules and call logs for Secretary Jewell, Tommy Beaudreau, Nikki Buffa and Neil Kornze from April 21, 2013, to present.

3. All communications between any DOI employee and White House staff, including but not limited to Senior Advisor Brian Deese, between January 2015 and present.

4. All documents and communications referring or related to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from April 21, 2013, to present.

5. All documents and communications related to the reduction in size, limitation, or repeal of a national monument from January 20, 2009, to present.

Additionally, please make available for transcribed interview the following three DOI officials as soon as possible, but not later than January 20, 2017: Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze; your Chief of Staff Tommy Beaudreau; and DOI employee Nikki Buffa.

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[13] Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, Hon. Rob Bishop Chairman, H. Comm. on Nat. Resources, and Hon. Harold Rogers, Chairman, H. Comm. on Appropriations, to Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior (Mar. 29, 2016).

[14] Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, and Hon. Cynthia Lummis, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform Subcommittee on the Interior, to Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior (May 11, 2016).

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X.

Please contact Chris Esparza of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 to schedule the interviews, or with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jason Chaffetz
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member

Conversation Contents

Itinerary

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Subject:	Re: Itinerary

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Location: Governor's Conference Room

3:30-4:30pm MDT: **Meeting with Bears Ears Commission**
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Location: Governor's Office of Economic Development, Canyonlands
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Monday, May 8, 2017

Salt Lake City, UT → Blanding, UT

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Location: Blanding, UT

1:30-5:00pm MDT: **HOLD: Hiking Tour of Bears Ears National Monument**

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6:00-7:00pm MDT: **Meeting with Friends of Cedar Mesa**
Location: Edge of Cedar Mesa Museum

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8:30pm MDT: **RON**

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Bears Ears National Monument → Kanab, UT

7:30-8:00am MDT: **Breakfast**

8:15-9:00am MDT: **Depart RON en route The Nature Conservancy's Dugout Ranch**

9:00-11:30am MDT: **Meeting with The Nature Conservancy**
Note: Requested 2.5 hour meeting

12:00-1:00pm MST: **Depart Dugout Ranch en route Bears Ears**

1:00-6:00pm MDT: **Horseback Travel in Monument to Predetermined Sites**

6:00-6:45pm MDT: **Depart Bears Ears National Monument en route Blanding, UT**

6:45-7:00pm MDT: **Arrive Blanding Municipal Airport // Board Planes**

7:00-8:00pm MDT: **Wheels Up Blanding, UT (KBDG) en route Kanab, UT (KKNB)**

8:00-8:05pm MDT: **Wheels Down Kanab Municipal Airport // Proceed to Vehicles**

8:05-TBDpm MDT: **Depart Kanab Municipal Airport en route RON**

Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Kanab, UT → Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument → Salt Lake City, UT

8:00-9:00am MDT: **Breakfast Meeting with Kane and Garfield County Commissioners and Area Legislators**

9:00-10:00am MDT: **Depart Breakfast en route Big Water, UT**

10:00-12:00pm MDT: **Tour of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**

12:00-1:00pm MDT: **Lunch**

1:00-2:00pm MDT: **Helicopter Tour of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**

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Anita

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White House Communications Report (sent to WH Comms, Wednesday.)

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- Bloomberg, The Hill, McClatchy, others – REQUEST – Comment on the League of Conservation Voters and others suing the administration for the offshore energy executive order. – RESONSE – Directed questions about litigation to DOJ.

- A number of inquiries asking for details on upcoming Utah trip.

Top Stories

- Bloomberg Politics: Trump's Arctic Plan Challenged by Environmental Groups

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Federal Register Listings.

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The Washington Examiner (5/3, Siciliano) reports conservative and free-market groups sent a letter to all senators calling for them to act on a House-passed bill to roll back an Interior Department methane emission rule for the oil and natural gas industry. The deadline for the reversal under the Congressional Review Act comes next week. Part of the delay may be that Republican senators supporting ethanol fuels want to link their votes on the matter to "a bill to eliminate a restriction on selling higher blends of gasoline and ethanol in the summer."

<u>White House Communications Report</u> (sent to WH Comms, Wednesday.)
Inquiries
- EE News, Huffington Post, McClatchy, SL Tribune, others - REQUEST – Comment on the criticism by the tribal coalition that Sec. Zinke is ignoring them to overturn Bears Ears. – RESPONSE - The claims that the Secretary is not consulting Tribes regarding Bears Ears is false. Consultation is a priority of the Secretary, and was noted during the announcement of the monuments review, he recognized that Tribes are an important voice in this review process. Prior to today's press conference, The Department had been in touch with the Bears Ears Tribal Commission (which is made up of representatives of the Navajo, Hopi, Ute Mountain Ute, Ute Indian of the Uintah Ouray, and Zuni Tribes) about setting up a meeting. The informal invitations have already been sent and we are in the process of sending formal

invitations. Local communities will finally have a voice in the monument process and the Secretary looks forward to meeting with them and other important stakeholders next week.

- Bloomberg, The Hill, McClatchy, others – REQUEST – Comment on the League of Conservation Voters and others suing the administration for the offshore energy executive order. – RESONSE – Directed questions about litigation to DOJ.
- A number of inquiries asking for details on upcoming Utah trip.

Top Stories

- Bloomberg Politics: Trump's Arctic Plan Challenged by Environmental Groups
  - Washington Post, AP, Washington Times
- McClatchy: Tribes who lobbied for Utah monument now under review say Trump team is ignoring them
  - Deseret (UT) News, Huffington Post, Salt Lake (UT) Tribune
- RVBusiness: Recreation Leaders Praise Agenda Set By Secretary Zinke.

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- TOMORROW: Secretary Zinke will be on the Hill
- SATURDAY: Zinke will deliver the commencement address at Montana State University-Northern campus in Havre MT (2+ hours from closest media market)
- SUNDAY-THURSDAY: Secretary Zinke will travel to Utah where he will have a series of meetings and tour two national monuments up for review
- FYI: The U.S. Geological Survey will release a new report on “critical minerals” noting that the U.S. is 100% reliant on China for about half of all “critical minerals” and is reliant on Russia and Canada for many others. This could be a strong America First opportunity. We are working to ID messaging opportunities with upcoming rollout.

Federal Register Listings.

Nothing was cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

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Date: Wed, May 3, 2017 at 2:50 PM
Subject: Fwd: Comment for Reclamation
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Not sure why they are sending to us. I am not sure where to send this.

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From William Quapp (bill@quapp.com) on 05/03/2017 at 12:05:34MSGBODY:
Please forward this to Secretary Zinke

I oppose rescinding the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. The congressional delegation does not represent the vast majority of Utahans of either political party. I am a Republican but an American First!

The congressional delegation has the bully pulpit but they do not speak for most of us. They speak as though the land was private and now taken over by the Federal Government. That is clearly not the truth. There was an effort to protect the land via a negotiated good faith compromise called the Public Lands Initiative. It failed because it was one sided.

We need to protect the Bears Ear Monument for future generations. The country has more than enough coal and fossil fuel supplies now and for the foreseeable future. If a shortage develops in future generations, legislative action can be taken then to extract the energy. In the interim, we need to protect the land.

Have a great day!

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To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: draft letter v2

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Sent: Thu May 04 2017 05:40:28 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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"Benedetto, Kathleen" <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Benedetto, Kathleen" <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed May 03 2017 17:03:31 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	James Cason <james_cason@ios.doi.gov>, Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>, Megan Bloomgren <megan_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov>, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Early Alert - Rally for Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante

FYI

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From: **Ellis-Wouters, Lesli** <lellis@blm.gov>
Date: Tue, May 2, 2017 at 11:19 AM
Subject: Early Alert - Rally for Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante
To: Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>, BLM_WO_100 <blm_wo_100@blm.gov>, Cynthia Moses-Nedd <cnedd@blm.gov>, Derrick Henry <djhenry@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Jill Ralston <jralston@blm.gov>, Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>, Matthew Allen <mrallen@blm.gov>, Megan Crandall <mcrandal@blm.gov>, Patrick Wilkinson <p2wilkin@blm.gov>, Kristin Bail <kbail@blm.gov>

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EARLY ALERT

To: WO BLM/DOI Officials

From: BLM-UT State Office

Through: Division Chief, WO Public Affairs

Date: May 2, 2017

Subject: Rally for Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante NM's and telephone campaign to Secretary Zinke

regarding protection of National Monuments

What: Rally Planned at Utah State Capitol Building, phone/email campaign planned for Tues. May 2, 2017.

Who: Sponsored by Grand Staircase Escalante Partners

Where: Utah State Capitol Building, Salt Lake City, Utah

When: Saturday, May 16, 2017 at 1 p.m.

Background: BLM-Monument Manager for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was notified of the planned event via email from Grand Staircase Escalante Partners. Event is being shared via social media and emails to members. The event is in response to the President's executive order issued April 26, 2017 directing a review of the monuments and an anticipated visit to the area from Secretary Zinke. Grand Staircase Escalante Partners are also coordinating a phone/email campaign to Secretary Zinke regarding the perceived threat to America's National Monuments on 2 May 2017.

Contact: Mike Richardson, Acting External Affairs Chief, (801) 539-4020

Lesli J. Ellis-Wouters
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Fwd: DOI Photos - EO

Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed May 03 2017 16:55:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Fwd: DOI Photos - EO

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From: "Bell, Allyson (Lee)" <Allyson_Bell@lee.senate.gov>
Date: May 3, 2017 at 6:34:56 PM EDT
To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: DOI Photos - EO

Thanks Micah,

And thank you for all you are doing to facilitate our requests, phone calls, and emails. I'm sure you've learned more about UT and Bears Ears than you ever thought possible or wanted to know. We are very appreciative of the Secretary's time and willingness to come to Utah.

I did have one question. I know you are not in charge of the schedule, but I noticed a meeting scheduled with Senator Hatch and Governor Herbert. Is there a reason that Senator Lee isn't included? Just wondering. Thanks.

Allyson

From: Allyson Bell <Allyson_Bell@lee.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 4:44 PM
To: Allyson Bell <Allyson_Bell@lee.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: DOI Photos - EO

From: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 1:07 PM
To: "Knox, Jason" <jason.knox@mail.house.gov>, "Schafle, Matt" <matt.schafle@mail.house.gov>, "molly.block@mail.house.gov" <molly.block@mail.house.gov>, "Lane, Michelle (Energy)" <Michelle_Lane@energy.senate.gov>, "Hayes, Colin (Energy)" <Colin_Hayes@energy.senate.gov>, "jay.royas@investguam.com"

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Thank you all for coming today. Here is the link for the DOI photos from today's event. More info to follow:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/usinterior/sets/72157682990153306/

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Hi Kathleen,

Tyler Ashcroft from the Utah BLM office called me this morning about a meeting on Sunday. An official letter and invitation, which includes details on the meeting location and time, should be sent from DOI, and emailed to bearsearscommission@gmail.com, as well as the following leaders:

Councilman Carleton Bowekaty, carleton.bowekaty@ashiwi.org
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Vice President Jonathan Nez, (b) (6) [redacted]
Speaker Lorenzo Bates, (b) (6) [redacted]
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Sent:	Wed May 03 2017 15:58:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent:	Wed May 03 2017 16:00:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
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To:	Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
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White House Communications Report (sent to WH Comms, Tuesday.)
No report was sent to the White House on Tuesday.

Federal Register Listings.
Sent to the FR on Tuesday.

REG0006982 BIA Notice of Service Area Designation. This Notice announces the BIA's approval of the designation of Kern County, California, as a service area for the Tejon Indian Tribe for purposes of operating the BIA financial assistance and/or social services programs as authorized under 25 CFR part 20, Financial Assistance and Social Services Programs. Notice 05/02/2017.

REG0006980 FWS Incidental Take Permit Application; Draft Habitat Conservation Plan for the R-Project Transmission Line, and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) has applied for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the R-Project transmission line in north-central Nebraska. The permit would authorize the take of the federally endangered American burying beetle incidental to the construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line. Notice 05/02/2017.

REG0006977 ONRR Major Portion Prices and Due Date for Additional Royalty Payments on Indian Gas Production in Designated Areas Not Associated with an Index Zone. To value gas produced from Indian leases, ONRR is required to determine major portion prices and to notify industry by publishing the prices in the Federal Register. ONRR also must publish a due date for industry to pay additional royalties based on the major portion prices. Consistent with these requirements, this Notice provides major portion prices for the 12 months of calendar year 2015. Notice 05/02/2017.

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BLM-Utah has reached out, however the Tribal Commission has requested the Office of the Secretary send formal written invite (responsive to their letters and requests to meet).

BLM-Utah reaching out is different than them hearing from the Office of the Secretary.

Kathy I believe emailed the co-chair yesterday, however I don't know if they have spoken.

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"Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue May 02 2017 08:10:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Monuments data

OK - see you then

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 10:10 AM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
The one in between the deputy chief of staff and chief of staff office in the secretary hallway- I don't know the number...

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2017, at 10:08 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

See you then - where is your office?

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 10:07 AM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Yes let's talk at 2

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"Benedetto, Kathleen" <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Benedetto, Kathleen" <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Mon May 01 2017 16:34:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Nizhone Meza <nizhone@utahdinebikeyah.org>
CC:	Davis Filfred (b) (6) [redacted], Linda Thurn <lthurn@blm.gov>
BCC:	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Re: Zinke Meeting request

Dear Nizhone,

I will give you a call in the morning. The Secretary is not in DC at the moment. KB

On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 11:39 AM, Nizhone Meza <nizhone@utahdinebikeyah.org> wrote:

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Sent:	Mon May 01 2017 15:50:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Zinke Meeting request

FYI

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From: **Thurn, Linda** <lthurn@blm.gov>
Date: Mon, May 1, 2017 at 5:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Zinke Meeting request
To: "SIO, Scheduling" <scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: nizhone@utahdinebikeyah.org

Good afternoon,

I am forwarding a meeting request for the Secretary.

Thanks,
Linda

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From: **Nizhone Meza** <nizhone@utahdinebikeyah.org>
Date: Mon, May 1, 2017 at 11:39 AM
Subject: Zinke Meeting request
To: kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov
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Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>

From:	Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>
Sent:	Mon May 01 2017 13:16:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Anita Bilbao <abilbao@blm.gov>
Subject:	Draft
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Anita Bilbao <abilbao@blm.gov>

From:	Anita Bilbao <abilbao@blm.gov>
Sent:	Mon May 01 2017 14:19:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>
CC:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Draft

Thanks, Ed. Downey, I left my card/contact info w Gisella, and am avail to come meet and talk with you. Thanks, Anita Sent from my iPhone > On May 1, 2017, at 3:16 PM, Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov> wrote: > > Downey, here is the itinerary I sent to Kathy last week. I have copied > Anita and provided her your contact information. She will reach out to > you shortly and should be a MIB soon. Ed > >

Monticello Field Office/San Juan County Field Trip

Sunday, May 7 - Travel

1:00 PM (ET) - 6:50 PM (MST)	Travel- Washington, D.C. to Cortez, CO	

Preferred Flights:

Option 1: DCA to Cortez		
Frontier (DCA-DEN)	Departs: 1:25 PM (MT)	Arrives: 3:22 PM (MT)
Boutique Airlines 778 (DEN-CEZ)	Departs: 5:30 PM (MT)	Arrives: 6:50 PM (MT)
Option 2: IAD to Cortez		
United UA 696 (IAD-DEN)	Departs: 2:35 PM (ET)	Arrives: 4:30 PM (MT)
Boutique Airlines 778 (DEN-CEZ)	Departs: 5:30 PM (MT)	Arrives: 6:50 PM (MT)

7:00-8:00	Travel- Cortez, CO to Monticello, Blanding, or Bluff, UT

Vehicle can be shuttled to Cortez, CO by Monticello Field Office or we can arrange for pick-up upon arrival.

Monday, May 8 - Cedar Mesa

<u>Morning Session- Internal Perspectives</u>

Objective: Discuss BLM's cultural and recreation program concerns and needs, including impacts of increased visitation.

6:30 - 7:30 AM	Travel- Monticello, UT to Kane Gulch Ranger Station
7:30-8:15 AM	Meeting with select BLM Monticello Field Office Staff

A light breakfast (coffee, juice, fruits, donuts, and bagels) will be served.

Alternative: Meeting could be held at the Monticello Field Office rather than Kane Gulch Ranger Station.

8:15-9:00 AM	Travel to Moon House Ruin
9:00:11:15 AM	Guided tour of Moon House Ruin Laura Lantz-Career Seasonal Scott Edwards-Career Seasonal Cameron Cox- Archeologist
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	Return to Kane Gulch Ranger Station

BLM participants TBD. Optional participants include representatives from the Manti-La Sal National Forest and National Park Service (Southeastern Utah Group and Hovenweep/Bridges)

Afternoon Session-Tribal Perspectives

Objective- Provide American Indian Tribes an opportunity to discuss historical and spiritual significance of the Bears Ears region.

12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Lunch with with Bears Ears Commission/ American Indian Tribes
1:00 PM- 4:30 PM	Field tour of highway 95 cultural sites with Tribes (Target/Ballroom, House on Fire, Butler and Mule Canyon)

Lunch Location TBD. Options include Kane Gulch Ranger Station, Natural Bridges National Monument, Mule Canyon, or Salvation Knoll. A catered lunch will be served (sandwiches, chips, drinks, cookies).

BLM participants TBD. Estimated number of participants is 15-25 people.

Recommendation: Allow Tribes to assist in identifying sites they would like to visit during the afternoon session.

Evening Session- External Partner's Perspectives (Friends Groups)

Objective- Provide friends group and other local partners an opportunity to discuss resources in the southern portion of the Bears Ears National Monument and the impacts on recreational tourism.

4:30- 5:00 PM	Travel to Moki Dugway
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5:30-6:00 PM	Travel to Mexican Hat
6:30-7:30 PM	Dinner at private restaurant
7:30-8:00 PM	Travel to Sand Island/Bluff, UT
8:00-8:30 PM	Optional stop at Sand Island Recreation Site/ Sand Island Petroglyphs prior to arriving in Bluff, UT

BLM participants to TBD. Potential participants in the evening session include Friends of Cedar Mesa, Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation, local business representatives, and river guides/outfitters. As an alternative, evening session could be open to American Indian Tribes/Navajo representatives rather than friends groups.

Tuesday, May 9 - Indian Creek

Morning Session- Locals Perspectives

Objective- Allow private landowners and other local interested public an opportunity to share perspectives on the Bears Ears National Monument. Discuss recreation, scenic and cultural resource values of the Indian Creek corridor.

Option 1-

7:30-8:00 AM	Travel to Edge of Cedars State Park
8:00-9:00 AM	Edge of Cedars Museum
9:00-10:00 AM	Travel to Indian Creek
10:00-10:30 AM	Newspaper Rock
10:30-11:00 AM	Shay Canyon Rock Art
11:30-12:00 AM	Recreation/Rock Climbing Site
12:00-12:45 PM	Lunch at BLM group site or Dugout Ranch
12:45-2:15 PM	Travel from Indian Creek to Cortez, CO
3:25-10:55 PM	Travel from Cortez, CO to Washington, D.C.

Advantages- This option provides the BLM with an opportunity to see archeological resources from Cedar Mesa region and to discuss concerns related to looting and vandalism. The BLM would also highlight our partnership with the Edge of Cedars State Park and the Respect and Protect campaign. In addition to visiting the Edge of Cedars, the BLM may have additional time to see recreation and cultural resource sites in Indian Creek corridor and highlight some of the agencies proposed recreational projects.

Option 2-

7:30-9:00 AM	Travel to Indian Creek
9:00-9:30 AM	Newspaper Rock Site meet Heidi Redd, private property owner, RAC member
9:30-10:15 AM	Shay Canyon Rock Art Site

10:15-11:30 AM	Travel from Indian Creek to Needles Overlook
11:30 AM-12:15 PM	Lunch at Needles Overlook
12:15-2:15 PM	Travel from Canyon Rims to Cortez, CO
3:25 (MST) -10:55 PM (ET)	Travel from Cortez, CO to Washington, D.C.

Option 1: Cortez to IAD (*w/ red eye to IAD)*

Boutique Airlines 776 (CEZ-DEN)	Departs: 4:30 PM (MT)	Arrives: 5:50 PM (MT)
United UA 1260 (DEN-IAD)	Departs: 11:59 PM (MT)	Arrives: **Wed** 5:19 AM (ET)

Option 2: Cortez to IAD (*No nonstop DCA options available for itinerary on 5/9*)

Boutique Airlines 777 (CEZ-DEN)	Departs: 3:25 PM (MT)	Arrives: 4:45 PM (MT)
United UA 344 (DEN-IAD)	Departs: 5:35 PM (MT)	Arrives: 10:55 PM (ET)

This option will only work if no bags are checked- otherwise the connection is too short. There is also a risk that delays could resulted in missed connecting flights.

Option 3: Cortez to DCA (*w/ overnight in Denver*)

Boutique Airlines 776 (CEZ-DEN)	Departs: 4:30 PM (MT)	Arrives: 5:50 PM (MT)
Frontier 722 (DEN-DCA)	Departs: **Wed**7:10 AM (ET)	Arrives: **Wed**12:33 PM (ET)

<u>Advantages</u>- The Needles Overlook provides a spectacular panoramic view of northern portions of the Bears Ears National Monument. Visiting the area would provide the BLM with an opportunity to showcase areas that are have not been covered during the rest of the field trip. At Needles Overlook, the BLM would be able to discuss oil and gas potential, and explain the northwestern boundary/Lockhart Basin.

Lunch location TBD. Options include a BLM group site in Indian Creek, the Dugout Ranch, or Needles Overlook recreational site. A catered lunch will be served (sandwiches, chips, drinks, cookies).

If a decision is made to invite the Tribes to the 5/7 evening session, Friends of Cedar Mesa and other friends groups could be invited to the 5/8 morning session. This would give the BLM more time with the Tribes. Additional participants could include local rock art specialist or representatives from access organizations.

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From:	Amanda Kaster <amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Mon May 01 2017 13:06:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov, downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Apr 28 2017 10:28:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Navaro, Ann" <ann.navaro@sol.doi.gov>, Aaron Moody <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>, "Brown, Laura" <laura.brown@sol.doi.gov>
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From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Sun Apr 30 2017 14:31:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov
CC:	james_cason@ios.doi.gov
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Sent:	Sun Apr 30 2017 14:56:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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From:	Daniel Jorjani <daniel_jorjani@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Apr 28 2017 17:09:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov
CC:	kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov, downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Fwd: Bears Ears visit invitation

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> **From:** Daniel Jorjani <daniel_jorjani@ios.doi.gov>
> **Date:** April 28, 2017 at 7:07:49 PM EDT
> **To:** Josh Ewing <josh@cedarmesafriends.org>
> **Cc:** "kathy_benedetto@ios.doi.gov" <kathy_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>, "kathy_benedetto@blm.gov" <kathy_benedetto@blm.gov>, Edwin L Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>, "Rasure, Nora -FS" <Nrasure@fs.fed.us>
> **Subject: Re: Bears Ears visit invitation**
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> Mr. Ewing:
>
> Thank you for the kind invitation. We will forward to the Scheduling Office.
>
> Respectfully,
>
> Daniel Jorjani
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Apr 28, 2017, at 6:31 PM, Josh Ewing <josh@cedarmesafriends.org> wrote:
>
>> Dan and Kathy: I run a local conservation group based in Bluff, Utah (within sight of the Bears Ears National Monument). When former Secretary Sally Jewell visited the area, we invited her to join us on the ground for a hike to see the archaeology of the area.
>>
>> I'd like to extend a similar invitation to Secretary Zinke should he choose to visit southeastern Utah as part of his review of the Monument designation.

I have attached a formal invitation letter and would welcome any questions or response you might have.

Sincerely,

Josh Ewing
***Executive Director,* Friends of Cedar Mesa**
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DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 4/28/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary will participate the Offshore Energy EO signing in the Oval.

TODAY: The Secretary will travel with the President to Atlanta to address the NRA.

5/1: Secretary will travel to Houston to address the Consumer Energy Alliance Offshore Technology Conference.

5/1: Secretary will sign Secretarial Orders on offshore energy and establishing a new Energy Advisor position.

5/2: Secretary will meet speak at the National Tribal Energy Summit (DC), meet with San Juan

County Commissioners. Meeting with Meeting with California Assembly Members. Meeting with Partnership of Rangeland Trust Meeting.

5/3: Address the Land Trust Alliance meeting in Washington.

5/4: Secretary will meet with Meeting with Secretary Perdue.

5/5: DOGGY DAY at DOI. Travel to Montana.

5/6: Secretary will address MSU-Northern Commencement Address in Montana.

Long Range: 5/25-5/28. The Secretary will participate in a CODEL sponsored by Senator Murkowski. Arctic Council. Norway, Greenland, Alaska. Various AK events 5/29-5/31.

Upcoming Media

Secretary Zinke Applauds Nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY - 4/28/2017 - Last edited 4/28/2017

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump today announced the nomination of Department of the Interior veteran David Bernhardt as the Interior's Deputy Secretary.

"I am excited to announce the President and I have selected Dave Bernhardt to help me lead the Interior Department," said Secretary Zinke. "Bernhardt's extensive experience serving under Secretary Norton and his legal career is exactly what is needed to help streamline government and make the Interior and our public lands work for the American economy."

Secretary Zinke Commends President Trump's Offshore Executive Order

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Executive Orders

Secretary will participate in the EO on offshore energy signing today.

Speaking Invitations

Accepted

4/28 NRA Leadership Forum, Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA.

5/1 Offshore Technology Conference (Houston, TX)

5/2 National Tribal Energy Summit (DC)

5/3 Public Lands Trust, Washington, DC

5/6 Montana State University-Northern Commencement Address (Havre, MT)

5/16 DOI Annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony (DC)

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Regretted

5/1 Ducks Unlimited at the Canadian Embassy regretted

5/3 Tribal Leaders Economic Growth and Fair Taxation Summit (DC)

5/10 Association of California Water Agencies 2017 Spring Conference (Monterey, CA)

5/12 Heritage Foundation's Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies' 2017 Spring Legal Strategy Forum (Colorado Springs, CO)

5/19 Montana Logging Association Annual Meeting (Bozeman, MT)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

5/11 Safari Club International Lobby Day (Crystal City, VA)

NEED CABINET AFFAIRS ASSISTANCE ON THIS ITEM: Sportsmen's Event with POTUS/VP: NOTE: The Department is starting to make plans to move forward on this on our own. Formal request submitted to Cabinet Affairs outlining a proposed "Sportsmen's" announcement of $1.1 billion in funding for hunting and fishing activities. NOTE: the Department will need to announce this soon. The President's trip to PA this weekend likely means we would do the announcement elsewhere.

Emergency Management

In Arizona, the Sawmill Fire has burned 46,954 (+6,598) acres and is 40 (+20)-percent contained. The fire has transitioned to a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 799 (+193) personnel assigned, which includes 140 (+35) DOI personnel. There are 300 (no change) residential structures threatened and 412 (no change) evacuees. The containment date has been set for May 3.

The Cowbell Fire in Florida, at 21,840 acres burned and 75-percent containment, has transitioned to a Type-3 IMT with 156 (-92) personnel assigned, which includes 75 (-11) DOI personnel. One unspecified responder injury has been reported. The containment date remains April 30.

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 80,768 (+6,792) acres. The fire is 8 (no change)-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 IMT with 529 (+24) personnel, including 91 (-2) DOI personnel. There are 79 (no change) residences and 3 (no change) commercial structures threatened. The containment date is November 1. Two

refuge entrance closures have been reported.

The USGS has deployed several crews in response to flooding in Missouri and Arkansas, and expects flooding impacts and crew deployments to continue through Saturday, possibly into early next week.

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Upcoming Media

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Executive Orders
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Outstanding Invitations in Process
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To: WO BLM/DOI Officials

From: BLM-UT State Office

Through: Division Chief, WO Public Affairs

Date: April 26, 2017

Subject: White Mesa Uranium Mill rally and protest walk

What: Scheduled rally and protest walk to show concern about the mill's impacts on the people, land, water, and air of southern Utah

Who: The Grand Canyon Trust (event organizer)

Where: White Mesa Community Center, White Mesa, Utah

When: Scheduled for 05/13/2017 at 11 a.m.

Background: On May 13, the Grand Canyon Trust has planned a public rally and protest walk across the Colorado Plateau, from the Ute Mountain Ute tribal community of White Mesa to the White Mesa uranium mill, to show concern about the mill's impacts on the people, land, water, and air of southern Utah.

The White Mesa Mill is located just three miles from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's White Mesa community. The mill processes uranium ore from mines across the Colorado Plateau as well as radioactive waste transported from toxic sites across North America.

The White Mesa Mill is not located on BLM managed lands; however, BLM has two pending Energy Fuels Resources' projects decisions, both of which intend to use White Mesa Mill for processing ore as part of their Mine Plan of Operations. The Environmental Assessment associated with the project contains analysis of the impacts associated with hauling to and processing at the mill.

Those pending projects are:

1) La Sal Uranium Mine Complex (BLM-Moab and Manti-La Sal NF joint project to improve vent shafts, tailings piles, and interim reclamation measures); and

2) Daneros Uranium Mine - proposed mine plan modification, proposing expansion from four to 40 acres over a period of up to 20 years.

Neither mine is currently operating due to economic conditions, although both have existing and approved mine plans of operation.

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Best,
Natasha

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The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, a partnership of the Hopi, Navajo, Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute, and Zuni Tribal governments, is deeply troubled by the Executive Order directing the Department of Interior to review and propose changes to national monuments, and by your statements that Bears Ears will undergo such a review within 45 days. The designation of the Bears Ears National Monument was a long overdue moment in the protection of our cultural and spiritual heritage. Our Tribal governments have made it clear that any change to the monument would undermine the efforts of so many, and would disrespect our deep and enduring connections to this place.

During your confirmation hearing, you said "tribal sovereignty should mean something," and "our nation should better equip our Indian Tribes with the ability for self-determination." The establishment of the Bears Ears Commission, consisting of elected delegates from each of the five tribes, is a step in that direction. The Bears Ears National Monument proclamation is very clear that the Secretary must work with the Bears Ears Commission. We urge you to honor your statements, the proclamation, and our sovereignty as Tribal nations and leave Bears Ears National Monument as it is. The national monument has taken more than 80 years to designate, and finally acknowledges a cultural landscape rich in antiquities, with hundreds of thousands of archaeological and cultural sites sacred to dozens of tribes. The land is powerful medicine for healing – of the land, of plants and animals and for all people.

Our letters to your office from each of our Tribal nations, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, and the Bears Ears Commission requesting meetings with you have gone unanswered. It seems illogical that letters sent nearly 100 days ago have not been answered, yet there will be review of Bears Ears within the next 45 days. The fact that you have not met with us is evident in your statement yesterday to the press. You said: "The administration has heard from Congress… The designation of monuments may have cost jobs, wages, and public access... It is the opinion of the

West that it is abused." Please do not forget – our Tribes are the original inhabitants of the West long before the United States was a nation, and we do not view Bears Ears National Monument as an abuse. To the contrary, it is a fulfillment of both our duty to preserve our cultures and our ancestral lands, and its designation was the result of a long, deliberative process with your predecessor to further our self-determination. To that end, we reiterate our requests for you to meet with each of the Tribes, and the Bears Ears Tribal Commission.

Bears Ears National Monument is more than just mere federal land to us, as it may be to many other stakeholders – it is a living landscape; it has a pulse. "Bears Ears" translates literally from all of our Native languages - Diné, Hopi, Ute, and Zuni. We have known this place since time immemorial. Bears Ears is a place where certain herbs, medicines, and ceremonial materials exist that are not found anywhere else on Earth.

For the Navajo, the monument is rich with places of great power tied to mythological cosmology, as well as the birthplace of important leaders from modern history. For the Ute, much of the monument was actually proposed as our reservation in the early 20th century, and in the monument is a location where a prophecy foretells that all the nations of the world will come together to heal. For the Hopi, Zuni, and other Pueblos, the monument is a place that bears ample evidence of migrations over centuries that lead the to the center places where we now reside.

Our ancestors are buried here, and we all practice pilgrimage to sacred locations throughout the monument. It means different things to each of our Tribes, but we all share in a desire to see it remain protected as a national monument. So great is its power that we have agreed, for the first time in history, to set aside our differences to work together to see it protected and defended. The significance and importance of our unity cannot be overstated.

The Bears Ears National Monument is the first national monument to be protected at the behest of sovereign Tribal Nations. Its proclamation recognizes Native American Traditional Knowledge as both a value to be protected by the monument and a resource to be used in its management. The proclamation also established a Tribal commission to work with the U.S. Government to help plan for and manage the lands. The Bears Ears Commission has been formalized and has already began meeting with federal land managers. In addition to sitting down with our Tribal Councils, we invite you to join the next Bears Ears Commission meeting on May 19th, 2017. This will give you the opportunity to witness for yourself the substantial progress we have made in building relationships with your staff on-the-ground, and to learn of the inspiring plans we jointly have for what will surely be America's best national monument – one which invites and involves all who wish to share in our knowledge systems and our cultures in a landscape unmatched in beauty.

Once again, we invite you to meet with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition at your earliest convenience. We are more than mere stakeholders – we are sovereign governments with a strong commitment to the future of Bears Ears, and we must be an integral part of your review of the

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Sincerely,

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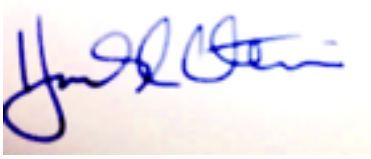

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The Antiquities Act of 1906 authorizes the president to declare federal lands of historic or scientific value to be national monuments by designating the "smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected."

"The Interior is the steward of America's public lands. Part of being a good steward is being a good neighbor and being a good listener. In the Trump Administration, we listen and then we act," said Secretary Ryan Zinke. "For years, the people of Utah and other rural communities have voiced concern and opposition to some monument designations. But too often in recent history, exiting presidents make designations despite those concerns. And the acreage is increasing."

Since the 1900s, when the Act was first used, the average size of national monuments exploded from an average of 422 acres per monument. Now it's not uncommon for a monument to be more than a million acres.

The designations of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in 1996 and the Bears Ears National Monument in 2016 are considered the book-ends of modern Antiquities Act overreach. Each monument is more than 1.3 million acres.

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What the Executive Order does do:

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Gov. Herbert statement on national monument review executive order

SALT LAKE CITY (April 26, 2017) – After witnessing the president's signing of the *Executive Order for a Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act* at the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. today, Gov. Gary R. Herbert offered the following comments:

> I appreciate President Trump, Vice President Pence and Secretary Zinke's comments and actions today to address the historical abuse of the Antiquities Act. The review ordered is critically important and holds the potential for a great restoration of integrity.
>
> Throughout its history, the state of Utah has had something of a Jekyll and Hyde relationship with the act. We have been the beneficiary of assertive, yet measured, presidential action using this tool; but we have also felt a deep and lasting burden when it has been misused.
>
> Four of Utah's five magnificent national parks began as national monuments. Utah is proud of these parks, but the associated monument designations were small, appropriate and fell within the clear scope and intent of the law. These designations encompassed the smallest area necessary to protect the objects in question. They were also largely brought about with the support of local impacted communities and with the support of Utah's leaders.
>
> Utah, however, has also experienced a great downside of the Antiquities Act as it began to be misused. We know firsthand what happens when the law is abused for unworthy political purposes. The Grand Staircase Escalante designation and the recent controversial Bears Ears designation are key examples of this, and I am confident that the upcoming review will lead to positive outcomes for Utah and for those who call the beautiful Bears Ears area home.
>
> I am grateful to President Trump for undertaking this important process. Utah looks forward to continually working with the president's administration to ensure that the Antiquities Act is restored to its proper scope and use. It is time for a course correction.

A previously recorded live stream of the signing can be found here.

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April 26, 2017

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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REVIEW OF DESIGNATIONS UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES ACT

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in recognition of the importance of the Nation's wealth of natural resources to American workers and the American economy, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. Designations of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906, recently recodified at sections 320301 to 320303 of title 54, United States Code (the "Antiquities Act" or "Act"), have a substantial impact on the management of Federal lands and the use and enjoyment of neighboring lands. Such designations are a means of stewarding America's natural resources, protecting America's natural beauty, and preserving America's historic places. Monument designations that result from a lack of public outreach and proper coordination with State, tribal, and local officials and other relevant stakeholders may also create barriers to achieving energy independence, restrict public access to and use of Federal lands, burden State, tribal, and local governments, and otherwise curtail economic growth. Designations should be made in accordance with the requirements and original objectives of the Act and appropriately balance the protection of landmarks, structures, and objects against the appropriate use of Federal lands and the effects on surrounding lands and communities.

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DONALD J. TRUMP

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FACT SHEET

Executive Order: Reviewing Abuses of the Antiquities Act of 1906

BACKGROUND

- The Antiquities Act of 1906, (Pub.L. 59–209, 34 Stat. 225, 54 U.S.C. § 320301–320303), is an act passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt on June 8, 1906. The Act grants the President the authority to declare "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest" on federal lands.

- Concerned about potential federal overreach, Antiquities Act authors specified the scope of the authority was to designate the "smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected."

- The Act was first used in 1906 to designate Devils Tower National Monument (WY) on 1,193.9 acres. Since 1906, 16 Presidents have designated more than 185 monuments covering more than 280 million acres of land and marine areas.

- The President's authority is singular; there is no requirement for public input before the designation of a monument. There is also no NEPA requirement.

HISTORIC TRENDS

- The average acreage of national monument designations has drastically increased over the years. Since the 1900s, when the Act was first used, the average size of national monuments exploded from an average of 422 acres per monument to more than 10 million acres per monument today.

- President Obama designated more areas of land and water than any previous President. Added up, Obama has established or expanded land use limits on more than 550 million acres (according to the Washington Post).

- The designations of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) in 1996 and the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) in 2016 represent the book-ends of modern Antiquities Act overreach.

LOCAL CONCERN: Abuse of the Antiquities Act

- Over the last ten years in particular, the Antiquities Act has been used to designate tens of millions of acres of land and marine areas, putting this areas "off limits" for traditional multiple-uses like farming, ranching, timber harvest, mining, oil and gas exploration, fishing, and motorized recreation.

- Designating too much land for a national monument is harmful to the local tax base via the elimination of grazing, timber and mineral leases, as well as the elimination of motorized recreation.

- President Obama designated more areas of land and water (over 265 million) than any previous President. This was often done over the opposition of states, counties and local officials.

EXECUTIVE ORDER: Reviewing Abuses of the Antiquities Act of 1906

The Antiquities Act of 1906 authorizes the president to declare federal lands of historic or scientific value to be "National Monuments" and thereby restrict the types of uses to which those lands can be put. Past administrations have overused this power and designated large swaths of land well beyond the areas in need of protection. The Antiquities Act Executive Order directs the Department of the Interior to review prior monument designations and suggest legislative changes or modifications to the monument proclamations.

- The Executive Order directs the Department of the Interior to review monuments designated using the Antiquities Act as of January 1, 1996, that are in excess of 100,000 acres, or monuments that were expanded without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders.

- There are 24 DOI-managed national monuments that were designated within the past 21 years. (full list of reviewable monument designations attached)

- What it does do:
    - This Executive Order directs the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to conduct a review of monuments designated in the last 21 years that are more than 100,000 acres
    - This Executive Order directs the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to make recommendations to the President on whether a monument should be rescinded, resized, no action recommended, or other.
    - This Executive Order directs the Secretary of the Interior to consult and coordinate with, as appropriate, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the heads of any other executive departments or agencies concerned with areas designated under the Act.
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- What it doesn’t do:
    - This Executive Order does NOT strip any monument of a designation.
    - This Executive Order does NOT loosen any environmental or conservation regulations on any land or marine areas.

Monument	Location	Year	Acreage
Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument	Pacific Ocean	2006/2016	89,600,000.00
Marianas Trench Marine National Monument	Pacific Ocean	2009	60,938,240.00
Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument	Pacific Ocean	2009	55,608,320.00
Rose Atoll Marine National Monument		2009	8,609,045.00
World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument	Hawaii, Alaska, California	2008	4,038,400.00
Northeast Canyons & Seamounts Marine National Monument	Atlantic Ocean/Massachusetts	2016	3,144,320.00
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument	Utah	1996	1,700,000.00
Mojave Trails National Monument	California	2016	1,600,000.00
Bears Ears National Monument	Utah	2016	1,353,000.00
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument	Arizona	2000	1,014,000.00
Basin and Range National Monument	Nevada	2015	703,585.00
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument	New Mexico	2014	496,330.00
Sonoran Desert National Monument	Arizona	2001	486,149.00
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument	Montana	2001	377,346.00
Berryessa Snow Mountain	California	2015	330,780.00
Giant Sequoia National Monument	California	2000	327,769.00
Gold Butte National Monument	Nevada	2016	296,937.00
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument	Arizona	2000	279,568.00
Rio Grande del Norte National Monument	New Mexico	2013	242,555.00
Carrizo Plain National Monument	California	2001	204,107.00
Hanford Reach National Monument	Washington	2000	194,450.93
Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	Colorado	2000	175,160.00
Sand to Snow National Monument	California	2016	154,000.00
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TALKING POINTS

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- This country has many significant objects of cultural, historical, and scientific value that should be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. But that shouldn't come at the expense of valuable economic activity that provides tangible benefits through increased wages and reduced costs of goods for families and workers.

- Over the last 20 years, and especially over the last 8, certain monument designations have locked up millions of acres of economically productive land and waters and shut out some recreation opportunities.

- The onerous restrictions resulting from monument designations have taken energy development, timber harvesting, grazing, the construction of infrastructure, and commercial fishing off the table on federal lands and waters.

- This has hurt families and workers in the counties and local areas in or near the monuments, counties that in many cases are some of the most impoverished in the country.

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I can tell you as a Montana guy, today's executive order to review abuses of the Antiquities Act over the past two decades is a long time coming.

This policy is consistent with President Trump's promise to rural Americans to give them a voice and make sure their voices are heard.

The President believes, like I do and many of my neighbors in Western States, that the Federal government can be a good neighbor, can protect areas of cultural and ecological importance, and that we can use federal lands for economic development – just as Teddy Roosevelt envisioned.

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FACT SHEET

Executive Order: Reviewing Abuses of the Antiquities Act of 1906

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LOCAL CONCERN: Abuse of the Antiquities Act

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Carrizo Plain National Monument	California	2001	204,107.00
Hanford Reach National Monument	Washington	2000	194,450.93
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Media of Interest

Democrats Ask Secretary Zinke For Documents On Potential Energy Policy Changes.

Law360 (4/20, Powell) reports that "top Democrats on the House Natural Resources Committee asked Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Thursday for copies of reports compiled after President Donald Trump ordered the review and possible suspension of regulations that may burden domestic energy development, with the lawmakers citing a need for proper oversight into 'potentially massive' policy changes."

Hatch Speaks With Local Residents On Bears Ears Issue.

The Deseret (UT) News (4/20, O'Donoghue) reports that Sen. Orrin Hatch "toured San Juan County on Thursday and met with local residents over the controversial Bears Ears National Monument designation." Hatch said, "When President Obama designated the Bears Ears monument in December, he did so ignoring the voices of Utah leaders who were united in opposition, and even more importantly, ignoring the voices of the local Utahns most affected by this massive land grab." Hatch "said he has met with both President Donald Trump and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke several times over the designation to discuss the next steps on how to address the 'mess' the monument created." He said that "includes finding ways to alter the monument to still allow for protections but also provide more local control."

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The Summit (CO) Daily (4/20, Fixler) reports that "more than 100 supporters from Colorado, including Summit County's three commissioners, signed a letter sent to U.S. Congress in early April so funds are assigned to address these crucial deficiencies" at national parks "as soon as possible." Sen. Mark Warner "introduced the National Park Service Legacy Act the week before the letter, with more than 1,800 national signatories, from The Pew Charitable Trusts' Restore America's Parks initiative was submitted." However, "pundits do not have high expectations for the bill, which presently sits in committee."

Protests Planned For Earth Day.

The Washington Post (4/20, Stein) reports that activists and scientists on Saturday are expected to show up in DC to take part in the Earth Day and March for Science rallies, which the Post says "comes a week after the Tax March and a week before the People's Climate March." The Post notes that these constitute part of a series of high profile protests taking place on consecutive weekends in the nation's capital, with large immigrant and LGBT rallies also forthcoming in May and June. Attendees at last weekend's Tax March notes that such protests are "effective," and have "credit[ed] demonstrations throughout the country with thwarting Trump's travel ban plans and stymieing the Republicans' proposed health-care plan."

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Chinese Ad Offers Homes In Palau And US Access.

Radio New Zealand (4/19) reports that "a Chinese website is advertising houses for sale in Palau complete with a range of benefits including the right to live in the Pacific island nation for up to 99 years." According to the article," the advertisement offers a Palau Residence Permit as well as direct access to the US after one to two years." The ad also "offered an easy visa application process from Palau to other countries including Japan, South Korea, the Philippines and Taiwan."

White House Communications Report (sent to WH Comms, Thursday.)

No report was sent.

Federal Register Notices Cleared for Publishing

Item cleared for the Federal Register on Thursday.

REG0006951 USGS Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, USGS announces its intent to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) renew its authority to collect information regarding ferrous metals. OMB previously approved this collection under OMB Control Number 1028-0068. USGS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 04/20/2017.

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The Deseret (UT) News (4/20, O'Donoghue) reports that Sen. Orrin Hatch "toured San Juan County on Thursday and met with local residents over the controversial Bears Ears National Monument designation." Hatch said, "When President Obama designated the Bears Ears monument in December, he did so ignoring the voices of Utah leaders who were united in opposition, and even more importantly, ignoring the voices of the local Utahns most affected by this massive land grab." Hatch "said he has met with both President Donald Trump and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke several times over the designation to discuss the next steps on how to address the 'mess' the monument created." He said that "includes finding ways to alter the monument to still allow for protections but also provide more local control."

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The Summit (CO) Daily (4/20, Fixler) reports that "more than 100 supporters from Colorado, including Summit County's three commissioners, signed a letter sent to U.S. Congress in early April so funds are assigned to address these crucial deficiencies" at national parks "as soon as possible." Sen. Mark Warner "introduced the National Park Service Legacy Act the week before the letter, with more than 1,800 national signatories, from The Pew Charitable Trusts' Restore America's Parks initiative was submitted." However, "pundits do not have high expectations for the bill, which presently sits in committee."

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<u>White House Communications Report</u> (sent to WH Comms, Wednesday.)

Inquiries

· AP (Michael Biesecker) REQUEST – AP is reporting on lobbying efforts by Dow Chemical and two other companies asking Secretary Zinke to void the findings of a four year review by federal scientists at EPA and Fish and Wildlife Service that found three pesticides -- chlorpyrifos, diazinon and malathion – are potentially harmful to more than 1,800 endangered and threatened species. This comes after EPA Administrator Pruitt denied a petition last month to ban chlorpyrifos after EPA scientists determined it could harm children's brains. Can you provide comment on whether the EPA is considering the industry request? Dow Chemical CEO Andrew Liveris is a close adviser to President Donald Trump, serving as head of the White House's manufacturing working group. Dow also wrote a $1 million check to help underwrite Trump's inaugural festivities.

Has Secretary Zinke discussed the regulation of chlorpyrifos with Liveris or other Dow executives, their lawyers or their lobbyists? If the request is approved, any concern about the appearance that a politically connected donor is receiving preferential treatment? RESPONSE – "The Secretary has had no meetings on the subject with any of the parties you mentioned. I'd refer you to EPA for questions about their policies."

· High Country News (Elizabeth Shogren) REQUEST – Hi Heather and Megan, Did Sec. Zinke or any political appointees play a role in the BLM decision this week not to offer oil and gas leases for auction in Grand County, CO? I'm wondering how this might or might not reflect the priority to open more lands for "all of the above energy development." Is there a principle/precedent here that reflects Sec. Zinke's philosophy? – RESPONSE – Bureau of Land Management is fielding the response and will redirect to the press release where it explains, "The BLM removed these 20 parcels due to low energy potential and reduced industry interest in the geographic area, as well as concern from local government and the public. The parcels were nominated before the latest revision to the land use plan for the area was completed."

· Bloomberg Magazine (Esme E. Deprez) – REQUEST - 1. There's been differing legal interpretations around the question of whether the Antiquities Act empowers the executive branch to rescind national monuments in addition to declaring them. Does DOI/Zinke have a position on this? 2. There seems to be a lot of confusion, among Bears Ears advocates and opponents alike, about where Zinke stands on the BE monument declaration and whether he believes it should be rescinded/shrunk. Can you provide any clarity as to where he stands? 3. Re: No. 2, I understand Zinke pledged during his confirmation hearing to go to Utah to visit the site and meet with local stakeholders. Do you have a possible time frame for that? Who specifically would he be sure to meet with while there? 4. A couple years ago, Headwaters Economics released a digest on permitted uses in natl monuments. I've been told that such an analysis isn't yet possible for Bears Ears, given the lack of a management plan, which could take years. Is that correct? Is there anything I could say about what is/not allowed in Bears Ears now vs. prior to Obama's declaration? I would like to be able to tell readers as much as I can. –

RESPONSE - Secretary Zinke is committed to responsible management of federal lands for multiple uses like recreation, energy development, and conservation, and he is opposed to selling federal lands. He has signaled his support for the creation of monuments when there is consent and input from local elected officials, the local community, and tribes prior to monument designations. While monuments often provide valuable local benefits, careful consideration is required before designating significant acreage out of reach of valuable tax revenue to fund community facilities and improvements. The Secretary remains committed to traveling to Utah and other states as he referenced in his confirmation hearing and making recommendations to the President.

Also, see below, Sec. Zinke was asked in the White House Press Briefing on April 3 what his plans were for Gold Butte and other monuments designated under President Obama.

His answer below. SECRETARY ZINKE: We are looking at everything across the board. When I came in, there was a lot of talk about different monuments in different places, and I talked to the senators. And so everything is on the board, looking at it. No monument in specific, but looking at the process, looking at the law, making sure that the monuments follow the law. And at the end of the day, it's important that we operate collaboratively. If you're outside of Washington, D.C., there's a lot of anger out there. And I want the Department of Interior, our rangers and land managers, to be first viewed as rangers and land managers, not law

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REG0006947 BLM Notice of Mailing/Street Address Change for the BLM Challis Field Office.

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REG0006929 BOE Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales - List of Restricted Joint Bidders. BOEM is publishing its semi-annual List of Restricted Joint Bidders for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sales. Each entity within one of eight listed groups is restricted from bidding with any entity in any of the other groups at such lease sales during the bidding period from May 1, 2017, through October 31, 2017. Notice 04/19/2017.

REG0006911 FWS Endangered Species; Recovery Permit Applications. This batched notice informs the public of the receipt of 13 applications for Endangered Species Act recovery permits in Region 3 (Midwest Region). Notice 04/19/2017.

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In his column for the Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (4/19, Mitchell), Thomas Mitchell writes that "Nevada won a temporary reprieve from the Interior Department's plans to enforce sweeping restrictions on land use as a means of protecting greater sage grouse habitat, but failed to convince a federal judge to put those plans on hold entirely." In a recent opinion, federal Judge Miranda Du held "Interior agencies erred in preparing environmental impact statements for 2.8 million acres of land primarily in Eureka and Humboldt counties and must prepare a supplemental statement, but she denied a request to issue an injunction that would have blocked the federal land agencies from implementing burdensome resource management plans."

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Has Secretary Zinke discussed the regulation of chlorpyrifos with Liveris or other Dow executives, their lawyers or their lobbyists? If the request is approved, any concern about the appearance that a politically connected donor is receiving preferential treatment? RESPONSE – "The Secretary has had no meetings on the subject with any of the parties you mentioned. I'd refer you to EPA for questions about their policies."

· High Country News (Elizabeth Shogren) REQUEST – Hi Heather and Megan, Did Sec. Zinke or any political appointees play a role in the BLM decision this week not to offer oil and gas leases for auction in Grand County, CO? I'm wondering how this might or might not reflect the priority to open more lands for "all of the above energy development." Is there a principle/precedent here that reflects Sec. Zinke's philosophy? – RESPONSE – Bureau of Land Management is fielding the response and will redirect to the press release where it explains, "The BLM removed these 20 parcels due to low energy potential and reduced industry interest in the geographic area, as well as concern from local government and the public. The parcels were nominated before the latest revision to the land use plan for the area was completed."
· Bloomberg Magazine (Esme E. Deprez) – REQUEST - 1. There's been differing legal interpretations around the question of whether the Antiquities Act empowers the executive branch to rescind national monuments in addition to declaring them. Does DOI/Zinke have a position on this? 2. There seems to be a lot of confusion, among Bears Ears advocates and opponents alike, about where Zinke stands on the BE monument declaration and whether he believes it should be rescinded/shrunk. Can you provide any clarity as to where he stands? 3. Re: No. 2, I understand Zinke pledged during his confirmation hearing to go to Utah to visit the site and meet with local stakeholders. Do you have a possible time frame for that? Who specifically would he be sure to meet with while there? 4. A couple years ago, Headwaters Economics released a digest on permitted uses in natl monuments. I've been told that such an analysis isn't yet possible for Bears Ears, given the lack of a management plan, which could take years. Is that

correct? Is there anything I could say about what is/not allowed in Bears Ears now vs. prior to Obama's declaration? I would like to be able to tell readers as much as I can. –

RESPONSE - Secretary Zinke is committed to responsible management of federal lands for multiple uses like recreation, energy development, and conservation, and he is opposed to selling federal lands. He has signaled his support for the creation of monuments when there is consent and input from local elected officials, the local community, and tribes prior to monument designations. While monuments often provide valuable local benefits, careful consideration is required before designating significant acreage out of reach of valuable tax revenue to fund community facilities and improvements. The Secretary remains committed to traveling to Utah and other states as he referenced in his confirmation hearing and making recommendations to the President.

Also, see below, Sec. Zinke was asked in the White House Press Briefing on April 3 what his plans were for Gold Butte and other monuments designated under President Obama.

His answer below. SECRETARY ZINKE: We are looking at everything across the board. When I came in, there was a lot of talk about different monuments in different places, and I talked to the senators. And so everything is on the board, looking at it. No monument in specific, but looking at the process, looking at the law, making sure that the monuments follow the law. And at the end of the day, it's important that we operate collaboratively. If you're outside of Washington, D.C., there's a lot of anger out there. And I want the Department of Interior, our rangers and land managers, to be first viewed as rangers and land managers, not law enforcement. I don't want us to be heavy-handed. And I want us to work with local communities, because that's where we're embedded. Our rangers, they have children, they play soccer, they coach, they do all those things -- I want to make sure the Department of Interior is the department that works with local communities, works with the states, and we want to be the "yep" team; that means be an advocate rather than an adversary.

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- EENews: NATIONAL MONUMENTS Jewish leaders urge Trump to preserve ...
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Top Issues and Accomplishments

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- TRAVEL Zinke is in California meeting with U.S. Park Police and staff at Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
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· STILL AROUND: Secretaries Zinke, Carson, Chao, and DeVos will be profiled in Washington Post for the transition of power. Currently working with Juliet Elperin to shape the story. She is taking a lot of what we have to offer. Publishing next week.

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See the email traffic below. For the WH docs, we'll need a WH poc to deliver the lap top since apparently the WH can't receive docs on a disk the way the others were created.

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Please call me if you have any questions.

Thanks

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I would assume its John Moran but Dan can share whomever his contact is.

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> See the email traffic below. For the WH docs, we'll need a WH poc to deliver the lap top since apparently the WH can't receive docs on a disk the way the others were created.
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> Rich and I just spoke about this. After I complete the set for our front office, I would be able to start a completely clean set for the WHCO. I will not be able to start until Wednesday at the earliest and it would not be complete until maybe COB on Friday, more likely Monday.
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> It takes longer for the WH set since they cannot receive the documents on disk, thumb drive, or portable hard drive and therefore I have to copy and load all the documents onto a laptop. We will need a specific point of contact at the WH to take the laptop.
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MEMORANDUM

April 12, 2017

To: Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Fr: Democratic Staff

Re: Documents Obtained by Oversight Committee Refute Republican Claims That Obama Administration Did Not Consult on Bears Ears Monument Designation

On December 28, 2016, President Barack Obama exercised executive authority granted by Congress pursuant to the Antiquities Act to designate Bears Ears in Utah a national monument. Since that designation, various members of the Utah delegation have stated publicly that the Obama Administration failed to adequately consult with local stakeholders, native tribes, or Members of Congress during this process and that there was little local support for the designation.

On December 29, 2016, the day after President Obama's designation, Rep. Jason Chaffetz, the Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, sent a letter to Sally Jewell, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, requesting by January 20, 2017, a wide range of documents relating to the designation decision. On January 17 and 18, 2017, the Department produced four disks containing 1,361 documents with a total of 11,104 pages in response to the Chairman's request.

These documents appear to contradict Republican claims and indicate that the Obama Administration engaged in a lengthy consultation process with the local stakeholders, tribes, and the Utah delegation.

I. REPUBLICAN CLAIMS OF INADEQUATE CONSULTATION

Utah Governor Gary Herbert has made the following statements regarding the Bears Ears monument designation process:

> I am deeply disturbed by what has resulted from a troubling process. … [T]he president has misused his authority under the Antiquities Act and violated assurances made by his Interior Secretary to take into account local concerns before making a monument designation.[1]

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[1] Utah Governor Gary Herbert, *Governor News and Media Page* (Dec. 28, 2016) (online

> It is the problem of someone unilaterally making a decision without taking into account the positions and concerns of local people.[2]
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> Why did not the president and his administration work with Congressman Bishop and Congressman Chaffetz and say, let us help you? It's not the use of the Antiquities Act that's the problem. It's what seems to be a continued escalating abuse of the Antiquities Act … And it's just a way to circumvent the people. It's a way to circumvent the Congress.[3]
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> This decision ignores the will of the majority of Utahns. It disregards the desire of Native American groups who count these lands as their heritage to co-manage this culturally important area. It overlooks the unanimous opposition of Utah's statewide elected officials and Utah's entire congressional delegation.[4]

The Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, Greg Hughes, made a similar statement alleging a lack of outreach to local residents and tribes:

> Not only is that clearly not the case here, but this administration has had no real conversations with those who will be affected by this designation, let alone any study of what "antiquities" they are attempting to protect.[5]

On January 5, 2017, Utah Senator Mike Lee stated in response to the Administration's claim that it took unprecedented steps to elevate the voices of Native peoples that "nothing could be further from the truth."[6]

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at www.utah.gov/governor/news_media/article.html?article=20161228-1).

[2] *Native Americans Prepare to Battle Trump Over Utah National Monument*, McClatchy (Mar. 20, 2017) (online at www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/white-house/article139721783.html).

[3] *All Things Considered*, NPR (Dec. 29, 2016) (online at www.npr.org/2016/12/29/507436648/obama-s-newly-designated-national-monuments-upset-some-lawmakers-and-constituent).

[4] Utah Governor Gary Herbert, *Governor News and Media Page* (Dec. 28, 2016) (online at www.utah.gov/governor/news_media/article.html?article=20161228-1).

[5] Utah House of Representatives, *Newsroom Page* (Dec. 28, 2016) (online at https://house.utah.gov/2016/12/28/media-statement-speaker-greg-hughes-statement-about-bears-ears-national-monument-designation/).

[6] United States Senator Mike Lee, *Speeches Page* (Jan. 5, 2017) (online at www.lee.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/speeches?ID=94B2FF5E-B083-41F3-8AA2-39763E511C57).

II. DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The documents obtained by the Oversight Committee contradict Republican statements alleging inadequate input from local communities and instead demonstrate a lengthy process of consultation.

The documents show that the Department of the Interior consulted with the Utah delegation on an ongoing basis since 2013 and made continuous efforts to keep the lines of communication open. The documents also show that as late as December 21, 2016, the Governor's office complimented staff at the Department on the time and attention that they were devoting to this issue.

The documents also show that the Department provided specific feedback to the Utah congressional delegation in September 2016 on legislation being offered by Chairman Chaffetz and Rep. Rob Bishop, the Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, known as the Public Lands Initiative (PLI), which had been the Utah delegation's alternative solution to this issue. Ultimately, the PLI was not considered by the House of Representatives.

Public statements by the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which is comprised of local tribe Uintah & Ouray Ute, as well as the Hopi, Ute Mountain, and Zuni Governments, underscore the PLI's flaws. On December 15, 2016, the Coalition issued the following statement:

> Utah's elected officials had years to act to protect Bears Ears. Instead of attempting serious legislation, they stalled and blocked any real attempts at legislative progress. … Utah's Governor and congressional delegation have stated they believe it is important to protect areas within the Bears Ears region, yet the failure of a good faith effort to pass sound legislation to provide the protections needed to safeguard the homelands of our ancestors belies those claims.[7]

The documents obtained by the Committee also demonstrate that many current and former locally elected officials and candidates supported a monument designation, including Gene Davis, the Utah State Senate Minority Leader. The documents include resolutions from local native tribes and community groups supporting the Bears Ears monument designation and opposing the legislation proposed by Chairmen Bishop and Chaffetz.

In addition, two polls conducted in Utah demonstrated broad support for a Bears Ears national monument designation. A May 2016 poll released by the Bears Ears Coalition found that 71% of Utah residents supported a national monument designation.[8] An August Pew Charitable Trusts poll found that 55% of Utah residents supported a new national monument.[9] In

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[7] Bears Ears Coalition, *News and Media Page* (Dec. 15, 2016) (online at www.bearsearscoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/BEITC-response-to-PLI-failure-12-15-16.pdf).

[8] Bears Ears Coalition, *News and Media Page* (May 17, 2016) (online at https://bearsearscoalition.org/poll-71-of-utahns-support-bears-ears-national-monument/).

[9] Pew Charitable Trusts, *New Poll: Utahans Support Protections for Bears Ears Area*

addition, two local Utah tribes, the Ute Indian Tribe and the Oljato Chapter of the Navajo Nation, expressed public support for the monument designation.[10]

Key documents obtained by the Committee are set forth in the attachment to this memo.

(Aug. 11, 2016) (online at www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/analysis/2016/08/11/new-poll-utahans-support-protections-for-bears-ears-area).

[10] Bears Ears Coalition, *Tribal Statements of Support Page* (July 14, 2015) (online at www.bearsearscoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Northern-Ute-letter.pdf); Utah Dine Bikeyah, *News Page* (Nov. 16, 2015) (online at http://utahdinebikeyah.org/oljato-chapter-in-favor-of-bears-ears-designation/).

ATTACHMENT
Documents Relating to Bears Ears Designation

(1) An Internal Timeline of Events produced by the Department shows repeated contacts with Senator Hatch, Chairman Bishop, Chairman Chaffetz, and their staffs over four years since 2013, including meetings or calls with the Secretary in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, as well as feedback in the form of technical assistance on their bill, the PLI.

(2) Eleven emails from twelve weeks from August 2, 2016, to December 28, 2016, the day President Obama designated Bears Ears a National Monument, show the coordination of weekly phone calls between Department staff and staff from the offices of Chairman Bishop, Chairman Chaffetz, Senator Lee, Senator Hatch, and Governor Herbert.

(3) On December 21, 2016, Governor Herbert's Policy Director sent an email to Nicole Buffa, Secretary Jewell's Deputy Chief of Staff, thanking her for her work on the Bears Ears project, writing: "Thanks again for all your time. I'm not kidding when I say you're an amazing example of a public servant. I have the utmost respect for you. Thank you for your time and attention."

(4) On July 5, 2016, Nicole Buffa, the Deputy Chief of Staff to Secretary Jewell, sent an email to Senator Hatch's Deputy Legislative Director and others, writing: "As we talked about, SJ [Secretary Jewell] very much wants to travel to Utah to meet with local stakeholders, the tribes, local electeds, and the public to discuss conservation in southern Utah. ... During her visit, we'd like to have smaller meetings with PLI supporters in San Juan County. Would one of you be able to send me a list of folks we should be talking with? I'm open to any and all suggestions."

(5) On July 18, 2016, Governor Herbert's Policy Director sent an email to Nicole Buffa, Secretary Jewell's Deputy Chief of Staff, complimenting the success of Secretary Jewell's visit to Utah, writing: "I have to compliment you on a wonderful trip. As I recently relayed to the Governor's Chief of Staff, your team orchestrated a comprehensive, balanced, well-run, and effective trip of southeast Utah. I also have to compliment you on the listening session on Saturday. We were worried it might get out of hand but it went off brilliantly. Kudos to you and your team!"

(6) On September 2, 2016, Christopher P. Salotti, Legislative Counsel for the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at the Department, sent a letter conveying technical assistance to Chairman Bishop and Chairman Chaffetz, writing: "In accordance with your July 20, 2016, request, the Department of the Interior has prepared the enclosed technical assistance on H.R. 5780, the Utah Public Lands Initiative. ... In addition to what is noted throughout the draft, the Department would like the opportunity to work with the bill sponsors on the individual boundary modifications both to improve manageability and ensure protection of natural, cultural, and other resources in those areas."

(7) On July 31, 2016, Secretary Jewell sent a handwritten note to Governor Herbert, writing: "Many thanks for meeting with me at the airport before my visit to the counties in SE Utah. … As you have read and heard from [the Governor's staff], the meetings were respectful and covered many different points of view. Spending time with [employees]

of SITLA [School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration] was very helpful in understanding the state's interest in land swaps and consolidation—we will continue to work with them. Please keep me informed if you still wish to have me visit the state with you in the fall. We are glad the PLI was finally released during my visit. My team is reviewing it carefully and will continue to work with the delegation. … The different points of view weren't as far apart as people anticipated. These lands deserve further protection and resources—that was fairly universal."

(8) On September 13, 2016, a staffer to Senator Lee emailed Nicole Buffa, Deputy Chief of Staff to Secretary Jewell, writing: "Sorry for the late notice but Lee and Hatch are about to introduce a bill that would prohibit use of the Antiquities Act within Utah. Since it is looking like Congress, the hardest working institution in America, is going to get out of dodge next week, we may not have the opportunity to introduce PLI. The plan has always been to defer to Bishop, let him work and move PLI through the House, and then introduce in the Senate. With our new truncated calendar, that may not be possible. … We are still reviewing your ta [technical assistance] and deciding how to proceed. Just wanted to keep you informed since you have been forthcoming with us."

(9) On September 13, 2016, an employee with the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration emailed staff at the Department of the Interior thanking them for meeting, writing: "We truly appreciate the amount of time your office has devoted to the school trust land issue."

(10) On July 30, 2016, Secretary Jewell sent a handwritten note to County of Emery Commissioners expressing her appreciation for their meeting, writing: "Thank you for hosting my recent visit and for sharing your work on land use planning for the county. … I also appreciated the opportunity to better understand the process Emery County has undertaken as part of the Public Lands Initiative."

(11) On December 31, 2015, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, comprised of local tribe Uintah & Ouray Ute, as well as the Hopi, Ute Mountain, and Zuni Governments, sent a letter to Chairmen Bishop and Chaffetz, writing: "Our strenuous efforts to participate in the PLI, and related proceedings before that over the course of the past six years, have been consistently stonewalled. We have never been taken seriously. Now 2½ months after submitting our proposal to you, we have received no reactions at all from you on your proposal. The promised draft PLI was never delivered. All of this is consistent with PLI's repeated failures to meet deadlines. Our five sovereign tribal nations, and our carefully-drafted comprehensive proposal, deserve far more than that. … We don't feel we can wait any longer before engaging with the Obama Administration concerning our proposal in the hope that they will advance our proposal via the Antiquities Act."

(12) On June 29, 2016, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition sent a letter to the Utah Delegation, writing: "As you know, we withdrew from the Public Lands Initiative process late last year. We set out in detail our reasons for withdrawing in a letter to you dated December 31, 2015. In the intervening months, your approach toward our proposal and our coalition have reaffirmed the concerns expressed in our December letter. ... We are satisfied that a Bears Ears National Monument proclaimed by President Obama under his authority granted by the Antiquities Act presents the best opportunity to protect the

Bears Ears landscape and assure a strong Native American voice in monument management. We hope you will join us in supporting a Bears Ears National Monument."

(13) On July 23, 2016, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition sent a letter to Chairman Bishop and Chairman Chaffetz, writing: "We do not see how further discussions can be productive. The basic problem is that our two sides hold dramatically different views on what should be done in the Bears Ears area. Our proposal calls for strong conservation measures and deep involvement of the Tribes in monument management. The current version of the PLI is highly protective of mining and other forms of development to the detriment of land protection."

(14) On September 20, 2016, 31 current and former local officials and candidates sent a letter to President Obama supporting a Bears Ears National Monument designation, writing: "There is a false media narrative around the effort to protect Bears Ears that would have you believe that Utah elected officials are unanimously opposed to a Bears Ears National Monument. We hope this letter puts that narrative to rest and we ask that you use your authority under the Antiquities Act to protect this land for all people, for all time."

(15) On October 4, 2016, Gene Davis, the Utah Senate Minority Leader, sent a letter to President Obama supporting a Bears Ears National Monument, writing: "Now it's the time to take action. With little chance of Congress protecting the Bears Ears region, you should use your authority to establish the Bears Ears National Monument and ensure permanent protection of this unique region. In doing so, you would be heeding the calls of Native American tribes, labor unions, veterans, business owners, faith leaders, sportsmen, recreationalists, conservationists, and many others who wish to see these lands protected and appropriate access ensured."

(16) On March 12, 2015, the Navajo Nation Council's Committee passed a resolution supporting a Bears Ears National Monument Designation, making clear that "the Navajo Nation includes communities in San Juan County, Utah," and warning that "to prevent this rapid destruction of lands in the San Juan County region important to Native peoples, formal protection as a national conservation area or national monument is required."

(17) On November 30, 2016, a coalition of 18 national, regional, and local conservation groups sent President Obama a letter supporting a Bears Ears monument designation, writing: "We urge you to proclaim a Bears Ears National Monument this year. … Despite its vast cultural significance, inadequate legal protections and insufficient funding have resulted in the degradation and destruction of these archaeological treasures from illegal looting, mismanaged recreational use, and inappropriate energy development. The designation of this new national monument, including adequate funding, will provide the enhanced protections required to protect this national treasure."

(18) On September 9, 2016, the Friends of Cedar Mesa sent a map to Secretary Jewell showing a problematic land trade near Bluff, Utah that was proposed in Chairman Bishop's PLI legislation on behalf of SITLA (School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration).

(19) On January 6, 2016, Friends of Cedar Mesa, a conservation group based in Utah, emailed Neil Kornze, Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to request a meeting, writing: "We would like to speak briefly with you about ongoing damage to archaeological resources, the critical importance of this area to recreation enthusiasts from around the world, and our thoughts about possible legislative and administrative actions to conserve this area, including collaborative management ideas."

(20) On October 11, 2016, Bruce Adams, Commissioner of San Juan County, emailed the Executive Assistant to Nicole Buffa to confirm a meeting to discuss alternatives to a monument designation, writing: "Our primary mission is to invite agencies from the Department of Interior to participate in revision of the San Juan County Master Plan and positively touch a few points in the report that we believe the various agencies may wish to consider going forward."

(21) On March 30, 2016, Secretary Jewell's Deputy Chief of Staff emailed Senator Hatch's staff to thank them for meeting, writing: "Thank you again for the impromptu meeting with [redacted] and me a few weeks ago! I'm glad we had the chance to sit down and connect and hope that we are able to speak again soon."

(22) On November 3, 2016, a staffer for Senator Mike Lee sent an email to inform Secretary Jewell's Deputy Chief of Staff of a meeting Senator Lee's office had with the Bear Ears Coalition, writing: "The conversation went well. Both sides were conciliatory and regretted the current state of affairs. Much of the meeting was necessarily spent atoning and promising to work towards our shared goal: protecting Bears Ears."

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Op-ed: Bears Ears Tribal Commission brings a native voice to the table

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The Bears Ears Tribal Commission

President Obama's declaration of the Bears Ears National Monument on December 28th, 2016 validated the considerable effort by Tribes and local community members to protect and manage the living cultural landscape of the Bears Ears region of southeastern Utah. Through the Bears Ears National Monument, Native Nations are bringing their voices to the management of our public lands, and all Americans will benefit from the ancient wisdom of our people.

This has begun with the formation of the Bears Ears Tribal Commission. The Bears Ears' proclamation calls for a partnership t between land management agencies and

our five tribes (Navajo, Hopi, Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Zuni), each represented on this Bears Ears Tribal Commission. Each of our tribes has carefully considered the appointment of representatives to the Commission. Our Commission will be working alongside federal agencies to provide guidance and recommendations on the planning and management of the new monument.

Our inaugural meeting was held in Bluff, Utah, within view of the new monument on March 30, 2017. There, we envisioned our purpose, elected Commission co-chairs, began to identify management issues requiring immediate attention, and prepared for our first meeting with federal land managers.

The Commission is grounded in the shared understanding that Bears Ears is a sacred landscape where the spirits of the ancestors still dwell. Bears Ears is exceptional among national monuments – it recognizes Native American Traditional Knowledge as a value to be protected by the national monument and to be used in its management. Integrative land management will blossom here – where Native American Traditional Knowledge works together with western science to ensure that the land and all our other-than-human relatives flourish in a dance of reverence, respect, and reciprocity. Caring for this place is a duty, a responsibility, and an honor – one that we do not take lightly.

We, as a Commission, are keenly aware that we are protecting and preserving an area deeply important to Indian Country and the United States. We are honored to carry this responsibility for Indian Country, for this landscape, and for all Americans. We look forward to working with local communities, many of whom will work with us to uplift their abilities to protect and manage our shared natural resources. We are eager to showcase traditional land care knowledge and officially join our federal partners as caretakers of our ancestral lands – bringing our traditional knowledge and ancestral wisdom to the table. And we are proud to elevate Native voices in public land management, a long-overdue step in the federal government's trust responsibility to our Indian Nations.

Nowhere in the United States is this more appropriate than at Bears Ears. This is not by chance. This unique region houses both ecologically whole landscapes and culturally whole tribes. It is rich with knowledge, history, and many sacred resources we use to sustain our culture – some of which, like medicines and ceremonial materials, are found nowhere else. These lands are part of us and inseparable from our communities; their health is intertwined with ours.

The formation of the Bears Ears Tribal Commission is a bold step forward for America's public lands. It is progress that is occurring despite the assault on Bears Ears National Monument being waged by some of Utah's elected officials. Implicit in the responsibility that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke carries with his office is a promise to advance progress for our public lands and for Native Nations carefully and deliberately, not to diminish either with hasty actions.

As Secretary Zinke prepares to visit the Bears Ears, we look forward to meeting with him in person to discuss our shared desire to protect this spectacular region. And, in the years to come, we look forward to working with his office to create a legacy of healing – healing for the tribes, healing for this unique and incredible landscape, and healing for all Americans.

The Bears Ears Tribal Commission is: Co-Chair Carleton Bowekaty, Pueblo of Zuni; Co-Chair Terry Knight, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; Shaun Chapoose, Ute Indian Tribe; Alfred Lomahquahu, Hopi Tribe; and Davis Filfred and James Adakai, Navajo Nation.

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Fwd: Visitor Information-Frequently Asked Questions

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Downey and Kathy, Here is the link to the BLM website with the information we will be sharing in the open houses. ed

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From: **Ashcroft, Tyler** <tashcrof@blm.gov>
Date: Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 12:11 PM
Subject: Visitor Information-Frequently Asked Questions
To: Donald Hoffheins <dhoffhei@blm.gov>, Lance Porter <l50porte@blm.gov>, Amber Johnson <a2johnson@blm.gov>, Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>

The "Visitor Information- Frequently Asked Questions" publication has been added to the website. Please share with others, including your partners as appropriate. We are working on getting a print order of the maps and this handout.

https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/utah/bears-ears-national-monument

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Sent:	Wed Apr 05 2017 14:49:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>
Subject:	Re: Letter from Bears Ears Tribal Commission

Please call me thanks

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BEARS EARS TRIBAL COMMISSION

The Purpose of the Bears Ears National Monument is to Honor:
The Land; the Tribes, Past and Present; and the Tribes' Relationship to the Land

April 4, 2017

Nora Rasure
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Ed Roberson
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Dear Regional Forester Rasure and Director Roberson,

We write to inform you of recent activities by the Bears Ears Tribal Commission as well as to advise you of several pressing matters that need to be addressed by our Commission and your agencies in a timely fashion as part of the collaborative management relationship, as set forth in the presidential proclamation. For our part, we are greatly optimistic about working cooperatively with you to achieve a creative, smoothly-functioning management system.

On Thursday, March 29, 2017, the Bears Ears Tribal Commission held its first official meeting. This was an important milestone since it is the Commission that will be carrying forward the key relationship with your agencies regarding monument management. The Commission is made up of five tribal members. These were major appointments that needed to be carefully considered by each tribal governing body. By the week of March 20, all five commissioners had been officially appointed by the tribes.

At the March 29 meeting, Terry Knight, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Carleton Bowekaty, Pueblo of Zuni, were elected as Commission Co-Chairs. The other Commissioners are Alfred Lomahquahu, Hopi Tribe; Shaun Chapoose, Ute Tribe; and Davis Filfred and James Adakai, who together are sharing the seat of the Navajo Nation. In addition to electing leadership, the Commission identified important next steps. One was to begin developing arrangements for hiring substantial staff, which will be necessary to address the many issues the Commission will be addressing. We also emphasized the need to have an early meeting with your offices to address both the relationship in general and also a number of issues that need prompt attention. The Commission respectfully

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requests that the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management work with us to address and resolve the following concerns:

- **National Monument Signage**. On December 28, 2016, President Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument. More than three months after designation, the Forest Service and BLM have yet to install signage acknowledging the existence of the Monument. The lack of signage undermines the boundaries of the Monument undermines the values of this historic undertaking and creates confusion for visitors arriving to explore the newly designated Monument. The delay in installing appropriate signage is particularly concerning given that on March 29, 2017 the BLM installed new signage at Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada, which was also designated on December 28, 2016. We request that the agencies install adequate Monument signage at the earliest possible time and, in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration, we request that tribal members be involved in the design and ground breaking ceremonies. In the spirit of our ongoing working relationship, we offer to provide volunteers to assist with installation of all necessary signage.

- **Management of Visitor Impacts.** As you are aware, visitation to the Bears Ears area has steadily increased over the past decade. Not unexpectedly, visitation has dramatically shot up this year with the proclamation of the Bears Ears National Monument. We are concerned about the impacts to cultural and natural resources resulting from this increased visitation. The current absence of an interim strategy, signage, and proactive visitor information directing visitor experiences– combined with a lack of sufficient agency personnel on the ground–is having a negative impact on Monument objects. To increase protection for Monument objects prior to completing a comprehensive management plan, we request that the Forest Service and BLM work collaboratively with the Commission to develop an interim visitor management strategy. Among other immediate issues, the strategy should include a plan for managing non-commercial visitors, applications for commercial special recreation permits (perhaps including consideration of a temporary moratorium on new permits), and closure of illegal motorized routes (many of which have no physical barrier and/or signage indicating the currently closed status and some which have been utilized for cultural artifact looting). Developing an interim visitor management strategy is a positive, proactive measure that will result in increased protection for Monument objects and improved visitor experiences. We also urge you to increase law enforcement and volunteer presence on the ground in order to educate visitors and deter looting, vandalism, and other cultural and natural resource damage.

- **Cultural Resource Inventories.** We request that the Forest Service and BLM begin necessary Class III (pedestrian) cultural resource inventories throughout the Bears Ears National Monument. These critically important inventories are necessary in developing a Monument management plan that accurately captures the extent of cultural resources within the Monument and, in turn, ensures adequate protection of Monument objects. Given the time-intensive nature of Class III cultural resource inventories, we request that your agencies—in cooperation with us and in light of our extensive research on and personal knowledge of cultural resources—begin working on this inventory as soon as possible.

- **Monument Resource Advisory Committee.** The Proclamation establishes a Monument resource advisory committee (RAC) to "provide information and advice regarding the development of the management plan and, as appropriate, management of the monument." The committee "shall consist of a fair and balanced representation of interested stakeholders, including State and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners." To assist the agencies in meeting the requirement for fair and balanced committee representation, we request that we work cooperatively together in determining both appropriate RAC member categories and the process for nominating candidates RAC membership.

The Bears Ears National Monument Proclamation calls for a collaborative management partnership between the tribes and the federal agencies in order to make this Monument's extraordinary promise a reality. In furtherance of this partnership, the Commission invites you and your staff to attend our next official meeting on April 21, 2017, hosted by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc, Colorado. We have dedicated the entire afternoon, beginning at 1:00 PM, for a discussion with you on the matters we have raised in this letter as well as other matters you may wish to address.

Your attendance on April 21 will signify an important first step in what we hope will be a uniquely positive and meaningful government-to-government relationship. Your presence at this meeting will afford an opportunity to discuss the role of the Commission and your agencies moving forward, especially as it pertains to incorporating tribal traditional knowledge in developing a Bears Ears National Monument management plan and management generally. We set the April 21 meeting date in hopes that it will allow enough lead time for you to attend. If that is not possible, we urge you to work with us in finding another early date to discuss these critical matters as soon as possible. Please contact Commission Co-Chair Carleton Bowekaty at (505) 879-2826 or Carleton.Bowekaty@ashiwi.org to discuss this forthcoming Commission meeting.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Respectfully,

Terry Knight
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Co-Chair
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Cc: Mark Pentecost – Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest
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This event has been changed.

Chairman Bishop Meeting

more details »

Changed: Topic:
House Natural Resources Committee priorities
Utah Land Issues (Bears Ears)
Tribal trust lands, Indian water settlements, Border Patrol and Jones Act, Border Patrol and Memo of Understanding, energy development, environmental law and the military, territories, sage grouse, and national monuments, etc.

Attending:
Chairman Rob Bishop
Jason Knox, Committee Staff Director
Adam Stewart, Legislative Director

When	Wed Apr 5, 2017 3:15pm – 4pm Eastern Time
Where	Office of the Secretary (map)
Video call	https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/cdr06
Calendar	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Who	• Ryan Zinke - (b)(6) - organizer • caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov - creator • micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov • downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov • amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov

Going? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** more options »

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From:	Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 27 2017 13:36:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	PLPCO request.
Attachments:	PLPCO Letter_2-13-2017.pdf

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To:	Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>
CC:	Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>
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Thank you, Kathy and Downey. I will send the letters today. There is also a chance that the tribal leaders will be in an Indian law workshop the USFS is putting on Thursday in Price, UT. I may go so I can meet them in person.

On another issue, I wanted you all to see the artwork we have for the monument signage. We have not moved forward to have gateway signs made but I understand that the Gold Butte signs have been installed. I talked to our field manager and district manager yesterday and the spring visitation in southeast Utah is in full swing. They, the local visitor's bureau and local museums are getting a lot of questions about the monument--where is it, I will I know if I am in the monument, what are the best places to visit, what can and can't I do, etc. We have brochures and maps in development. I can sent you drafts. We also have a PDF map of the area that folks can download to thair smartphones from Avenza and other mapping service providers. I would like to get signs up but don't want to get ahead of the administration. We would put them

on major highways at entry points/edges of the monument. I wanted you to see that artwork for awareness. ed

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February 13, 2017

Mr. Edwin L. Roberson
State Director
Bureau of Land Management
440 West 200 South
Suite 500
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Documents Relating to Land Within the Monticello Field Office Planning Area

Dear Mr. Roberson,

Thank you for your assistance with providing us with public information regarding land within the Monticello Field Office's planning area.

To the extent they are available, please provide us with copies of documents, maps, and GIS datasets and shapefiles relating to or depicting the following information relating to the planning area:

> The number, type, and duration of permits requested or issued from 2005 to present for recreational activities (commercial or otherwise) conducted within the area that is now the Bears Ears National Monument. Please also provide documents reflecting the identity of the persons to whom the permits were issued or by whom the permits were requested, the number of persons permitted or requested to be permitted to participate in the activities, and the revenue received by the BLM for the permits.
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> The number and type of visitation from 2005 to the present, including data reflecting visitor use days and overnight visits, to the area that is now the Bears Ears National Monument.
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> The activities (commercial or otherwise) for which permits were requested or issued from 2005 to the present within the area that is now the Bears Ears National Monument, the revenue received by the BLM for the permits, the location for which the activity was permitted or requested to be permitted, the number of permits requested or issued, a quantification of the activity permitted (e.g. cords of wood permitted to be cut, persons permitted to camp, etc.), and any funds remitted to the State or San Juan County relating to the permitted activity.
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> Permits requested or issued for paleontological or archaeological activities on land within what is now the Bears Ears National Monument, including surveys, inventories, excavations and other activities. Please also provide documents reflecting the locations of and the types of paleontological or archaeological resources for which the permits were requested or issued. Please provide GIS datasets and shapefiles, maps, and other documents relating to or reflecting the location of the requested or issued permits and

paleontological and archaeological resources and depicting any Paleontology Condition System analyses conducted within the planning area.

Reports and updates submitted to the Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as required by Executive Order 13287, *Preserve America.*

Leases requested or issued for any coal, oil, gas, or other production within the area that is now the Bears Ears National Monument, the revenue received by BLM from the leases, production from the leases, funds remitted to the State or San Juan County from the leases, and the location of the requested or issued leases. Please also provide information regarding applications for permits to drill, expressions of interest, and project planning areas within the area that is now the Bears Ears National Monument, including the revenue received by the BLM relating to the applications and the location of the proposed drilling operations.

Location of all active mining operations and any requested expansion of mining operations within the area that is now the Bears Ears National Monument. Please provide information regarding the material being mined, revenue received by BLM for the operations, production from the operations, funds remitted to the State or San Juan County from the operations, and the location of the operations.

Location of all existing mining claims within the area that is now the Bears Ears National Monument. Please include information regarding the mineral claimed and any actions taken to develop the claim.

Number of AUMs currently permitted on grazing allotments within the area that is now the Bears Ears National Monument.

Sensitive, candidate, threatened, or endangered species habitat, relict and near-relict vegetation locations, and protected activity centers

Areas withdrawn for public water preservation and areas withdrawn from mineral entry.

Any specialized management plans for any ACECs, SRMAs, or other special management plans for land within what is now the Bears Ears National Monument.

We also request that we be provided with the following documents and information:

Electronic copies of the GIS datasets and shapefiles containing information used to create the following maps associated with the 2008 Resource Management Plan preparation and analysis. These maps are further described in Exhibit A.

Maps 1-20 for the Record of Decision.

Maps 3, 17 – 20 for the Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final EIS

Please provide the foregoing maps and underlying information, including any revisions that have been made to the data since the maps were originally published in 2008.

Electronic copies of the GIS datasets and shapefiles containing the information itemized below. This information was depicted in Maps 1 through 24b of the "Background Documents" relating to the 2008 RMP analysis and in Figures 9-1, 11-1, 11-2, 12-1, 13-1, 13-2, and 15-2 of the Analysis of Management Situation. Please provide this information, as well as any revisions that have been made to the datasets since the maps were originally published in 2005.

Surface Management Status

Leasable Minerals

Locatable Minerals

Saleable Minerals

General Geology

Location, occurrence and development potential for oil and gas plays, porous carbonate buildup plays, coal deposits, potash and salt deposits, tar sand deposits, uranium/vanadium deposits, copper deposits, placer gold deposits, limestone deposits, sand and gravel deposits, building stone deposits, and clay deposits

Oil and Gas Fields, Pipelines, and Wells

Recreation Facilities

Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Classifications

Riparian Vegetation Communities

Vegetation Types and Main Vegetation Communities

Mineral Conditions for Use

Electronic copies of GIS datasets and shapefiles, maps, and other documents relating to or reflecting the location of Native American sacred sites, traditional cultural properties, sites of religious or cultural importance, and areas of traditional uses such as hunting, fishing, gathering, wood cutting, plant gathering, and craft material gathering. Please provide information regarding the tribes that seek affiliation with each sacred site, traditional cultural property, and areas of traditional use. Please also provide me with GIS datasets and shapefiles, maps, and other documents reflecting the location of any surveys, inventories, and modeling relating to archaeological and cultural sites, including, but not limited to, predictive modeling for site densities.

Electronic copies of GIS datasets and shapefiles, maps, and other documents relating to or reflecting lands that as of December 27, 2016, were withdrawn from mineral, oil, gas, or coal entry, location, entry, or patent and lands that, as of December 27, 2017, were recommended for withdrawal from mineral, oil, gas, or coal entry, location, or patent.

Electronic copies of GIS datasets and shapefiles, maps, and other documents relating to or reflecting Extensive Recreation Management Areas and Research Natural Areas and areas of "outstanding scenic quality and high visual sensitivity" as described in the 2008 Resource Management Plan.

EXHIBIT A

Titles of Maps

Maps 1-20 for the Record of Decision.

MAP 1: Planning Area

MAP 2: Travel Plan

MAP 3: Grazing allotments

MAP 4: ROW Avoidance and Exclusion Areas

MAP 5: Communication Sites, Filming Locations, and Utility Corridors

MAP 6: Recommended Withdrawals

MAP 7: Grazing Exclusions and Restrictions

MAP 8: Non-WSA Areas with Wilderness Characteristics

MAP 9: Special Recreation Management Areas

MAP 10: Wilderness Study Areas

MAP 11: Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and Historic Trails

MAP 12: Wild and Scenic Rivers

MAP 13: Off Highway Vehicle Designations

MAP 14: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bighorn, Sage-grouse, and Prairie Dog Habitat

MAP 15: Southwest Regional GAP Vegetation

MAP 16: Visual Resource Management

MAP 17: Woodlands

MAP 18: Oil and Gas Leasing

MAP 19: Mineral Material Disposal

MAP 20: Cultural Management Areas, Developed Sites, and Historic Trails

Maps 3, 17-20 from Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final EIS

MAP 3: Fire Management Areas

MAP 17: Potential for Oil and Gas

MAP 18: Mineral Leasing Areas and Potential for Potash

MAP 19: Potential for Sand and Gravel

MAP 20: Potential for Uranium

Bears Ears National Monument

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Ryan Zinke - (b)(6)

From:	Ryan Zinke - (b)(6)
Sent:	Mon Apr 03 2017 17:58:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov, amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov, micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Invitation: Chairman Bishop Meeting @ Wed Apr 5, 2017 3:15pm - 4pm (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)
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Chairman Bishop Meeting

more details »

Topic:
House Natural Resources Committee priorities
Utah Land Issues (Bears Ears)

When	Wed Apr 5, 2017 3:15pm – 4pm Eastern Time
Where	Office of the Secretary (map)
Video call	https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/cdr06
Calendar	downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Who	• Ryan Zinke - (b)(6) - organizer • caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov - creator • downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov • amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov • micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov

Going? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** more options »

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From:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 28 2017 16:03:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	
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Utah Delegation

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From:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 27 2017 15:59:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	ed_cox@hatch.senate.gov
Subject:	Utah Delegation

What is the latest on these bills? Did they both pass?

http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865672485/Utah-lawmakers-advance-resolutions-on-Bears-Ears-Grand-Staircase-Escalante-monuments.html

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

From:	"Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 27 2017 16:02:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Utah Delegation

Yes, they both passed and were signed by the Governor.

From: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Monday, March 27, 2017 at 5:59 PM
To: "Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>
Subject: Utah Delegation

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From:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 27 2017 16:12:21 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>
Subject:	Re: Utah Delegation

Just saw that.... sorry and thanks

On Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 6:02 PM, Cox, Ed (Hatch) <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov> wrote:

> Yes, they both passed and were signed by the Governor.
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Utah Request

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Sent:	Fri Mar 24 2017 13:32:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Utah Request

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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Mar 24 2017 15:39:31 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>
CC:	Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Utah Request

If you can send the list. Kathy is aware of the DTS items and will take a look.

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From:	"Benedetto, Kathleen" <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Mar 24 2017 16:10:27 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>
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Sent:	Mon Mar 27 2017 12:39:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Benedetto, Kathleen" <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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To:	Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>
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Subject:	Re: Utah Request

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To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"Benedetto, Kathleen" <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Utah Request

Will do, Downey. I needed to let you both know that we have the information the Governors office requested related to the BENM. You indicated that you wanted input into the timing of the release. I will send you a copy of the request via a separate email. Ed

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CC: Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>
Subject: Re: Utah Request

Who cleared the letters? I haven't reviewed them yet. Too much Cherry Blossom traffic over the weekend. KB

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From:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 27 2017 09:29:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Benedetto, Kathleen" <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Bears Ears Letters

Lets talk before you do

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All, I wanted you all to know what we prepared to let the public know what activities and uses are allowed in the new national monument. Ed

Sent from my iPhone

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> Attached are the draft frequently asked questions that I have been working on. These are intended to be an update to the frequently asked questions that the BLM released the day the monument was designated. They are based on questions that we have received from the public during the past few months. Based on the volume of questions, I decided to break the FAQs down into three separate documents- questions about monument designation, questions about visiting the bears ears region, and questions about land uses-what has changed and what has not.

The target audience for these documents is the general public. Therefore I have tried to provide concise answers without any jargon. This is not intended to be a legal interpretation of the proclamation. Please note that these documents are in draft format. The Monticello Field Office is supposed to complete their review of the documents today. After they are finished they will be reviewed by our public affairs. We also intend to spice up the documents so that they are more visually appealing. Anyone that is using these documents should be aware of their intended purpose.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Please don't hesitate to call with any questions.

best,

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RESOLUTION OF THE NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD Navajo Nation Council - Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING THE PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BARACK OBAMA AND OPPOSE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO REVERSE THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS:

A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget resolutions, and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A). oppose

B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to coordinate all federal programs and to assist and coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A), 701 (A)(4), 701(A)(6) (2015); see also CO-45-12.

C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.

D. The Navajo Nation hereby supports the proclamation establishing the Bears Ears National Monument by the President of the United States Barack Obama, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. *See also* https://www.whitehouse.gov.

E. Abundant rock art, ancient cliff dwellings, ceremonial sites, and countless other artifacts provide an extraordinary archaeological and cultural record that is important to us all, but most notably the land is profoundly sacred to many Native American tribes, including the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, Hopi Nation, and Zuni Tribe. *Id.*

F. The Protection of the Bears Ears area will preserve its cultural, prehistoric, and historic legacy and maintain its diverse array of natural and scientific resources, ensuring that the prehistoric, historic and scientific values of this area remain for the benefit of all Americans. *Id.*

G. The Bears Ears area has been proposed for protection by members of Congress, Secretaries of the Interior, State and tribal leaders, and local conservationists for at least 80 years. *Id.*

H. The Antiquities Act authorizes the President, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Federal Government to be national monuments. 54 U.S.C. §320301 (2014); *See also* **Exhibit B**.

I. The Navajo Nation opposes any further congressional action to reverse the presidential proclamation in establishing the Bears Ears National Monument.

J. The people of Utah include many Native American tribes and to undo the designation would not honor the will of the people of Utah.

K. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo People to support the proclamation establishing the Bears Ears National Monument by the President of the United States Barack Obama and oppose further congressional action to reverse the presidential proclamation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, the Navajo Nation Chief Justice and their designees, to support the proclamation establishing the Bears Ears National Monument by the President of the United States Barack Obama and to advocate support from the 115th Congress and the Trump Administration to oppose further congressional action to reverse the presidential proclamation.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of in 19 favor and 0 oppose, this 5th day of January, 2017.

Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Nelson S. BeGaye
Second: Alton Joe Shepherd

The White House
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release December 28, 2016

Proclamation -- Establishment of the Bears Ears National Monument

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Rising from the center of the southeastern Utah landscape and visible from every direction are twin buttes so distinctive that in each of the native languages of the region their name is the same: Hoon'Naqvut, Shash Jáa, Kwiyagatu Nukavachi, Ansh An Lashokdiwe, or "Bears Ears." For hundreds of generations, native peoples lived in the surrounding deep sandstone canyons, desert mesas, and meadow mountaintops, which constitute one of the densest and most significant cultural landscapes in the United States. Abundant rock art, ancient cliff dwellings, ceremonial sites, and countless other artifacts provide an extraordinary archaeological and cultural record that is important to us all, but most notably the land is profoundly sacred to many Native American tribes, including the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, Hopi Nation, and Zuni Tribe.

The area's human history is as vibrant and diverse as the ruggedly beautiful landscape. From the earliest occupation, native peoples left traces of their presence. Clovis people hunted among the cliffs and canyons of Cedar Mesa as early as 13,000 years ago, leaving behind tools and projectile points in places like the Lime Ridge Clovis Site, one of the oldest known archaeological sites in Utah. Archaeologists believe that these early people hunted mammoths, ground sloths,

and other now-extinct megafauna, a narrative echoed by native creation stories. Hunters and gatherers continued to live in this region in the Archaic Period, with sites dating as far back as 8,500 years ago.

Ancestral Puebloans followed, beginning to occupy the area at least 2,500 years ago, leaving behind items from their daily life such as baskets, pottery, and weapons. These early farmers of Basketmaker II, and III and builders of Pueblo I, II and III left their marks on the land. The remains of single family dwellings, granaries, kivas, towers, and large villages and roads linking them together reveal a complex cultural history. "Moki steps," hand and toe holds carved into steep canyon walls by the Ancestral Puebloans, illustrate the early people's ingenuity and perseverance and are still used today to access dwellings along cliff walls. Other, distinct cultures have thrived here as well -- the Fremont People, Numic- and Athabaskan-speaking hunter-gatherers, and Utes and Navajos. Resources such as the Doll House Ruin in Dark Canyon Wilderness Area and the Moon House Ruin on Cedar Mesa allow visitors to marvel at artistry and architecture that have withstood thousands of seasons in this harsh climate.

The landscape is a milieu of the accessible and observable together with the inaccessible and hidden. The area's petroglyphs and pictographs capture the imagination with images dating back at least 5,000 years and spanning a range of styles and traditions. From life-size ghostlike figures that defy categorization, to the more literal depictions of bighorn sheep, birds, and lizards, these drawings enable us to feel the humanity of these ancient artists. The Indian Creek area contains spectacular rock art, including hundreds of petroglyphs at Newspaper Rock. Visitors to Bears Ears can also discover more recent rock art left by the Ute, Navajo, and Paiute peoples. It is also the less visible sites, however -- those that supported the food gathering, subsistence and ceremony of daily life -- that tell the story of the people who lived here. Historic remnants of Native American sheep-herding and farming are scattered throughout the area, and pottery and Navajo hogans record the lifeways of native peoples in the 19th and 20th centuries.

For thousands of years, humans have occupied and stewarded this land. With respect to most of these people, their contribution to the historical record is unknown, but some have played a more public role. Famed Navajo headman K'aayélii was born around 1800 near the twin Bears Ears buttes. His band used the area's remote canyons to elude capture by the U.S. Army and avoid the fate that befell many other Navajo bands: surrender, the Long Walk, and forced relocation to

Bosque Redondo. Another renowned 19th century Navajo leader, "Hastiin Ch'ihaajin" Manuelito, was also born near the Bears Ears.

The area's cultural importance to Native American tribes continues to this day. As they have for generations, these tribes and their members come here for ceremonies and to visit sacred sites. Throughout the region, many landscape features, such as Comb Ridge, the San Juan River, and Cedar Mesa, are closely tied to native stories of creation, danger, protection, and healing. The towering spires in the Valley of the Gods are sacred to the Navajo, representing ancient Navajo warriors frozen in stone. Traditions of hunting, fishing, gathering, and wood cutting are still practiced by tribal members, as is collection of medicinal and ceremonial plants, edible herbs, and materials for crafting items like baskets and footwear. The traditional ecological knowledge amassed by the Native Americans whose ancestors inhabited this region, passed down from generation to generation, offers critical insight into the historic and scientific significance of the area. Such knowledge is, itself, a resource to be protected and used in understanding and managing this landscape sustainably for generations to come.

Euro-Americans first explored the Bears Ears area during the 18th century, and Mormon settlers followed in the late 19th century. The San Juan Mission expedition traversed this rugged country in 1880 on their journey to establish a new settlement in what is now Bluff, Utah. To ease the passage of wagons over the slick rock slopes and through the canyonlands, the settlers smoothed sections of the rock surface and constructed dugways and other features still visible along their route, known as the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail. Cabins, corrals, trails, and carved inscriptions in the rock reveal the lives of ranchers, prospectors, and early archaeologists. Cattle rustlers and other outlaws created a convoluted trail network known as the Outlaw Trail, said to be used by Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. These outlaws took advantage of the area's network of canyons, including the aptly-named Hideout Canyon, to avoid detection.

The area's stunning geology, from sharp pinnacles to broad mesas, labyrinthine canyons to solitary hoodoos, and verdant hanging gardens to bare stone arches and natural bridges, provides vital insights to geologists. In the east, the Abajo Mountains tower, reaching elevations of more than 11,000 feet. A long geologic history is documented in the colorful rock layers visible in the area's canyons.

For long periods over 300 million years ago, these lands were inundated by tropical seas and hosted thriving coral reefs. These seas infused the area's black rock shale

with salts as they receded. Later, the lands were bucked upwards multiple times by the Monument Upwarp, and near-volcanoes punched up through the rock, leaving their marks on the landscape without reaching the surface. In the sandstone of Cedar Mesa, fossil evidence has revealed large, mammal-like reptiles that burrowed into the sand to survive the blistering heat of the end of the Permian Period, when the region was dominated by a seaside desert. Later, in the Late Triassic Period more than 200 million years ago, seasonal monsoons flooded an ancient river system that fed a vast desert here.

The paleontological resources in the Bears Ears area are among the richest and most significant in the United States, and protection of this area will provide important opportunities for further archaeological and paleontological study. Many sites, such as Arch Canyon, are teeming with fossils, and research conducted in the Bears Ears area is revealing new insights into the transition of vertebrate life from reptiles to mammals and from sea to land. Numerous ray-finned fish fossils from the Permian Period have been discovered, along with other late Paleozoic Era fossils, including giant amphibians, synapsid reptiles, and important plant fossils. Fossilized traces of marine and aquatic creatures such as clams, crayfish, fish, and aquatic reptiles have been found in Indian Creek's Chinle Formation, dating to the Triassic Period, and phytosaur and dinosaur fossils from the same period have been found along Comb Ridge. Paleontologists have identified new species of plant-eating crocodile-like reptiles and mass graves of lumbering sauropods, along with metoposaurus, crocodiles, and other dinosaur fossils. Fossilized trackways of early tetrapods can be seen in the Valley of the Gods and in Indian Creek, where paleontologists have also discovered exceptional examples of fossilized ferns, horsetails, and cycads. The Chinle Formation and the Wingate, Kayenta, and Navajo Formations above it provide one of the best continuous rock records of the Triassic-Jurassic transition in the world, crucial to understanding how dinosaurs dominated terrestrial ecosystems and how our mammalian ancestors evolved. In Pleistocene Epoch sediments, scientists have found traces of mammoths, short-faced bears, ground sloths, primates, and camels.

From earth to sky, the region is unsurpassed in wonders. The star-filled nights and natural quiet of the Bears Ears area transport visitors to an earlier eon. Against an absolutely black night sky, our galaxy and others more distant leap into view. As one of the most intact and least roaded areas in the contiguous United States, Bears Ears has that rare and arresting quality of deafening silence.

Communities have depended on the resources of the region for hundreds of generations. Understanding the important role of the green highlands in providing habitat for subsistence plants and animals, as well as capturing and filtering water from passing storms, the Navajo refer to such places as "Nahodishgish," or places to be left alone. Local communities seeking to protect the mountains for their watershed values have long recognized the importance of the Bears Ears' headwaters. Wildfires, both natural and human-set, have shaped and maintained forests and grasslands of this area for millennia. Ranchers have relied on the forests and grasslands of the region for ages, and hunters come from across the globe for a chance at a bull elk or other big game. Today, ecological restoration through the careful use of wildfire and management of grazing and timber is working to restore and maintain the health of these vital watersheds and grasslands.

The diversity of the soils and microenvironments in the Bears Ears area provide habitat for a wide variety of vegetation. The highest elevations, in the Elk Ridge area of the Manti-La Sal National Forest, contain pockets of ancient Engelmann spruce, ponderosa pine, aspen, and subalpine fir. Mesa tops include pinyon-juniper woodlands along with big sagebrush, low sage, blackbrush, rabbitbrush, bitterbrush, four-wing saltbush, shadscale, winterfat, Utah serviceberry, western chokecherry, hackberry, barberry, cliff rose, and greasewood. Canyons contain diverse vegetation ranging from yucca and cacti such as prickly pear, claret cup, and Whipple's fishhook to mountain mahogany, ponderosa pine, alder, sagebrush, birch, dogwood, and Gambel's oak, along with occasional stands of aspen. Grasses and herbaceous species such as bluegrass, bluestem, giant ryegrass, ricegrass, needle and thread, yarrow, common mallow, balsamroot, low larkspur, horsetail, and peppergrass also grow here, as well as pinnate spring parsley, Navajo penstemon, Canyonlands lomatium, and the Abajo daisy.

Tucked into winding canyons are vibrant riparian communities characterized by Fremont cottonwood, western sandbar willow, yellow willow, and box elder. Numerous seeps provide year-round water and support delicate hanging gardens, moisture-loving plants, and relict species such as Douglas fir. A few populations of the rare Kachina daisy, endemic to the Colorado Plateau, hide in shaded seeps and alcoves of the area's canyons. A genetically distinct population of Kachina daisy was also found on Elk Ridge. The alcove columbine and cave primrose, also regionally endemic, grow in seeps and hanging gardens in the Bears Ears landscape. Wildflowers such as beardtongue, evening primrose, aster, Indian paintbrush, yellow and purple beeflower, straight bladderpod, Durango tumble mustard, scarlet

gilia, globe mallow, sand verbena, sego lily, cliffrose, sacred datura, monkey flower, sunflower, prince's plume, hedgehog cactus, and columbine, bring bursts of color to the landscape.

The diverse vegetation and topography of the Bears Ears area, in turn, support a variety of wildlife species. Mule deer and elk range on the mesas and near canyon heads, which provide crucial habitat for both species. The Cedar Mesa landscape is home to bighorn sheep which were once abundant but still live in Indian Creek, and in the canyons north of the San Juan River. Small mammals such as desert cottontail, black-tailed jackrabbit, prairie dog, Botta's pocket gopher, white-tailed antelope squirrel, Colorado chipmunk, canyon mouse, deer mouse, pinyon mouse, and desert woodrat, as well as Utah's only population of Abert's tassel-eared squirrels, find shelter and sustenance in the landscape's canyons and uplands. Rare shrews, including a variant of Merriam's shrew and the dwarf shrew can be found in this area.

Carnivores, including badger, coyote, striped skunk, ringtail, gray fox, bobcat, and the occasional mountain lion, all hunt here, while porcupines use their sharp quills and climbing abilities to escape these predators. Oral histories from the Ute describe the historic presence of bison, antelope, and abundant bighorn sheep, which are also depicted in ancient rock art. Black bear pass through the area but are rarely seen, though they are common in the oral histories and legends of this region, including those of the Navajo.

Consistent sources of water in a dry landscape draw diverse wildlife species to the area's riparian habitats, including an array of amphibian species such as tiger salamander, red-spotted toad, Woodhouse's toad, canyon tree frog, Great Basin spadefoot, and northern leopard frog. Even the most sharp-eyed visitors probably will not catch a glimpse of the secretive Utah night lizard. Other reptiles in the area include the sagebrush lizard, eastern fence lizard, tree lizard, side-blotched lizard, plateau striped whiptail, western rattlesnake, night snake, striped whipsnake, and gopher snake.

Raptors such as the golden eagle, peregrine falcon, bald eagle, northern harrier, northern goshawk, red-tailed hawk, ferruginous hawk, American kestrel, flammulated owl, and great horned owl hunt their prey on the mesa tops with deadly speed and accuracy. The largest contiguous critical habitat for the threatened Mexican spotted owl is on the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Other bird species found in the area include Merriam's turkey, Williamson's sapsucker,

common nighthawk, white-throated swift, ash-throated flycatcher, violet-green swallow, cliff swallow, mourning dove, pinyon jay, sagebrush sparrow, canyon towhee, rock wren, sage thrasher, and the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher.

As the skies darken in the evenings, visitors may catch a glimpse of some the area's at least 15 species of bats, including the big free-tailed bat, pallid bat, Townsend's big-eared bat, spotted bat, and silver-haired bat. Tinajas, rock depressions filled with rainwater, provide habitat for many specialized aquatic species, including pothole beetles and freshwater shrimp. Eucosma navajoensis, an endemic moth that has only been described near Valley of the Gods, is unique to this area.

Protection of the Bears Ears area will preserve its cultural, prehistoric, and historic legacy and maintain its diverse array of natural and scientific resources, ensuring that the prehistoric, historic, and scientific values of this area remain for the benefit of all Americans. The Bears Ears area has been proposed for protection by members of Congress, Secretaries of the Interior, State and tribal leaders, and local conservationists for at least 80 years. The area contains numerous objects of historic and of scientific interest, and it provides world class outdoor recreation opportunities, including rock climbing, hunting, hiking, backpacking, canyoneering, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Because visitors travel from near and far, these lands support a growing travel and tourism sector that is a source of economic opportunity for the region.

WHEREAS, section 320301 of title 54, United States Code (known as the "Antiquities Act"), authorizes the President, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Federal Government to be national monuments, and to reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to preserve the objects of scientific and historic interest on the Bears Ears lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by section 320301 of title 54, United States Code, hereby proclaim the objects identified above that are situated upon lands and

interests in lands owned or controlled by the Federal Government to be the Bears Ears National Monument (monument) and, for the purpose of protecting those objects, reserve as part thereof all lands and interests in lands owned or controlled by the Federal Government within the boundaries described on the accompanying map, which is attached to and forms a part of this proclamation. These reserved Federal lands and interests in lands encompass approximately 1.35 million acres. The boundaries described on the accompanying map are confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.

All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws or laws applicable to the U.S. Forest Service, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument.

The establishment of the monument is subject to valid existing rights, including valid existing water rights. If the Federal Government acquires ownership or control of any lands or interests in lands that it did not previously own or control within the boundaries described on the accompanying map, such lands and interests in lands shall be reserved as a part of the monument, and objects identified above that are situated upon those lands and interests in lands shall be part of the monument, upon acquisition of ownership or control by the Federal Government.

The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior (Secretaries) shall manage the monument through the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), pursuant to their respective applicable legal authorities, to implement the purposes of this proclamation. The USFS shall manage that portion of the monument within the boundaries of the National Forest System (NFS), and the BLM shall manage the remainder of the monument. The lands administered by the USFS shall be managed as part of the Manti-La Sal National Forest. The lands administered by the BLM shall be managed as a unit of the National Landscape Conservation System, pursuant to applicable legal authorities.

For purposes of protecting and restoring the objects identified above, the Secretaries shall jointly prepare a management plan for the monument and shall promulgate such regulations for its management as they deem appropriate. The Secretaries, through the USFS and the BLM, shall consult with other Federal land

management agencies in the local area, including the National Park Service, in developing the management plan. In promulgating any management rules and regulations governing the NFS lands within the monument and developing the management plan, the Secretary of Agriculture, through the USFS, shall consult with the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM. The Secretaries shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited to, consultation with federally recognized tribes and State and local governments. In the development and implementation of the management plan, the Secretaries shall maximize opportunities, pursuant to applicable legal authorities, for shared resources, operational efficiency, and cooperation.

The Secretaries, through the BLM and USFS, shall establish an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) to provide information and advice regarding the development of the management plan and, as appropriate, management of the monument. This advisory committee shall consist of a fair and balanced representation of interested stakeholders, including State and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners.

In recognition of the importance of tribal participation to the care and management of the objects identified above, and to ensure that management decisions affecting the monument reflect tribal expertise and traditional and historical knowledge, a Bears Ears Commission (Commission) is hereby established to provide guidance and recommendations on the development and implementation of management plans and on management of the monument. The Commission shall consist of one elected officer each from the Hopi Nation, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, and Zuni Tribe, designated by the officers' respective tribes. The Commission may adopt such procedures as it deems necessary to govern its activities, so that it may effectively partner with the Federal agencies by making continuing contributions to inform decisions regarding the management of the monument.

The Secretaries shall meaningfully engage the Commission or, should the Commission no longer exist, the tribal governments through some other entity composed of elected tribal government officers (comparable entity), in the development of the management plan and to inform subsequent management of the monument. To that end, in developing or revising the management plan, the Secretaries shall carefully and fully consider integrating the traditional and historical knowledge and special expertise of the Commission or comparable entity. If the

Secretaries decide not to incorporate specific recommendations submitted to them in writing by the Commission or comparable entity, they will provide the Commission or comparable entity with a written explanation of their reasoning. The management plan shall also set forth parameters for continued meaningful engagement with the Commission or comparable entity in implementation of the management plan.

To further the protective purposes of the monument, the Secretary of the Interior shall explore entering into a memorandum of understanding with the State that would set forth terms, pursuant to applicable laws and regulations, for an exchange of land currently owned by the State of Utah and administered by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration within the boundary of the monument for land of approximately equal value managed by the BLM outside the boundary of the monument. The Secretary of the Interior shall report to the President by January 19, 2017, regarding the potential for such an exchange.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to interfere with the operation or maintenance, or the replacement or modification within the current authorization boundary, of existing utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities located within the monument in a manner consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights or jurisdiction of any Indian tribe. The Secretaries shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law and in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of Indian sacred sites and traditional cultural properties in the monument and provide access by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites), including collection of medicines, berries and other vegetation, forest products, and firewood for personal noncommercial use in a manner consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.

For purposes of protecting and restoring the objects identified above, the Secretaries shall prepare a transportation plan that designates the roads and trails where motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicle use will be allowed. Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicle use shall be allowed only on roads and trails designated for such use, consistent with the care and management of such objects. Any additional

roads or trails designated for motorized vehicle use must be for the purposes of public safety or protection of such objects.

Laws, regulations, and policies followed by USFS or BLM in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on lands under their jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument to ensure the ongoing consistency with the care and management of the objects identified above.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Utah, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management.

Nothing in this proclamation shall preclude low-level overflights of military aircraft, the designation of new units of special use airspace, or the use or establishment of military flight training routes over the lands reserved by this proclamation consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to alter the authority or responsibility of any party with respect to emergency response activities within the monument, including wildland fire response.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to revoke any existing withdrawal, reservation, or appropriation; however, the monument shall be the dominant reservation.

Warning is hereby given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, injure, destroy, or remove any feature of the monument and not to locate or settle upon any of the lands thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.

BARACK OBAMA

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(a) Presidential Declaration.-The President may, in the President's discretion, declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated on land owned or controlled by the Federal Government to be national monuments.

(b) Reservation of Land.-The President may reserve parcels of land as a part of the national monuments. The limits of the parcels shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.

(c) Relinquishment to Federal Government.-When an object is situated on a parcel covered by a bona fide unperfected claim or held in private ownership, the parcel, or so much of the parcel as may be necessary for the proper care and management of the object, may be relinquished to the Federal Government and the Secretary may accept the relinquishment of the parcel on behalf of the Federal Government.

(d) Limitation on Extension or Establishment of National Monuments in Wyoming.-No extension or establishment of national monuments in Wyoming may be undertaken except by express authorization of Congress.

(Pub. L. 113–287, §3, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3259 .)

Historical and Revision Notes

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
320301(a) through (c)	16 U.S.C. 431.	June 8, 1906, ch. 3060, §2, 34 Stat. 225 .
320301(d)	16 U.S.C. 431a.	Sept. 14, 1950, ch. 950, §1 (proviso relating to national monuments), 64 Stat. 849 .

In subsection (c), the word "parcel" is substituted for "tract" for consistency in this section.
In subsection (d), the word "further" is omitted as obsolete.

National Monuments Established Under Presidential Proclamation

Ackia Battleground National Monument, Mississippi [see section 450r of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2307, Oct. 25, 1938, 53 Stat. 2494.

Admiralty Island National Monument, Alaska [Monument established within Tongass National Forest by Pub. L. 96–487, title V, §503(b), Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2399 ; Pub. L. 104–123, Apr. 1, 1996, 110 Stat. 879 ; Pub. L. 105–60, Oct. 10, 1997, 111 Stat. 1269].-Proc. No. 4611, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1446.

African Burial Ground National Monument, New York.-Proc. No. 7984, Feb. 27, 2006, 71 F.R. 10793.

Agua Fria National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 7263, Jan. 11, 2000, 65 F.R. 2817.

Andrew Johnson National Monument, Tennessee [Monument redesignated Andrew Johnson National Historical Site, see section 450o of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2554, Apr. 27, 1942, 56 Stat. 1955.

Aniakchak National Monument, Alaska [Monument established as unit of National Park System, see section 410hh(1) of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 4612, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1448.

Arches National Monument, Utah [Monument abolished and funds made available to Arches National Park, see section 272 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 1875, Apr. 12, 1929, 46 Stat. 2988; Proc. No. 2312, Nov. 25, 1938, 53 Stat. 2504; Proc. No. 3360, July 22, 1960, 74 Stat. c79; Proc. No. 3887, Jan. 20, 1969, 83 Stat. 920.

Aztec Ruins National Monument, New Mexico.-Proc. No. 1650, Jan. 24, 1923, 42 Stat. 2295; Proc. No. 1840, July 2, 1928, 45 Stat. 2954; Proc. No. 1928, Dec. 19, 1930, 46 Stat. 3040; Proc. No. 2787, May 27, 1948, 62 Stat. 1513; Pub. L. 100–559, title VI, §§601–604, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2800 .

Badlands National Monument, South Dakota [Monument redesignated Badlands National Park, see section

141e–1 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2320, Jan. 25, 1939, 53 Stat. 2521.

Bandelier National Monument, New Mexico.-Proc. No. 1322, Feb. 11, 1916, 39 Stat. 1764; Proc. No. 1991, Feb. 25, 1932, 47 Stat. 2503; Proc. No. 3388, Jan. 9, 1961, 75 Stat. 1014; Proc. No. 3539, May 27, 1963, 77 Stat. 1006; Pub. L. 94–578, title III, §309, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2736 ; Pub. L. 105–85, div. C, title XXXI, §3164, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2050 ; Pub. L. 105–376, Nov. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 3388 .

Basin and Range National Monument, Nevada.-Proc. No. 9297, July 10, 2015, 80 F.R. 41969.

Becharof National Monument, Alaska.-Proc. No. 4613, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1450.

Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, District of Columbia.-Proc. No. 9423, Apr. 12, 2016, 81 F.R. 22505.

Bering Land Bridge National Monument, Alaska.-Proc. No. 4614, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1451.

Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 9298, July 10, 2015, 80 F.R. 41975.

Big Hole Battlefield National Monument, Montana [Monument redesignated Big Hole National Battlefield, see section 430uu of Title 16, Conservation].-Ex. Ord. No. 1216, June 23, 1910; Proc. No. 2339, June 29, 1939, 53 Stat. 2544.

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Colorado [Monument abolished and lands incorporated in, and funds made available for, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, see section 410fff–2 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2033, Mar. 2, 1933, 47 Stat. 2558; Proc. No. 2286, May 16, 1938, 52 Stat. 1548; Proc. No. 2372, Oct. 28, 1939, 54 Stat. 2669; Proc. No. 3344, Apr. 8, 1960, 74 Stat. c56; Pub. L. 98–357, July 13, 1984, 98 Stat. 397 .

Browns Canyon National Monument, Colorado.-Proc. No. 9232, Feb. 19, 2015, 80 F.R. 9975.

Bryce Canyon National Monument, Utah.-Proc. No. 1664, June 8, 1923, 43 Stat. 1914; Proc. No. 1930, Jan. 5, 1931, 46 Stat. 3042; Proc. No. 1952, May 4, 1931, 47 Stat. 2455.

Buck Island Reef National Monument, Virgin Islands.-Proc. No. 3443, Dec. 28, 1961, 76 Stat. 1441; Proc. No. 4346, Feb. 1, 1975, 89 Stat. 1237; Proc. No. 4359, Mar. 28, 1975, 89 Stat. 1254; Proc. No. 7392, Jan. 17, 2001, 66 F.R. 7335.

Cabrillo National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 1255, Oct. 14, 1913, 38 Stat. 1965; Proc. No. 3273, Feb. 2, 1959, 73 Stat. c19; Proc. No. 4319, Sept. 28, 1974, 88 Stat. 2514.

California Coastal National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 7264, Jan. 11, 2000, 65 F.R. 2821; Proc. No. 9089, Mar. 11, 2014, 79 F.R. 14603.

Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Arizona [see section 445 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 1945, Apr. 1, 1931, 47 Stat. 2448; Proc. No. 2036, Mar. 3, 1933, 47 Stat. 2562.

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Colorado.-Proc. No. 7317, June 9, 2000, 65 F.R. 37243.

Cape Krusenstern National Monument, Alaska [Monument established as unit of National Park System, see section 410hh(3) of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 4615, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1453.

Capitol Reef National Monument, Utah [Monument abolished and funds made available to Capitol Reef National Park, see section 273 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2246, Aug. 2, 1937, 50 Stat. 1856; Proc. No. 3249, July 2, 1958, 72 Stat. c48; Proc. No. 3888, Jan. 20, 1969, 83 Stat. 922.

Capulin Mountain National Monument, New Mexico [Monument redesignated Capulin Volcano National Monument by Pub. L. 100–225, title V, §506(g), Dec. 31, 1987, 101 Stat. 1547].-Proc. No. 1340, Aug. 9, 1916, 39 Stat. 1792.

Capulin Volcano National Monument, New Mexico [Monument changed from Capulin Mountain National Monument, see section 460uu–46(g) of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 1340, Aug. 9, 1916, 39 Stat. 1792; Pub. L. 87–635, Sept. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 436 ; Pub. L. 100–225, title V, §506(g), Dec. 31, 1987, 101 Stat. 1547 .

Carlsbad Cave National Monument, New Mexico [Monument redesignated Carlsbad Caverns National Park, see section 407 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 1679, Oct. 25, 1923, 43 Stat. 1929.

Carrizo Plain National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 7393, Jan. 17, 2001, 66 F.R. 7339.

Casa Grande National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 1470, Aug. 3, 1918, 40 Stat. 1818.

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Oregon.-Proc. No. 7318, June 9, 2000, 65 F.R. 37249; Pub. L. 111–11, title I, §§1401–1406, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1026–1031 .

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Florida [Monument changed from Fort Marion National Monument by act June 5, 1942, ch. 337, 56 Stat. 312].-Proc. No. 1713, Oct. 15, 1924, 43 Stat. 1968; Pub. L. 108–480, Dec. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 3907 .

Castle Mountains National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 9394, Feb. 12, 2016, 81 F.R. 8365.

Castle Pinckney National Monument, South Carolina.-Proc. No. 1713, Oct. 15, 1924, 43 Stat. 1968.

Cedar Breaks National Monument, Utah.-Proc. No. 2054, Aug. 22, 1933, 48 Stat. 1705.

César E. Chávez National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 8884, Oct. 8, 2012, 77 F.R. 62413.

Chaco Canyon National Monument, New Mexico [Monument abolished and funds made available to Chaco

Culture National Historical Park, see section 410ii–1(a) of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 740, Mar. 11, 1907, 35 Stat. 2119; Proc. No. 1826, Jan. 10, 1928, 45 Stat. 2937.

Channel Islands National Monument, California [Monument abolished and incorporated in Channel Islands National Park, see section 410ff of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2281, Apr. 26, 1938, 52 Stat. 1541; Proc. No. 2825, Feb. 9, 1949, 63 Stat. 1258; Pub. L. 93–477, title IV, §401, Oct. 26, 1974, 88 Stat. 1447 ; Pub. L. 94–578, title II, §201(9), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2733 .

Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument, Ohio.-Proc. No. 8945, Mar. 25, 2013, 78 F.R. 18777.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Monument, Maryland.-Proc. No. 3391, Jan. 18, 1961, 75 Stat. 1023.

Chimney Rock National Monument, Colorado.-Proc. No. 8868, Sept. 21, 2012, 77 F.R. 59275.

Chiricahua National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 1692, Apr. 18, 1924, 43 Stat. 1946; Proc. No. 2288, June 10, 1938, 52 Stat. 1551.

Cinder Cone National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 753, May 6, 1907, 35 Stat. 2131.

Colonial National Monument, Virginia [Monument redesignated Colonial National Historical Park, see section 81 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 1929, Dec. 30, 1930, 46 Stat. 3041; Proc. No. 2055, Aug. 22, 1933, 48 Stat. 1706.

Colorado National Monument, Colorado.-Proc. No. 1126, May 24, 1911, 37 Stat. 1681; Proc. No. 2037, Mar. 3, 1933, 47 Stat. 2563; Proc. No. 3307, Aug. 7, 1959, 73 Stat. c69; Pub. L. 94–578, title III, §302(a), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2734 .

Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho.-Proc. No. 1694, May 2, 1924, 43 Stat. 1947; Proc. No. 1843, July 23, 1928, 45 Stat. 2959; Proc. No. 1916, July 9, 1930, 46 Stat. 3029; Proc. No. 2499, July 18, 1941, 55 Stat. 1660; Proc. No. 3506, Nov. 19, 1962, 77 Stat. 960; Pub. L. 104–333, div. I, title II, §205, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4106 ; Proc. No. 7373, Nov. 9, 2000, 65 F.R. 69221; Pub. L. 107–213, §1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1052 .

Death Valley National Monument, California and Nevada [Monument abolished and incorporated in Death Valley National Park, see section 410aaa–1 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2028, Feb. 11, 1933, 47 Stat. 2554; Proc. No. 2228, Mar. 26, 1937, 50 Stat. 1823; Proc. No. 2961, Jan. 17, 1952, 66 Stat. c18; Pub. L. 103–433, title III, §302, Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4485 .

Denali National Monument, Alaska.-Proc. No. 4616, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1455.

Devil Postpile National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 1166, July 6, 1911, 37 Stat. 1715.

Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming.-Proc. No. 658, Sept. 24, 1906, 34 Stat. 3236; act Aug. 9, 1955, ch. 647, 69 Stat. 575 .

Dinosaur National Monument, Utah-Colorado.-Proc. No. 1313, Oct. 4, 1915, 39 Stat. 1752; Proc. No. 2290, July 14, 1938, 53 Stat. 2454; Pub. L. 100–701, §§2–4, Nov. 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 4641 .

Edison Laboratory National Monument, New Jersey [Monument and Edison Home National Historic Site together with certain adjacent lands redesignated Edison National Historic Site by Pub. L. 87–628, §1, Sept. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 428 ; Pub. L. 87–628 repealed and references to the Edison National Historic Site deemed to refer to the Thomas Edison National Historical Park by Pub. L. 111–11, title VII, §7110(c)(4), (5), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1198 , see section 410mmm of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 3148, July 14, 1956, 70 Stat. c49.

Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa.-Proc. No. 2860, Oct. 25, 1949, 64 Stat. a371; Pub. L. 106–323, Oct. 19, 2000, 114 Stat. 1289 .

El Morro National Monument, New Mexico.-Proc. No. 695, Dec. 8, 1906, 34 Stat. 3264; Proc. No. 1377, June 18, 1917, 40 Stat. 1673.

First State National Monument, Delaware [Monument redesignated First State National Historical Park, see section 410rrr of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 8944, Mar. 25, 2013, 78 F.R. 18769.

Fort Jefferson National Monument, Florida [Monument abolished and incorporated in Dry Tortugas National Park, see section 410xx of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2112, Jan. 4, 1935, 49 Stat. 3430; Pub. L. 96–287, title II, June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 600 ; Pub. L. 102–525, title II, §201(c), Oct. 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 3440 .

Fort Laramie National Monument, Wyoming [Monument redesignated Fort Laramie National Historic Site by Pub. L. 86–444, §3, Apr. 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 84].-Proc. No. 2292, July 16, 1938, 53 Stat. 2461.

Fort Marion National Monument, Florida [Monument redesignated Castillo de San Marcos National Monument by act June 5, 1942, ch. 337, 56 Stat. 312].-Proc. No. 1713, Oct. 15, 1924, 43 Stat. 1968.

Fort Matanzas National Monument, Florida.-Proc. No. 1713, Oct. 15, 1924, 43 Stat. 1968; Proc. No. 2114, Jan. 9, 1935, 49 Stat. 3433; Proc. No. 2773, Mar. 24, 1948, 62 Stat. 1491; Pub. L. 106–524, Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2493 .

Fort Monroe National Monument, Virginia.-Proc. No. 8750, Nov. 1, 2011, 76 F.R. 68625.

Fort Niagara National Monument, New York.-Proc. No. 1745, Sept. 5, 1925, 44 Stat. 2582.

Fort Ord National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 8803, Apr. 20, 2012, 77 F.R. 24579.

Fort Pulaski National Monument, Georgia.-Proc. No. 1713, Oct. 15, 1924, 43 Stat. 1968; June 26, 1936, ch. 844,

49 Stat. 1979 ; Pub. L. 104–333, div. I, title VIII, §807, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4188 .

Fort Wood National Monument, New York.-Proc. No. 1713, Oct. 15, 1924, 43 Stat. 1968.

Fossil Cycad National Monument, South Dakota.-Proc. No. 1641, Oct. 21, 1922, 42 Stat. 2286.

Gates of the Arctic National Monument, Alaska.-Proc. No. 4617, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1457.

Giant Sequoia National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 7295, Apr. 15, 2000, 65 F.R. 24095.

Gila Cliff-Dwellings National Monument, New Mexico.-Proc. No. 781, Nov. 16, 1907, 35 Stat. 2162; Proc. No. 3467, Apr. 17, 1962, 76 Stat. 1465.

Glacier Bay National Monument, Alaska [Monument redesignated Glacier Bay National Park, see section 410hh–1(1) of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 1733, Feb. 26, 1925, 43 Stat. 1988; Proc. No. 2330, Apr. 18, 1939, 53 Stat. 2534; Proc. No. 3089, Mar. 31, 1955, 69 Stat. c27; Proc. No. 4618, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1458.

Governors Island National Monument, New York.-Proc. No. 7402, Jan. 19, 2001, 66 F.R. 7855; Proc. No. 7647, Feb. 7, 2003, 68 F.R. 7053.

Gran Quivira National Monument, New Mexico [Monument abolished and funds made available to Salinas National Monument by Pub. L. 96–550, title VI, §601(b), Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3231 . Salinas National Monument redesignated Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument by Pub. L. 100–559, title I, §101, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2797].-Proc. No. 882, Mar. 20, 1909, 36 Stat. 2503; Proc. No. 1545, Nov. 25, 1919, 41 Stat. 1778.

Grand Canyon National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 794, Jan. 11, 1908, 35 Stat. 2175; Proc. No. 2022, Dec. 22, 1932, 47 Stat. 2547; Proc. No. 2393, Apr. 4, 1940, 54 Stat. 2692.

Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 7265, Jan. 11, 2000, 65 F.R. 2825.

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah.-Proc. No. 6920, Sept. 18, 1996, 110 Stat. 4561; Pub. L. 105–335, Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3139 ; Pub. L. 105–355, title II, §201, Nov. 6, 1998, 112 Stat. 3252 ; Pub. L. 106–176, title III, §307, Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 33 .

Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Colorado [Monument abolished and incorporated in Great Sand Dunes National Park, see section 410hhh–2 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 1994, Mar. 17, 1932, 47 Stat. 2506; Proc. No. 2681, Mar. 12, 1946, 60 Stat. 1339; Proc. No. 3138, June 7, 1956, 70 Stat. c31.

Hanford Reach National Monument, Washington.-Proc. No. 7319, June 9, 2000, 65 F.R. 37253.

Harriet Tubman-Underground Railroad National Monument, Maryland.-Proc. No. 8943, Mar. 25, 2013, 78 F.R. 18763.

Holy Cross National Monument, Colorado [Monument abolished by act Aug. 3, 1950, ch. 530, 64 Stat. 404].-Proc. No. 1877, May 11, 1929, 46 Stat. 2993.

Honouliuli National Monument, Hawaii.-Proc. No. 9234, Feb. 24, 2015, 80 F.R. 11069.

Hovenweep National Monument, Colorado-Utah.-Proc. No. 1654, Mar. 2, 1923, 42 Stat. 2299; Proc. No. 2924, Apr. 26, 1951, 65 Stat. c8; Proc. No. 2998, Nov. 20, 1952, 67 Stat. c21; Proc. No. 3132, Apr. 6, 1956, 70 Stat. c26.

ronwood Forest National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 7320, June 9, 2000, 65 F.R. 37259.

Jackson Hole National Monument, Wyoming [Monument abolished and incorporated in Grand Teton National Park, see section 406d–1 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2578, Mar. 15, 1943, 57 Stat. 731.

Jewel Cave National Monument, South Dakota.-Proc. No. 799, Feb. 7, 1908, 35 Stat. 2180; Pub. L. 89–250, Oct. 9, 1965, 79 Stat. 971 .

Joshua Tree National Monument, California [see section 450ii of Title 16, Conservation] [Monument abolished and incorporated in Joshua Tree National Park, see section 410aaa–22 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2193, Aug. 10, 1936, 50 Stat. 1760; Pub. L. 103–433, title IV, §402, Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4488 .

Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument, New Mexico.-Proc. No. 7394, Jan. 17, 2001, 66 F.R. 7343.

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, Maine.-Proc. No. 9476, Aug. 24, 2016, 81 F.R. 59121.

Katmai National Monument, Alaska [Monument redesignated Katmai National Park, see section 410hh–1(2) of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 1487, Sept. 24, 1918, 40 Stat. 1855; Proc. No. 1950, Apr. 24, 1931, 47 Stat. 2453; Proc. No. 2177, June 15, 1936, 49 Stat. 3523; Proc. No. 2564, Aug. 4, 1942, 56 Stat. 1972; Proc. No. 3890, Jan. 20, 1969, 83 Stat. 926; Proc. No. 4619, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1460.

Kenai Fjords National Monument, Alaska.-Proc. No. 4620, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1462.

Kobuk Valley National Monument, Alaska.-Proc. No. 4621, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1463.

Lake Clark National Monument, Alaska.-Proc. No. 4622, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1465.

Lassen Peak National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 754, May 6, 1907, 35 Stat. 2132.

Lava Beds National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 1755, Nov. 21, 1925, 44 Stat. 2591; Proc. No. 2925, Apr. 27, 1951, 65 Stat. c9.

Lehman Caves National Monument, Nevada [Monument abolished and lands incorporated in, and funds made available for, Great Basin National Park, see section 410mm(d) of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 1618,

Jan. 24, 1922, 42 Stat. 2260.

Lewis and Clark Cavern National Monument, Montana.-Proc. No. 807, May 11, 1908, 35 Stat. 2187; Proc. No. 1123, May 16, 1911, 37 Stat. 1679.

Marble Canyon National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 3889, Jan. 20, 1969, 83 Stat. 924.

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Mojave Trails National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 9395, Feb. 12, 2016, 81 F.R. 8371.

Montezuma Castle National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 696, Dec. 8, 1906, 34 Stat. 3265; Proc. No. 2226, Feb. 23, 1937, 50 Stat. 1817; Pub. L. 108–190, Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2867 .

Mound City Group National Monument, Ohio [Monument redesignated Hopewell Culture National Historic Park, see section 401uu of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 1653, Mar. 2, 1923, 42 Stat. 2298; Pub. L. 96–607, title VII, §701, Dec. 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 3540 .

Mount Olympus National Monument, Washington [Monument abolished and lands incorporated in Mount Olympus National Park, see section 251 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 869, Mar. 2, 1909, 35 Stat. 2247; Proc. No. 1191, Apr. 17, 1912, 37 Stat. 1737; Proc. No. 1293, May 11, 1915, 39 Stat. 1726; Proc. No. 1862, Jan. 7, 1929, 45 Stat. 2984.

Muir Woods National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 793, Jan. 9, 1908, 35 Stat. 2174; Proc. No. 1608, Sept. 22, 1921, 42 Stat. 2249; Proc. No. 2122, Apr. 5, 1935, 49 Stat. 3443; Proc. No. 2932, June 26, 1951, 65 Stat. c20; Proc. No. 3311, Sept. 8, 1959, 73 Stat. c76.

Mukuntuweap National Monument, Utah [Monument redesignated Zion National Monument by Proc. No. 1435, Mar. 18, 1918, 40 Stat. 1760, and later redesignated Zion National Park, see section 344 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 877, July 31, 1909, 36 Stat. 2498.

Natural Bridges National Monument, Utah.-Proc. No. 804, Apr. 16, 1908, 35 Stat. 2183; Proc. No. 881, Sept. 25, 1909, 36 Stat. 2502; Proc. No. 1323, Feb. 11, 1916, 39 Stat. 1764; Proc. No. 3486, Aug. 14, 1962, 76 Stat. 1495.

Navajo National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 873, Mar. 20, 1909, 36 Stat. 2491; Proc. No. 1186, Mar. 14, 1912, 37 Stat. 1733.

Noatak National Monument, Alaska.-Proc. No. 4624, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1468.

Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, Hawaii [Monument redesignated Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument by Proc. No. 8112, Feb. 28, 2007, 72 F.R. 10031].-Proc. No. 8031, June 15, 2006, 71 F.R. 36443.

Ocmulgee National Monument, Georgia [see section 447a of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2212, Dec. 23, 1936, 50 Stat. 1798; Proc. No. 2493, June 13, 1941, 55 Stat. 1654; Pub. L. 102–67, July 9, 1991, 105 Stat. 325 .

Old Kasaan National Monument, Alaska [Monument abolished and incorporated in Tongass National Forest by act July 26, 1955, ch. 387, 69 Stat. 380].-Proc. No. 1351, Oct. 25, 1916, 39 Stat. 1812.

Oregon Caves National Monument, Oregon [Monument and land designated as National Preserve to be administered as single unit of National Park System and designated as Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve, see section 410vvv of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 876, July 12, 1909, 36 Stat. 2497.

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Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument Expansion, Wake and Jarvis Islands, Johnston Atoll.-Proc. No. 9173, Sept. 25, 2014, 79 F.R. 58645.

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Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Hawaii [Monument changed from Northwestern Hawaiian

slands Marine National Monument by Proc. No. 8112, Feb. 28, 2007, 72 F.R. 10031].-Proc. No. 8031, June 15, 2006, 71 F.R. 36443.

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Expansion, Hawaii.-Proc. No. 9478, Aug. 26, 2016, 81 F.R. 60227.

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial National Monument, Ohio.-Proc. No. 2182, July 6, 1936, 50 Stat. 1734.

Petrified Forest National Monument [Monument disestablished on establishment of Petrified Forest National Park, see sections 119 and 444 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 697, Dec. 8, 1906, 34 Stat. 3266; Proc. No. 1167, July 31, 1911, 37 Stat. 1716; Proc. No. 1927, Nov. 14, 1930, 46 Stat. 3040; Proc. No. 1975, Nov. 30, 1931, 47 Stat. 2486; Proc. No. 2011, Sept. 23, 1932, 47 Stat. 2532.

Pinnacles National Monument, California [Monument abolished and lands and interests therein incorporated within and made part of Pinnacles National Park, see section 410ooo–1 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 796, Jan. 16, 1908, 35 Stat. 2177; Proc. No. 1660, May 7, 1923, 43 Stat. 1911; Proc. No. 1704, July 2, 1924, 43 Stat. 1961; Proc. No. 1948, Apr. 13, 1931, 47 Stat. 2451; Proc. No. 2050, July 11, 1933, 48 Stat. 1701; Proc. No. 2528, Dec. 5, 1941, 55 Stat. 1709; Proc. No. 7266, Jan. 11, 2000, 65 F.R. 2831.

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Pullman National Monument, Illinois.-Proc. No. 9233, Feb. 19, 2015, 80 F.R. 10315.

Rainbow Bridge National Monument, Utah.-Proc. No. 1043, May 30, 1910, 36 Stat. 2703.

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San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 9194, Oct. 10, 2014, 79 F.R. 62303.

San Juan Islands National Monument, Washington.-Proc. No. 8947, Mar. 25, 2013, 78 F.R. 18789; Ex. Ord. No. 13708, §1(nn), Sept. 30, 2015, 80 F.R. 60272.

Sand to Snow National Monument, California.-Proc. No. 9396, Feb. 12, 2016, 81 F.R. 8379.

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Scotts Bluff National Monument, Nebraska.-Proc. No. 1547, Dec. 12, 1919, 41 Stat. 1779; Proc. No. 1999, June 1, 1932, 47 Stat. 2512; Proc. No. 2391, Mar. 29, 1940, 54 Stat. 2690.

Shoshone Cavern National Monument, Wyoming [Monument abolished by act May 17, 1954, ch. 203, 68 Stat. 98].-Proc. No. 880, Sept. 21, 1909, 36 Stat. 2501.

Sieur de Monts National Monument, Maine.-Proc. No. 1339, July 8, 1916, 39 Stat. 1785.

Sitka National Monument, Alaska [Monument redesignated Sitka National Historical Park by Pub. L. 92–501, Oct. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 904 , as amended by Pub. L. 106–291, title I, §130, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 946].-Proc. No. 959, Mar. 23, 1910, 36 Stat. 2601; Proc. No. 2965, Feb. 25, 1952, 66 Stat. c22.

Sonoran Desert National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 7397, Jan. 17, 2001, 66 F.R. 7354.

Statue of Liberty National Monument.-Proc. No. 1713, Oct. 15, 1924, 43 Stat. 1968; Proc. No. 2250, Sept. 7, 1937, 51 Stat. 393; Proc. No. 3656, May 11, 1965, 79 Stat. 1490.

Stonewall National Monument, New York.-Proc. No. 9465, June 24, 2016, 81 F.R. 42215.

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Timpanogos Cave National Monument, Utah.-Proc. No. 1640, Oct. 14, 1922, 42 Stat. 2285; Proc. No. 3457, Mar. 27, 1962, 76 Stat. 1457; Pub. L. 107–329, title I, Dec. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 2815 .

Tonto National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 787, Dec. 19, 1907, 35 Stat. 2168; Proc. No. 2230, Apr. 1, 1937, 50 Stat. 1825.

Tumacacori National Monument, Arizona [Monument abolished and lands incorporated in, and funds made available for, Tumacacori National Historical Park, see section 410ss of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 821, Sept. 15, 1908, 35 Stat. 2205; Proc. No. 3228, Mar. 28, 1958, 72 Stat. c30.

Tuzigoot National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 2344, July 25, 1939, 53 Stat. 2548.

Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, Montana.-Proc. No. 7398, Jan. 17, 2001, 66 F.R. 7359.

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Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, Arizona.-Proc. No. 7374, Nov. 9, 2000, 65 F.R. 69227.

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Yucca House National Monument, Colorado.-Proc. No. 1549, Dec. 19, 1919, 41 Stat. 1781; Pub. L. 104–333, div. I, title II, §201, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4105 .

Yukon-Charley National Monument, Alaska.-Proc. No. 4626, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1472.

Yukon Flats National Monument, Alaska.-Proc. No. 4627, Dec. 1, 1978, 93 Stat. 1473.

Zion National Monument, Utah [Monument combined with Zion National Park into a single National park unit, see section 346b of Title 16, Conservation. A prior Zion National Monument, formerly Mukuntuweap National Monument, Proc. No. 877, July 31, 1909, 36 Stat. 2498, and Proc. No. 1435, Mar. 18, 1918, 40 Stat. 1760, was redesignated Zion National Park, see section 344 of Title 16, Conservation].-Proc. No. 2221, Jan. 22, 1937, 50 Stat. 1809.

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Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Texas.- Pub. L. 89–154, Aug. 31, 1965, 79 Stat. 587 . Name changed from Alibates Flint Quarries and Texas Panhandle Pueblo Culture National Monument by Pub. L. 95–625, title III, §321(c), Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3488 .

Congaree Swamp National Monument, South Carolina [Monument redesignated Congaree National Park, see section 410jjj of Title 16, Conservation].

El Malpais National Monument, New Mexico.- Pub. L. 100–225, title I, §§101–104, Dec. 31, 1987, 101 Stat. 1539 (16 U.S.C. 460uu et seq.).

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Colorado.- Pub. L. 91–60, Aug. 20, 1969, 83 Stat. 101 .

Fossil Butte National Monument, Wyoming.- Pub. L. 92–537, Oct. 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 1069 .

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Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Montana.- Pub. L. 102–201, titles I, II, Dec. 10, 1991, 105 Stat. 1631 .

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Newberry National Volcanic Monument, Oregon.- Pub. L. 101–522, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2288 .

Pecos National Monument, New Mexico [included in Pecos National Historical Park by Pub. L. 101–313, title II, §202(b), June 27, 1990, 104 Stat. 278 (16 U.S.C. 410rr–1(b))].- Pub. L. 89–54, June 28, 1965, 79 Stat. 195 ; Pub. L. 94–578, title III, §317, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2737 ; repealed by Pub. L. 101–313, title II, §202(c),

June 27, 1990, 104 Stat. 278 (16 U.S.C. 410rr–1(c)).

Petroglyph National Monument, New Mexico.- Pub. L. 101–313, title I, June 27, 1990, 104 Stat. 272 , as amended by Pub. L. 103–50, ch. IV, §401, July 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 252 ; Pub. L. 104–333, div. I, title VIII, §814 (d)(2)(D), Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4196 ; Pub. L. 105–174, title III, §3005, May 1, 1998, 112 Stat. 82 .

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Prehistoric Trackways National Monument, New Mexico.- Pub. L. 111–11, title II, §§2101–2105, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1096–1099 .

Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument, New Mexico.- Pub. L. 96–550, title VI, §601, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3231 , as amended by Pub. L. 100–559, title I, §101, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2797 .

Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, California.- Pub. L. 106–351, Oct. 24, 2000, 114 Stat. 1362 ; Pub. L. 106–434, §2, Nov. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 1913 ; Pub. L. 111–11, title I, §1853, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1068 .

Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, Nevada.- Pub. L. 113–291, div. B, title XXX, §3092(a), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3861 .

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AIDS Memorial Grove National Memorial, California.- Pub. L. 104–333, div. I, title V, §516, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4170 .

Arkansas Post National Memorial, Arkansas.- Pub. L. 86–595, July 6, 1960, 74 Stat. 333 ; Pub. L. 94–578, title II, §201(2), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2733 ; Pub. L. 105–83, title I, §126, Nov. 14, 1997, 111 Stat. 1567 .

Astronauts Memorial, John F. Kennedy Space Center, Florida.-Recognized as national memorial to astronauts who die in line of duty by Pub. L. 102–41, May 8, 1991, 105 Stat. 242 .

Battle of Midway National Memorial, Midway Atoll.- Pub. L. 106–113, div. B, §1000(a)(3) [title I, §126], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535 , 1501A-164.

Benjamin Franklin National Memorial, Pennsylvania.-Designation of Benjamin Franklin Memorial Hall as National Memorial by Pub. L. 92–551, Oct. 25, 1972, 86 Stat. 1164 .

Bosque Redondo Memorial, New Mexico.- Pub. L. 106–511, title II, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2369 ; Pub. L. 108–204, title I, §101, Mar. 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 543 .

Buffalo Soldiers Memorial, Louisiana.- Pub. L. 109–152, Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2887 .

Chamizal National Memorial, Texas.- Pub. L. 89–479, June 30, 1966, 80 Stat. 232 ; Pub. L. 94–578, title II, §201 (3), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2733 .

Coronado National Memorial, Arizona.-Acts Aug. 18, 1941, ch. 365, §1, 55 Stat. 630 , and July 9, 1952, ch. 610, 66 Stat. 510 (16 U.S.C. 450y); Proc. No. 2995, Nov. 5, 1952, 67 Stat. c18.

Custis-Lee Mansion National Memorial, Virginia.-Act Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 562, 43 Stat. 1356 . Made permanent memorial by act June 29, 1955, ch. 223, 69 Stat. 190 .

David Berger Memorial, Ohio.- Pub. L. 96–199, title I, §116, Mar. 5, 1980, 94 Stat. 71 .

Disabled American Veterans Vietnam Veterans National Memorial, New Mexico.-Recognized as a memorial of national significance by Pub. L. 100–164, Nov. 13, 1987, 101 Stat. 905 .

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Father Marquette National Memorial, Michigan.- Pub. L. 94–160, Dec. 20, 1975, 89 Stat. 848 .

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Hamilton Grange National Memorial, New York.- Pub. L. 87–438, Apr. 27, 1962, 76 Stat. 57 , as amended by Pub. L. 100–701, §1, Nov. 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 4640 ; Pub. L. 106–482, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2192 .

House Where Lincoln Died National Memorial, District of Columbia.-Act June 11, 1896, ch. 420, 29 Stat. 439 .

Johnstown Flood National Memorial, Pennsylvania.- Pub. L. 88–546, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 752 ; Pub. L. 108–313, Oct. 5, 2004, 118 Stat. 1196 .

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Lincoln Museum National Memorial, District of Columbia.-Act Apr. 7, 1866, ch. 28, §1, 14 Stat. 23 .

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Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial, Washington.- Pub. L. 114–101, §3, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2203 .

Memorial to the Victims of the Shooting at the Washington Navy Yard on September 16, 2013, District of Columbia.- Pub. L. 113–291, div. B, title XXVIII, §2853, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3715 .

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Mount Rushmore National Memorial, South Dakota.-Act Feb. 25, 1929, ch. 315, 45 Stat. 1300 .

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Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National Memorial, California.- Pub. L. 108–454, title VI, §601, Dec. 10, 2004, 118 Stat. 3623 .

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Seabees of the United States Navy Memorial.- Pub. L. 92–422, Sept. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 678 .

Signers of the Declaration of Independence Memorial, District of Columbia.- Pub. L. 95–260, Apr. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 197 .

Thomas Jefferson National Memorial, District of Columbia.-Act June 26, 1934, ch. 763, 48 Stat. 1243 .

United States Marine Corps Memorial, Virginia.-Act July 1, 1947, ch. 196, 61 Stat. 242 , as amended July 7, 1952, ch. 585, 66 Stat. 441 ; June 16, 1953, ch. 120, 67 Stat. 64 .

United States National Civil Defense Monument, Maryland.-Authorized by Pub. L. 106–103, Nov. 13, 1999, 113 Stat. 1482 .

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Washington Monument National Memorial, District of Columbia.-Act Aug. 2, 1876, ch. 250, §1, 19 Stat. 123 .

White Cross World War I Memorial, California.- Pub. L. 107–117, div. A, title VIII, §8137, Jan. 10, 2002, 115 Stat. 2278 ; Pub. L. 108–87, title VIII, §8121, Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1100 .

World War II Memorial, Guam.- Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [div. B, title XXVIII, §2886], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654 , 1654A-441, as amended by Pub. L. 107–107, div. B, title XXVIII, §2868, Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1334 .

Wright Brothers National Memorial, North Carolina.-Kill Devil Hill National Monument authorized by act Mar. 2, 1927, ch. 251, 44 Stat. 1264 . Redesignated Wright Brothers National Memorial, Dec. 1, 1953.

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To: Speaker LoRenzo C. Bates and the Nabikiyati Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

From: Professor Charles Wilkinson of the University of Colorado Law School and Special Advisor to the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition

Date: Thursday, January 5, 2017

Re: Litigation by the State of Utah to Overturn the Bears Ears National Monument

As all of you know, last week President Obama issued a proclamation under the 1906 Antiquities Act creating the Bears Ears National Monument. It was an historic event; tribes had never before joined together to propose a national monument. Most observers would agree that the monument would not exist if it were not for the tribes' work. The Navajo Nation participated fully in this effort and helped enormously in achieving this result.

The Attorney General of Utah has stated that he intends to file a lawsuit, on behalf of the state, to have the monument declared invalid. Existing law recognizes very broad authority to the president in creating monuments, and the high likelihood is that the monument will survive this challenge. At the same time, it is a case that needs to be defended vigorously in order to protect this monument. Environmental organizations are already preparing for the expected lawsuit.

The tribes, however, took the lead in getting the monument established in the first place, and a tribal presence in the litigation process is very important. As just one example, the tribal-federal collaborative management established in the proclamation—a powerful application of tribal sovereignty, the federal trust obligation, and the government-to-government relationship—raises many questions of Indian law, policy, and culture that tribal attorneys are best equipped to present in court. Without question, the Navajo Nation could make a major contribution to the defense of the monument through arguments made by the Navajo Nation Attorney General's Office. In addition, the Native American Rights Fund is now considering whether to participate in the expected litigation. NARF could also play an important role in representing tribes and cooperating with the Navajo Attorney General.

The Utah lawsuit could be filed at any time, although we don't have any inside information on that. We can say that the goal of defending the monument will be maximized if the tribes are ready to jump in immediately.

It is, of course, entirely a matter for the Navajo Nation to decide how you wish to proceed from here. As a result, I am not making any recommendations. I do hope that this memorandum will be of some use to you in making your decision.

Respectfully,

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Navajo Nation defends Bears Ears National Monument

WINDOW ROCK – On Jan. 5, the Navajo Nation Council's Naabik'iyátí' Committee voted 19-0 to pass resolution NABIJA-01-17, supporting the presidential proclamation establishing the Bears Ears National Monument and opposing any congressional action that seeks to reverse the designation that created the national monument.

The Navajo Nation's action comes as Utah's congressional delegation and Utah's State Legislature continue to lobby President Trump and Interior Secretary Nominee Ryan Zinke, to take action to reverse the Bears Ears National Monument designation.

"The Navajo Nation remains committed to defending Bears Ears, and we oppose any action to diminish or eliminate the designation," said Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland).

The Bears Ears cultural landscape has been the subject of administrative, legislative, and local efforts to protect it for more than 80 years, and President Obama's proclamation on Dec. 28, realized that protection in the form of the new Bears Ears National Monument.

The new monument includes recognition of Native American Traditional Knowledge as a value to be protected by the monument and a resource to be used in its management. The monument also, for the first time in history, establishes an intertribal Bears Ears Commission including representatives from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, Zuni Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute, and the Ute Indian Tribes to help manage the monument alongside federal land managers.

"Utah's attempts to diminish our Nation's sovereignty and belittle our tribes are upsetting," said Council Delegate Davis Filfred (Mexican Water, Aneth, Teecnospos, Tółikan, Red Mesa). "You have to wonder whether their opposition is rooted in the fact that Native Americans have finally established themselves as a political force in Utah, which is long overdue."

In the previous session of the U.S. Congress, Representative Rob Bishop (R, UT) introduced legislation that would have protected Bears Ears, however, the legislation failed. In a recent joint release, Utah's congressional delegation stated, "As a congressional delegation, we value our public lands, and we want to do everything we can to protect them. Bears Ears is no exception."

"Utah's Congressional Delegation can't claim that they want to protect Bears Ears while working to get rid of protections already in place," said Council Delegate Walter Phelps. "Instead of

deepening divides, they should be uniting their constituents and working together with Native Americans to make Bears Ears National Monument the best it can be."

The Navajo Nation has reached out to U.S. Secretary of the Interior nominee Ryan Zinke to meet and discuss these concerns and demonstrate the overwhelming support of the Bears Ears National Monument designation.

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Re: Bears ears

Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>

From:	Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Sat Mar 18 2017 17:37:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Small, Jeff" <Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov>
CC:	"micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, "amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov" <amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov>, "katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov" <katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov>, downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Re: Bears ears

Nothing on the horizon. KB

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2017, at 6:07 PM, Small, Jeff <Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> Anything you all might be able to share or give us a heads up on with regard to Bears Ears?
>
> We won't share with any reporters till you all give us the ok but obviously the Caucus would like to be supportive and would be a big one for our folks if something occurred.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> **Jeff Small**
> *Executive Director | Congressional Western Caucus*
> *Senior Advisor | Congressman Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.*
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> ---
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> **From:** Esther Whieldon [mailto:ewhieldon@politico.com]
> **Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 5:01 PM
> **To:** Small, Jeff; Roberson, Kelly
> **Subject:** Bears ears
>
> Hey guys, I hear there may be some big news on Bears Ears soon (not saying what because I don't want to spread a false rumor). Any chance you know anything?
>
> Esther Whieldon
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> POLITICO
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"Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>

From:	"Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>
Sent:	Fri Mar 17 2017 13:38:23 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Kristin Bail <kbail@blm.gov>, Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>, Joshua Hanson <joshua.hanson@sol.doi.gov>, "Moody, Aaron" <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>, Laura Brown <Laura.Brown@sol.doi.gov>, Michael Nedd <mnedd@blm.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Bears Ears Commission Letter
Attachments:	BearsEarsCommission_LettertoSecZinke_March17.pdf

All, I got this letter and have received requests from the tribes to meet with them as well. We have draft responses to each of the tribes from me in DTS for you all to review and advise me on. ed

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Bears Ears** <bearsearscommission@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 12:16 PM
Subject: Bears Ears Commission Letter
To:

Greetings,

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Respectfully,
The Bears Ears Commission

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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 15 2017 12:10:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>
Subject:	SITLA
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Sent:	Wed Mar 15 2017 12:50:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: SITLA

Downey,

I will need to have Brian open the GIS shape files so I can see the additional data they sent. I have asked him to do the same thing with the recreation data you got from Outdoor Alliance. We haven't put either on the BENM base maps but will if you like. Let me know if you have questions about the maps I sent COB yesterday. I have a call in to Josh to see if they provide the needed info.

I will have a GSENM map with proclamation attributes to send to you this afternoon. ed

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wrote:

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Sent:	Fri Mar 17 2017 07:52:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: SITLA

Downey, I believe the SITLAs main concern is that the large block of State lands just north of Bluff is excluded from the boundary of the monument. They have an oil and gas unit there and would not want to trade those out with us. You could check back with them to see if that is their interest. Thx. ed

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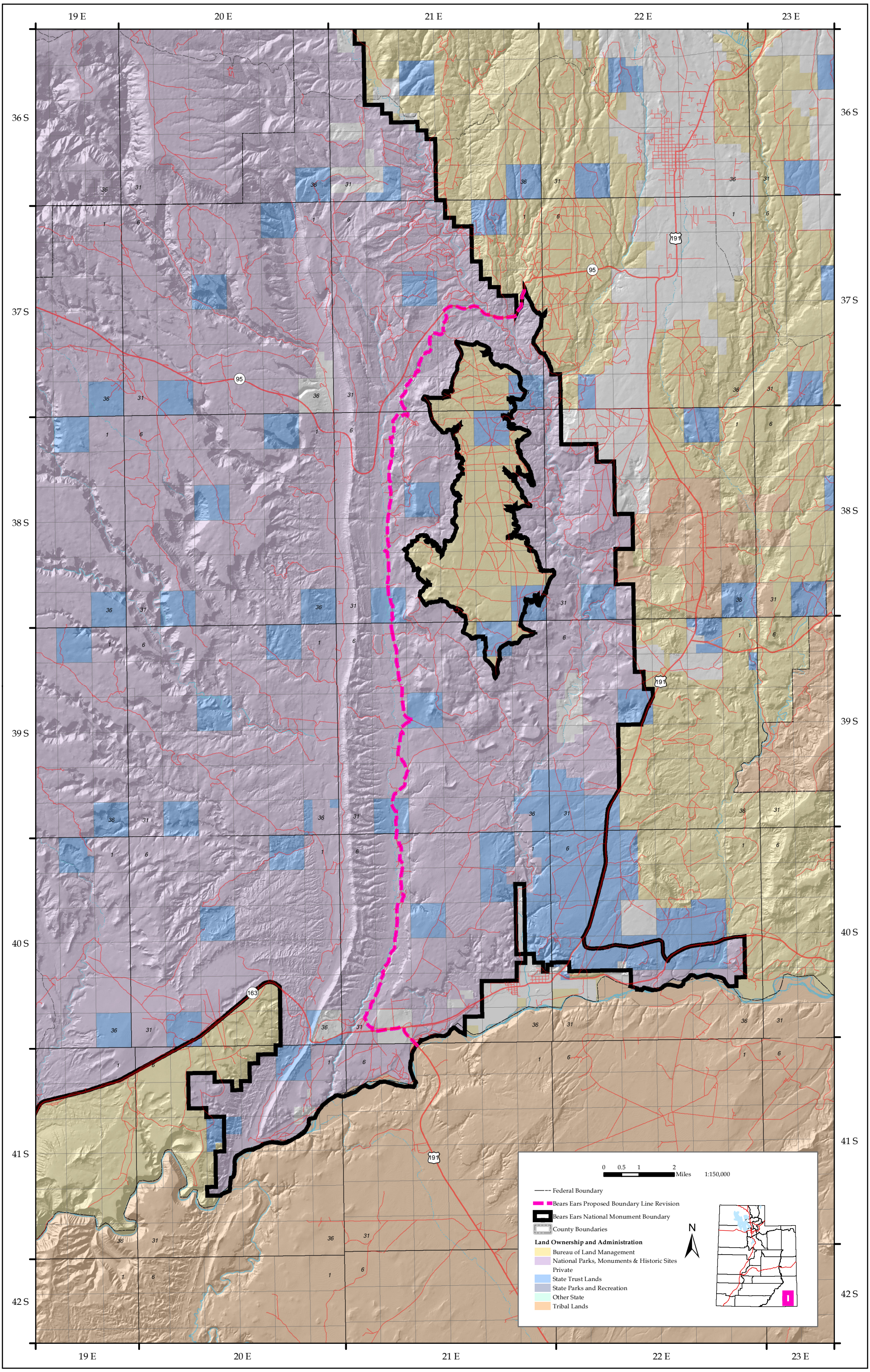
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"Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>

From:	"Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 16 2017 15:55:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject:	FW: Bears Ears Monument maps
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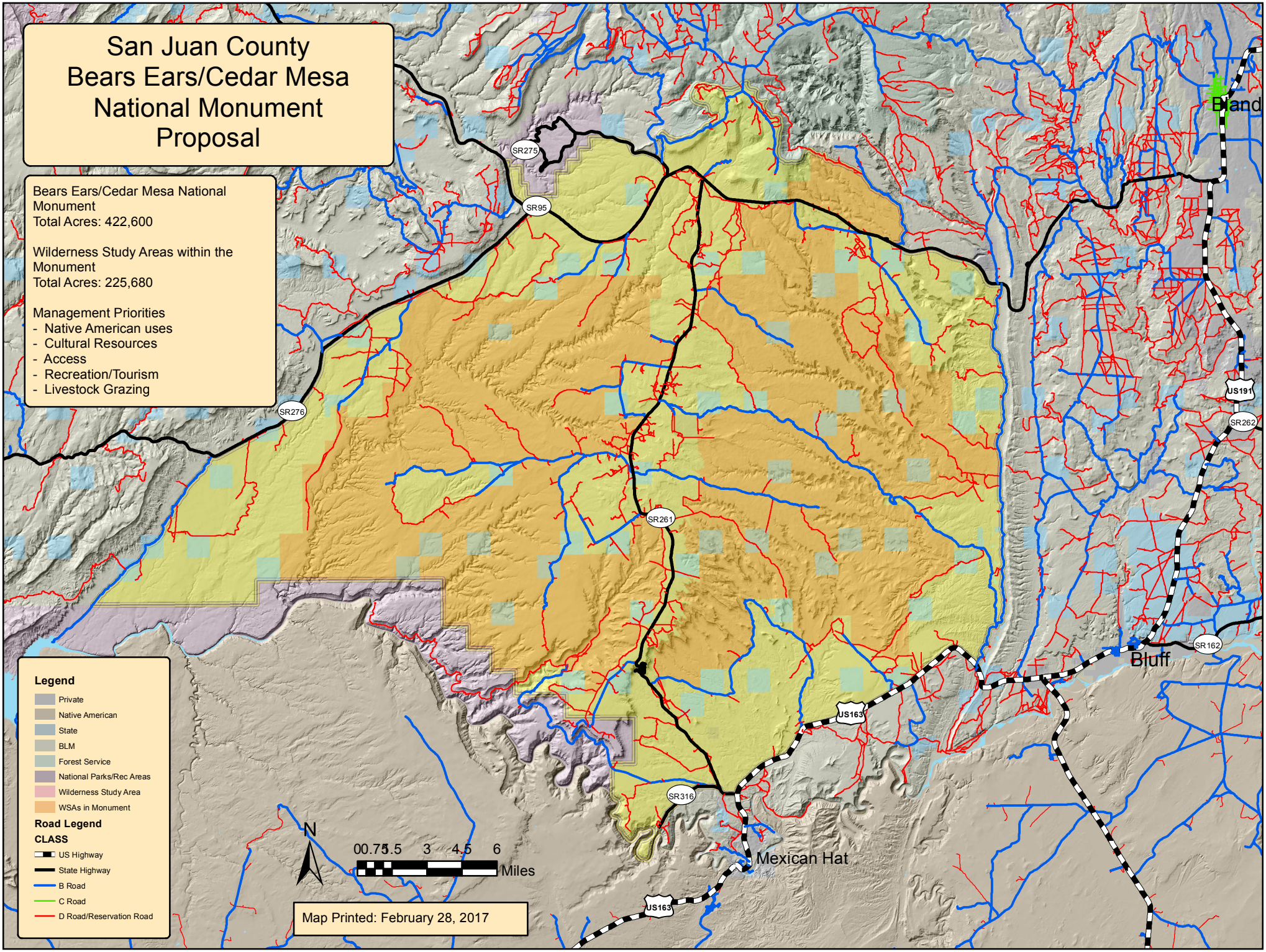
From San Juan County. On 3/16/17, 5:52 PM, "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov> wrote: From San Juan Co. On 3/16/17, 5:17 PM, "Kelly Person" <kpehrson@sanjuancounty.org> wrote: >John, > >Per Commissioner Adams, here are the maps that San Juan County has put together >>>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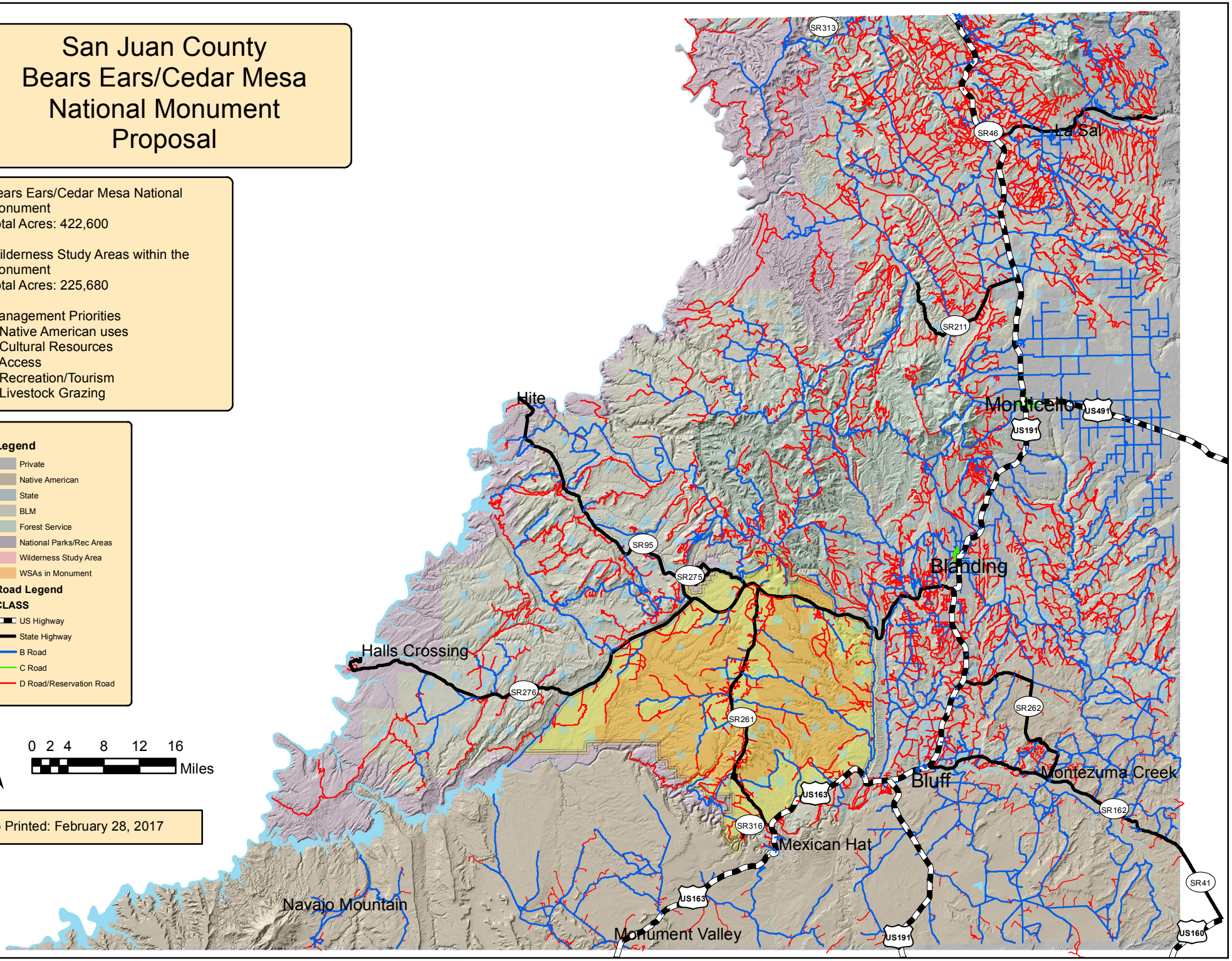

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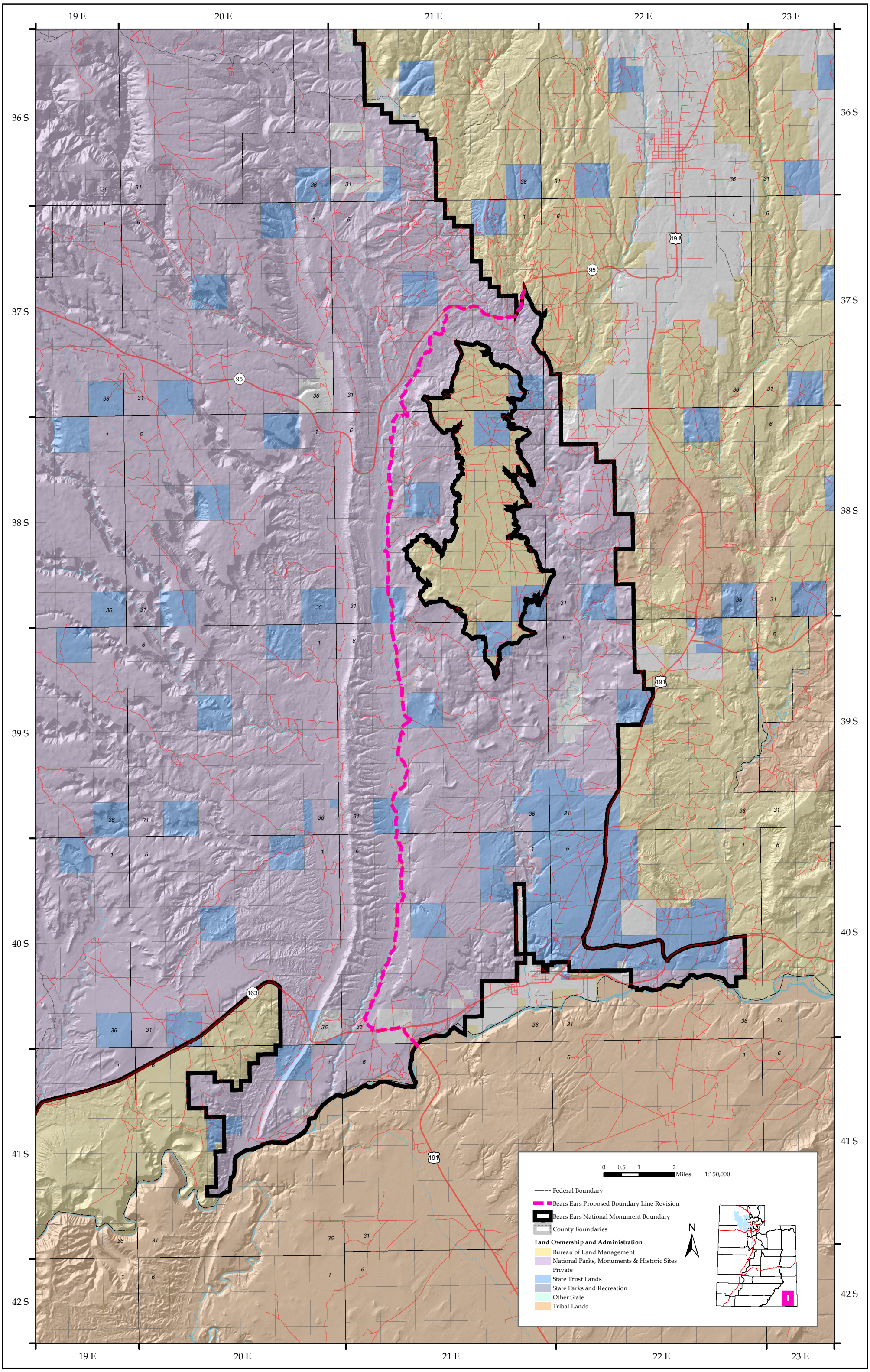
This new boundary depicted on the map would resolve all known mineral conflicts for SITLA within the Bears Ears.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Subject:	Map
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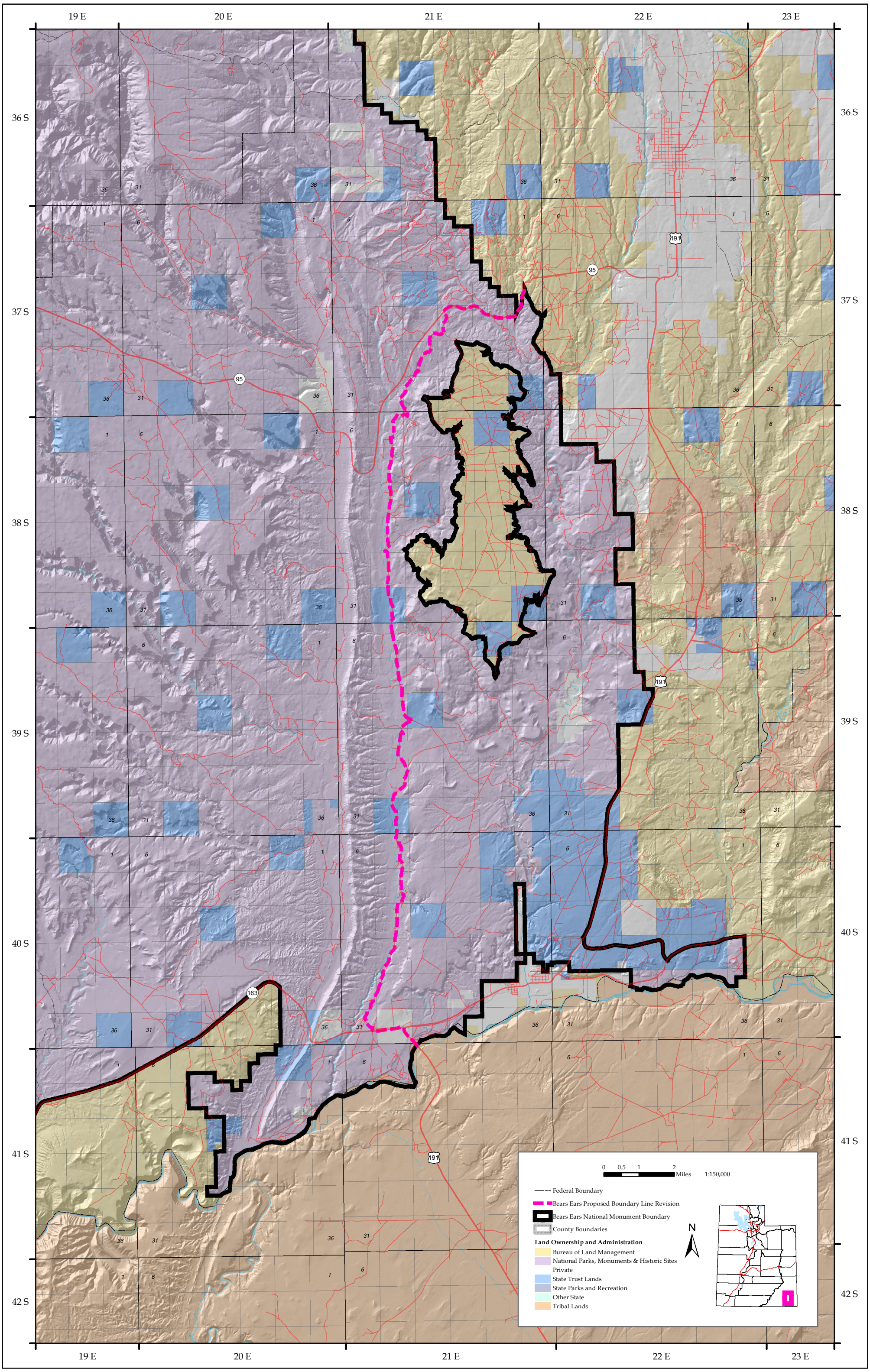
Downey,

Please see attached for a shapefile and pdf of a map depicting a boundary change for the southeast portion of the Bears Ears monument.

Ed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Best,

Kirsten

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Kirsten Blackburn
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CC:	"downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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> Best,
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> Kirsten
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> Kirsten Blackburn
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Conversation Contents

Mineral Assessment

Attachments:

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"Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>

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Subject:	Mineral Assessment
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All,
Here is the cursory review of mineral potential in BENM which our minerals staff provided.

On Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 2:28 PM, Roberson, Edwin <eroberso@blm.gov> wrote:

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INFORMATION MEMO

TITLE: Cursory Review of the Mineral Potential/Occurrence within the Bears Ears NM

AUTHOR: Larry Garahana, Geologist (Certified Mineral Examiner 0147)

DATE: January 31, 2017

INTRODUCTION

The information within this memo gives an initial view through a series of maps showing mineral potential and occurrence within the newly designated Bears Ears National Monument, located within the Canyon Country District, Monticello Field Office, in San Juan County, Utah.

MEMO INFORMATION

The maps that were created for this memo are ones that show past or present mineral history, mineral potential or minerals that may be prospectively valuable within and around the new designation.

Some of the attached maps include information taken from the USGS Mineral Resource Data System (MRDS). MRDS describes metallic and nonmetallic mineral resources throughout the world. Included in the MRDS are deposit name, location, commodity, deposit description, geologic characteristics, production, reserves, resources, and references. Their interactive map (https://mrdata.usgs.gov/mineral-resources/mrds-us.html) has information on more than 180 commodities and this memo depicts a static representation of those commodities, past and present near and within the new designation. Although there was no prospect or production information near or within the monument for lithium, a lithium map was included for informational purposes due to the thousands of newly staked unpatented mining claims that were located north northeast of the monument. The information on the remaining maps was gathered from the most current BLM GIS data and it depicts potential and prospectively valuable mineral information on specific solid, fluid and leasable minerals within the subject area.

3031 - ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

Mineral Potential Classification System*

I. Level of Potential

O. The geologic environment, the inferred geologic processes, and the lack of mineral occurrences do not indicate potential for accumulation of mineral resources.

L. The geologic environment and the inferred geologic processes indicate low potential for accumulation of mineral resources.

M. The geologic environment, the inferred geologic processes, and the reported mineral occurrences or valid geochemical/geophysical anomaly indicate moderate potential for accumulation of mineral resources.

H. The geologic environment, the inferred geologic processes, the reported mineral occurrences and/or valid geochemical/geophysical anomaly, and the known mines or deposits indicate high potential for accumulation of mineral resources. The "known mines and deposits" do not have to be within the area that is being classified, but have to be within the same type of geologic environment.

ND. Mineral(s) potential not determined due to lack of useful data. This notation does not require a level-of-certainty qualifier.

II. Level of Certainty

A. The available data are insufficient and/or cannot be considered as direct or indirect evidence to support or refute the possible existence of mineral resources within the respective area.

B. The available data provide indirect evidence to support or refute the possible existence of mineral resources.

C. The available data provide direct evidence but are quantitatively minimal to support or refute the possible existence of mineral resources.

D. The available data provide abundant direct and indirect evidence to support or refute the possible existence of mineral resources.

For the determination of No Potential use O/D. This class shall be seldom used, and when used it should be for a specific commodity only. For example, if the available data show that the surface and subsurface types of rock in the respective area is batholithic (igneous intrusive), one can conclude, with reasonable certainty, that the area does not have potential for coal.

* As used in this classification, potential refers to potential for the presence (occurrence) of a concentration of one or more energy and/or mineral resources. It does not refer to or imply potential for development and/or extraction of the mineral resource(s). It does not imply that the potential concentration is or may be economic, that is, could be extracted profitably.

Attachment

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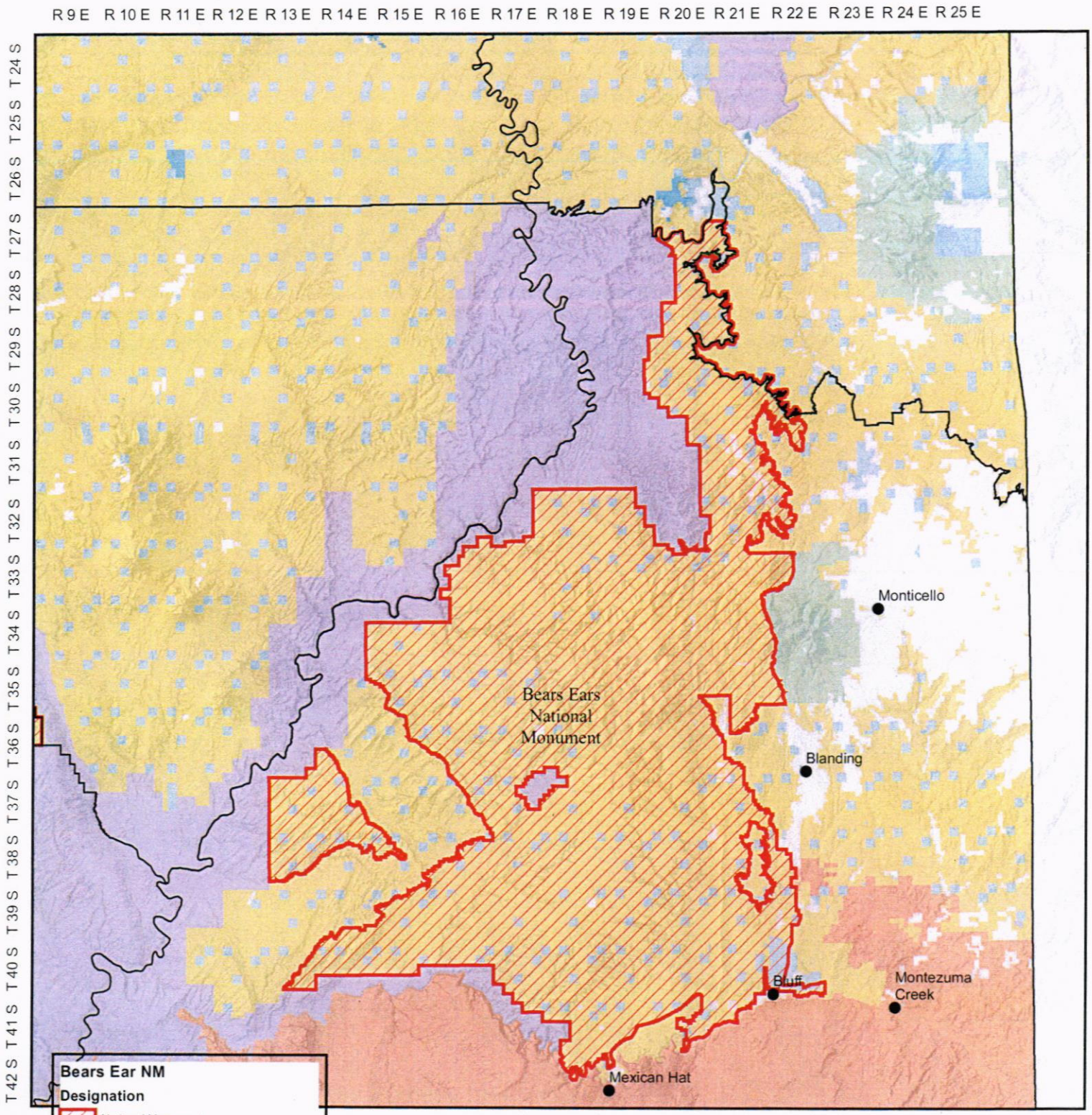
BEARS EAR NATIONAL MONUMENT



Bears Ear NM

Designation

- National Monument

Land Status

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- National Park Service (NPS)
- Other Federal
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- State Parks and Recreation
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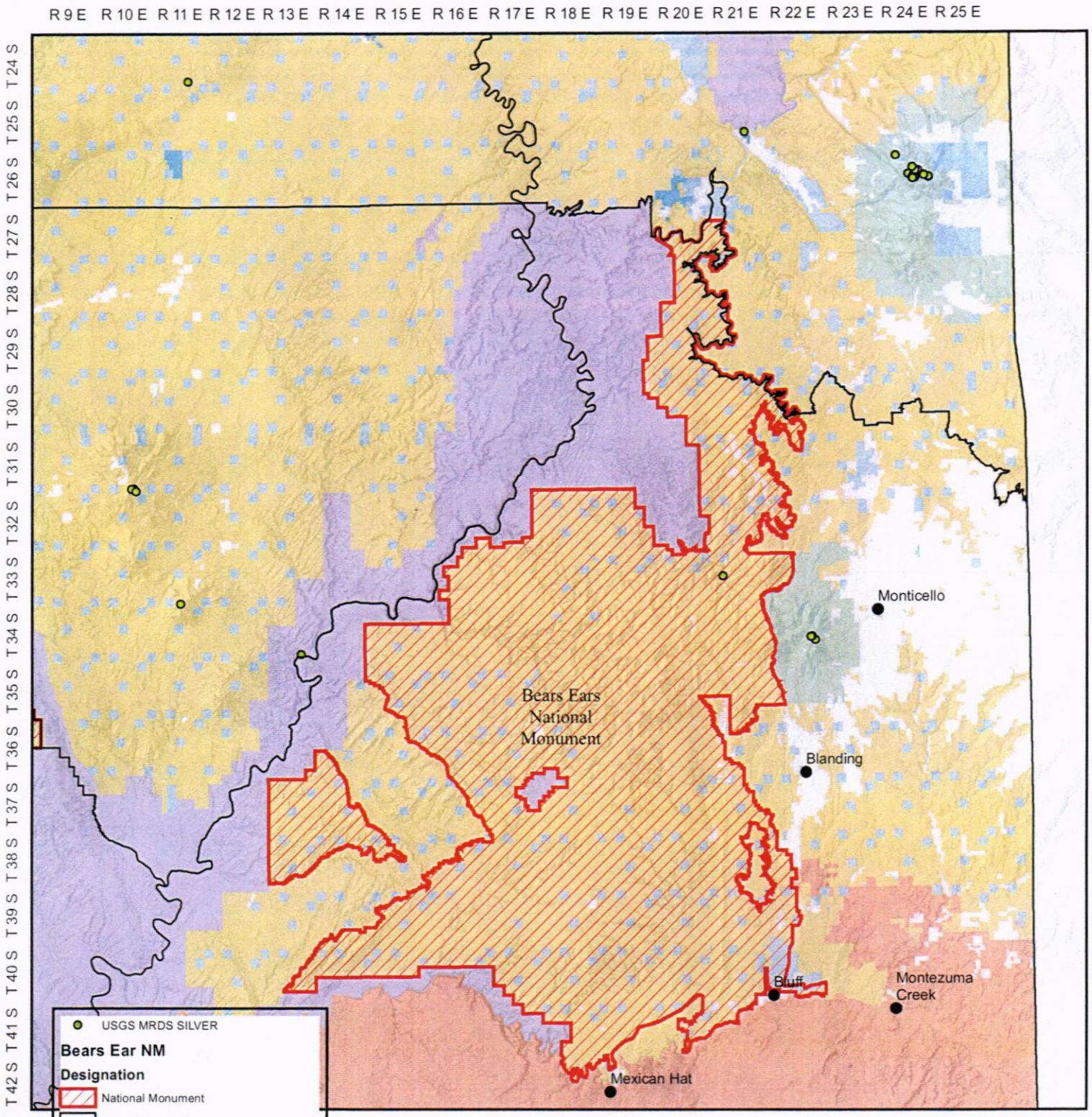

USGS MRDS SILVER

Bears Ear NM

Designation

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- Field Office Boundary

Land Status

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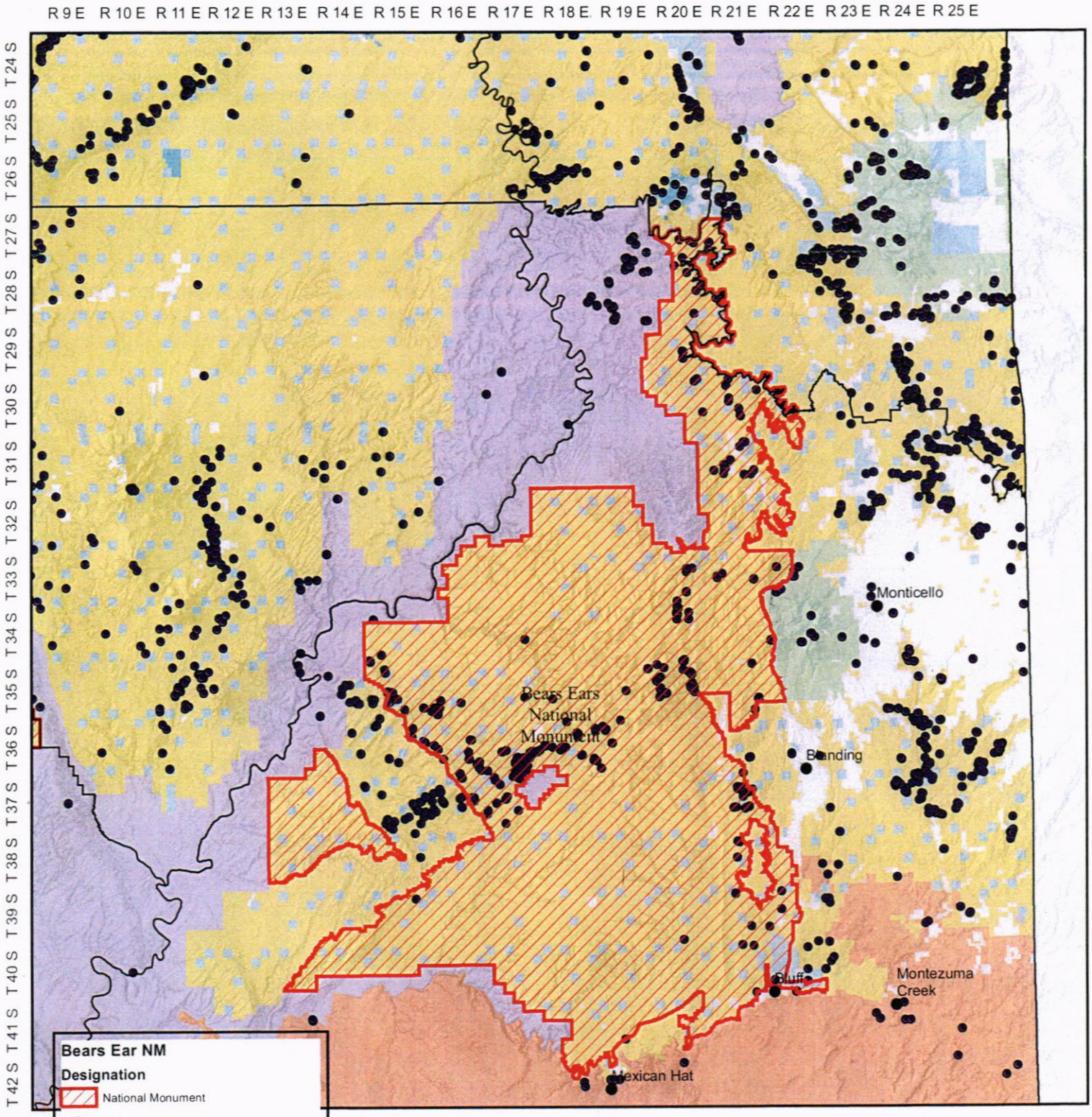

Bears Ear NM

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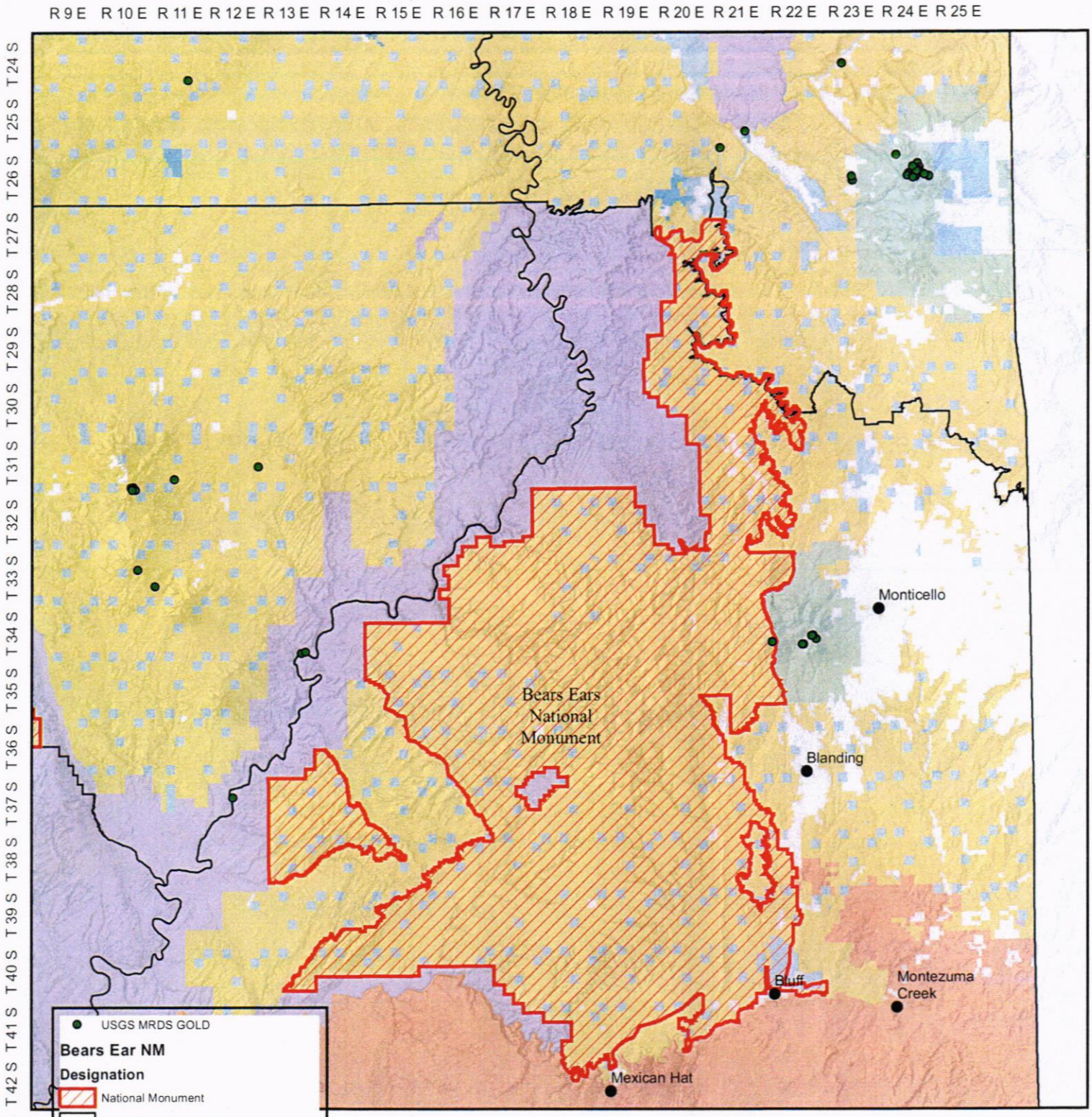

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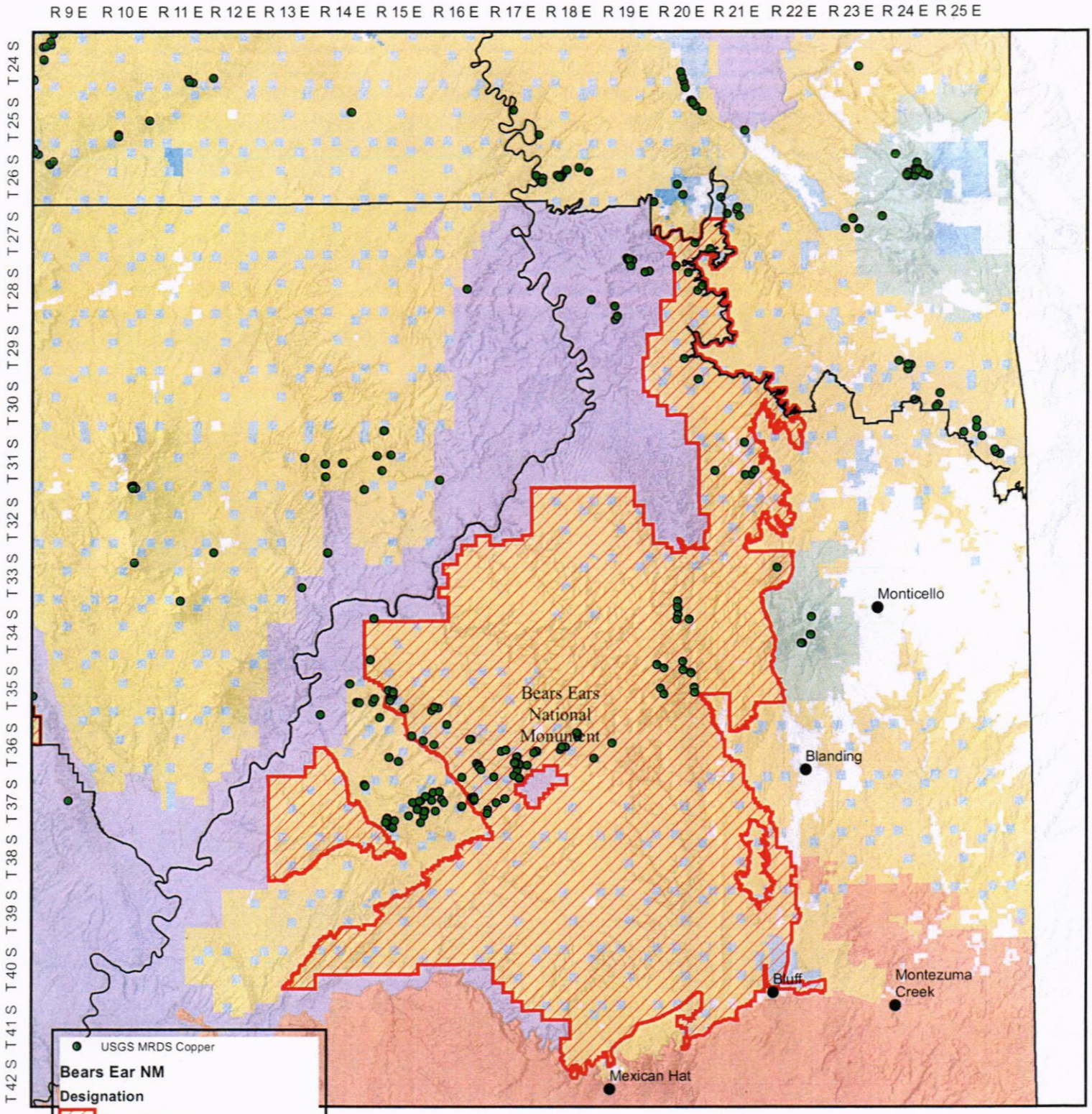

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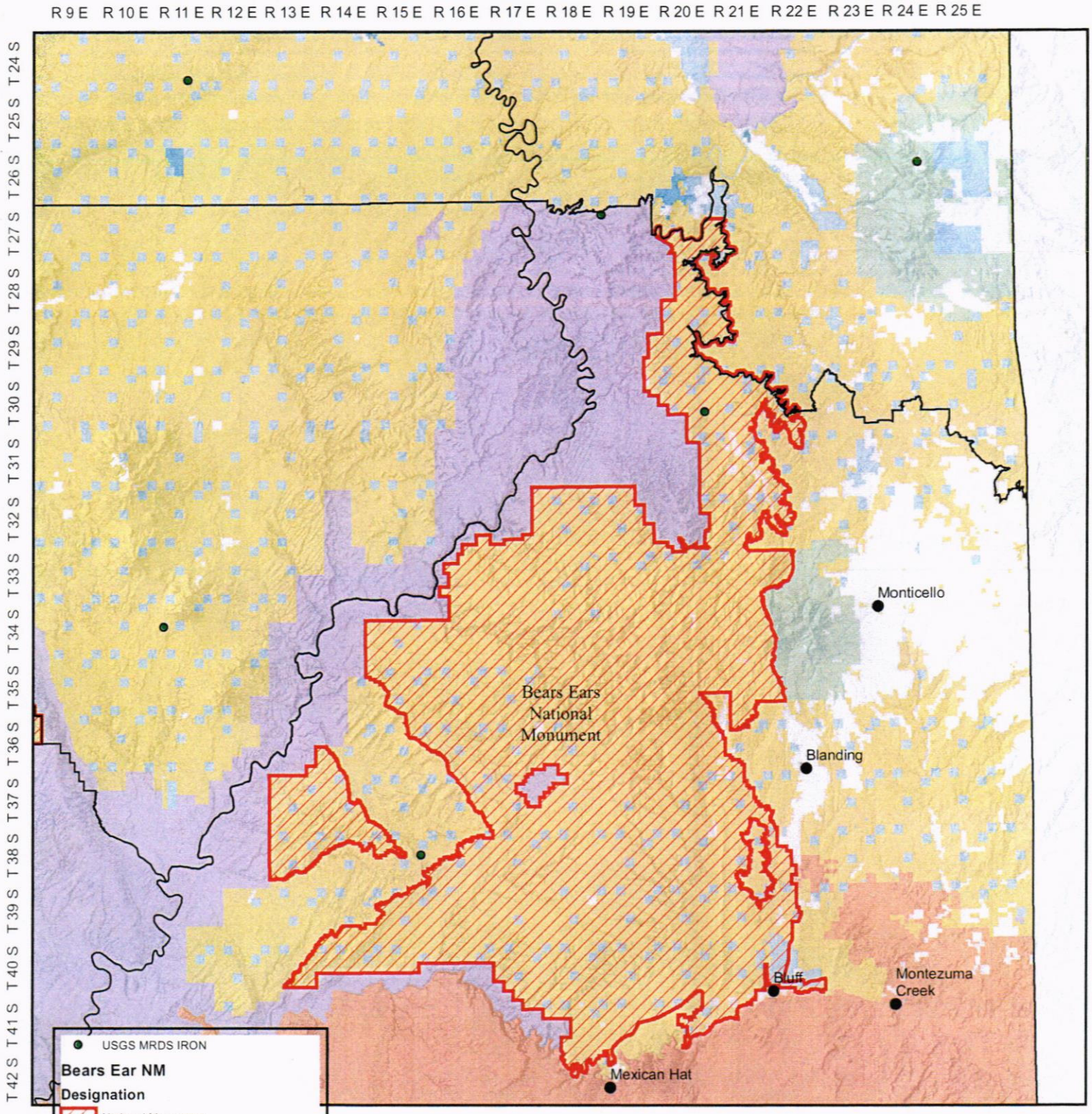

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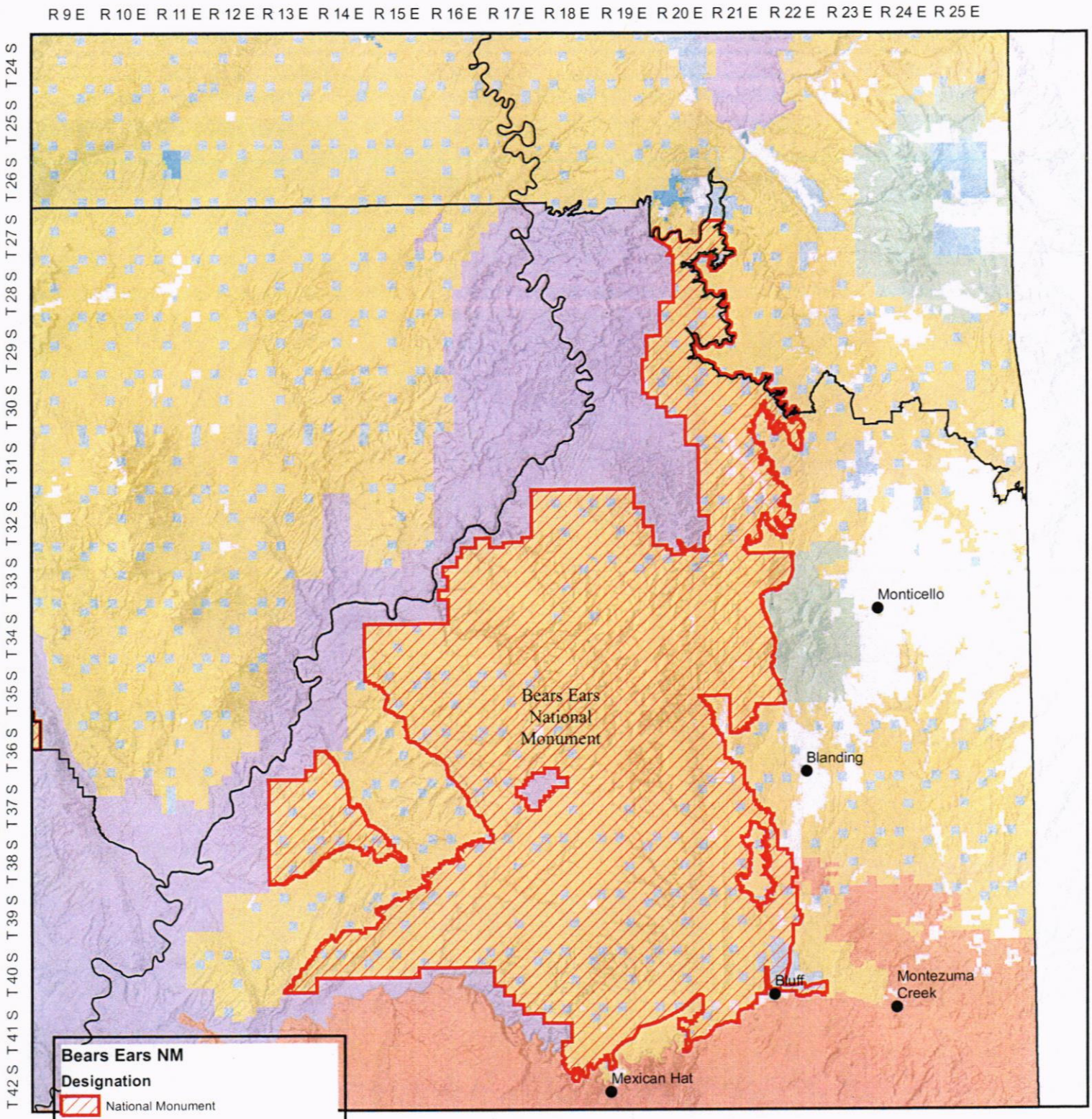

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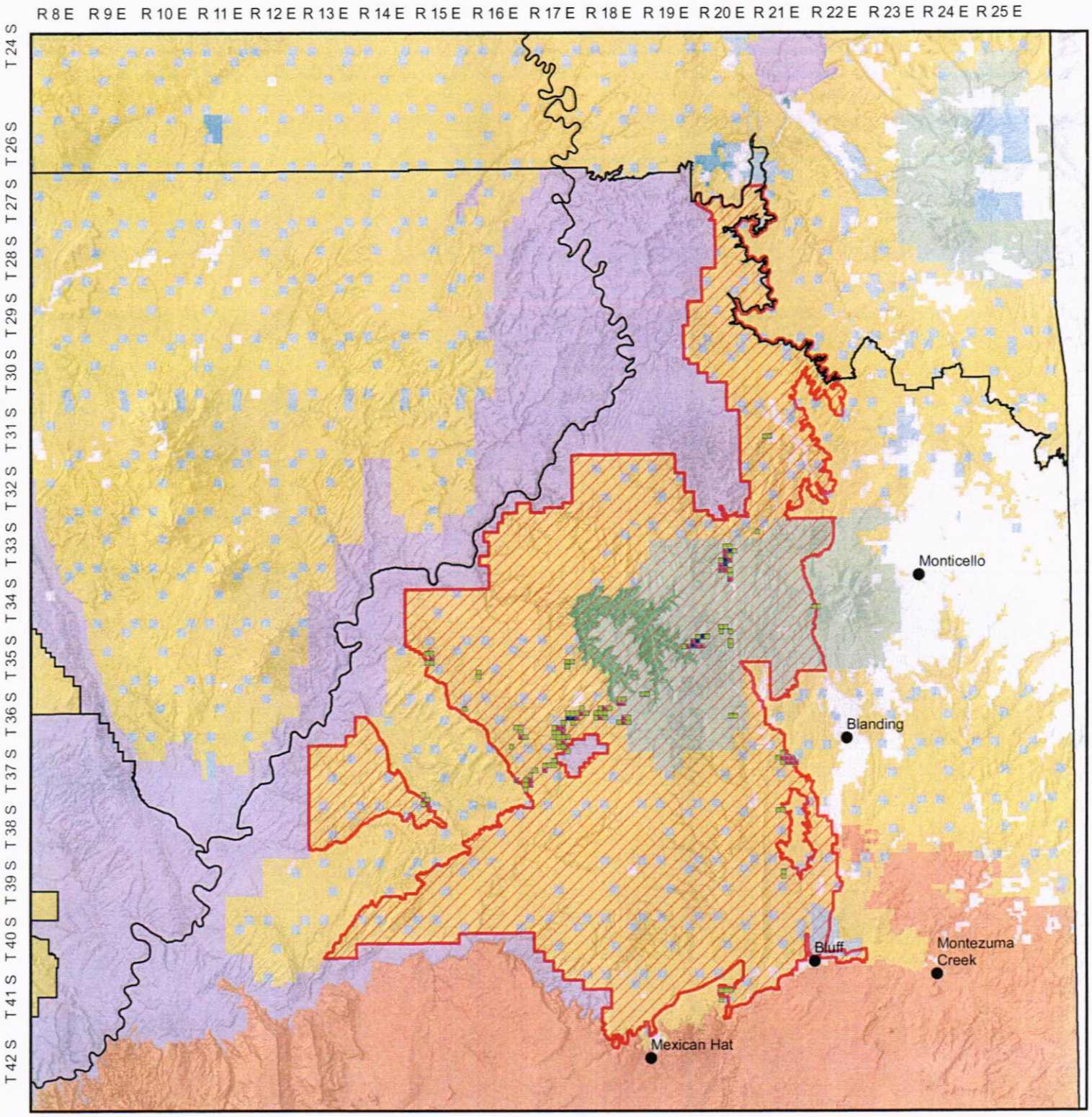
MINING CLAIMS WITHIN THE BEARS EARS NM AS OF SEPTEMBER 2016



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Mining Claim Density per 160 acres
- 1 - 3
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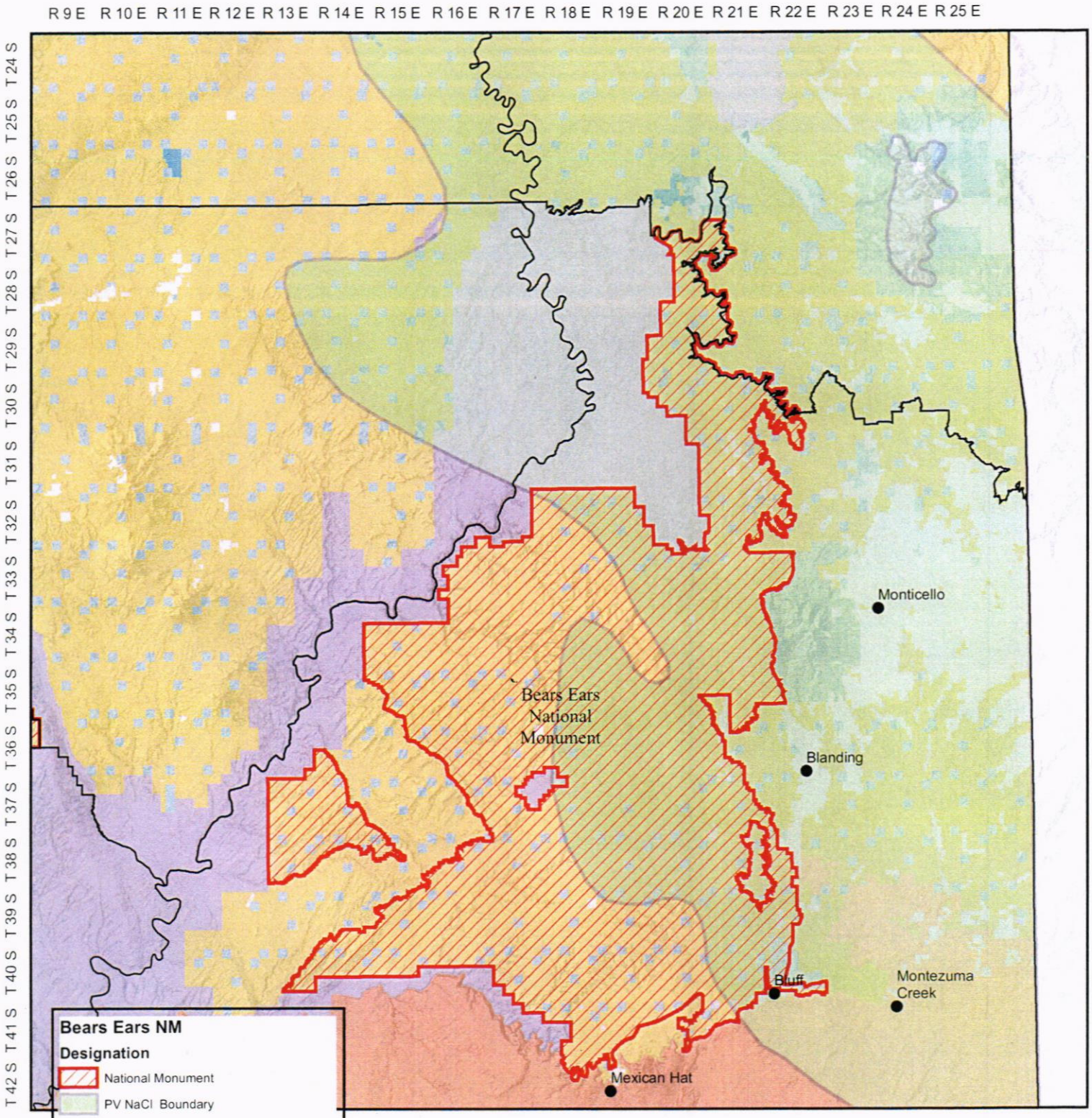

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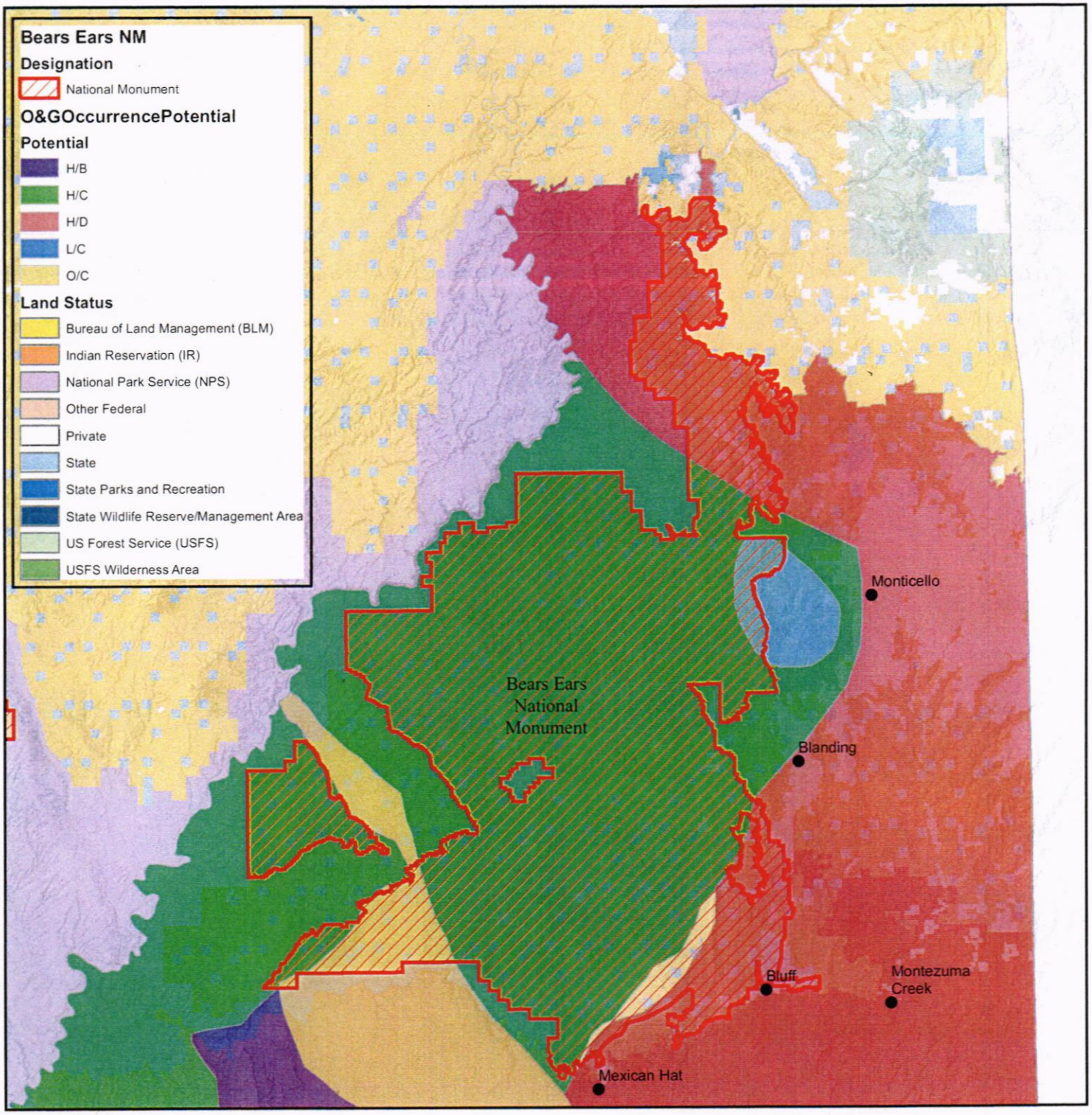

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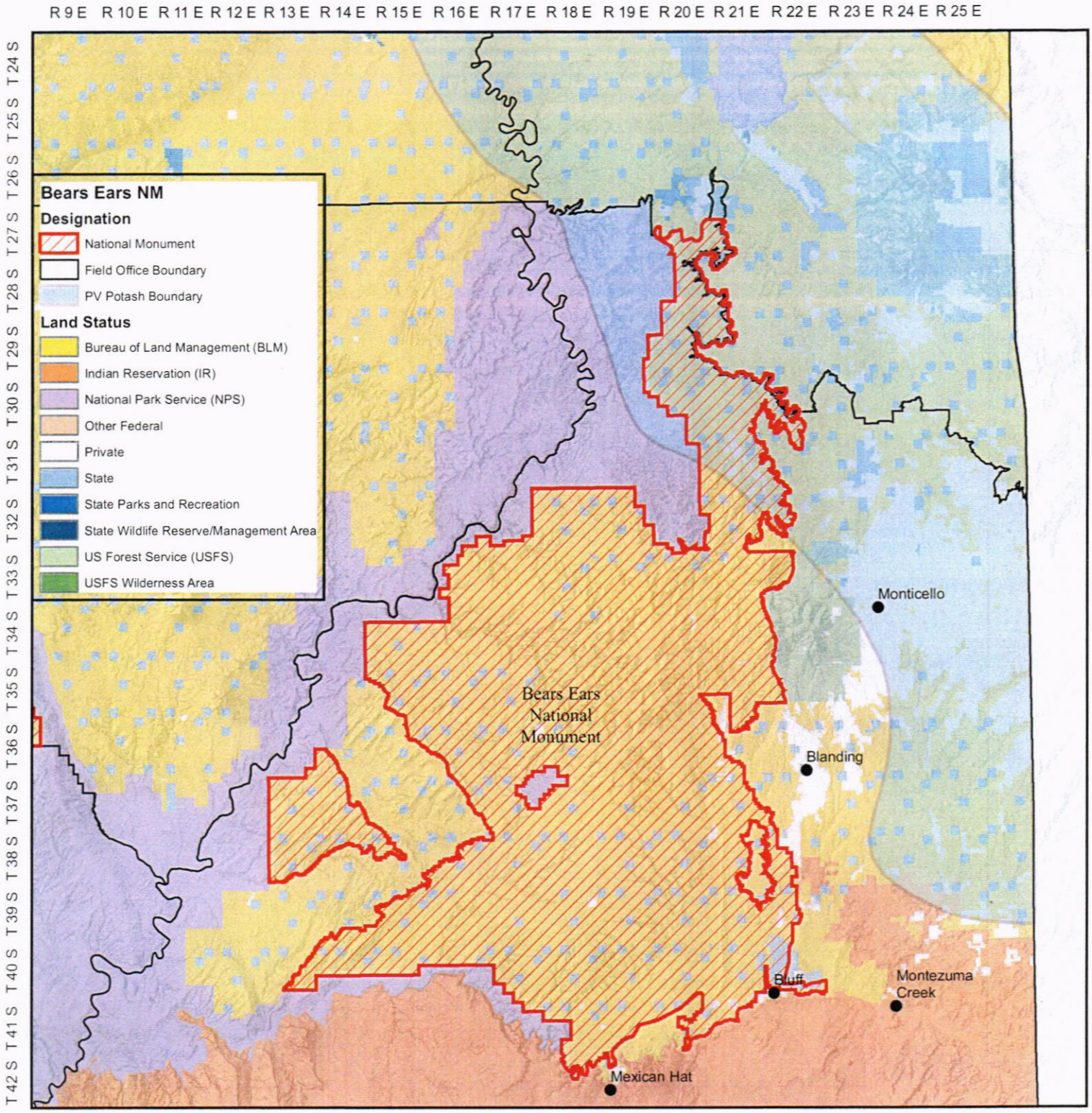

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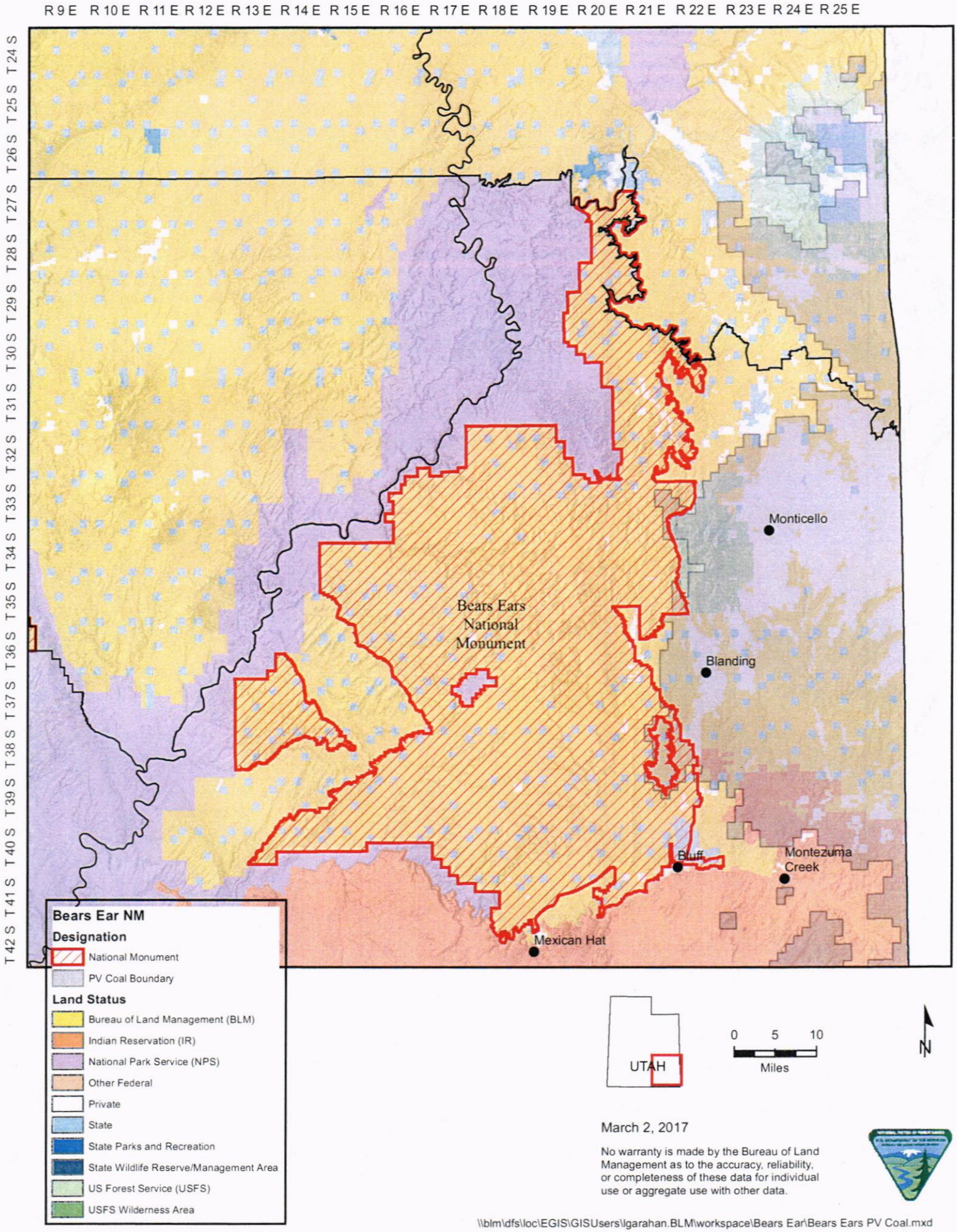

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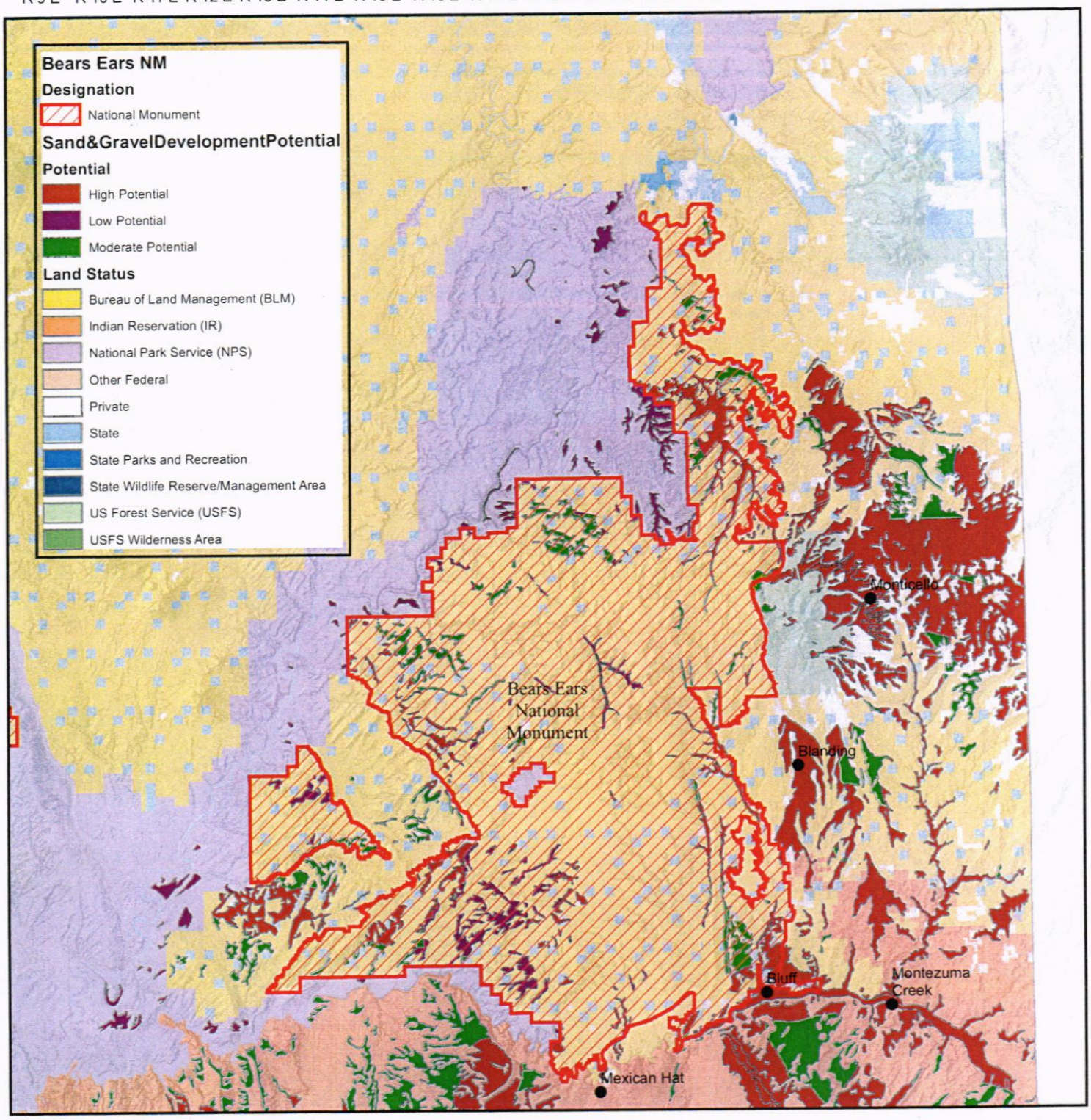

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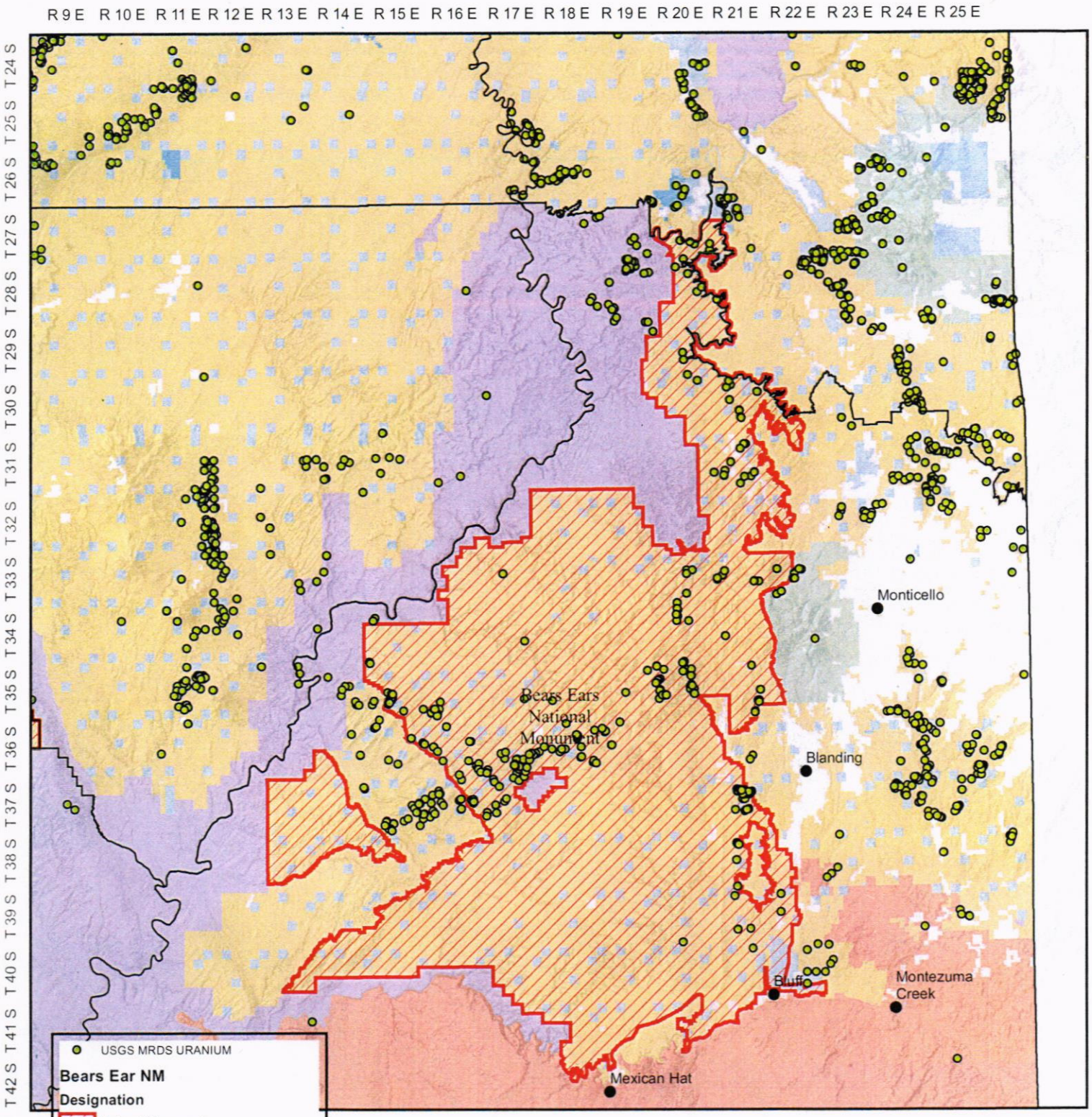

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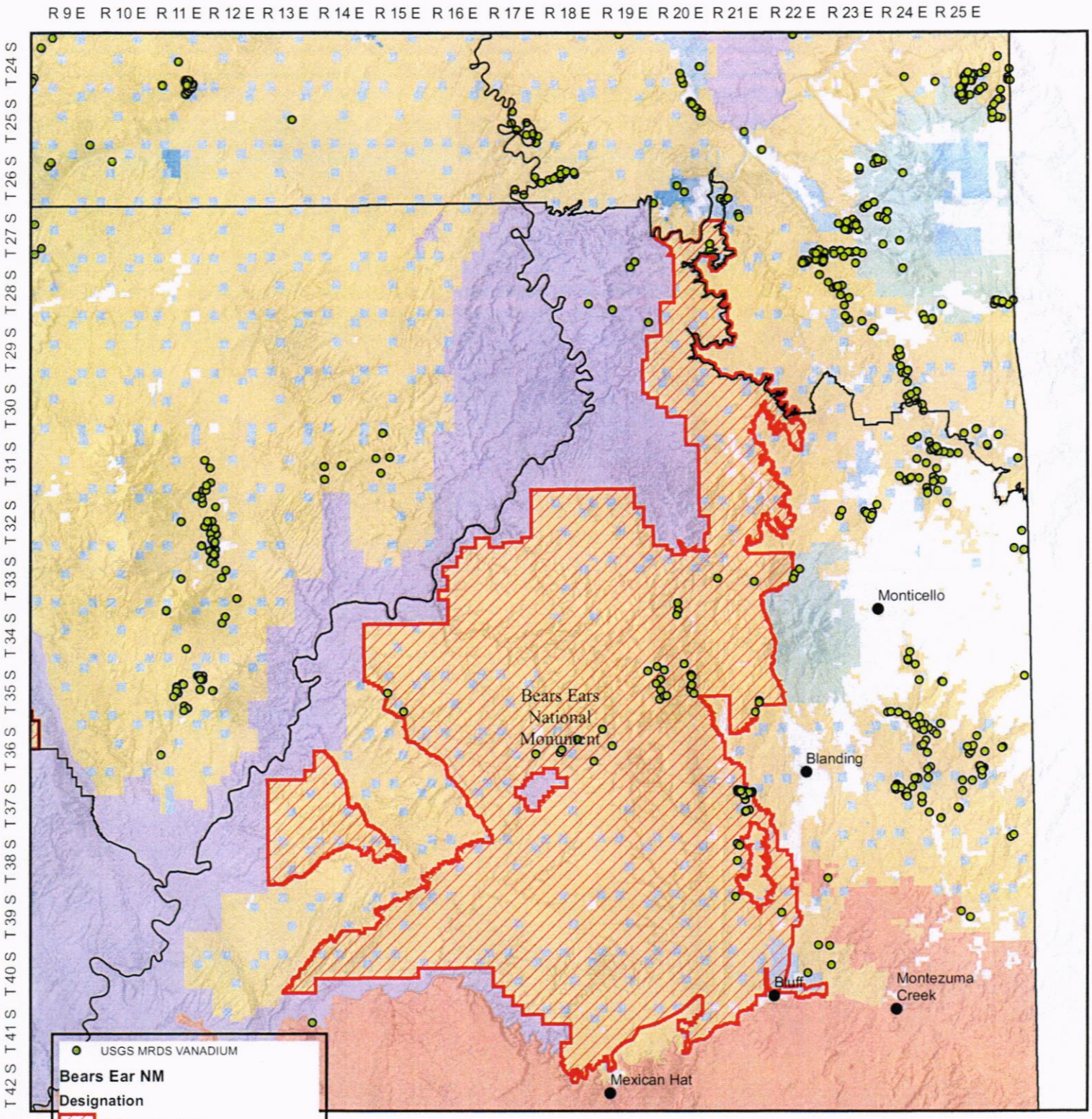

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From:	"SIO, Scheduling" <scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Fri Mar 10 2017 18:01:24 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	Alex Boian <aboian@outdoorindustry.org>
CC:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: OIA meeting request to R. Zinke 2.27.17

Mr. Boian:

My apologies for the delay. Unfortunately, the Secretary is not able to accommodate a meeting with the OIA delegation next week. I'm very sorry we couldn't make it work. However, Downey Magallanes (copied) is happy to meet with the leaders on Secretary Zinke's behalf. If this is agreeable, please work with her directly to finalize a date and time.

Thank you.

Tim Nigborowicz
Office of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Department of the Interior
202-208-7551

On Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 12:58 PM, Alex Boian <aboian@outdoorindustry.org> wrote:

> Hi Caroline,
>
> I hope you are doing well. I also left a message for you, but wanted to follow up and see if there are any developments on the meeting request from Outdoor Industry Association for next week.
>
> Thank you,
>
> Alex
>
> **Alexander Boian** | Vice President of Government Affairs & OIAPAC Treasurer
> **OUTDOOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (OIA)**
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> Follow: @AlexOIApolicy

From: Alex Boian
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 9:22 AM
To: 'SIO, Scheduling' <scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov>; 'caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov' <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: RE: OIA meeting request to R. Zinke 2.27.17

Hi Caroline,

I wanted to follow up on our meeting request, but I also have a question and wonder if you have one minute to talk by phone?

Thank you,

Alex

Alexander Boian | Vice President of Government Affairs & OIAPAC Treasurer
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From: caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov [mailto:caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov] **On Behalf Of** SIO, Scheduling
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Alex Boian <aboian@outdoorindustry.org>
Cc: scheduling@ios.doi.gov; Jessica Wahl <jwahl@outdoorindustry.org>
Subject: Re: OIA meeting request to R. Zinke 2.27.17

Hi Alex,

I did receive your phone message--I apologize that I was out of the office the past two days. Would you be able to provide the following details on the attached word doc so that we can best process your request for the week of the 13th of March?

Thank you!
Caroline

On Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 11:51 AM, Alex Boian <aboian@outdoorindustry.org> wrote:

> Hello,
>
> Please find attached a request for a meeting with Secretary-designee Ryan Zinke and leaders of the outdoor recreation industry, including Amy Roberts, Executive Director of Outdoor Industry Association; Scott Baxter, CEO of The North Face; Jerry Stritzke, CEO of REI; and Rose Marcario, CEO of Patagonia.
>
> We also understand there are a number of post-confirmation events this week and hope that Outdoor Industry Association can participate in those.
>
> Please let me know if I can provide any additional information
>
> Thank you,
>
> Alex Boian
>
> **Alexander Boian** | Vice President of Government Affairs & OIAPAC Treasurer

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> Thanks, Downey
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> On Fri, Mar 10, 2017 at 8:01 PM, SIO, Scheduling <scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > Mr. Boian:

My apologies for the delay. Unfortunately, the Secretary is not able to accommodate a meeting with the OIA delegation next week. I'm very sorry we couldn't make it work. However, Downey Magallanes (copied) is happy to meet with the leaders on Secretary Zinke's behalf. If this is agreeable, please work with her directly to finalize a date and time.

Thank you.

Tim Nigborowicz
Office of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Department of the Interior
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On Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 12:58 PM, Alex Boian <aboian@outdoorindustry.org> wrote:

Hi Caroline,

I hope you are doing well. I also left a message for you, but wanted to follow up and see if there are any developments on the meeting request from Outdoor Industry Association for next week.

Thank you,

Alex

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From: Alex Boian
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 9:22 AM
To: 'SIO, Scheduling' <scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov>; 'caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov' <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: RE: OIA meeting request to R. Zinke 2.27.17

Hi Caroline,

I wanted to follow up on our meeting request, but I also have a question and wonder if you have one minute to talk by phone?

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From: caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov [mailto:caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov] **On Behalf Of** SIO, Scheduling
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Alex Boian <aboian@outdoorindustry.org>
Cc: scheduling@ios.doi.gov; Jessica Wahl <jwahl@outdoorindustry.org>
Subject: Re: OIA meeting request to R. Zinke 2.27.17

Hi Alex,

I did receive your phone message--I apologize that I was out of the office the past two days. Would you be able to provide the following details on the attached word doc so that we can best process your request for the week of the 13th of March?

Thank you!
Caroline

On Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 11:51 AM, Alex Boian <aboian@outdoorindustry.org> wrote:

Hello,

Please find attached a request for a meeting with Secretary-designee Ryan Zinke and leaders of the outdoor recreation industry, including Amy Roberts, Executive Director of Outdoor Industry Association; Scott Baxter, CEO of The North Face; Jerry Stritzke, CEO of REI; and Rose Marcario, CEO of Patagonia.

We also understand there are a number of post-confirmation events this week and hope that Outdoor Industry Association can participate in those.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information

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Meeting Proposal Information Form

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Meeting date: Any date and time the week of March 13, 2017

Meeting location: U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Contact information (Name, Email, Phone): Alex Boian, aboian2outdoorindustry.org, 720 480 3560

Briefly describe the proposed meeting agenda in as much detail as possible, and the desired outcome of the Secretary's participation: In addition to the above meeting description, we hope to specifically discuss status of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, and any specific initiatives the secretary intends to launch in the near future with which the outdoor industry can be supportive, amplify or otherwise be helpful.

In addition, we will be extending an invitation to Secretary Zinke to join Outdoor Industry Association for a media event on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 8:00 am at the National Press Club to launch the OIA Recreation Economy 3.0 national economic report.

Expected meeting participants (names and titles): Outdoor Industry Association Executive Director Amy Roberts + two staff – Alex Boian, VP of Government Affairs and Jessica Wahl, Manager of Government Affairs), K.C. Walsh (President and CEO of Simms Fishing, Bozeman, MT), Jerry Stritzke (CEO of REI, Kent, WA), Rose Marcario (CEO of Patagonia, Ventura, CA) and Scott Baxter (CEO of The North Face/VF Outdoor, Alameda, CA).

Desired length of time for the meeting: 30 minutes

Are there any other specific matters you would like the Secretary to address? The national outdoor recreation economy, the importance of public lands to that economy, status of the Bears Ears National Monument, and invitation to an OIA event on 4/25 to launch the new OIA Recreation Economy 3.0 national economic report.

We will also state our support for Kim Coupounas, a candidate for Assistant of Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Please supply any pertinent background information regarding the genesis of this meeting proposal: Outdoor Industry Association and several industry executives have supported Mr. Zinke's nomination as Secretary of the Interior because of his reasonable views on public lands, conservation, and the recreation economy. We hope to identify additional opportunities to continue to publicly support Secretary Zinke and his agenda, his staff, and the Trump administration's positions on these issues.

With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align? DOI, the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and fish & Wildlife

If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically? This meeting request is specific to Secretary Zinke and in order to ensure the participation of our industry's executives, would prefer to confirm with the secretary if possible.

February 27, 2016

Ryan Zinke
Secretary-Designate
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C.
20240

Dear Mr. Zinke,

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We look forward to welcoming you as the 52nd Secretary of the Interior and working with you and the administration.

Sincerely,

Amy J Roberts

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Executive Director

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Sent:	Fri Mar 10 2017 14:27:56 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"'Downey Magallanes'" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	<timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>, "'Jessica Wahl'" <jwahl@outdoorindustry.org>, "'Adam Cramer'" <adam@outdooralliance.net>
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Sent:	Mon Mar 13 2017 07:49:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Howarth, Robert" <Robert_Howarth@ios.doi.gov>, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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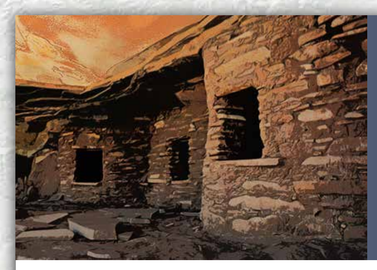

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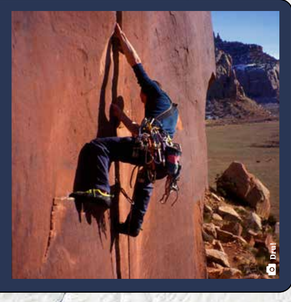

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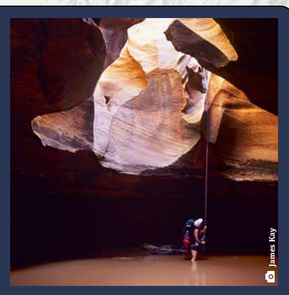

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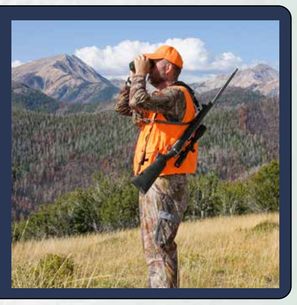

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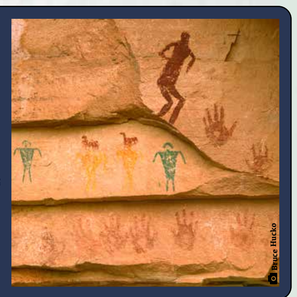

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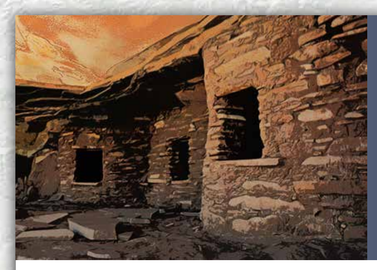

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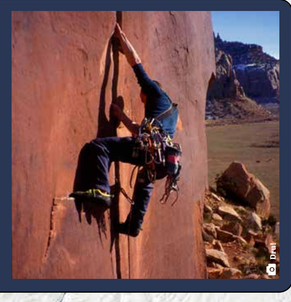

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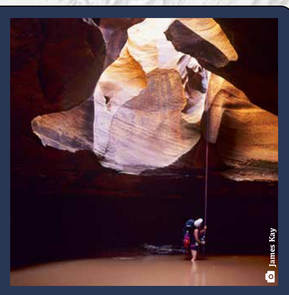

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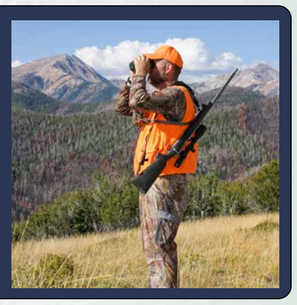

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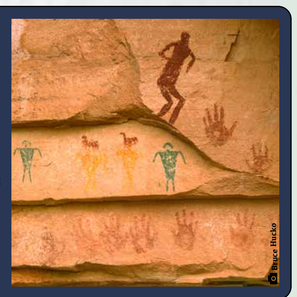
Prime Destinations:

Cedar Mesa, Comb Ridge, Valley of the Gods

- 150,000+ hiking days/year
- 56,000+ archaeological sites
- World-famous for cliff dwellings and rock art



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ABAJO MOUNTAINS
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Fwd: Patagonia/Google Bears Ears Videos

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To:	Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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Downey,
My cell number is (b) (6) [redacted]. My office is 701-539-4015. We have a call set up for tomorrow. Ed

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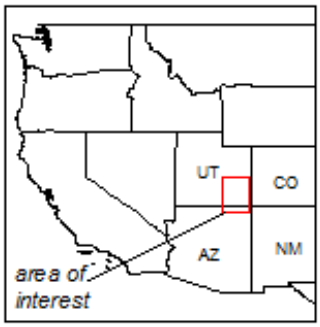

Southeastern Utah is a world famous and unique landscape for human-powered recreation. Besides being home to several destination national parks, such as Arches and Canyonlands, it has world-class rock climbing, mountain biking, whitewater paddling, canyoneering, hiking, and skiing. The region has countless cultural resources and significant traditional value. In addition, the area has the potential for uranium and potash mining, as well as oil and gas development. Because of the world-class recreation, ecological, and cultural resources found in southeastern Utah, we believe that the Bears Ears region should be permanently protected from impacts caused by resource extraction and high-impact public use.

The Bears Ears region is treasured by the rock climbing community, and attracts tens of thousands of climbers from around the world each year. The climbing experience in eastern Utah is highly-valued, not only because of the unique sandstone cliffs and remote desert towers and bluffs, but also because the landscape is relatively undeveloped and provides outstanding opportunities for solitude. Important climbing areas in the Bears Ears region include Indian Creek, Lockhart Basin, Arch/Texas Canyon, Comb Ridge, and Valley of the Gods (see map). These are irreplaceable recreation resources that are sensitive to the pressures of encroaching resource development. Over the past decades, climbers have committed to conserving the Bears Ears region through years of on-the-ground stewardship, engagement in conservation initiatives, and continued advocacy for natural and cultural resource protection.

The greater Moab area, just north of the Bears Ears region, provides more than 1,000 miles of outstanding mountain biking opportunities which have significantly helped to grow the regional economy. The San Juan, Colorado, and Green Rivers provide nearly 200 miles of exceptional whitewater and flatwater paddling opportunities. These rivers are not only critical to the ecological integrity of the region, but are also highly valued by the paddling community. In fact, these river trips are so popular that the San Juan River has implemented a lottery-based permit system because the demand greatly exceeds capacity. The Bears Ears region includes three mountain peaks that are used by backcountry skiers during the winter season (see map). In addition, the region also provides hikers and canyoneers with hundreds of opportunities to experience wild desert landscapes.

Because of the importance of the Bears Ears region to the outdoor recreation community, Outdoor Alliance has been engaged in general planning and legislative initiatives that affect eastern Utah. We have supported the Moab area BLM Master Leasing Plan, participated in the Public Lands Initiative process, and engaged with the Bears Ears National Monument Support Group.

In general, our organizations prefer that legislation protect areas in need of permanent protection instead of using the Antiquities Act. If the Administration uses the Antiquities Act to designate a Bears Ears National Monument, we request that the world-class recreational opportunities located within the Bears Ears proposal boundaries, including specific climbing, mountain biking, river running, and skiing locations, be acknowledged in the presidential proclamation. Additionally, we hope that the proclamation will acknowledge the recreational importance of key locations like Indian Creek, Lockhart Basin, Arch/Texas Canyon, Comb Ridge, Valley of the Gods, and the San Juan, Colorado, and Green Rivers. Having this acknowledgment in the proclamation is essential to ensuring appropriate protection of recreation opportunities as agencies develop a monument management plan.

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Geospatial Data Attachment

Outdoor Alliance is happy to provide geospatial data for climbing, mountain biking, paddling, and skiing in southeastern Utah. The extent of the data (see map package) matches the concentration of recreation resources, as well as the current conservation proposals for the area. Please contact Erik Murdock at erik@accessfund.org with any questions or comments regarding the geospatial data or southeastern Utah human-powered recreation resources.

Southeastern Utah Recreation

Climbing: Southeastern Utah is highly valued by the rock climbing community. The area attracts tens of thousands of climbers from around the world each year due to the dry weather, high quality rock climbs and exceptional landscapes. There are approximately 400 discrete climbing sites (cliffs or towers) that contain thousands of sandstone and limestone climbing routes in the southeastern Utah region (reference the data extent). Several world class climbing areas, such as Joe's Valley, San Rafael Swell, Fisher Towers and Castleton Valley, are found just north of the Bears Ears region (as defined by national monument proposals). Important climbing areas within the Bears Ears region include Indian Creek, Lockhart Basin, Arch/Texas Canyon, Comb Ridge, and Valley of the Gods. These are irreplaceable recreation resources that are sensitive to the pressures of encroaching resource development. Over the past decades, climbers have committed to conserving the Bears Ears region through years of on-the-ground stewardship, engagement in conservation initiatives, and continued advocacy for natural and cultural resource protection. For example, in 2004, climbers established Friends of Indian Creek, an Access Fund affiliate, to work with land managers to promote responsible climbing and to provide resources that help alleviate recreation's impact on the region. The Access Fund has helped to develop climbing management strategies, and has organized many stewardship projects to control erosion and camping impacts. The American Alpine Club has provided grants for educational kiosks and human waste disposal.

Paddling: The Colorado and Green Rivers and their tributaries have provided exceptional experiences for adventure and exploration for well over a century. After General John Wesley Powell's First Expedition down these rivers in 1869, river-running became an important part of western-american adventure and exploration. In the decades that followed, river-runners on the Colorado, Green and Dolores Rivers, used wooden boats to navigate hundreds of miles of contiguous whitewater - the experiences leading to new industry, manufacturing, and a profound commitment to protecting these wild places. Whitewater recreation exploded in popularity with the availability of rubber rafts in the 1950s and further increased with the transition from fiberglass to plastic kayaks in the 1980s. Collectively these rivers provide hundreds of miles of opportunities for multi-day adventures that draw river runners from across the country and around the world. In fact, these opportunities are so popular, that many sections of the Colorado (Westwater Canyon, Cataract Canyon), Green (Desolation Canyon, Gray Canyon, Labyrinth Canyon, and Stillwater Canyon), and San Juan Rivers have implemented lottery-based permit systems because demand for the experience these rivers provide exceeds capacity. On tributaries such as the Dolores, streamflows are so highly controlled that when opportunities to explore the river by boat occur, enthusiasts arrive in droves to experience the River - many for the first time in decades. Other tributaries including Muddy Creek, San Rafael, and Escalante provide opportunities for more advanced whitewater boaters and cayoneering. Part of the draw for these river trips is that there are few places left in this country where one can still spend a week floating down a river and have a backcountry recreation experience, a true American pastime. River trips serve as a means of experiencing the unique geography and cultural history of the area, with many sites along the rivers where one can view Native American rock art and archeological sites that speak to the long history of the region pre-dating European settlement.

Mountain biking: The cycling opportunities in southeastern Utah span the spectrum from challenging single track for experienced riders to incredible introductory terrain that can be enjoyed by anyone. The Moab area also provides approximately 150 trail segments, totaling more than 1,000 miles of outstanding mountain biking opportunities, which have inarguably helped to grow the local economy. World-class mountain bike trails such as Porcupine Rim and Kokopelli Trail are valuable recreation assets that deserve landscape-scale protections. Within the Bears Ears region, the single track is primarily in alpine terrain of the Abajo Mountains, and in the far northern section on the Amasa Back Trail system. The introductory riding takes place on all the unpaved roads in the area, including the Lockhart Basin Road which connects the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park and the gentle climb to the Bears Ears themselves. Traveling through the region by bike is one of the best ways to truly experience the land and its history. With the challenges involved in managing vehicle traffic in so many of our parks and monuments, there is a great opportunity to encourage and support visitation to the Bears Ears region by bike. A transportation and recreation plan should designate the roads and trails where non-motorized, mechanized vehicle use will be permitted. Natural surface trails for mountain biking and hiking may be developed within this transportation and recreation plan that will provide for interpretive experiences for backcountry travelers who seek to experience the many cultural and historical artifacts in the region.

*Skiing***:** The Abajo Mountains in southeastern Utah provide an unexpected treat for skiers in the midst of the red rock desert. Skiing Utah's legendary powder snow high above the red rock desert, with views stretching from Cedar Mesa to Ship Rock, is a unique experience not to be missed. The easiest access point for human-powered skiers is outside of the town of Monticello at the abandoned Old Blue Mountain ski area. The old standing chairlift poles and run-down guard shack still bear testament to the history of skiing in the desert. Another popular destination is Abajo Peak - the highest in the range. From this summit you have unbroken views of Beef Basin, the Needles District of Canyonlands, and the impressive La Sal Mountains. This hidden gem of Utah skiing is not included within the boundaries of the Public Lands Initiative proposed NCA, making it even more important to protect the Abajos.

Metadata

Below is a brief summary of recreation data that has been curated by the Outdoor Alliance for Southeastern Utah.

Map Package

Map packages (.mpk) make it easy to share complete map documents with others. A map package contains a map document (.mxd) and the data referenced by the layers it contains, packaged into one convenient, portable file.

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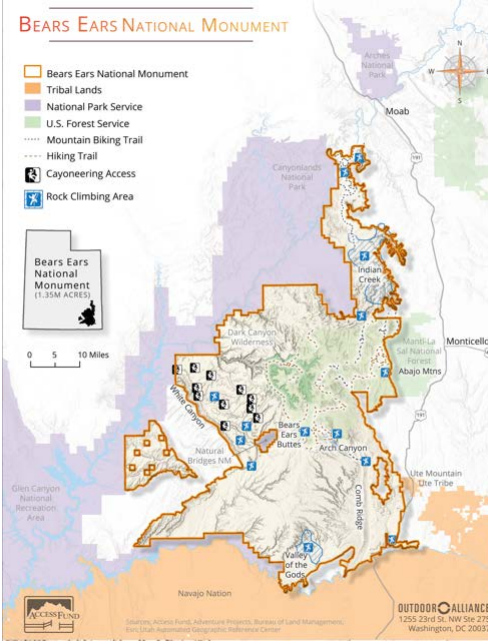

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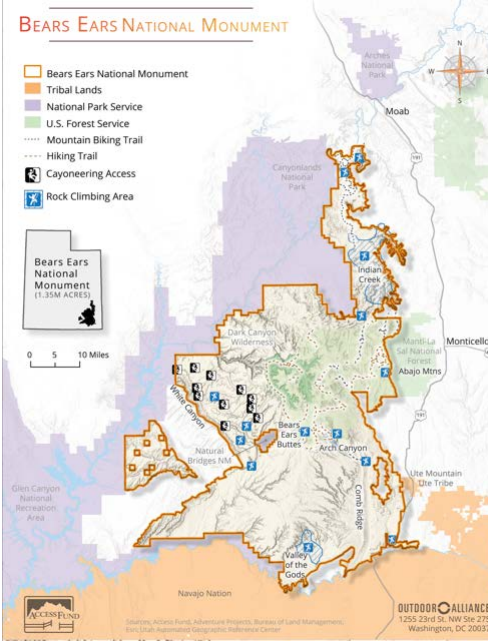

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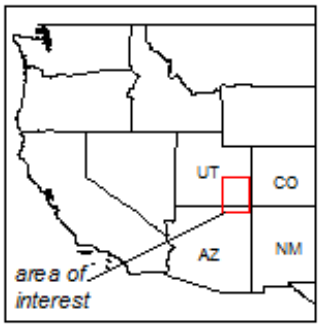

Southeastern Utah is a world famous and unique landscape for human-powered recreation. Besides being home to several destination national parks, such as Arches and Canyonlands, it has world-class rock climbing, mountain biking, whitewater paddling, canyoneering, hiking, and skiing. The region has countless cultural resources and significant traditional value. In addition, the area has the potential for uranium and potash mining, as well as oil and gas development. Because of the world-class recreation, ecological, and cultural resources found in southeastern Utah, we believe that the Bears Ears region should be permanently protected from impacts caused by resource extraction and high-impact public use.

The Bears Ears region is treasured by the rock climbing community, and attracts tens of thousands of climbers from around the world each year. The climbing experience in eastern Utah is highly-valued, not only because of the unique sandstone cliffs and remote desert towers and bluffs, but also because the landscape is relatively undeveloped and provides outstanding opportunities for solitude. Important climbing areas in the Bears Ears region include Indian Creek, Lockhart Basin, Arch/Texas Canyon, Comb Ridge, and Valley of the Gods (see map). These are irreplaceable recreation resources that are sensitive to the pressures of encroaching resource development. Over the past decades, climbers have committed to conserving the Bears Ears region through years of on-the-ground stewardship, engagement in conservation initiatives, and continued advocacy for natural and cultural resource protection.

The greater Moab area, just north of the Bears Ears region, provides more than 1,000 miles of outstanding mountain biking opportunities which have significantly helped to grow the regional economy. The San Juan, Colorado, and Green Rivers provide nearly 200 miles of exceptional whitewater and flatwater paddling opportunities. These rivers are not only critical to the ecological integrity of the region, but are also highly valued by the paddling community. In fact, these river trips are so popular that the San Juan River has implemented a lottery-based permit system because the demand greatly exceeds capacity. The Bears Ears region includes three mountain peaks that are used by backcountry skiers during the winter season (see map). In addition, the region also provides hikers and canyoneers with hundreds of opportunities to experience wild desert landscapes.

Because of the importance of the Bears Ears region to the outdoor recreation community, Outdoor Alliance has been engaged in general planning and legislative initiatives that affect eastern Utah. We have supported the Moab area BLM Master Leasing Plan, participated in the Public Lands Initiative process, and engaged with the Bears Ears National Monument Support Group.

In general, our organizations prefer that legislation protect areas in need of permanent protection instead of using the Antiquities Act. If the Administration uses the Antiquities Act to designate a Bears Ears National Monument, we request that the world-class recreational opportunities located within the Bears Ears proposal boundaries, including specific climbing, mountain biking, river running, and skiing locations, be acknowledged in the presidential proclamation. Additionally, we hope that the proclamation will acknowledge the recreational importance of key locations like Indian Creek, Lockhart Basin, Arch/Texas Canyon, Comb Ridge, Valley of the Gods, and the San Juan, Colorado, and Green Rivers. Having this acknowledgment in the proclamation is essential to ensuring appropriate protection of recreation opportunities as agencies develop a monument management plan.

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Geospatial Data Attachment

Outdoor Alliance is happy to provide geospatial data for climbing, mountain biking, paddling, and skiing in southeastern Utah. The extent of the data (see map package) matches the concentration of recreation resources, as well as the current conservation proposals for the area. Please contact Erik Murdock at erik@accessfund.org with any questions or comments regarding the geospatial data or southeastern Utah human-powered recreation resources.

Southeastern Utah Recreation

Climbing: Southeastern Utah is highly valued by the rock climbing community. The area attracts tens of thousands of climbers from around the world each year due to the dry weather, high quality rock climbs and exceptional landscapes. There are approximately 400 discrete climbing sites (cliffs or towers) that contain thousands of sandstone and limestone climbing routes in the southeastern Utah region (reference the data extent). Several world class climbing areas, such as Joe's Valley, San Rafael Swell, Fisher Towers and Castleton Valley, are found just north of the Bears Ears region (as defined by national monument proposals). Important climbing areas within the Bears Ears region include Indian Creek, Lockhart Basin, Arch/Texas Canyon, Comb Ridge, and Valley of the Gods. These are irreplaceable recreation resources that are sensitive to the pressures of encroaching resource development. Over the past decades, climbers have committed to conserving the Bears Ears region through years of on-the-ground stewardship, engagement in conservation initiatives, and continued advocacy for natural and cultural resource protection. For example, in 2004, climbers established Friends of Indian Creek, an Access Fund affiliate, to work with land managers to promote responsible climbing and to provide resources that help alleviate recreation's impact on the region. The Access Fund has helped to develop climbing management strategies, and has organized many stewardship projects to control erosion and camping impacts. The American Alpine Club has provided grants for educational kiosks and human waste disposal.

Paddling: The Colorado and Green Rivers and their tributaries have provided exceptional experiences for adventure and exploration for well over a century. After General John Wesley Powell's First Expedition down these rivers in 1869, river-running became an important part of western-american adventure and exploration. In the decades that followed, river-runners on the Colorado, Green and Dolores Rivers, used wooden boats to navigate hundreds of miles of contiguous whitewater - the experiences leading to new industry, manufacturing, and a profound commitment to protecting these wild places. Whitewater recreation exploded in popularity with the availability of rubber rafts in the 1950s and further increased with the transition from fiberglass to plastic kayaks in the 1980s. Collectively these rivers provide hundreds of miles of opportunities for multi-day adventures that draw river runners from across the country and around the world. In fact, these opportunities are so popular, that many sections of the Colorado (Westwater Canyon, Cataract Canyon), Green (Desolation Canyon, Gray Canyon, Labyrinth Canyon, and Stillwater Canyon), and San Juan Rivers have implemented lottery-based permit systems because demand for the experience these rivers provide exceeds capacity. On tributaries such as the Dolores, streamflows are so highly controlled that when opportunities to explore the river by boat occur, enthusiasts arrive in droves to experience the River - many for the first time in decades. Other tributaries including Muddy Creek, San Rafael, and Escalante provide opportunities for more advanced whitewater boaters and cayoneering. Part of the draw for these river trips is that there are few places left in this country where one can still spend a week floating down a river and have a backcountry recreation experience, a true American pastime. River trips serve as a means of experiencing the unique geography and cultural history of the area, with many sites along the rivers where one can view Native American rock art and archeological sites that speak to the long history of the region pre-dating European settlement.

Mountain biking: The cycling opportunities in southeastern Utah span the spectrum from challenging single track for experienced riders to incredible introductory terrain that can be enjoyed by anyone. The Moab area also provides approximately 150 trail segments, totaling more than 1,000 miles of outstanding mountain biking opportunities, which have inarguably helped to grow the local economy. World-class mountain bike trails such as Porcupine Rim and Kokopelli Trail are valuable recreation assets that deserve landscape-scale protections. Within the Bears Ears region, the single track is primarily in alpine terrain of the Abajo Mountains, and in the far northern section on the Amasa Back Trail system. The introductory riding takes place on all the unpaved roads in the area, including the Lockhart Basin Road which connects the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park and the gentle climb to the Bears Ears themselves. Traveling through the region by bike is one of the best ways to truly experience the land and its history. With the challenges involved in managing vehicle traffic in so many of our parks and monuments, there is a great opportunity to encourage and support visitation to the Bears Ears region by bike. A transportation and recreation plan should designate the roads and trails where non-motorized, mechanized vehicle use will be permitted. Natural surface trails for mountain biking and hiking may be developed within this transportation and recreation plan that will provide for interpretive experiences for backcountry travelers who seek to experience the many cultural and historical artifacts in the region.

*Skiing***:** The Abajo Mountains in southeastern Utah provide an unexpected treat for skiers in the midst of the red rock desert. Skiing Utah's legendary powder snow high above the red rock desert, with views stretching from Cedar Mesa to Ship Rock, is a unique experience not to be missed. The easiest access point for human-powered skiers is outside of the town of Monticello at the abandoned Old Blue Mountain ski area. The old standing chairlift poles and run-down guard shack still bear testament to the history of skiing in the desert. Another popular destination is Abajo Peak - the highest in the range. From this summit you have unbroken views of Beef Basin, the Needles District of Canyonlands, and the impressive La Sal Mountains. This hidden gem of Utah skiing is not included within the boundaries of the Public Lands Initiative proposed NCA, making it even more important to protect the Abajos.

Metadata

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Hi Downey- Thank you for a great meeting on Wednesday. OIA represents 1200 businesses across the country and in addition to recreation issues, we work on trade, manufacturing and regulatory issues. Please see the two attached letters from us regarding public lands and DOI-specific topics. One letter has over 50 of our member companies signed on, and the other is with the local Utah, and national climbing community, specific to the the importance of recreation in the Bears Ears National Monument. We would be happy to arrange a followup meeting with you or your colleagues if that is helpful.

Thank you for your time and attention to these issues and we look forward to working with you!
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January 19, 2017

The Honorable Ryan K. Zinke
US House of Representatives
1419 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-2601

Dear Congressman Zinke,

Congratulations on a successful hearing yesterday. The outdoor industry was encouraged by your testimony on the topics of keeping public lands public, working with scientists on climate change, addressing the $12 billion maintenance backlog at our national parks through an infrastructure bill and following a Teddy Roosevelt approach of planning for the next 100 years of our shared public lands and waters.

As you know, the outdoor industry is a broad community that includes hikers, hunters, anglers, snowmobilers, skiers, cyclists and climbers. As businesses that depend on outdoor recreation, your nomination as secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior is particularly important to us. You have demonstrated many of the values emblematic of our industry during your time as a Montana state senator and more recently as Montana's congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives. We hope you will continue to work with us to support investments in the outdoor recreation economy that help us create healthy communities and vibrant economies across the country.

As you prepare for this critical role, we encourage you to fully examine the opportunities and benefits that the recreation economy brings to communities near public lands, as well as the inspiration it brings to both Americans and international visitors to the United States. In the 21st century, prosperous communities share a variety of characteristics in attracting employers, families and working professionals. Among the most important is access to outdoor recreation. We hope you will harness the momentum of the unanimous, bipartisan passage of the 2016 Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act in Congress and pursue policies that will promote and grow the outdoor recreation economy.

Community Development Through Recreation Assets

Public lands of all types, such as trail systems, rivers, lakes and parks, are powerful assets, which provide opportunities for outdoor experiences and generate economic activity in all corners of the country. These places are the infrastructure of the outdoor recreation industry, which produces over $646 billion annually, employs 6.1 million Americans and contributes $80 billion in local, state and federal taxes.

America's protected natural landscapes are its greatest attraction, and simply marketing

and advertising them is not enough; we must invest in their infrastructure and in visitors' experiences on them to continue to drive this economic engine and support the communities that depend upon our public lands. As the Trump administration and Congress contemplate an infrastructure package, they must provide increased resources for the grey and green infrastructure—the trails, roads, parks and bridges our businesses and the American people rely on.

As head of the Department of the Interior, you will have the opportunity to encourage economic development, private investment and prosperity across the country by enhancing recreation access and infrastructure within cities and rural communities. This is especially true in economically disadvantaged communities. Our shared recreation assets play an increasingly important role in mainstream business development and economic revitalization. Proximity to shared open spaces such as forests, deserts, trails, rivers and lakes makes for desirable places to live, work and retire. As you have seen in Montana, corporations and businesses of all types are using the quality of life that results from access to green spaces and trails as a key tool for recruiting and retaining highly skilled workers and entrepreneurs.

By focusing on the economic development opportunities associated with recreation assets, there is real potential to drive sustained economic growth in communities that are suffering from the boom and bust cycle of extractive industries. Communities lucky enough to have nearby public lands have growth opportunities that can complement traditional land uses and provide sustainable jobs in both the near and long term.

Public Land Ownership

Federal management of our public lands is the backbone of sustainable natural resource and recreation industries. Shared public land is a critical currency of the 21st century. All Americans benefit, not only from the resources responsibly extracted from our land, but perhaps even more so from the ability to visit our incredible American landscapes. State budgets simply are not equipped to make the long-term investments that gateway communities—and the businesses they have attracted—depend on. World-wide market forces and fluctuating commodity prices have undermined many communities in rural America. Transferring our public lands to individual states would bring increased financial uncertainty to these communities. We are encouraged by your commitment to keep our national public lands in public hands as we oppose the large-scale transfer of federal lands to the states.

Conservation Designations

The establishment of federal conservation designations in key places around the country has brought increased economic prosperity to nearby communities. Legislation enacted by Congress, local agreements, and at times the Antiquities Act has played and continues

to play a vitally important role in our national system of public lands by providing the opportunity to protect highly important and vulnerable public lands. There are many examples of federal conservation designations around the country that not only protect objects of historic and scientific interest, but also serve as economic drivers for local communities. The vibrant recreation economy of today would not be where it is without the collaborative efforts of multiple stakeholders at the local, state and federal levels, and the recreation economy's future depends on the continued preservation of recreation assets. We strongly encourage you to support and initiate federal conservation designations so that deserving and incredible places can be protected for future use. We appreciate your testimony that some places deserve higher protections, and other landscapes can be planned well to optimize recreation and other uses.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

As you well know, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has been one of the most effective recreation programs for over half a century. A bipartisan program, the LWCF creates recreation access, improves infrastructure and grows jobs—from urban parks to the beautiful backcountry. All of the tools in the program are critical to its success, and it is imperative that the LWCF receives full funding. This program is successful because it makes an impact in every county and state across the country. In a new era of prioritized energy development, there needs to be an offset or increase in royalties to provide certainty for recreation protection and access and for the businesses who rely on our great outdoors. This critical program, moreover, is set to expire in less than two years, and we know you understand the urgency for its reauthorization. We stand ready to work with you to secure long-term reauthorization and full funding for this crucial recreation program.

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We urge you to work with the outdoor recreation community across the country to coordinate public land management and funding to support this growing and critical economic driver. Consider us a partner in your commitments to keep public lands public and to protect our nation's recreation assets and outdoor heritage, including those preserved through conservation designations, as we all look toward the next 100 years of our uniquely American public lands system.

Thank you for your service to our country. We look forward to your confirmation in the next few days and working with you in the years ahead.

Most sincerely,

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February 27, 2017

Secretary Ryan Zinke
Department of the Interior
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Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

Access Fund, American Alpine Club, Friends of Indian Creek, Outdoor Alliance, Outdoor Industry Association, and Salt Lake Climbers Alliance (grassroots and national organizations representing hundreds of thousands of rock climbers and outdoor enthusiasts as well as hundreds of businesses) appreciate your consideration of our position on Bears Ears National Monument. We write to share our community's strong support for the Bears Ears National Monument designation, as well as our longstanding support for the Antiquities Act as a tool to protect our country's public lands.

The Bears Ears region in southeastern Utah is one of the most revered recreation destinations in the U.S. Its grandeur and beauty has a profound impact on those who spend time there rock climbing, mountain biking, paddling, hiking, hunting, fishing, and canyoneering. The rock climbing resources are especially exceptional and annually draw tens of thousands of visitors from around the world to climb at Indian Creek, Lockhart Basin, Arch/Texas Canyon, Valley of the Gods, and many other locations (see attached map).

As you know, the outdoor recreation industry supports 6.1 million jobs in the United States and generates $646 billion in consumer spending in America, much of which is in rural economies, in large part due to America's public lands and waters. In Utah alone, outdoor recreation generates $12 billion in consumer spending and is responsible for more than 122,000 jobs.[1] The outdoor recreation economy is fundamentally dependent on access to public lands and the environmental integrity of recreation resources. The Bears Ears National Monument contains exceptional recreation opportunities, and our coalition of Utah-based and national organizations welcomes the opportunity to partner with you to protect its designation and quantifiable economic benefits.

The outdoor recreation community is heartened by your commitment to keep public lands public for economic growth and outdoor enthusiasts of all stripes. We also appreciate your commitment to hearing from all sides regarding the Bears Ears designation, and we hope that you will work to allay concerns with this designation and safeguard the longstanding tradition of protecting public lands using the Antiquities Act.

Recently, the Antiquities Act has been threatened by some members of Congress. We understand that some lawmakers have asked you and the Trump administration to undermine this vital tool by administratively rescinding the Bears Ears National Monument instead of working through the legislative process. These threats might not take into account that the Secretary of Interior cannot "modify or revoke any withdrawal creating national monuments under the Act of June 8, 1906 [Antiquities Act]…"[2] While such an action would rightfully be litigated, overshadowing the positive work we hope to achieve with you as Interior Secretary, it would also inevitably put all National Monuments in jeopardy—including the eight national monuments that Theodore Roosevelt designated and have not

[1] Outdoor Industry Association (2012), *The Outdoor Recreation Economy*, Boulder, CO. Retrieved from https://outdoorindustry.org/images/researchfiles/OIA_OutdoorRecEconomyReport2012.pdf
[2] Section § 204(j), Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976

received additional protections from Congress (Devils Tower, WY; El Morro, NM; Montezuma Castle, AZ; Gila Cliff Dwellings, NM; Tonto, AZ; Muir Woods, CA; Jewel Cave, SD; and Natural Bridges, UT).

Devils Tower National Monument is notable to the climbing community because, similar to Bears Ears National Monument, it represents a challenging, yet successful, balance between world-class climbing opportunities and the preservation of sacred land and traditions. America's national monuments provide concrete evidence that public land stakeholders can work together to overcome complex challenges. Our coalition wholeheartedly participated in the legislative process (Utah Public Lands Initiative) to find balance for the Bears Ears region. Although that process was ultimately unsuccessful, it forced a wider spectrum of ideas to be integrated into the Bears Ears National Monument proclamation, and it also fortuitously resulted in several positive relationships that would not have been possible otherwise.[3]

We encourage you to work with all stakeholders, including the Utah delegation, Governor Herbert, Tribal representatives, outdoor recreation industry and advocacy organizations, conservation groups and commercial interests to develop a Bears Ears National Monument management plan that addresses concerns related to Bears Ears National Monument instead of diminishing an essential law used by Presidents of both parties to protect our shared American heritage. Inadequate protection of the Bears Ears landscape will harm Utah's standing as a world-renowned outdoor recreation destination, weaken the local economy, and put sacred lands and objects at risk.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns, and we look forward to working with you to protect our public lands and help grow the recreation economy in Utah and nationwide.

Respectfully,

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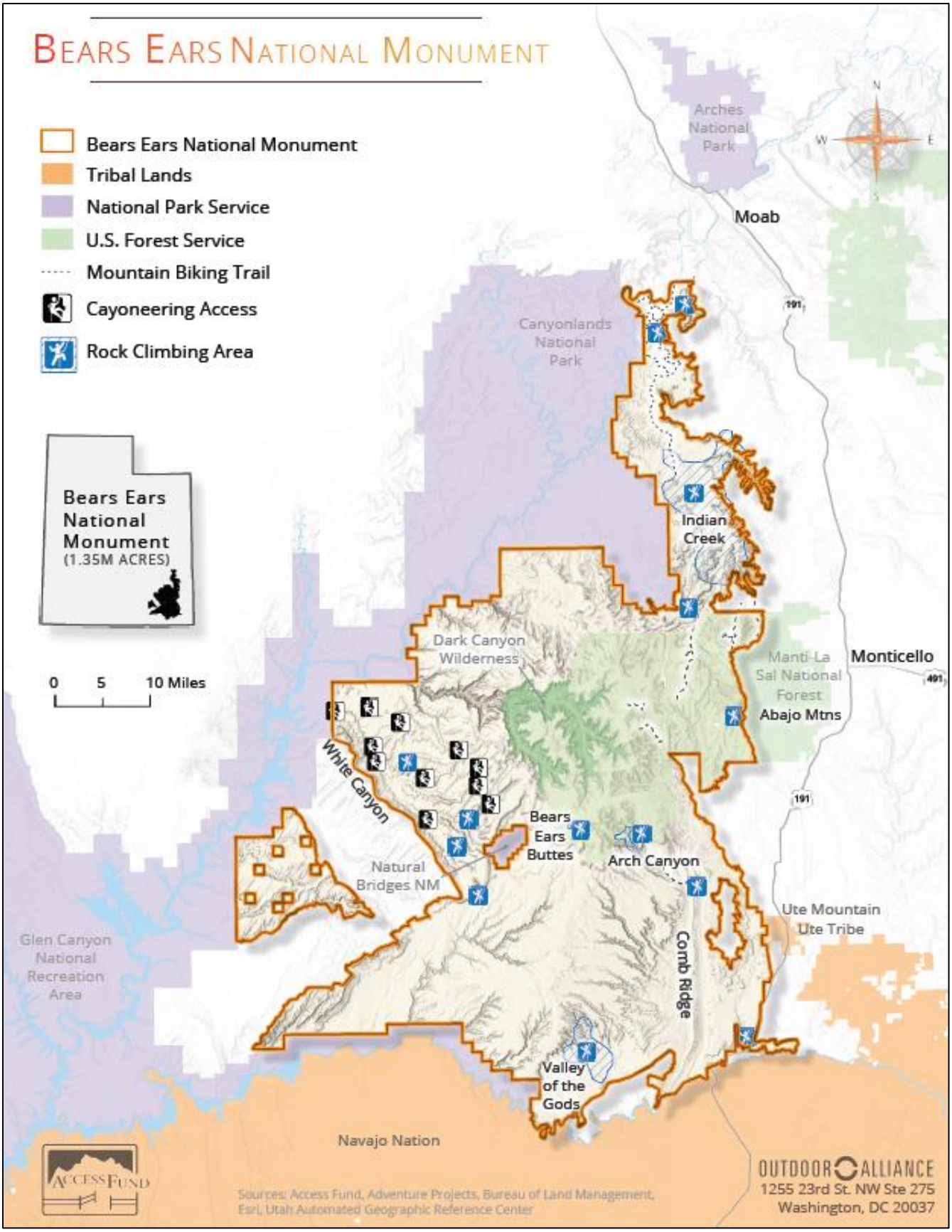
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To:	John Sterling <john@conservationalliance.com>
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To: John Sterling <john@conservationalliance.com>
Subject: Re: Meet with Outdoor Business Leaders, March 8th?

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Subject:	Fwd: Meet with Outdoor Business Leaders, March 8th?
Attachments:	Meeting Proposal Information Form_March_8_Outdoor_Business_Leaders.docx

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If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?
Yes. Chief of Staff or other appropriate surrogate.

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BENM memo

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Subject:	BENM memo
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Downey,

Attached you will find a one-page memo with background information on the Bears Ears National Monument.

Southeastern Utah is rich in historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest. Many of these antiquities are situated upon lands that are owned or controlled by the federal government and merit protection. It is important to Senator Hatch, the Utah congressional delegation, the Utah State Legislature, and the Governor, that the protection of these objects occur with the smallest areas compatible with proper care and management.

John Tanner
Legislative Director
Office of Senator Orrin Hatch

Bears Ears Memorandum
3-3-17

Background
The Bears Ears National Monument (BENM)was created on December 28, 2016 by President Barack Obama. It encompasses 1,352,000 acres located in San Juan County, Utah.

The Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) is rich in Native American antiquities. The area has thousands of sites of antiquity. These sites range from full-fledged ruins of Anasazi origin to small burial grounds, small granaries, and single structure ruins that are scattered throughout. There are several hexagons (1km hexagons) that have as many as 70 sites on them. It is important to recognize that these high-density areas of antiquities are not the common finding. The Utah State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) has inventoried much of the area within the BENM and their finding indicate that they have found a majority of hexagons with either no sites of antiquities or hexagons with between one and four small sites. There are 25,734 sites of Anasazi antiquity in San Juan County. To protect the most significant sites would be of great interest to the elected officials of the State of Utah. To protect the antiquities in such a way that the local economy is not injured further was the desire of the Public Land Initiative introduced and shepherded by the Utah Congressional Delegation for three years prior to the BENM declaration.

Much of the hullabaloo that surrounded conflict leading up to the BENM declaration was the proclaimed unity of the Native American communities in supporting the declaration. In fact, the Native American communities were badly divided on the subject. Representations were made to Native Americans, by the Obama Administration, that the Native Americans would receive co-management authority over the BENM in the declaration. Only when the declaration was a *fait acompli* did the Department of Interior admit to the tribes that the best they could do for them was to form an advisory commission that had no management jurisdiction or binding authority and to give the tribes a seat on that commission. We (the Utah Congressional Delegation) had informed the Board of Directors of Dineh Bikeyah, the Native American group advocating for the declaration of BENM, that Interior's promise of co-management was an empty one.

The group Dine Bikeyah also made assertions that the Congressional Delegation was unwilling to meet with them to negotiate in good faith. The good faith of the delegation was born out when the final BENM designation more closely resembled the boundaries provided in the Public Land Initiative proposal for a National Conservation Area (NCA) than did the boundaries in the Dine Bikeyah's proposal of 1.9 million acre monument.

In the final analysis, all major members who stood in opposition to the Administration's BENM designation, including the Utah Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the State Legislature, and, more importantly, the elected officials from San Juan County – including a Democrat Native American County Commissioner, know there are lands worthy of protection in San Juan County and are willing to work cooperatively and collaboratively with all stakeholders to make sure it is done in a way that takes into consideration the needs of the people and economy of the area.

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monument bullets

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Subject:	monument bullets
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Hi Downey-

Attached are some bullets we worked up on this topic a little bit back --- not sure if you have it. Also, here's a link to the GSENM monument plan from 2000, here's a link to BLM's implementation review of that plan from 2010. Note also that BLM is the process of developing an amendment to that plan to address livestock grazing.

Aaron G. Moody
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Subject:	Interior Contact

Hi John,

Just left you a message- I think you are my right contact on Bears Ears in the office- can we connect?

Thanks, Downey

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Im at my desk until 3. I have meetings until 5 but will answer if you call my cell. Let's make sure we connect today.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2017, at 1:08 PM, Magallanes, Downey <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Thanks, Downey

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