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Sent: Thu Aug 18 2016 11:41:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
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August 18th, 2016

Cody Stewart, Policy Director
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Re: Governor's Native American Summit -- Bears Ears/PLI Panel

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Thank you for your help in July that straightened out the status of a Bears Ears/PLI panel at the recent Governor's Native American Summit. Unfortunately, we were disappointed that the panel was still canceled due to a lack of diligence in confirming the attendance of key panelists for representatives of the Public Lands Initiative. Utah Diné Bikéyah would still like to work with the Governor's office to engage Utah citizens and tribal leaders in respectful dialogue as land-use conservation efforts and economic development priorities advance. Even though the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition leaders have left the Public Lands Initiative, it is still important that we as Utahns demonstrate our ability to engage in respectful dialogue and allows tribal voices to be heard in San Juan County and throughout the state of Utah.

The Bears Ears issue is of great importance to many in the Native American community, especially tribal leaders and tribal members who attended the Summit. Our vision for the panel was to provide an opportunity to correct inaccuracies and misperceptions about issues central to the discussion through a meaningful, respectful dialogue in a neutral setting. Regardless of any disagreement in position, members of the community attending the Summit would have benefited from the dialogue and sincere efforts to find common ground. Despite several unsuccessful attempts to confirm plans prior to the event, we were notified the morning of the event that panelists had not been confirmed and we were notified that the panel was canceled only minutes before we were scheduled to speak.

As you would expect, we were quite disappointed; however, we were willing to accept the explanation that a communication gap and other mistakes were made in planning. In an attempt to utilize the time and space set aside for the panel, we planned to discuss rescheduling and going forward with informal discussions with those seeking updates from the six Bears Ears Inter-Tribal leaders in attendance. Regrettably, we were told that another session had been moved into

our room and we were denied the request of an adjacent room for an informal meeting. After twenty minutes we were told that the hallway is open.

Unfortunately, the issue and controversy surrounding the PLI, the Bears Ears Proposal, and the Utah Navajo Trust Fund is not going to disappear. Indeed, San Juan County has been dealing with these issues for decades (as is detailed in the attached "Discrimination Report.") The community will only come together behind true leadership and inclusive dialogue and it is time to address these issues directly and respectfully. Disagreements and conflict may linger, but the feelings of anger, fear and distrust cannot be diffused without a willingness of those in leadership positions to lead the way by example in seeking common ground and demonstrating respect for diverging viewpoints. Utah Diné Bikéyah is committed to bringing the community together, regardless of what the future may hold. Lets discuss ways of promoting civil discourse and healing, even as the public debate continues and figure out a way to take the next step toward these goals through facilitated dialogue, community meetings, or other similar events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willie Grayeyes", written over a horizontal line.

Willie Grayeyes, Chairman
Utah Diné Bikéyah

Cc: Casey Snider, Legislative Director, Congressman Bishop



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August 15th, 2016

President Russell Begaye
Speaker LoRenzo Bates
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Window Rock, Arizona 86515

RE: Research into Bears Ears Opponents

Dear President Begaye & Speaker Bates,

On behalf of the Utah Diné Bikéyah (UDB) organization I would like to extend my appreciation for your attendance at Secretary Jewell's listening session in Bluff, Utah on July 16th. Support from both the President and the Speaker of the Navajo Nation for the Bears Ears National Monument means a great deal to grassroots people on the ground here in Utah. We greatly value the ongoing commitment and support of you and your staff. On behalf of our Board, staff, and the local community members UDB serves, we extend our deepest appreciation.

I am sorry that you had to withstand the disrespectful comments and "booing" from opponents including Commissioner Rebecca Benally, as well as those referring to themselves as the Blue Mountain Diné and Descendants of K'ayelii who unfortunately were as misinformed as they were rude. Related to this UDB is doing everything on the ground to provide good information to opposing individuals and groups and we request additional support in the form of a letter and/or a meeting from your offices to ensure they know that the Navajo Nation is engaged and is not being controlled by outside interest groups. As the grassroots non-profit that developed the Bears Ears proposal in cooperation with the Navajo Nation and the five Tribes of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, we are concerned to hear all of the disinformation being spread by Blanding residents and Commissioner Benally.

Finally, if the McCracken Mesa and Utah Navajo Trust Fund reallocation provision has escaped your scrutiny, we wanted to bring to your attention that Title X, Section 1001, subsections (a) & (b) reverses the formula for the distribution of royalties of tribal leases from The Act of March 1, 1933 (47 Stat., 1418). Basically, the formula for the Utah Navajo Trust Fund will be reversed across 16 leases, increasing the Utah portion of the Aneth Extension oil and gas royalties to 62.5% and



reducing the Navajo Nation portion to 37.5%. A mineral transfer of rights beneath McCracken Mesa will be placed under the full control of the Utah Navajo Trust Fund. Councilman Davis Filfred expressed concern about this issues and asked UDB to assist in researching it.

Consequently, UDB would like to see answers to the following questions:

- Who are the Descendants of K'aayeli organization? Who do they represent and what is their mission? Do they represent the Navajo Nation?
- Has Congressman Bishop or Chaffetz informed the Navajo Nation of the above language that reverses the allocation of the Utah Navajo Trust Fund? Who requested this reversal, and who is benefitted and harmed? Does Commissioner Benally's opposition to a National Monument have anything to do with this legislative language?
- Did the Navajo Nation ever "sell Bears Ears" as was stated at the July 16th hearing?
- Are the "Blue Mountain Diné" a true organization? Who do they represent and what is their mission? Do they represent the Navajo Nation?
- Why does Congressman Bishop refer to the "Utah Navajo Tribe"? Does he not know we are one Nation? Why are Bears Ears opponents using names like the K'aayeli Tribe and K'aayeli Band of the Navajo, the Blue Mountain Diné Tribe, San Juan Southern Ute Tribe, and White Mesa Ute Tribe? It seems like Utah Congressmen do not understand which Tribes have jurisdiction and sovereign status in their own state.
- Are the Descendants of K'aayeli and Blue Mountain Diné supportive of the large "Energy Zone" designations that the Utah legislature created inside Bears Ears in 2015? Has the map changed since 2015? (See below map). Do these Dine organizations support expansion of the Daneros uranium mine within Bears Ears (See <http://www.grandcanyontrust.org/blog/daneros-uranium-mine-call-caution>)? Do these orgs desire to see the BLM Master Oil & Gas leasing plan to begin in 2018 or 2019? Are they unconcerned about the six new graverobbing and looting cases under investigation by the BLM in 2016? In essence, UDB is wondering if these organizations have been briefed on the Navajo Nation's position and if they have been asked to explain why they are opposed.

Aneth Chapter Vice President candidate, Alfred Ben, is running un-opposed this election season, he is also the president of the Descendents of K'aayeli organization. After the election he has to take oath of office to obey and defend Navajo laws and his interests may already be misaligned with the Nation. His group passed a resolution opposing the Navajo Nation legislation supporting the Bears Ears National Monument and we are concerned that he may continue to undermine Navajo law.

Furthermore, Donna Singer, CEO of the Utah Navajo Health System, Inc. and Blue Mountain Hospital, has been the driving force behind federally funded organizations (under P.L. section 638). Singer has reportedly been using her office to protest and oppose the Bears Ears National Monument through use of her government email and list of employees.

The development of the Bears Ears conservation proposal, that includes White Canyon, Cedar Mesa, the confluence of the San Juan and Colorado Rivers, and the Abajo mountains of San Juan County, was developed by elders using conservation science. Utah Diné Bikéyah worked for several years to gather cultural information, map ecological and wildlife data and identify development threats on public lands. Despite what opponents are saying, we were not influenced by outside

groups in the development of the Bears Ears proposal, our Board Members are unpaid volunteers, and we are providing good information to our communities, are playing a supportive role to the Navajo Nation and the five Tribes, and aim to advance the concepts of healing, economic growth, and protection of Mother Earth for future generations within the Bears Ears landscape.

Navajo people represent the majority of San Juan County residents and continue to rely on off-reservation public lands for cultural sustenance. Navajo and Ute people continue to practice traditional ceremonies, gather herbs, firewood, and cedar poles, hunt for game, and seek spiritual rejuvenation on these lands. This is why the Utah Diné Bikéyah Board began working together with regional tribes to ensure the cultural traditions of all tribes are considered through protection of sacred sites, animals, water and plants while allowing traditional and current uses to continue.

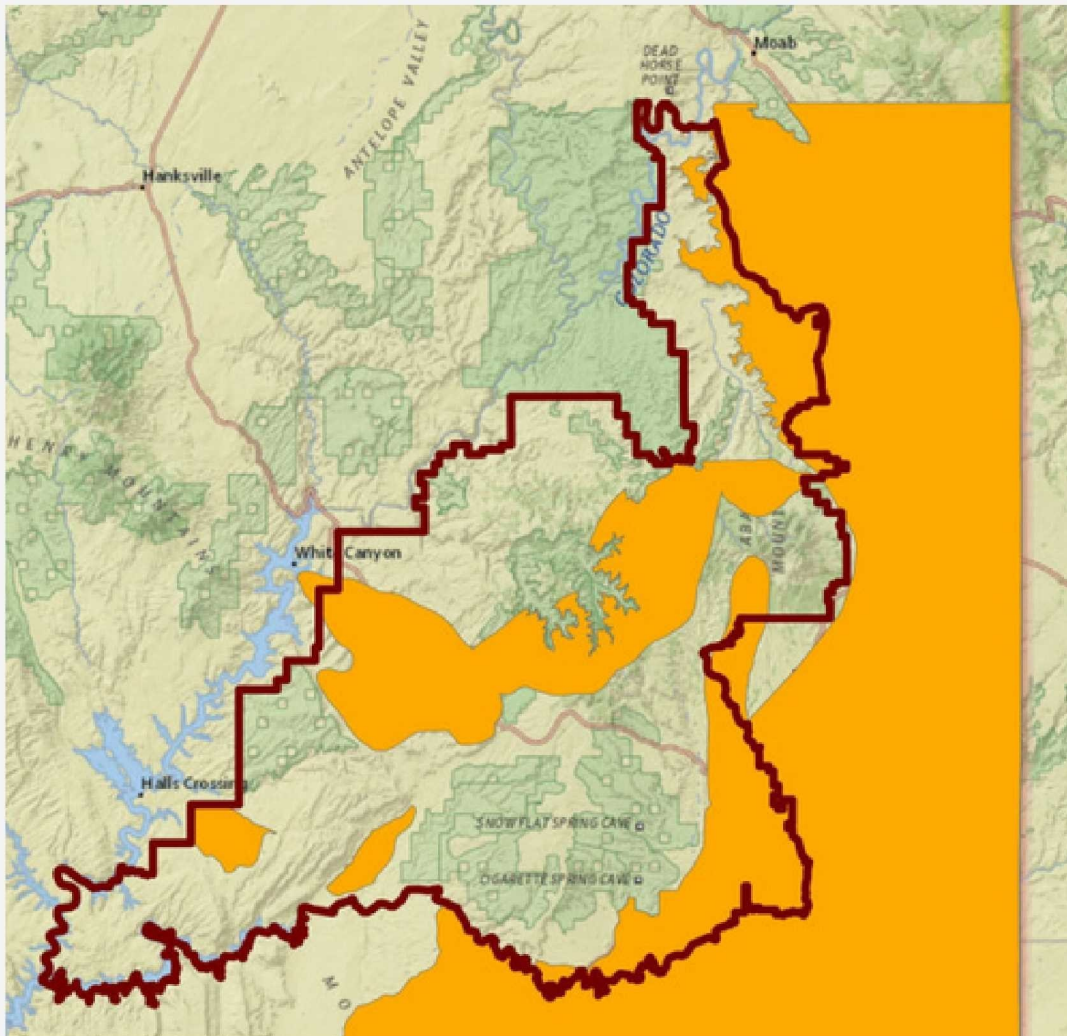
Thank you for your commitment and leadership as we move forward.

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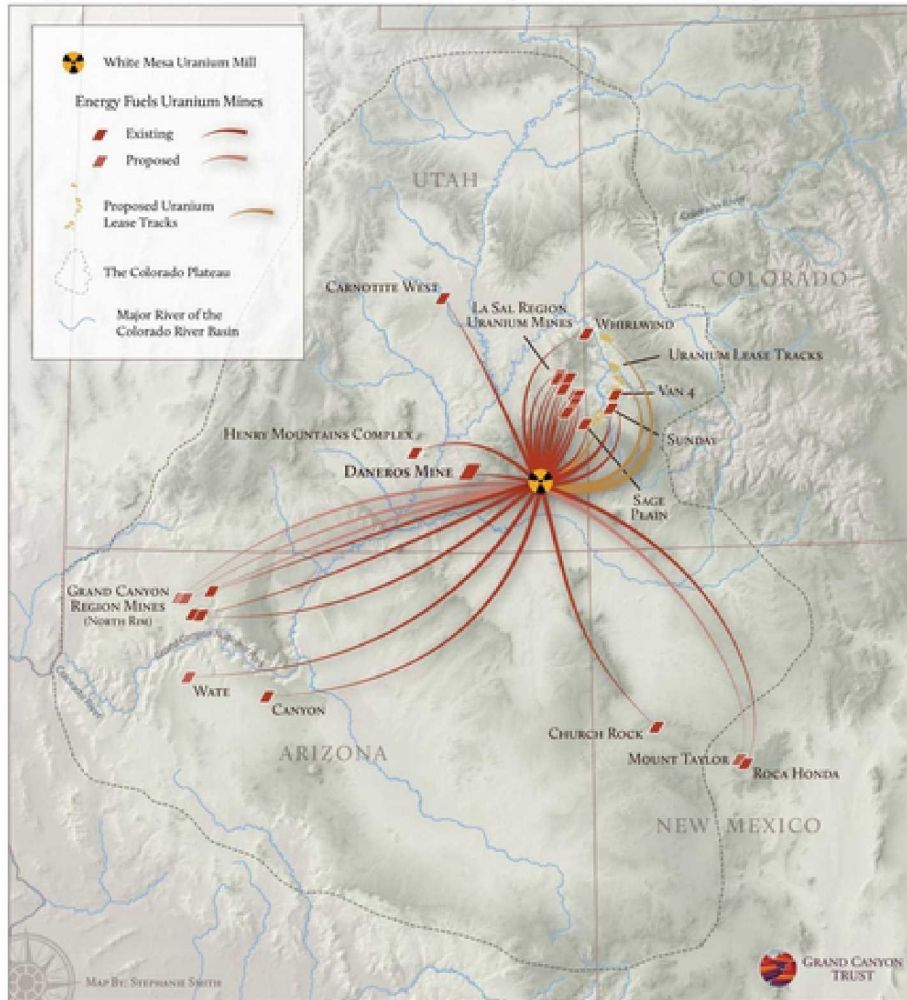
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San Juan County Energy Zone Map- 2014



Orange areas show energy zone created by the Utah Legislature in February of 2015, with significant overlap with the Bears Ears cultural landscape (in dark red).

Proposed Daneros Uranium Mine Expansion within proposed Bears Ears National Monument





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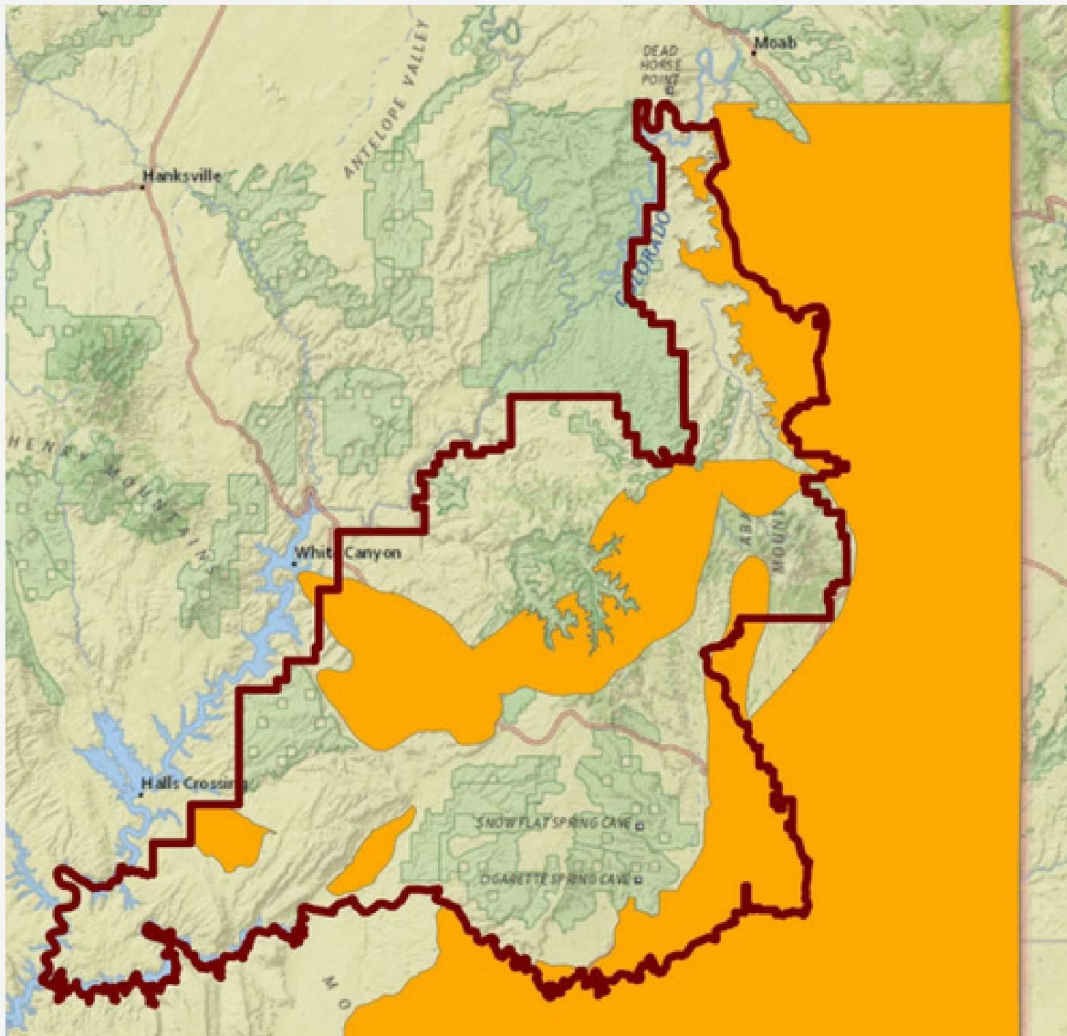
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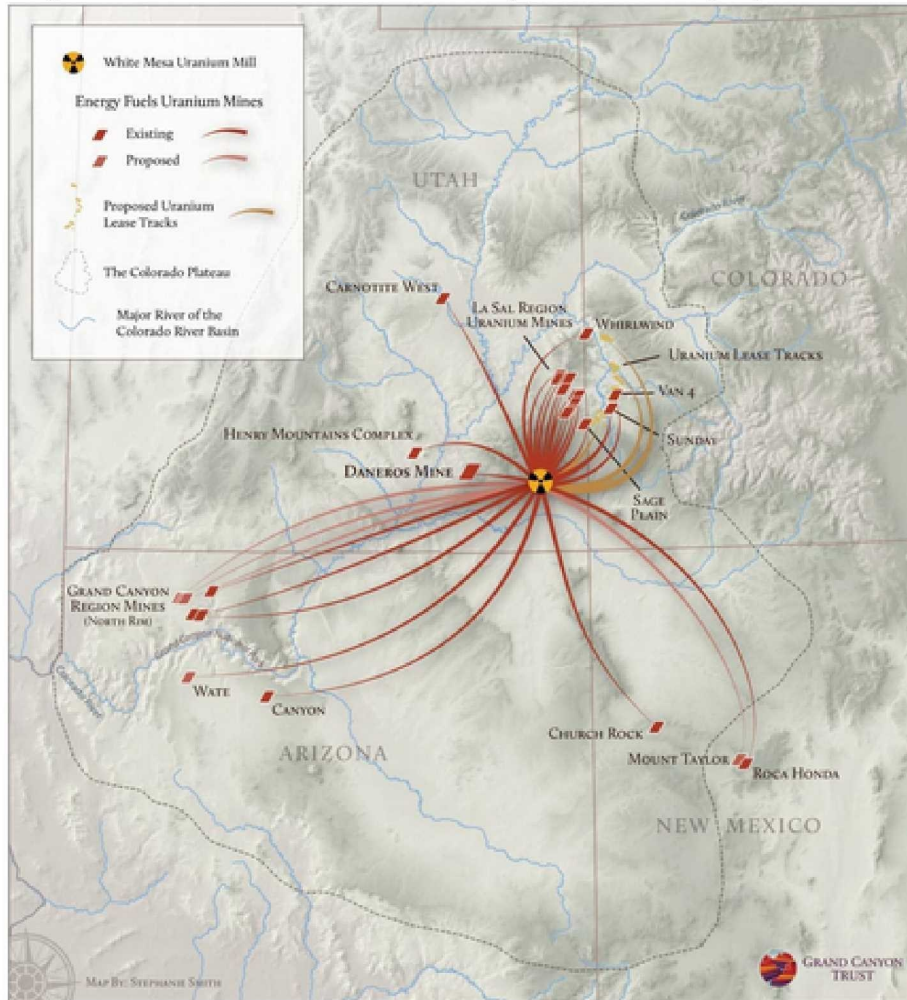
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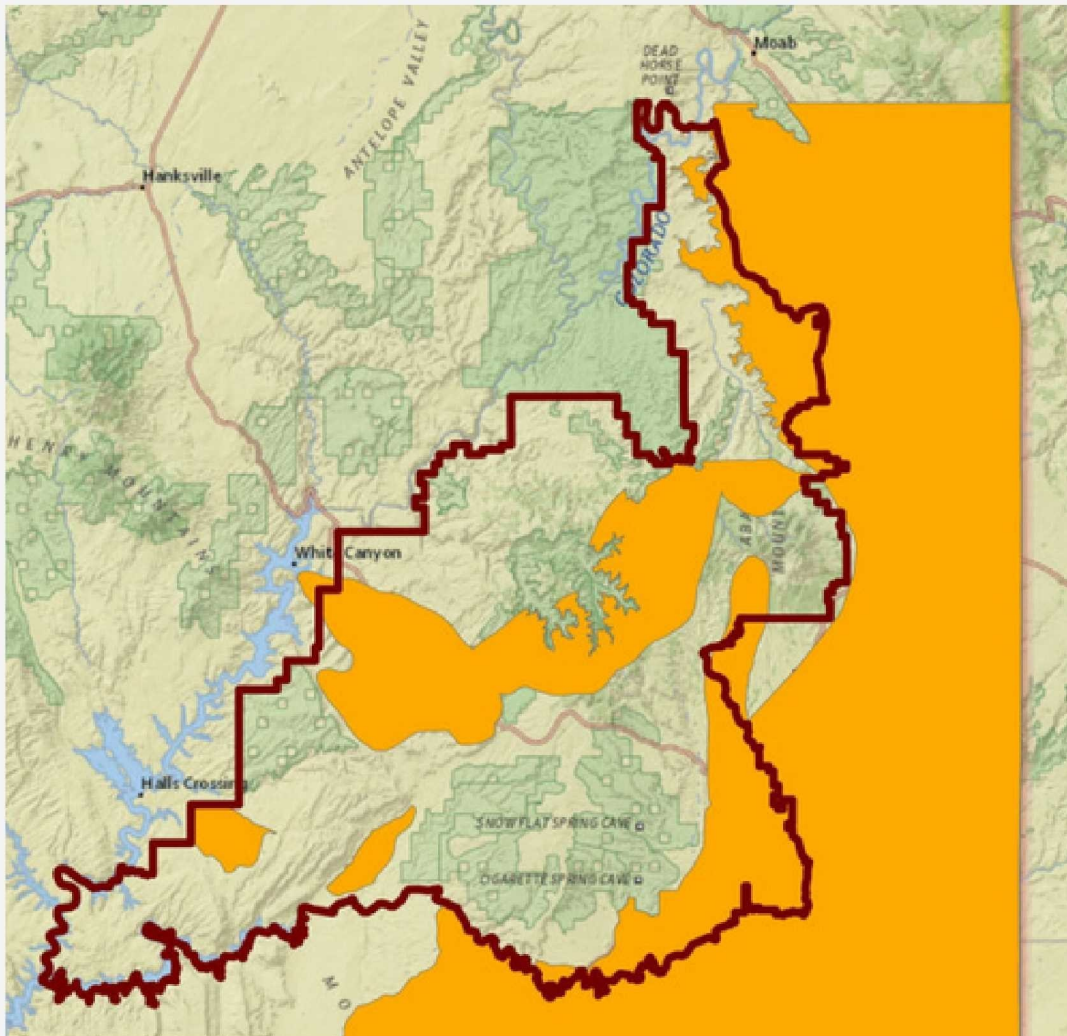
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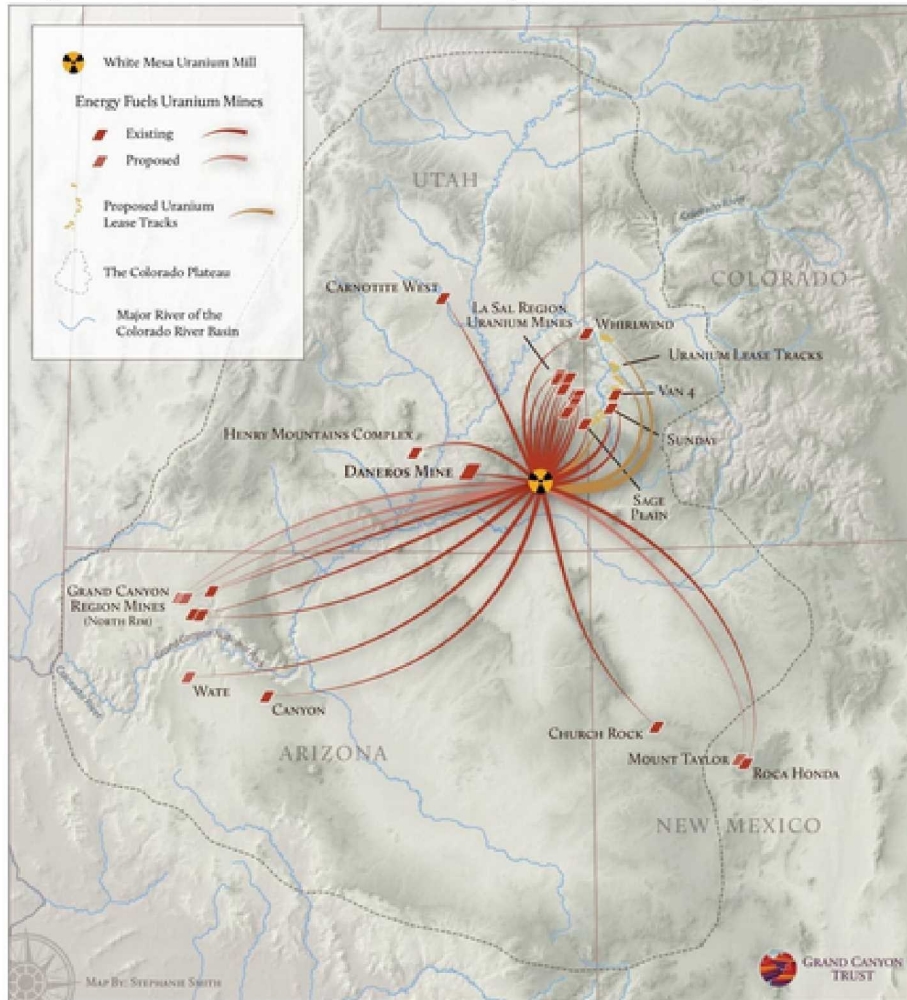
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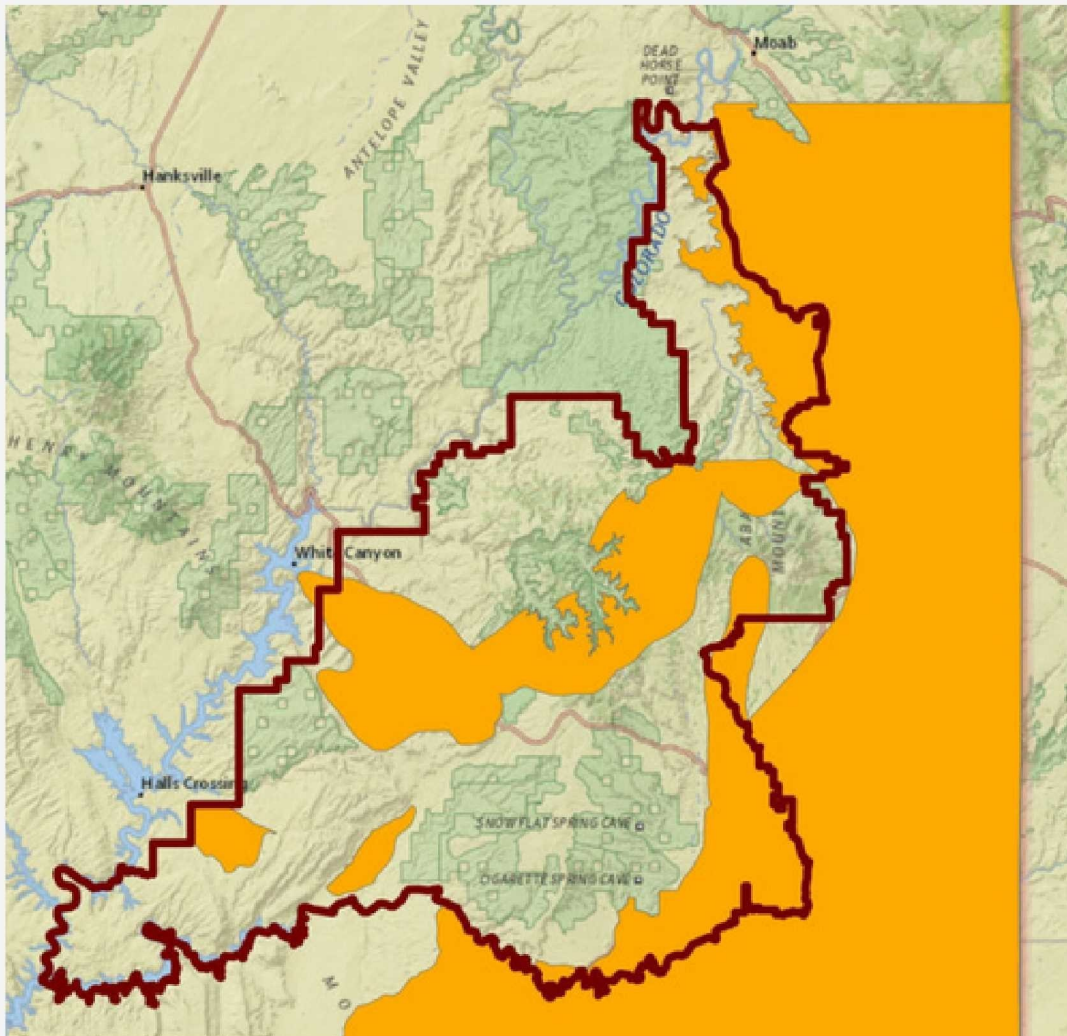
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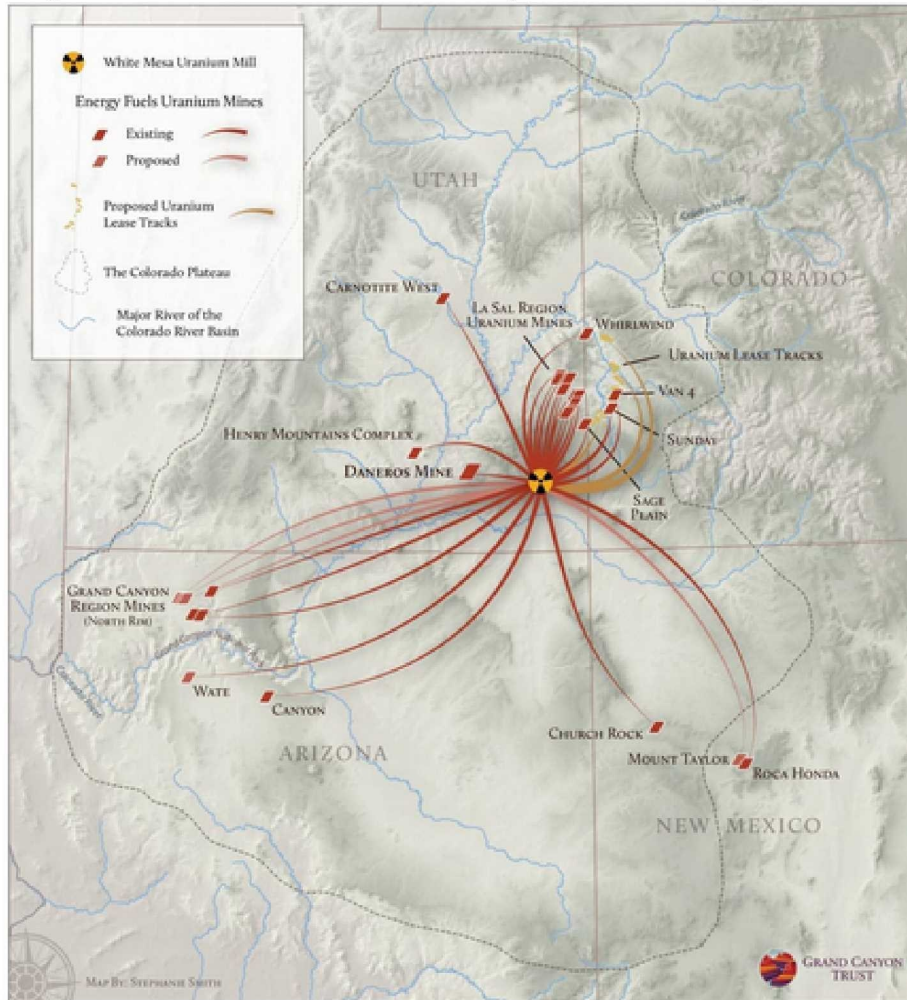
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Sent: Thu Aug 18 2016 05:36:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Date: Thu, Aug 18, 2016 at 7:36 AM
Subject: Re: FW: GRAMA Request
To: Molly McUsic <mcusic@wyssfoundation.org>

Excellent. And frankly, I think that's a conservative estimate.

TPB

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The School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration tracks leaseable mineral revenue (e.g oil & gas, coal) from the exchange very closely, and the answer to your question for those minerals is \$135,241,238 through March 31, 2016. We also received \$50 million cash at closing in 1999.

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Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

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

Sent: Thu Aug 18 2016 05:39:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Beaudreau, Tommy" <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: GRAMA Request

Awesome

On Aug 18, 2016, at 7:36 AM, Beaudreau, Tommy <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Beaudreau, Tommy <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thu, Aug 18, 2016 at 7:36 AM
Subject: Re: FW: GRAMA Request
To: Molly McUsic <mcusic@wyssfoundation.org>

Excellent. And frankly, I think that's a conservative estimate.

TPB

On Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 1:00 PM, Molly McUsic <mcusic@wyssfoundation.org> wrote:

If Bishop ever complains about the land exchange I want you to know that SITLA says it made \$500 million dollars for the school kids. I'm fighting back on this one.

Molly McUsic | President

The Wyss Foundation

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From: Rachel Keen

Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 11:58 AM
To: Molly McUSIC <mcusic@wyssfoundation.org>
Subject: FW: GRAMA Request

Rachel T. Keen | Executive Assistant and Office Manager

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From: John Andrews [<mailto:jandrews@utah.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 7:53 PM
To: Rachel Keen <Rachel@wyssfoundation.org>
Cc: Effie Burns <eburns@utah.gov>; Carney, Brigid <brigidcarney@utah.gov>
Subject: GRAMA Request

Ms. Keen;

Your recent GRAMA request - regarding how much revenue the Grand Staircase - Escalante NM land exchange has created for the Utah Permanent School Fund - has landed on my desk for response. The question is a little complicated to answer, but I hope this helps.

The School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration tracks leaseable mineral revenue (e.g oil & gas, coal) from the exchange very closely, and the answer to your question for those minerals is \$135,241,238 through March 31, 2016. We also received \$50 million cash at closing in 1999.

Conversely, we do not track by land exchange revenues such as grazing fees, surface leases, land sales, etc., which would add to these amounts, although probably not by a huge amount.

Also, the above amounts do not include investment earnings on the amounts received; this would be a very large number, but not easily derived

since the funds are pooled with revenues from other sources, with income distributed annually over the years. Our "guesstimate" - including income previously distributed to the schools - is that \$500 million would be a conservative answer to your question.

Please let us know if you would like us to do more analysis; otherwise, we will assume that this satisfies your records request. Give my regards to Molly McUSIC as well...

John Andrews

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John W. Andrews

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Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Sat Aug 13 2016 20:53:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Casey Snider <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>
Subject: I'm sorry

Took a half-day yesterday. Want to talk tomorrow? Or is Monday good?

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

From: "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Mon Aug 15 2016 07:21:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: I'm sorry

I didn't want to bug you over the weekend. What's your schedule today? > On Aug 13, 2016, at 8:53 PM, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov> wrote: > > Took a half-day yesterday. Want to talk tomorrow? Or is Monday good?

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

From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Aug 15 2016 07:56:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: I'm sorry

Free whenever. Call my cell! 202-412-4317

On Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 9:21 AM, Snider, Casey <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov> wrote:

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From: gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov
Sent: Tue Aug 09 2016 14:51:59 GMT-0600 (MDT)
casey.snider@mail.house.gov,
john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov,
To: devin.wiser@mail.house.gov,
chris_prandoni@lee.senate.gov, gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov, nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov, fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov, codystewart@utah.gov
Subject: [Update] Weekly UT Check-in Call

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

From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Tue Aug 09 2016 15:16:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)

Sent:
To: "gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: [Update] Weekly UT Check-in Call

Works for me

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

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"Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>

From: "Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 09 2016 15:32:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: [Update] Weekly UT Check-in Call

Good here. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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

From: "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 09 2016 15:55:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>, "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: [Update] Weekly UT Check-in Call

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From: <Prandoni>, "Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 5:32 PM

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To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
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Sent: Tue Aug 09 2016 16:01:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: [Update] Weekly UT Check-in Call

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"Wiser, Devin" <Devin.Wiser@mail.house.gov>

From: "Wiser, Devin" <Devin.Wiser@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 09 2016 17:35:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: [Update] Weekly UT Check-in Call

Unfortunately I have another commitment then, but don't let that stop you- Casey can give me the run down later.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2016, at 16:02, Tanner, John (Hatch) <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov> wrote:

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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 10 2016 13:37:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, "gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: [Update] Weekly UT Check-in Call

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From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 10 2016 13:38:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
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Subject: Re: [Update] Weekly UT Check-in Call

Did you just join us from a playground, John? We all jumped off, couldn't hear you. Next week!

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Sent: Wed Aug 10 2016 14:20:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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"Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>

From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 10 2016 14:34:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>
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Sent: Wed Aug 10 2016 14:42:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
"Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>, "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>, Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, "gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>, "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>, "Wiser, Devin" <Devin.Wiser@mail.house.gov>, "Baig, Wendy (Lee)" <Wendy_Baig@lee.senate.gov>
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"Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 11 2016 07:27:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: [Update] Weekly UT Check-in Call

She has been added.

Gisella

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"Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children."

- Tribe Unknown

"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock."

- Thomas Jefferson

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

From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 10 2016 13:47:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Accepted: Updated Invitation: Weekly UT Check-in Call @ Wed Aug 10, 2016 3:30pm - 4pm (EDT) (nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov)
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"Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>

From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 09 2016 15:47:28 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject: Accepted: Updated Invitation: Weekly UT Check-in Call @ Wed Aug 10, 2016 3:30pm - 4pm (EDT) (nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov)
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From: "Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>
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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 03 2016 08:22:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 06:29:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov,
casey.snider@mail.house.gov,
john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov, codystewart@utah.gov
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"Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>

From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 06:36:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Check-in Call

I emailed him the info last night. He should be on.

Fred Ferguson

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

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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 06:46:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Check-in Call

He still hasn't confirmed, and if he's not available we should postpone the call. Here is his email so that you can add him to the call and/or future calls.

Devin.wiser@mail.house.gov

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<john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov>, "codystewart@utah.gov"
<codystewart@utah.gov>
Subject: Re: Check-in Call

Sorry. I got stuck in another meeting. I am sorry!

On Tue, Aug 2, 2016 at 8:55 AM, Ferguson, Fred <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov> wrote:
Hes confirmed. We're good to go at 9 et

Fred Ferguson

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

On Aug 2, 2016, at 08:30, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Team - Congressman Bishop asked SJ last night that we work with his new COS as well. Can someone please add Devon to this invite? Realize some of you are out of DC today, no worries if you can't make this call. Thanks!

Check-in Call

Scheduled: Tuesday, Aug 2, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Location: Dial-in: (b) (5) and code: (b) (5)

Invitees: Ferguson, Fred, Casey Snider (Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov), Tanner, John (Hatch) (john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov), Cody Stewart

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Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 03 2016 07:48:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Casey Snider <casey.snider@mail.house.gov>, "Ferguson, Fred" <fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov>, Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov>, devin.wiser@mail.house.gov
CC: Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
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Subject: Check-in Call
When: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 9:30 AM-10:00 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Dial-in: (b) (5) and code: (b) (5)

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

From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 03 2016 07:51:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_Neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 03 2016 08:15:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, "Wiser, Devin" <Devin.Wiser@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Check-in Call

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Sent: Wed Aug 03 2016 08:21:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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"Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 03 2016 08:21:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: Re: Check-in Call

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"Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children."

- Tribe Unknown

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"Beaudreau, Tommy" <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Beaudreau, Tommy" <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 03 2016 08:22:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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"Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>

From: "Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 03 2016 08:22:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 03 2016 07:33:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Accepted: Updated Invitation: Check-in Call @ Wed Aug 3, 2016 9:30am - 10am (EDT) (nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov)
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Subject: Accepted: Updated Invitation: Check-in Call @ Wed Aug 3, 2016 9:30am - 10am (EDT)
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Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 13:49:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
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From: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 14:11:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: TO BE RESCHEDULED. Check-in Call

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And he was on this email I sent too.

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From: **Nicole Buffa** <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 2, 2016 at 9:03 AM
Subject: TO BE RESCHEDULED. Check-in Call
To: fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov, casey.snider@mail.house.gov,
john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov, codystewart@utah.gov, Devin.wiser@mail.house.gov

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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 14:12:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: TO BE RESCHEDULED. Check-in Call

Doesn't look I included you!

On Aug 2, 2016, at 4:11 PM, Ojeda-dodds, Gisella <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov
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casey.snider@mail.house.gov,
To: john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov, gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov, nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov, fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov, codystewart@utah.gov
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"Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 07:27:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: [Update] TO BE RESCHEDULED. Check-in Call

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Please include that Devin person I added to the other email to you on this. That's why we rescheduled, he needs to be included.

On Tue, Aug 2, 2016 at 8:59 AM, <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 13:23:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: [Update] TO BE RESCHEDULED. Check-in Call

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Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 13:49:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: [Update] TO BE RESCHEDULED. Check-in Call

Nope. Darin. I will resend.

On Aug 2, 2016, at 3:23 PM, Ojeda-dodds, Gisella <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Senator Hatch

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From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 09:27:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Senator Hatch

Nikki, Senator Hatch would like to chat with Secretary Jewell this afternoon. Can we find a few minutes for them to connect? John Sent from my iPhone

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

From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 09:45:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>, Molly Click <molly_click@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Senator Hatch

Adding Molly and we'll be right back with you.

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

From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 09:46:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_Neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Francis Iacobucci <francis_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, Molly Click <molly_click@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Senator Hatch

Assume we should schedule this, correct?

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From: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 09:56:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_Neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Francis Iacobucci <francis_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, Molly Click <molly_click@ios.doi.gov>
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From: "Click, Molly" <molly_click@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 09:58:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
CC: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_Neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Francis Iacobucci <francis_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Senator Hatch

Does she need any prep? Does she need anyone with her during the call?

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Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 10:01:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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From: "Click, Molly" <molly_click@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 10:05:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
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Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 10:09:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Click, Molly" <molly_click@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Senator Hatch

Great. He is ready for her call. (b) (6)

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On Aug 2, 2016, at 10:06 AM, Click, Molly <molly_click@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Tue Aug 02 2016 10:16:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Click, Molly" <molly_click@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Senator Hatch

They are speaking now. Thank you.

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Accepted: Check-in Call

Attachments:

/148. Accepted: Check-in Call/1.1 invite.ics

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

From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Mon Aug 01 2016 13:45:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Accepted: Check-in Call
Attachments: invite.ics

Glory Baldwin

From: Ferguson, Fred <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Accepted: Check-in Call

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nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov

From: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov
Sent: Mon Aug 01 2016 13:28:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Casey Snider <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>, "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>, Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, "John Tanner (Hatch)" <john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
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Start: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 9:00:00 AM
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You are welcome!

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To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: letter

Nikki,

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Best

Tom

Tom Cors
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RE: Comments on Utah Public Lands Initiative Act (Introduced 7/14/16)

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We do appreciate provisions which have improved the PLI Act. These include: Indian Creek NCA – The Indian Creek region has been added as an NCA which advances research programs of the Canyonlands Research Center and identifies research uses as beneficial. Wild and Scenic Rivers – The bill grants Wild and Scenic River Status to approximately 357 miles of the Green, Dolores, San Juan and Colorado Rivers in Uintah, Carbon, Emery Grand and San Juan Counties.

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The above list reflects our initial reaction to the PLI Act as introduced; we may have additional comments in the coming days.

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This letter reflects the views of our Utah Chapter at the staff level and, at this point in time, does not necessarily reflect the views of our Utah Board or The Nature Conservancy as a whole.

Thank you again for the work which has gone into the PLI process. Don't hesitate to contact me or Sue Bellagamba if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dave Livermore
Utah State Director

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To: Charles F Wilkinson <Charles.Wilkinson@colorado.edu>
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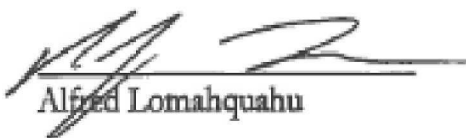
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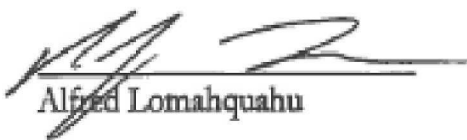
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Sent: Thu Jul 21 2016 10:37:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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Nikki,

Here is a pdf of our letter. Also attached is a map that shows our grazing allotments. They are cross-hatched – hard to see, unless you zoom in. They are in Indian Creek, the Manti-La Sal, and also Beef Basin areas.

Best

Tom

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RE: Comments on Utah Public Lands Initiative Act (Introduced 7/14/16)

Dear Congressman Bishop and Congressman Chaffetz:

We appreciate the effort you and members of your staffs have put into developing the Utah Public Lands Initiative Act (PLI Act) for southeastern Utah. In our view, the PLI Act introduced in Congress on 7/14/16 has been improved from the PLI “Discussion Draft” released on 1/20/16. There are changes which have strengthened the measure from a conservation standpoint, but the bill continues to have serious limitations.

Accordingly, The Nature Conservancy cannot support PLI in its current form. Also, we wish to be clear that The Nature Conservancy opposes the “PLI Partner Act” limiting presidential authority to designate national monuments in certain parts of Utah, which was also introduced in Congress on 7/14/16.

We do appreciate provisions which have improved the PLI Act. These include: Indian Creek NCA – The Indian Creek region has been added as an NCA which advances research programs of the Canyonlands Research Center and identifies research uses as beneficial. Wild and Scenic Rivers – The bill grants Wild and Scenic River Status to approximately 357 miles of the Green, Dolores, San Juan and Colorado Rivers in Uintah, Carbon, Emery Grand and San Juan Counties.

The above improvements do not, in our view, compensate for the following shortcomings:

- Energy Language – Title XI of the bill proposes to establish a state program with jurisdiction over federal lands energy leasing thereby bypassing not only federal control but also undermining successful collaborations such as the Moab Master Leasing Plan. This provision would not apply simply to selected and limited energy zones, but to all public land in seven counties. This is unprecedented and not a provision the Conservancy can support.
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- NCA Management Plan Consultation – Requiring the “relevant Secretary” to submit a letter to Congress if he/she does not accept the recommendations of the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee is an unnecessary burden.
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- Other – Grazing language in the section regarding the proposed Price Canyon State Forest exchange needs improvement, the conveyance of the Seep Ridge Utility Corridor should take into account key natural features, proceeds from land disposals should be re-invested in Utah conservation projects, similar to the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and NCA boundaries need refining.

The above list reflects our initial reaction to the PLI Act as introduced; we may have additional comments in the coming days.

In sum, while the version of PLI which has now been introduced in Congress has been strengthened in certain respects, more work is needed. The Conservancy's overall goal is to achieve the best conservation outcomes possible for the seven county region. Ideally, these outcomes can be realized through the PLI Act and the legislative process. However, if this is not possible, we acknowledge the declaration of a National Monument at Bears Ears would offer significant protection for key lands in San Juan County which is vitally needed at this time.

This letter reflects the views of our Utah Chapter at the staff level and, at this point in time, does not necessarily reflect the views of our Utah Board or The Nature Conservancy as a whole.

Thank you again for the work which has gone into the PLI process. Don't hesitate to contact me or Sue Bellagamba if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dave Livermore
Utah State Director

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Subject: Thanks for joining us in Moab...
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Could you get the attached letter of thanks from Dave Ure to Secretary Jewell?

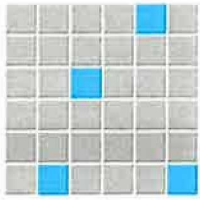
We'll look forward to further work together.

John Andrews

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Hon. Sally Jewell
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Re: Visit to Utah

Dear Secretary Jewell;

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To: Fred Ferguson <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>, Casey Snider <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>
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Hi Nikki,

The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and Utah Diné Bikéyah reached out to the Governor's office last month (see below) and we set up a Bears Ears/ PLI panel to be held during the Native American Summit on August 8th and 9th. Unfortunately, I learned that the Governor's office cancelled this event on Friday saying it was because the Tribes left the PLI. I called Cody Steward this afternoon to ask why this invitation is being rebuffed and Cody did not know, but is looking into it.

Cody asked me the same question you ask below. I told him I do not know where the tribal leaders are at on this, and defer to them. Natasha, can you ask where they are at?

Thanks,

Gavin

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From: **Nizhone Meza** (b) (6)
Date: Tue, Jun 21, 2016 at 8:37 PM
Subject: UDB Request for Governor's Native American Summit
To: Shirlee Silversmith <ssilversmith@utah.gov>

Dear Shirlee,

I enjoyed seeing you at the quarterly Utah Tribal Leaders meeting earlier this month. As you may be aware, the Public Lands Initiative (PLI) and the Bears Ears Proposal continue to be a source of controversy in the media; however, Utah Diné Bikéyah has been encouraged by the positive response to the dialogue we have been having with various Utah representatives about the issue. As such, the tribal leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition have asked that we reach out to your office to request a Bears Ears/PLI panel at the Governor's Native American Summit (NAS) in August.

Envisioned is a panel discussion, facilitated by a professional, with panelists that represent all sides of the issue who can engage in a meaningful, respectful, substantive dialogue concerning the PLI, Bears Ears and surrounding issues. We also understand that a new draft of the PLI may be released before the legislative branch takes a recess for the summer at the end of July, so the NAS would be a prime time to discuss the seen and unseen progress that has been made up to this point.

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Feel free to contact me or Gavin Noyes, our Executive Director. Gavin's email address is: gavin@xmission.com. We hope to hear from you soon.

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Sent: Wed Jul 20 2016 05:18:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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CC: "Natasha K. Hale" <njohnson@grandcanyontrust.org>
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Date: Tue, Jun 21, 2016 at 8:37 PM
Subject: UDB Request for Governor's Native American Summit
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July 12, 2016

Honorable Jason Chaffetz
2236 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Rob Bishop
123 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 201515

Invitation to 2016 Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Summer Gathering – Bears Ears Buttes, UT

Dear Congressmen,

We respectfully invite you and your staff to attend the 2016 Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Summer Gathering on Saturday, July 16. We hope you can join us for dinner and an evening ceremony following the public hearing in Bluff. The Gathering is an opportunity to connect, learn, and foster cultural understanding across tribes and within the broader society. We invite you to learn more about why tribal leaders are working to permanently protect this region, through a national monument designation from President Obama under the 1906 Antiquities Act, and what this means to the many grassroots citizens of our tribes who support this designation.

Our Native people have deep connections to lands in the southeastern region of Utah. The 2nd Annual Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Summer Gathering will be an opportunity to share the sacred stories, history, and ties we have to this special place. Today, we the Hopi, Zuni, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, and Uintah and Ouray Ute people – and many other tribes – continue to rely on and utilize these public lands around Bears Ears for practicing ceremonies, gathering herbs, collecting firewood, hunting game, rejuvenating our spirits and visiting and caring for our ancestors and sacred places.

The proposed Bears Ears National Monument is rich in history and Native culture. It is a place where we seek solace, a place to heal, and a place where Native American wisdom can be nurtured and passed to our children and grandchildren. By working together, we can protect this extraordinary area for our Tribes, for Native people and for the nation.

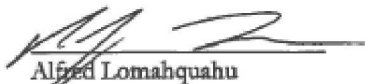
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Guests are encouraged to camp, so that we all can appreciate the company of one another and the beauty of Bears Ears. The Bears Ears buttes are 50 minutes away from any gas station or grocery store, so camping gear, tents, camp chairs, water, snacks, flashlights, etc. are suggested.

We sincerely hope you can join us at 6pm on July 16 to share a meal and enjoy some cultural events. If you have further questions, please contact bearssearspress@gmail.com or call 520-548-6337. More information is also available at visit www.protectbearssears.org/gathering.

We have extended this invitation to the list cc'd below.

Warm regards,



Alfred Lomahquahu

Hopi Vice-Chairman

Co-Chair, Bears Ears

Inter-tribal Coalition



Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Council Member

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Willie Grayeyes

Chairman

Utah Dine Bikeyah

Directions: Approach the Gathering location from Blanding on the east or Mexican Hat on the south. From either route you will be driving dirt roads off of Highway 95. Coming from Mexican Hat, drive north from Natural Bridges National Monument up and over the saddle

between the Bears Ears Buttes. Coming from the Blanding area, drive a smoother but longer road coming west from the South Cottonwood Road. Look for signs along the way.

Cc: Senator Orrin Hatch
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Representative Mia Love
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CC: "Wiser, Devin" <Devin.Wiser@mail.house.gov>
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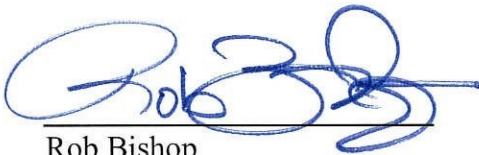
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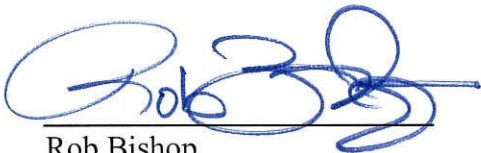
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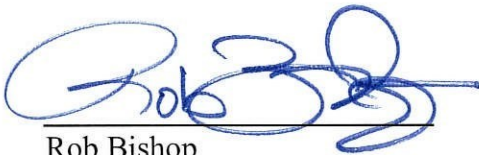
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I have included pictures of the Spotted Wolf Overlook that you had to miss due to time constraints.

Sincerely,

Keith Brady
Emery County Commissioner
[480-239-7931](tel:480-239-7931)

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Sent: Mon Jul 18 2016 20:25:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Keith Brady <keithb@emery.utah.gov>
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Sent: Tue Jul 19 2016 14:46:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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Here they are. Sorry for the delay!!

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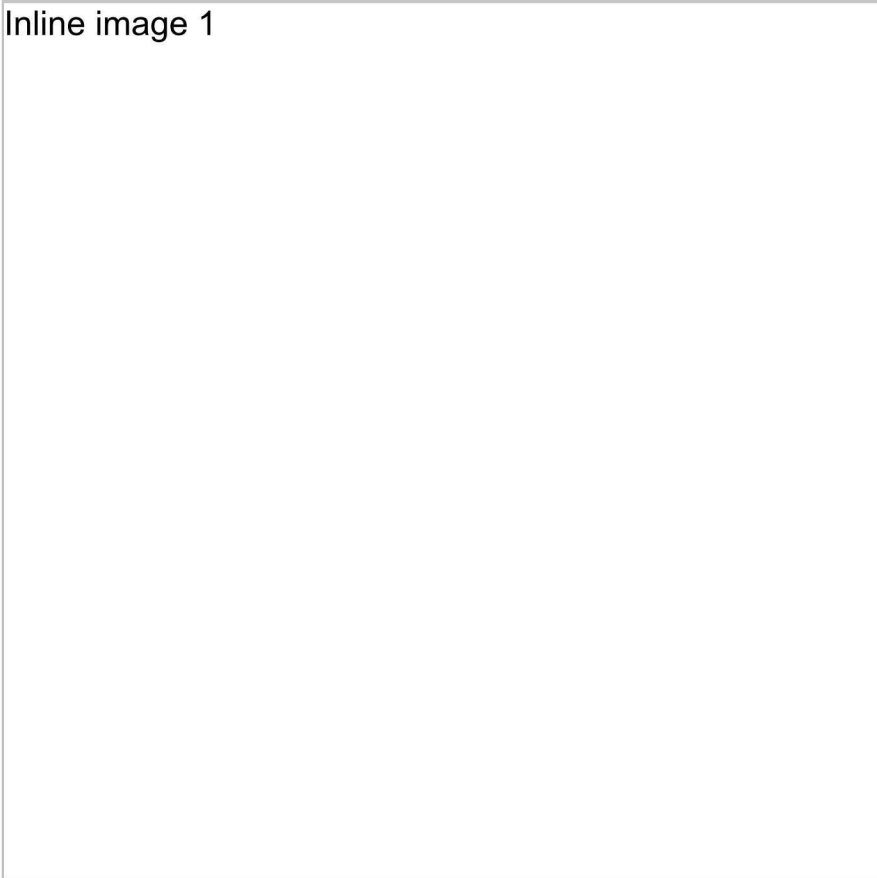
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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 19 2016 11:56:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: treasured landscape memo

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From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 19 2016 12:19:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
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Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Sun Jul 17 2016 12:50:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:
CC: Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>, "Ron_Dean@hatch.senate.gov" <Ron_Dean@hatch.senate.gov>, "Berg, Kelsey" <Kelsey.Berg@mail.house.gov>, Fred Ferguson <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
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Sent: Sun Jul 17 2016 14:51:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject: Re: Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Thank you!

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Sent: Mon Jul 18 2016 11:56:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Sally Jewell <SRJ2@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
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To: "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>
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To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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Just tried you. Call my cell. 202-412-4317

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To: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk
<rwhiteskunk@utemountain.org>, Alfred Lomahquahu
<alomahquahu@hopi.nsn.us>
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Chairwoman Whiteskunk and Chairman Lomahquahu

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Building on the good will and positive feelings of that gathering, I would again like to extend the invitation to you and your fellow tribal members to meet with my boss as well as other members of the Utah delegation to discuss management and protection of the Bears Ears Region. As staff there is only so much we can help facilitate, and it is my feeling that much could be accomplished through a constructive government to government conversation amongst the principles.

Please let me know if that is something I can get on the books during our August recess.

All the best

Casey

2ND ANNUAL BEARS EARS INTER-TRIBAL GATHERING



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**BEARS EARS MEADOW
NOON, FRI JULY 15 - NOON, SUNDAY JULY 17**

**HOSTED BY HOPI, ZUNI, NAVAJO & UTE LEADERS
BEARS EARS INTER-TRIBAL COALITION**



LET'S PROTECT BEARS EARS!

Come celebrate Tribes' historic request for President Barack Obama to designate Bears Ears National Monument and protect these ancestral lands for future generations of all people.

FREE FOOD, FREE CAMPING & FREE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

There will be free breakfast and free dinner provided at the event, including a pig roast. There will be traditional cultural activities both led and hosted by Ute, Navajo, Hopi and Zuni.

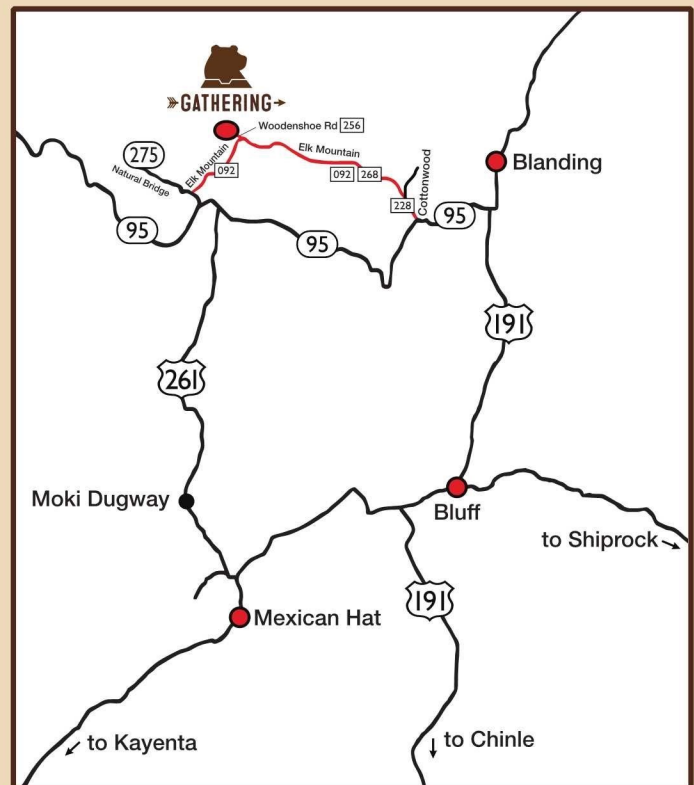
DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMPING GEAR

FIRE PANS REQUIRED. The Bears Ears buttes are 50 minutes away from any gas station or grocery store, so come prepared! You will need to bring camping gear, tents, camp chairs, water, snacks, flashlights, etc.

**FREE FAMILY EVENT
KIDS WELCOME
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Sent: Fri Jul 15 2016 18:08:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Sent: Sun Jul 17 2016 07:28:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: PLI
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We do appreciate provisions which have improved the PLI Act. These include: Indian Creek NCA – The Indian Creek region has been added as an NCA which advances research programs of the Canyonlands Research Center and identifies research uses as beneficial. Wild and Scenic Rivers – The bill grants Wild and Scenic River Status to approximately 357 miles of the Green, Dolores, San Juan and Colorado Rivers in Uintah, Carbon, Emery Grand and San Juan Counties.

The above improvements do not, in our view, compensate for the following shortcomings:

- Energy Language – Title XI of the bill proposes to establish a state program with jurisdiction over federal lands energy leasing thereby bypassing not only federal control but also undermining successful collaborations such as the Moab Master Leasing Plan. This provision would not apply simply to selected and limited energy zones, but to all public land in seven counties. This is unprecedented and not a provision the Conservancy can support.
- NCA Language – The current NCA language in many instances does not track standard NCA language which has been adopted previously by Congress. This will make the measure more difficult to pass.
- NCA Management Plan Consultation – Requiring the “relevant Secretary” to submit a letter to Congress if he/she does not accept the recommendations of the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee is an unnecessary burden.
- Land Exchanges – Though NEPA will apply in a limited fashion to the proposed land exchange(s), there is no allowance for the continued protection of critical plant and

animal habitat or natural features when federal lands are transferred to the State. In addition, because standard federal appraisal requirements are waived, there is high potential for a valuation imbalance which will be unacceptable to many members of Congress.

- Composition of Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Committee – Of 22 members, only one is required from the conservation community, and the overall weighting favors representatives likely opposed to many conservation measures.
- Long-Term Grazing Certainty – While certain grazing language has been improved, Title XIII, Sec. 1303 seems to contradict other grazing language and suggests that Congressional language, rather than sound range science, will set grazing levels. In addition, there is unacceptable language indicating that such grazing levels would be set for lands outside areas designated in the Title.
- Bourdette Draw Recreation Area – Setting aside Bourdette Draw to promote off-highway vehicle recreation may impact critical habitat for greater sage-grouse, undermining efforts to avoid a listing under the Endangered Species Act.
- Other – Grazing language in the section regarding the proposed Price Canyon State Forest exchange needs improvement, the conveyance of the Seep Ridge Utility Corridor should take into account key natural features, proceeds from land disposals should be re-invested in Utah conservation projects, similar to the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and NCA boundaries need refining.

The above list reflects our initial reaction to the PLI Act as introduced; we may have additional comments in the coming days.

In sum, while the version of PLI which has now been introduced in Congress has been strengthened in certain respects, more work is needed. The Conservancy's overall goal is to achieve the best conservation outcomes possible for the seven county region. Ideally, these outcomes can be realized through the PLI Act and the legislative process. However, if this is not possible, we acknowledge the declaration of a National Monument at Bears Ears would offer significant protection for key lands in San Juan County which is vitally needed at this time.

This letter reflects the views of our Utah Chapter at the staff level and, at this point in time, does not necessarily reflect the views of our Utah Board or The Nature Conservancy as a whole.

Thank you again for the work which has gone into the PLI process. Don't hesitate to contact me or Sue Bellagamba if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dave Livermore
Utah State Director

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Wrap up

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From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent: Sat Jul 16 2016 22:10:29 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Wrap up

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Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Sun Jul 17 2016 07:18:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Wrap up

Let's do it! Monday? Thanks for everything over the last week. > On Jul 16, 2016, at 10:10 PM, Tanner, John (Hatch) <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov> wrote: > > If you are available, I would love to hear your thoughts about the week. I'm available on my cell. (b) (6) > > > Sent from my iPhone

Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Sun Jul 17 2016 07:19:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Wrap up

Please add him to my return call list.

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: July 16, 2016 at 10:10:29 PM MDT

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Sent: Fri Jul 15 2016 21:18:31 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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To: Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, Ron_Dean@hatch.senate.gov, Casey Snider <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>

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From: Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
Sent: Fri Jul 15 2016 22:46:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Utah reminders for tomorrow Saturday, 7/16

I think we're all going to try to get to Bluff a little early so we'll also skip the hike and plan to meet you there on site.

Hope you sleep well tonight.

Cody

Sent from my iPhone

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

From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 14 2016 16:32:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: WaPost: As Interior Secretary Tours Sacred Tribal Site, Utah Republicans Push to Protect It

Another goodie

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

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Henshaw, MJ" <[MJ.Henshaw@mail.house.gov](mailto: MJ.Henshaw@mail.house.gov)>
Date: July 14, 2016 at 16:05:21 MDT
To: **Jason Chaffetz - (b) (6)** **Jason Chaffetz - (b) (6)**
Cc: "Ferguson, Fred" <[Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov](mailto: Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov)>, "Berg, Kelsey" <[Kelsey.Berg@mail.house.gov](mailto: Kelsey.Berg@mail.house.gov)>
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Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 14 2016 16:31:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Fred Ferguson <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: AP

get home safe and congrats!!!! thanks again!

The Latest: Chaffetz: Sally Jewell trip to Utah is helpful

Associated Press | JULY 14, 2016 — 4:00PM

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EMAIL PRINT MORE SALT LAKE CITY —

The Latest on a push for a new national monument in Utah (all times local):

2:55 p.m.

Ads by ZINC

A Utah congressman says it's helpful that U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is touring southeast Utah this week amid a push by a coalition of tribes for President Barack Obama to declare a new national monument at the sacred Native American site.

Republican Rep. Jason Chaffetz says Jewell is taking every meeting that his office and Utah Rep. Rob Bishop have suggested as they propose an alternative plan to the monument.

Chaffetz says he wants Jewell to understand how locals opposed to the monument would feel its effects.

A bill from Bishop and Chaffetz released Thursday would instead designate 1.4 million acres around Bears Ears as a conservation area. The bill is a broad land plan that protects 4.5 million acres in Utah and opens up 1 million acres for energy development and other uses.

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Nikki's out of the office Re: REMINDER: Southern Utah Conservation Public Meeting - Saturday, July 16, 2016

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

From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 14 2016 15:57:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: codystewart@utah.gov
Subject: Nikki's out of the office Re: REMINDER: Southern Utah Conservation Public Meeting - Saturday, July 16, 2016

I will be out of the office until Monday, July 18th. I will have almost no cell phone service while I am gone. If you need immediate assistance please contact Tommy Beaudreau (tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov) or Benjamin Milakofsky (benjamin_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov).

If your message is about the work trip I am currently on, please contact William McIntee (william_mcintee@ios.doi.gov) or Maria Najera (maria_najera@ios.doi.gov).

Thank you,
Nikki

Nikki Buffa
Deputy Chief of Staff
US Department of the Interior
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From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 14 2016 15:39:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>, Casey Snider <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>, Fred Ferguson <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>, Ron_Dean@hatch.senate.gov
Subject: Fwd: REMINDER: Southern Utah Conservation Public Meeting - Saturday, July 16, 2016
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FYI. This went to everyone we invited and everyone who RSVP'd. Thanks!

Begin forwarded message:

From: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: **REMINDER: Southern Utah Conservation Public Meeting - Saturday, July 16, 2016**

Friends: we want to follow up and make sure you received the invitation to a public meeting on Saturday, July 16 regarding community visions for the management of Southern Utah's public land hosted by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Robert Bonnie (see the invitation below for exact time and location).

Members of the public are invited to attend and provide comment. An RSVP is not required to attend but it is helpful for our planning purposes. Check in for the public meeting will start promptly at 11:30 am. The public meeting agenda is attached.

For your awareness, we do expect a large crowd on Saturday and will have limited seating. We also anticipate very hot weather so please plan accordingly.

Finally, we want to share the public meeting rules and guidelines that will be followed on Saturday along with the Bluff Community Center policies:

Public Meeting Rules and Guidelines

- All meeting participants will have an opportunity to provide written comments.
- Due to time constraints, not everyone will be able to provide spoken public comment. Spoken public comments will be on the basis of a lottery system. Admission to the meeting does not guarantee an opportunity to speak.
- Spoken public comments may be offered for up to two minutes per speaker. Only one person may speak during each time slot. Time may not be transferred, shared, traded, or accumulated.
- Speakers will use respectful language, and will refrain from personal attacks or threats.
- Speakers will be allowed to comment without interruption for two minutes so long as these guidelines are honored.
- Participants accept that the purpose of today's session is to listen to different perspectives and interests, and will not interrupt or interfere with the listening process or other speakers.
- Participants will honor requests from the Secretary, Under Secretary and the meeting moderator.
- All meeting participants implicitly accept the letter and spirit of these guidelines and will participate consistent with the guidelines.

Bluff Community Center Rules and Guidelines

- No eating or drinking within the Center, except for clear liquids;
- No firearms on site or in the Center.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Again, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 16 at the Bluff Community Center.

Thank you,

Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
202-208-1923

Southern Utah Conservation Public Meeting

Please join U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Robert Bonnie for a public meeting regarding community visions for the management of Southern Utah's public lands, including Congressman Bishop and Chaffetz's Public Lands Initiative and the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition's proposal to designate a new national monument.

Members of the public are invited to attend and comment

Saturday, July 16

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

*Bluff Community Center
Corner of Third Street and Mulberry Avenue
Bluff, UT*

Participating federal agency representatives include:

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell
U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Robert Bonnie
Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze
National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis
Acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts
Associate Chief at the U.S. Forest Service Dan Jirón

We hope you are able to join us and ask that you [RSVP](#) at your earliest convenience by clicking [HERE](#). This meeting is open to the public so please feel free to share this invitation with anyone you think would be interested.

For more information, please contact Megan Crandall: mcrandal@blm.gov, 801-539-4118, or Lola Bird, lbird@blm.gov, 801-539-4033.

Thank you!

Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>

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From: Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 14 2016 15:57:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: REMINDER: Southern Utah Conservation Public Meeting - Saturday, July 16, 2016

Thank you. This should be helpful. Sent from my iPad On Jul 14, 2016, at 3:42 PM, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Southern Utah Conservation Public Meeting

July 16, 2016
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Bluff Community Center, Bluff, Utah

Hosted by

- U.S. Secretary Sally Jewell, Department of the Interior
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- Neil Kornze, Bureau of Land Management Director
- Jon Jarvis, National Park Service Director
- Larry Roberts, Acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Remarks by Secretary Jewell and Under Secretary Bonnie
3. Invited Speakers
4. Public Comment (Lottery)
5. Closing Remarks

IMPORTANT: SEATING IS LIMITED AND WILL BE ON A "FIRST COME, FIRST ADMITTED" BASIS.

*Check-in will begin at 11:30 a.m.