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Utah Leaders Ask President to Address 109,106 Acres of Trust Land Inholdings Captured Within New Monument

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah's new Bears Ears National Monument captures more than 100,000 acres of non-public land held in trust for public schools, and state leaders are asking President Barack Obama to promptly address the issue by making Utah's school children whole through an exchange of comparable lands.

"Monument designations inevitably capture hundreds of thousands of acres of school trust lands, rendering them undevelopable instead of providing revenue to directly support K-12 education as Congress intended," said Tim Donaldson, School Children's Trust Director for the Utah State Board of Education, which is charged with oversight of the state's efforts to generate revenue from school lands.

One year ago, the Utah State Board of Education passed a resolution regarding federal and school trust land policy, clarifying the need to adequately compensate Utah's public schools in the event of a national monument designation. "If conservation designations are made, they must be done in a way that holds schools harmless financially," said outgoing Utah State Board of Education member and new State Representative Jefferson Moss. "This may mean identifying lands of comparable value up front and providing for the costs of a land exchange."

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The Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), which manages the state's trust land portfolio, reports more than 109,000 acres of trust lands are now captured within monument boundaries.

"Approximately 64 percent of our state is federal public land, while only six percent is trust land," said SITLA Director David Ure. "Our president and our government must provide just and fair compensation to Utah's education system for lands captured within this monument designation."

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SITLA RESPONSE TO PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNATION OF BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

SALT LAKE CITY – President Barack Obama today unilaterally designated the Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County.

The Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) estimates the new monument captures within its boundaries approximately 109,000 acres of state school trust lands, which are managed by SITLA to provide financial support for Utah’s K-12 public schools.

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SITLA is currently reviewing the monument proclamation and map, and will work with its Board of Trustees, Utah State Board of Education and other state leaders to determine the best path forward.

Past monument designations have resulted in the exchange of school trust lands out of monument boundaries for federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands elsewhere in Utah.

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President Obama’s proclamation today directs Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell to explore entering into a memorandum of understanding with the State that would set forth terms for a land exchange between SITLA and BLM to remove state trust lands from within the monument boundaries.

SITLA Director David Ure stated: “We are disappointed that this designation happened through unilateral action by the President, rather than through negotiation and compromise, but SITLA will work in good faith to determine if an exchange agreement with the Department of the Interior is possible and in the best interests of the school trust beneficiaries.”

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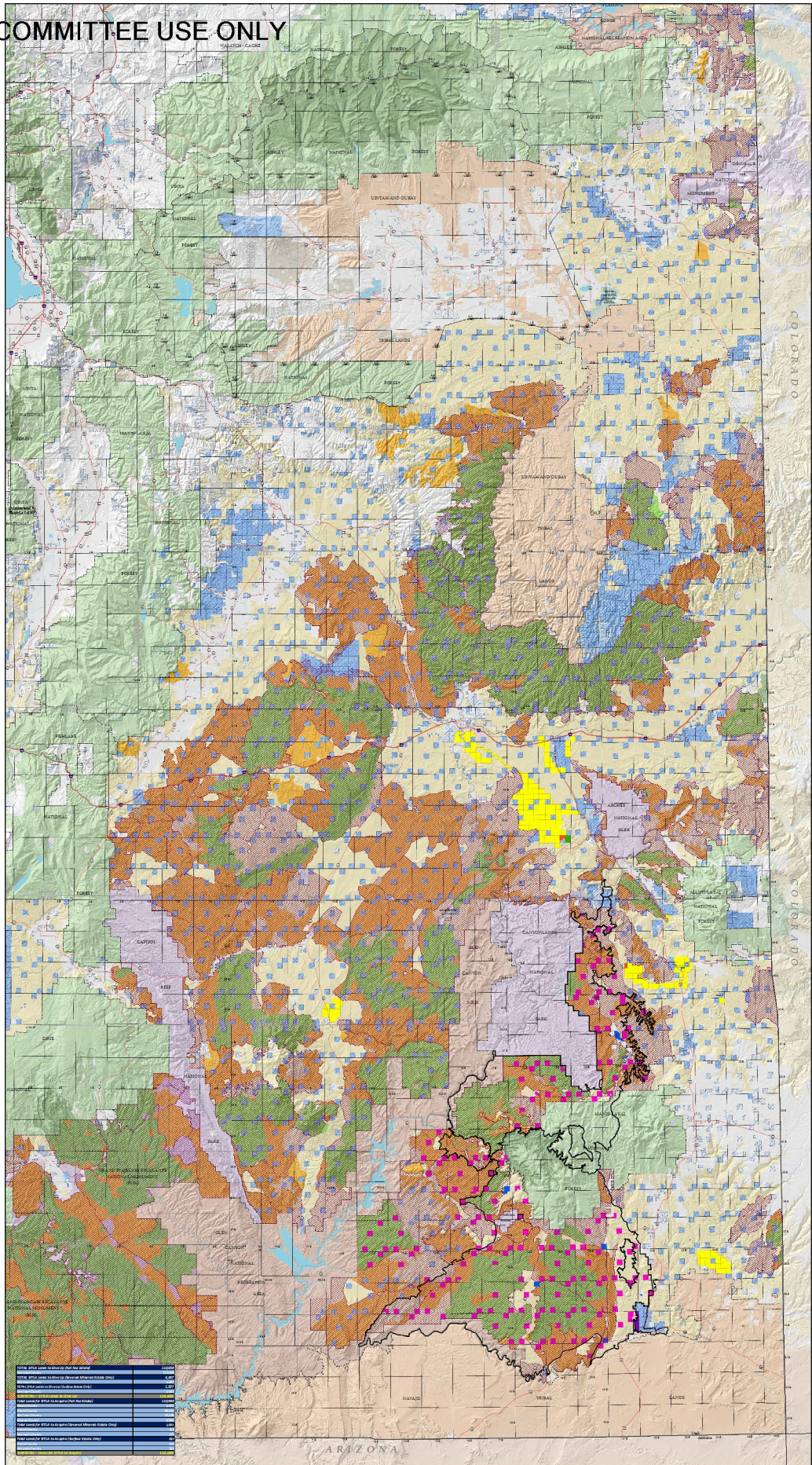
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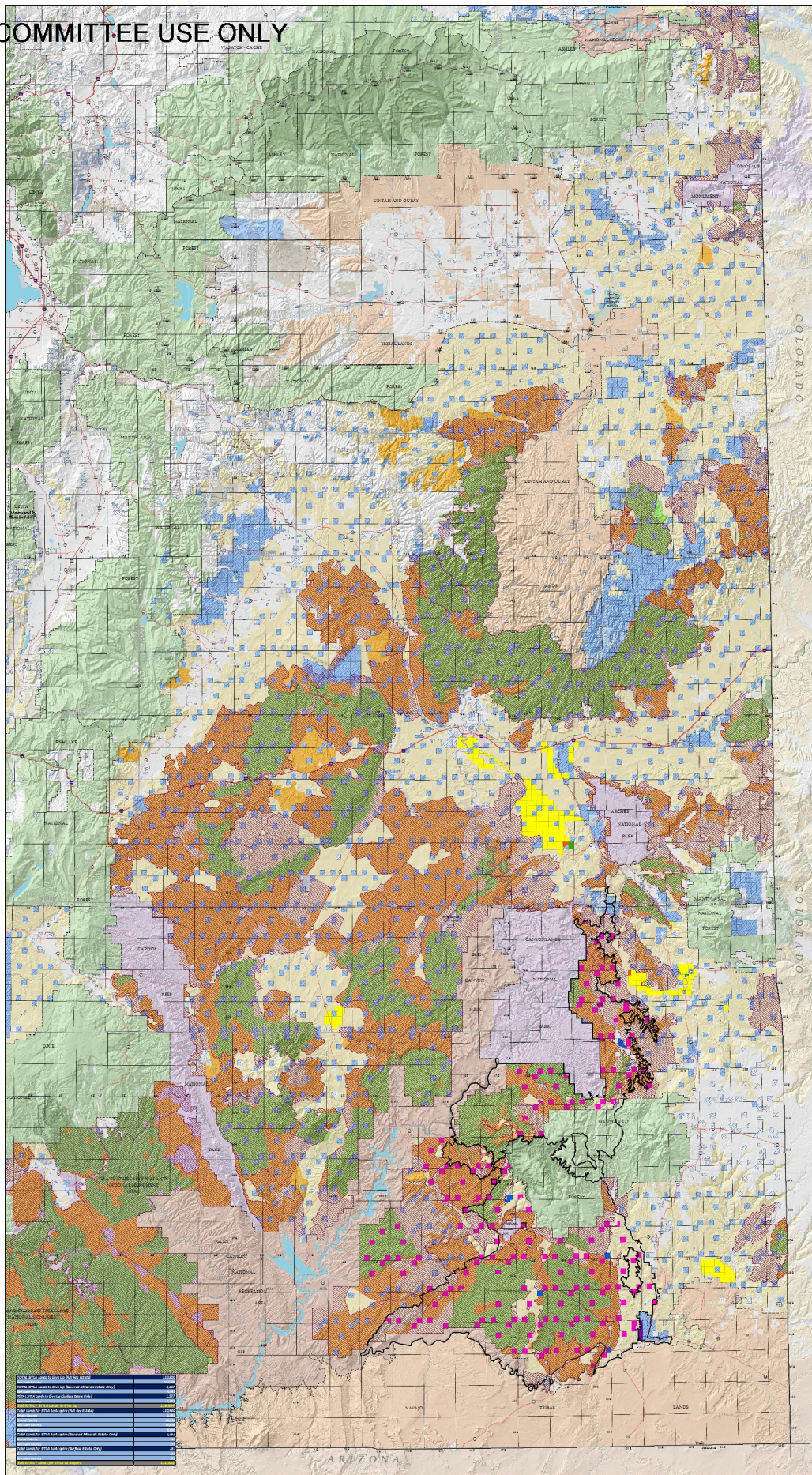
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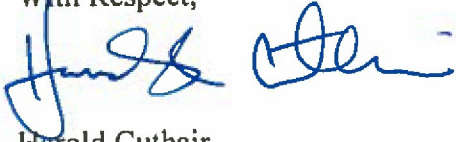
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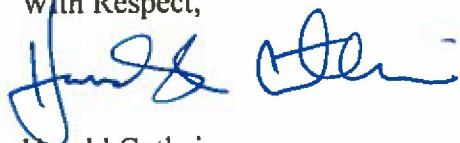
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Utah Dine Bikeyah was founded in 2010 to push for protection of Bears Ears either through legislation or a presidential proclamation. At the same time, many conservation groups were advocating a Greater Canyonlands Monument for roughly the same area. Rep. Rob Bishop launched his Public Lands Initiative (PLI) three years later, in February 2013, with the express goal of substituting comprehensive legislation for any monument proclamation.

In July 2015 the Hopi, Navajo, Mountain Ute, Uintah and Ouray Ute and Zuni united in the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition, and a delegation of senior administration officials from the Department of Interior and the USDA made a site visit. On Oct. 15, 2015, the Intertribal Coalition delivered to President Obama a detailed proposal for a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument under a collaborative management model. This had the formal support of all the tribal governments, support that has been repeatedly reiterated throughout this process, up until as recently as two weeks ago.

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Jon Jarvis, director of the National Park Service, and Neil Kornze, the BLM director, and many other high-level government officials were in attendance to hear local concerns and meet with the Utah delegation staff. Over a thousand citizens, most of them Utahns, attended the public hearing in Bluff, where monument supporters heavily outnumbered opponents.

Bears Ears has received more scrutiny than any other monument proposal before it and dozens of opinion pieces have appeared in this paper, as well as in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times and Washington Post. It has been an open and community-building process that has emerged from the ground up led by the tribes.

It is important to know and restate that Bishop and Rep. Jason Chaffetz received extensive cooperation from conservation groups in the early phases of developing the Public Lands Initiative for eastern Utah counties. Our representatives utterly failed to seriously address the concerns of the Intertribal Coalition, which officially represents five sovereign nations with special trust relationships with the United States government.

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way. When they solicited input from San Juan County residents, 64 percent supported the Bears Ears proposal in writing, but the county adopted a proposal that had the written support of just two people. Bishop's proposal demotes the sovereign Indian nations to mere voices in a large crowd of advisers, chops out 600,000 acres of the Bears Ears area from protection with a gerrymandered boundary that allows every kind of proposed development project in the county to go forward, gives ownership of the roads to Utah so that looting can proceed beyond any control and hands over management of energy development to the state in a breathtaking violation of existing law. This is what passes for a comprehensive legislative proposal from the county. The PLI is a dream map of development for the fossil fuel industry.

The delegation declares that there is no support for the monument beyond environmental extremists, yet 70 percent of Utahns support the monument. All of the tribal governments have reiterated their support repeatedly. Over 20 Pueblo tribes in the American Southwest have formally written of their support along with the 360 tribes of the National Congress of American Indians. Six of the seven Navajo chapters in Utah have passed resolutions in support of the Bears Ears Monument. The Bears Ears National Monument proposal is anything but a top-down act by an "imperial presidency" as Sen. Mike Lee has suggested.

As members of the Utah conservation community, we have been deeply moved and inspired by the tribal leadership of the Intertribal Commission and the Utah Dine Bikeyah. Their strength of character, integrity and grace, not to mention patience, deserves greater respect from Utah's politicians. At a time when we are witnessing the power of indigenous people's resolve to fight for their native rights all over the world from big energy companies, a presidential proclamation to establish Bears Ears National Monument could be seen as an act of justice. The protection of Utah's indigenous people's home ground on Cedar Mesa, where they perform their ceremonies and honor the graves of their ancestors that have been pillaged and desecrated for decades, and at the same time safeguard these fragile lands from oil and gas development, would mark a moment in American history of respect for this nation's first inhabitants.

The irony is apparently lost on Lee in [his opinion piece in the Washington Post](#) when he said, "The administration recently blocked the Dakota Access Pipeline due to strong opposition from local residents. I urge it to give the same respect to the residents of San Juan County." The local residents at Standing Rock were Indians. "The frontlines are everywhere," said Eric Descheenie, former co-chair of the Intertribal Commission and newly elected legislator in the Arizona State House. "Together, tribes and the United States can innovate land management that intersects the best of western science and method with those of traditional knowledge and practice. Enough time has passed. It's been 524 years, Mr. President. Let's get it done."

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The congressmen last month asked the coalition to provide legislative language reflecting the tribes' desire for management authority, but nothing has been forthcoming.

"I like the idea of co-management. The president, with or

without the Antiquities Act, cannot produce it," Bishop said in a prepared statement. "It is frustrating that efforts to work with people who claim a great interest in this area are continuously rebuffed with arguments that parrot special interest groups. Ironically, if [the inter-tribal coalition] is banking on a monument, they will never get the co-management they want. We're willing to give it to them."

The tribal coalition leaders, who hail from Navajo, Ute and Puebloan tribes, say they have tried to work legislative angles. But Bishop and Chaffetz did not take their input seriously, they said, so they took their proposal straight to the White House, where they have received a receptive ear.

Meanwhile, the wilderness and national conservation areas the Utah congressmen proposed in the PLI leave out the western reaches of Cedar Mesa, whose remote canyons harbor ancient archaeological sites — as well as uranium deposits that industry hopes to tap.

The bill also fails to safeguard White Canyon and its various drainages, Moki Canyon and Bluff Bench, according to [Friends of Cedar Mesa](#), a pro-monument stewardship group based in Bluff.

"If the monument is any less than what the tribes proposed, there will be important archaeology that is left unprotected," said Ewing, the group's executive director. "There are very good reasons for the boundaries proposed by the coalition. A monument smaller than that is somewhat likely because [Interior Secretary Sally] Jewell came out here to listen and lot of people were saying make it smaller. I'm guessing they are taking that local input under advisement. I am hopeful they won't throw out local input from the Bluff community."

This tourism-oriented town at the southern gateway to Cedar Mesa is far more receptive to a monument than Blanding and Monticello.

Many San Juan County residents spoke out against a monument during Jewell's visit to gauge local sentiment in July. But plenty of tribal members from Utah and adjoining states told Jewell a monument is needed to keep ATVs, looters and industrial development away from places that are valued for gathering medicinal herbs and firewood, reverent spiritual practices, its awesome beauty and ancestral connections.

Tribes and conservationists are not the only ones voicing favor for a monument.

Interior has received endorsements from the outdoor industry, education groups, archaeological societies and even health professionals.

"As a family physician descended from the Anasazi, I see Bears Ears as priceless not only for its history and beauty, but also for its potential to heal and prevent disease," said Garon

Coriz, a member of the Santa Domingo Pueblo who practices in Salina. He is among the 180 medical professionals who signed a Dec. 7 letter declaring a monument would promote physical and cultural healing.

"There are the very real psychological benefits from taking an action that addresses the traumatic historical disenfranchisement of Native Americans," the letter states. "In addition, a growing body of research shows that time spent in the kind of undisturbed natural settings offered by the Bears Ears area fosters emotional health in general, decreasing anxiety, reducing physiological response to stress, and dramatically enhancing concentration, creativity and problem-solving skills."

On the other side, Utah's Wildlife Board, agricultural interest groups, the Utah School Boards Association, and the Legislature have passed resolutions condemning the proposed monument for its potential to step on state prerogatives and harm rural communities.

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The congressmen last month asked the coalition to provide legislative language reflecting the tribes' desire for management authority, but nothing has been forthcoming.

"I like the idea of co-management. The president, with or without the Antiquities Act, cannot produce it," Bishop said in a prepared statement. "It is frustrating that efforts to work with people who claim a great interest in this area are continuously rebuffed with arguments that parrot special interest groups. Ironically, if [the inter-tribal coalition] is banking on a monument, they will never get the co-management they want. We're willing to give it to them."

The tribal coalition leaders, who hail from Navajo, Ute and Puebloan tribes, say they have tried to work legislative angles. But Bishop and Chaffetz did not take their input seriously, they said, so they took their proposal straight to the White House, where they have received a receptive ear.

Meanwhile, the wilderness and national conservation areas the Utah congressmen proposed in the PLI leave out the western reaches of Cedar Mesa, whose remote canyons harbor ancient archaeological sites — as well as uranium deposits that industry hopes to tap.

The bill also fails to safeguard White Canyon and its various drainages, Moki Canyon and Bluff Bench, according to [Friends of Cedar Mesa](#), a pro-monument stewardship group based in Bluff.

"If the monument is any less than what the tribes proposed, there will be important archaeology that is left unprotected," said Ewing, the group's executive director. "There are very good reasons for the boundaries proposed by the coalition. A monument smaller than that is somewhat likely because [Interior Secretary Sally] Jewell came out here to listen and lot of people were saying make it smaller. I'm guessing they are taking that local input under advisement. I am hopeful they won't throw out local input from the Bluff community."

This tourism-oriented town at the southern gateway to Cedar Mesa is far more receptive to a monument than Blanding and Monticello.

Many San Juan County residents spoke out against a monument during Jewell's visit to gauge local sentiment in July. But plenty of tribal members from Utah and adjoining states told Jewell a monument is needed to keep ATVs, looters and industrial development away from places that are valued for gathering medicinal herbs and firewood, reverent spiritual practices, its awesome beauty and ancestral connections.

Tribes and conservationists are not the only ones voicing favor for a monument.

Interior has received endorsements from the outdoor industry, education groups, archaeological societies and even health professionals.

"As a family physician descended from the Anasazi, I see Bears Ears as priceless not only for its history and beauty, but also for its potential to heal and prevent disease," said Garon Coriz, a member of the Santa Domingo Pueblo who practices in Salina. He is among the 180 medical professionals who signed a Dec. 7 letter declaring a monument would promote physical and cultural healing.

"There are the very real psychological benefits from taking an action that addresses the traumatic historical disenfranchisement of Native Americans," the letter states. "In addition, a growing body of research shows that time spent in the kind of undisturbed natural settings offered by the Bears Ears area fosters emotional health in general, decreasing anxiety, reducing physiological response to stress, and dramatically enhancing concentration, creativity and problem-solving skills."

On the other side, Utah's Wildlife Board, agricultural interest groups, the Utah School Boards Association, and the Legislature have passed resolutions condemning the proposed monument for its potential to step on state prerogatives and harm rural communities.

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More folks going on the record...

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Subject: NCAI Support for Proclaiming the Bears Ears National Monument
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Sincerely,

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NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #EC-15-002

TITLE: Supporting the Presidential Proclamation of the Bears Ears National Monument, Including Collaborative Management Between Tribal Nations and the Federal Agencies

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WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

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WHEREAS, since time immemorial, the Bears Ears and surrounding land in Southeastern Utah have been a homeland and place of spiritual and cultural significance to tribal people. This living landscape continues to nurture, strengthen, and sustain tribal people, and tribal people remain dependent on these public lands to maintain our traditional livelihoods and cultural practices, such as hunting, gathering, and ceremonial uses.

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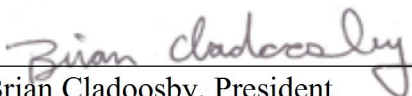
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Brian Cladoosby, President

ATTEST:



Aaron Payment, Recording Secretary



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RE: NCAI OPPOSITION TO SENATE AMENDMENT 3447 TO S. 2012, THE ENERGY POLICY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2015

Dear Senator McConnell and Senator Reid:

On behalf of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the oldest, largest, and most representative organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments, I write to express our strong opposition to Senate Amendment 3447 to S. 2012, the *Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015*. Senate Amendment 3447, filed on March 7, 2016, would undermine efforts to designate the Bears Ears area in southeastern Utah as a National Monument.

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Sincerely,

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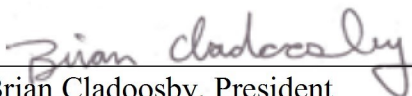
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RESOLUTION OF THE
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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING THE UTAH DINÉ BIKEYAH CONSERVATION PROPOSAL FOR THE FEDERAL DESIGNATION OF BEAR'S EARS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA/NATIONAL MONUMENT IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH, TO PROTECT NATIVE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ON FEDERAL LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §102(A). All powers not delegated are reserved to the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §102(B). The Navajo Nation Council shall supervise all powers delegated. 2 N.N.C. §102(C).
2. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is one of five standing committees of the Navajo Nation Council and is comprised of all twenty-four members of the Navajo Nation Council. The Committee is authorized to assist and coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 180 and 701(A)(6).
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4. The Navajo Nation members occupy a special status as both U.S. citizens and members of the Navajo Nation whose ancestral lands encompass all of San Juan County; and

5. Bear's Ears area within San Juan County, Utah, is part of the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument to consist of 1.9 million acres and would include additional Wilderness units within and outside of its boundary. This region is the ancestral home of many Southwestern Native American Tribes, including the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Acoma, Zia, and Jemez Pueblos along with the Ute Mountain, Southern, and Uintah Ouray Utes, the San Juan, Kaibab, and Utah Paiute Tribes and the Jicarilla Apache Tribes which assert their affiliation, occupation and enduring use of these lands. The Bear's Ears region is also the birthplace of Navajo Headman Manuelito; and

6. The proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument is bordered on the west by the Colorado River and on the south by the San Juan River and the Navajo Nation; the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument is characterized by prodigious topographic diversity and striking landforms containing intricately rich ecological systems; the Navajo and other Tribes depend upon the land within the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument to sustain their traditional livelihoods and cultural practices. Cedar Mesa, the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument's centerpiece, offers sprawling vistas of Comb and Butler Washes, and extends beyond to Moki, Red, Dark, Grand Gulch, and White canyons that each support verdant ribbons of riparian habitat. Desert bighorn sheep grace the lower desert lands while the 11,000 foot Abajo Mountains host forests of ponderosa pine, spruce, fir and aspen, providing a home to mule deer, elk, black bear and mountain lion, sacred icons of the mesa's original peoples. Paramount for the Navajo, the majority of the regions inhabitants, is the proper management of the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument's native plants and wildlife that are food, shelter and medicine and its cultural sites that are central to their spiritual practices; and

7. This region contains unsurpassed cultural and paleontological resources; the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument is world renowned for the integrity and abundance of its archaeological resources. Six cultural special management areas are within the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument boundaries: Alkali Ridge National Historic Landmark, the Hole-in-the-Rock Historical Trail and the Grand Gulch, Big Westwater Ruin, Dance Hall Rock, Sand

Island Petroglyph Panel, the Newspaper Rock Petroglyph Panel, and the Butler Wash Archaeological District National Register site. Also occurring in the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument's 19 distinct geologic units are scientifically significant vertebrate and non-vertebrate paleontological resources that are particularly abundant in the Cedar Mountain, Burro Canyon, Morrison, and Chinle Formations; and

8. The proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument has been inhabited for more than 12,000 years by multiple indigenous cultures, which crossed, and built civilizations on these lands. At the Lime Ridge Clovis site is evidence of Paleoindian occupation and the archaeological record indicates widespread use between 6000 B.C. and A.D. 100 by Archaic Peoples. Possessing numerous Archaic Period sites of varying size and complexity are Cedar Mesa, Elk Ridge, and Montezuma Canyon. While other notable sites include Alkali Ridge, Cowboy Cave, Old Man Cave, and Dust Devil Cave. The heaviest occupation of the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument lands was perhaps by the Formative Period Peoples (AD 100-AD 1300) who left very large numbers of archaeological sites ranging from small lithic scatters to large highly complex village sites; and
9. The proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument includes Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Areas and lands with Wilderness Characteristics and U.S. Forest Service Roadless Areas. Vast, remote desert mesas cut by sheer walled serpentine canyons provide unparalleled solitude and scenic quality that is comparable to or exceeds those found in nearby national parks and monuments, such as Canyonlands, Arches, Grand Staircase, Natural Bridges, Hovenweep, and Mesa Verde; and
10. Priority Management values to protect within the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument are: archaeological, wildlife, natural and scenic resources. An essential aspect of the proposed National Conservation Area/National Monument's management is to better protect these resources and to ensure their ongoing and sustainable use; and
11. Native Americans have unique and important cultural and historical ties to the land, its wildlife and other natural resources; and the Navajo people have traditional ties to this particular landscape for hunting, medicinal herbs, food gathering, firewood gathering and the grazing of livestock; and

12. Native Americans have shown quality and excellence in managing lands and natural resources to protect the cultural integrity of the homeland of Native peoples; and
13. These areas are under constant threat of cultural vandalism, looting of Native cultural sites, indiscriminate off road vehicle use that damages areas sacred to Native peoples, energy development footprints that negatively impact lands of historic and cultural importance, and general degradation of wildlife and plant habitats of importance to Native traditional practices; and
14. 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; and
15. Formal protection of the area as a National Conservation Area/National Monument will provide important consistency and quality to management of these lands, and define principles of management that will positively affect Native values on these lands in the following ways:
 - A. Protection will be permanent, part of a national system of protected lands that carry strong and clear legal definitions of the primacy of conservation of cultural, historical and ecological values that define Native connections to these lands.
 - B. Protection as a national conservation area or national monument creates important opportunities for Native American co-management of these resources and increased funding for protection with an emphasis on conservation and preservation of the region's cultural and natural resources.
 - C. Protection should be at the largest landscape level possible, providing connectivity of wildlife and plant habitats, ecological integrity of the region and be comprehensive in its protection of Native sacred sites, which cannot be considered out of the context of the larger landscape.
 - D. Protection of the region as a national conservation area or national monument will be a top priority for concerned federal agencies, with public involvement and prioritization of staffing, resources and cooperation with Native peoples.

16. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to support the federal designation of 1.9 million acres in San Juan County, Utah, as the Bear's Ears National Conservation Area/National Monument. Resolutions in support of the federal designation are attached as Exhibit A.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL'S NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE EXTENDS ITS SUPPORT FOR:

1. The designation of the 1.9 million acres in San Juan County, Utah, as the Bear's Ears National Conservation Area/National Monument.
2. The designation of identified roadless areas as wilderness under the Wilderness Act.
3. Establishment of Collaborative Management Agreement(s) between the Navajo Nation, other Tribes and the federal government to improve management and elevate the Native American voice in the long-term sustainable management of the region.

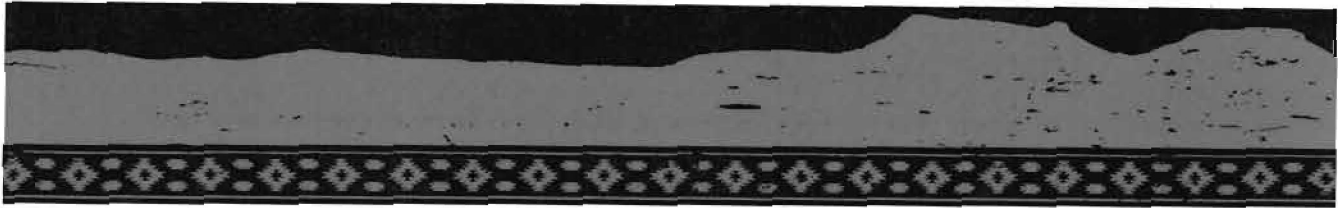
CERTIFICATION

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 15 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 Abstain this 12th Day of March, 2015.



Honorable Lorenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd
Second: Honorable Jonathan Nez



Utah Diné Bikéyah

Bear's Ears

A Proposed National Conservation Area/ National Monument



An Initiative of the Navajo Nation and Utah Diné Bikéyah

In February 2010 former Utah Senator Bob Bennett invited Utah Navajo residents to develop a proposal on issues such as wilderness, conservation, and development of public lands in San Juan County, Utah. An assessment was carried out under the authority of all seven Navajo Chapter Houses in Utah that built on interviews with dozens of elders and medicine men. The initial result of this work was the creation of a "Navajo Lands of Interest" map that was widely circulated among Navajo communities and elected officials on and off reservation. This map was the basis of subsequent discussions between the Navajo Nation and San Juan County aimed at developing a shared legislative proposal to advance to Congressman Bishop. Today, more than two years after formal discussions began, and eighteen months after submitting the Bear's Ears proposal, the Navajo Nation is still waiting for a San Juan County response.

In April 2013, the Navajo Nation and the Utah Diné Bikéyah organization proposed the creation of the 1.9 million acre Bear's Ears National Conservation Area and wilderness designations. This approach provides the best management for a diversity of uses, while directing resources towards priority cultural and biological resource protection. To honor our deep history in this region, we are also proposing that the Navajo Nation, other Tribes, and Utah Diné Bikéyah have a formal role in planning and managing the Bear's Ears National Conservation Area/ National Monument.

This region has been used by Native People for millennia, contains some of our country's richest archaeological sites and continues to serve as a pilgrimage site for many tribal members due to its historical significance. It is significant as the birthplace of Navajo Headman Manuelito and as the former center of civilization for many modern day Pueblo

Nations, including the Hopi. The Navajo Nation and Utah Diné Bikéyah organization have proposed this conservation region be set aside to protect traditional activities and sacred places to include Cedar Mesa, White Canyon, Dark Canyon, Comb Ridge, Nokai Dome, Abajo Peak, Ruin Park, the San Juan River, and Comb Ridge.

As part of Congressman Bishop's Eastern Utah Land-Use Initiative several Tribal Nations and Navajo Chapter Houses have been adopting resolutions of support for the Bear's Ears proposal. The Hopi Tribe and All Pueblo Council of Governors have endorsed protection for the region, and all seven Navajo Chapter Houses in Utah have taken supportive action. Most recently Utah Navajo communities have come together at eight Town Hall meetings where they discussed the proposal and hand-wrote nearly 400 public comments that were submitted to San Juan County on November 30th. 64% of the total responses during the public process that ended requested designation of the Bear's Ears NCA/NM and wilderness.

Utah Navajo People have been actively advancing protection for this region for nearly five years and continue to educate and involve all US citizens who hold interests in these lands. Native American Tribes have seldom had their voices heard in the debate over public lands and it is time to recognize the depth of history and intergenerational stewardship exhibited by Tribes across these landscapes. Protection is welcome whether through Congressional or administrative action. Local people are determined to take action to make this happen and we hold out hope that one day soon our voices will finally be heard.

Ahyéhé- Thank you.



RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO UTAH COMMISSION
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

NUCAUG-616-14

**SUPPORTING CONSERVATION DESIGNATION TO PROTECT CULTURAL,
HISTORICAL, AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON FEDERAL LANDS IN SAN
JUAN COUNTY, UTAH**

WHEREAS, the Navajo Utah Commission is a subunit of the Navajo Nation and hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the Navajo Utah Commission recognizes the historic and ongoing ties to the lands, animals, plants, resources of San Juan County, Utah by Native American people; and

WHEREAS, the Diné Bikéyah, *the Peoples Sacred Land*, National Conservation Area/ Monument is the ancestral home of many additional Southwestern Native American Tribes, including the Navajo, accompanied by the, Hopi, Zuni, Acoma, Zia, and Jemez Pueblos along with the Ute Mountain, Southern, and Uintah Ouray Utes, the San Juan, Kaibab, and Utah Paiute Tribes and the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, assert their affiliation, occupation and enduring use of these Conservation Area/ Monument lands; and

WHEREAS, the National Conservation Area/ Monument is bordered on the west by the Colorado River and on the south by the San Juan River and Navajo Nation Reservation, the Conservation Area/ Monument is characterized by prodigious topographic diversity and striking landforms. Containing an intricately rich ecological system, the Navajo and other Tribes depend upon the Conservation Area/ Monument to sustain their traditional livelihoods and cultural practices. Cedar Mesa, the Conservation Area/ Monument's centerpiece offers sprawling vistas while Comb and Butler Washes, as well as Moki, Red, Dark, Grand Gulch, and White canyons support verdant ribbons of riparian habitat. Desert Bighorn Sheep grace the lower desert lands while the 11,000 foot Abajo Mountains host forests of Ponderosa Pine, Spruce, Fir and Aspen, providing a home to Mule Deer, Elk, Black Bear and Mountain Lion, sacred icons of the mesa's original peoples. Paramount for the Navajo, the majority of the regions inhabitants, is the proper management of the Conservation Area/ Monument's native plants and wildlife that are food, shelter and medicine and its cultural sites that are central to their spiritual practices.

WHEREAS, the National Conservation Area/ Monument includes towering cliffs and mesas bisected by sheer canyons expose sedimentary layers revealing a geologic history stretching back to when a sea covered this landscape. Containing unsurpassed cultural and

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paleontological resources; the Conservation Area/ Monument is world renowned for the integrity and abundance of its archaeological resources. Six cultural special management areas are within the Conservation Area/ Monument boundaries; Alkali Ridge National Historic Landmark, the Hole-in-the-Rock Historical Trail and the Grand Gulch, Big Westwater Ruin, Dance Hall Rock, Sand Island Petroglyph Panel, the Newspaper Rock Petroglyph Panel, and the Butler Wash Archaeological District National Register site. Also occurring in the Conservation Area/ Monument's 19 distinct geologic units are scientifically significant vertebrate and non-vertebrate paleontological resources that are particularly abundant in the Cedar Mountain, Burro Canyon, Morrison, and Chinle Formations.

WHEREAS, the National Conservation Area/ Monument has been inhabited for greater than 12,000 years by multiple indigenous cultures, who crossed, and built civilizations on these lands. At the Lime Ridge Clovis site is evidence of Paleoindian occupation and the archaeological record indicates widespread use between 6000 B.C. and A.D. 100 by Archaic Peoples. Possessing numerous Archaic Period sites of varying size and complexity are Cedar Mesa, Elk Ridge, and Montezuma Canyon. While other notable sites include Alkali Ridge, Cowboy Cave, Old Man Cave, and Dust Devil Cave. The heaviest occupation of the Conservation Area/ Monument lands was perhaps by the Formative Period Peoples, (AD 100-AD 1300) who left very large numbers of archaeological sites ranging from small lithic scatters to large highly complex village sites.

WHEREAS, the Conservation Area/ Monument is comprised of primarily Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Areas and lands with Wilderness Characteristics and U.S. Forest Service Roadless Areas. Vast, remote desert mesas cut by sheer walled serpentine canyons provide unparalleled solitude and scenic quality that is comparable to or exceeds those found in nearby national parks and monuments, such as Canyonlands, Arches, Grand Staircase, Natural Bridges, Hovenweep, and Mesa Verde.

WHEREAS, priority management values to protect within the Conservation Area/ Monument are: archaeological, wildlife, natural and scenic resources. An essential aspect of the Conservation Area/ Monument's management is to better protect these resources and to ensure their ongoing and sustainable use.

WHEREAS, Native Americans have unique and important cultural and historical ties to the land and its wildlife and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans' connections to the land support Native life and culture in important, life sustaining ways, including: subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering of nature's materials for medicinal, spiritual and other uses, preservation of tribal sacred places and as sources of economic development; and

WHEREAS, Native American have shown quality and excellence in managing lands and natural resources to protect the cultural integrity of the homeland of Native peoples; and

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WHEREAS, the Greater Cedar Mesa region of southeastern Utah includes many areas of vital importance to Native peoples' identity and history;

WHEREAS, these areas are under constant threat of cultural vandalism, looting of Native cultural sites, indiscriminate off road vehicle use that damages areas sacred to Native peoples, energy development footprints that negatively impact lands of historic and cultural importance, and general degradation of wildlife and plant habitats of importance to Native traditional practices;

WHEREAS, to prevent this rapid destruction of lands in the Greater Cedar Mesa region important to Native peoples, formal protection as a national conservation area or national monument is required;

WHEREAS, formal protection of the Greater Cedar Mesa region as a national conservation area/ monument will provide important consistency and quality to management of these lands, and define principles of management that will positively affect Native values on these lands in the following ways:

- Protection will be permanent, part of a national system of protected lands that carry strong and clear legal definitions of the primacy of conservation of cultural, historical and ecological values that define Native connections to these lands.
- Protection as a national conservation area or national monument creates important opportunities for consultation of Native Americans and participation in management of these resources and increased funding for the protection of these resources with an emphasis on conservation and preservation of the region's cultural and natural resources.
- Protection should be at the largest landscape level possible, providing connectivity of wildlife and plant habitats, ecological integrity of the region and be comprehensive in its protection of Native sacred sites, which cannot be considered out of the context of the larger landscape.
- Protection of the Greater Cedar Mesa region as a national conservation area or national monument will be a top priority for concerned federal agencies, with public involvement and a prioritization of staffing, resources and cooperation with Native peoples.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo Utah Commission hereby extends its support for a National Conservation Area or National Monument designation that reflects the will and the values of Native peoples whose identities, histories, cultures and futures are inextricably tied to these lands.

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CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by Navajo Utah Commission at a duly called meeting in Tse Bonito, New Mexico at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, this 13th day of August, 2014.


Herman Daniels, Jr., Chairperson
NAVAJO UTAH COMMISSION

MOTION: *Herman Furlay*
SECOND: *Brenda Brown*



**RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
OF THE NAVAJO NATION**

Alex Bitsinnic
President

Jamie R. Holgate
Vice-President

Ella Jean Badoni
Secretary/Treasurer

Lucille S. Krause
*Grazing Committee
Member*

Jonathan Nez
Council Delegate

RESOLUTION NO: NM05/303-2014

**SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF UTAH DINE' BIKE' YAH, INC PURSUANT TO
PROPOSED LAND DESIGNATION FOR A NATIONAL MONUMENT AND/OR NATIONAL
CONSERVATION AREA WITHIN THE SOUTH EASTERN STATE OF UTAH AND IN SAN
JUAN COUNTY OF THE STATE OF UTAH.**

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Mountain Chapter is recognized as local government body of the Navajo Nation Government pursuant to 2.N.N.C., Section 4004; and vested with the authority to discuss all matters affecting the Navajo people and its nation; furthermore, pursuant to 2 N.N.C., Section 4028, (a) the local Navajo chapter is authorized to made recommend to appropriate entities to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate relief or actions of the matters impacting; and
2. The Navajo people of Navajo Mountain, Utah are apart of the San Juan County residents just as their forefathers did for generations before them and according to the Federal laws they have unique political recognition whereby they are citizen of the Navajo Nation, San Juan County, the State of Utah and the United States America; and
3. By virtue of the Civil Rights Act, these Navajo people have the same and equal rights as other ethnic groups throughout the United States; therefore, their interest in the public land (Bureau of Land Management) is perpetual and dating back long before the discovery; and
4. Furthermore, the area of interest and proposed for land designation reflects a very high interest for the Native American people throughout the Colorado Plateau, more specifically, the Navajo people have traditional ties to this particular landscape for hunting, medicinal herbs and organic food gathering areas plus firewood gathering and grazing of livestock before Columbus sat foot on this continent and even before of the Treaty of 1886, between the Navajo people's Headmen and the Federal Government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Navajo Mountain Chapter hereby supports the efforts of Utah Dine' Bike'yah, Inc pursuant to proposed land designation for a national monument and/or national conservation area within the south eastern State of Utah and in San Juan County of the State of Utah.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called chapter meeting at Navajo Mountain Chapter at Navajo Mountain, Navajo Nation (Utah) at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 25 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstained on this 21 day of May, 2014.

Motion: Margaret Bitsinnie

Second: Clarita Drake

Alex Bitsinnie
Alex Bitsinnie, President

Ella J. Badoni
Ella J. Badoni, Secretary / Treasurer

Jamie Holgate
Jamie Holgate, Vice- President

Lucille Saganiso Krause
Lucille Saganiso Krause



TEEC NOS POS CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

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TNPCH-42-010

RESOLUTION OF THE TEEC-NOS-POS CHAPTER

SUPPORTING THE "UTAH NAVAJO SAN JUAN COUNTY LAND-USE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL" TO PROTECT NAVAJO RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ON FEDERAL LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

WHEREAS

1. **TEEC-NOS-POS CHAPTER** is officially recognized and certified as a political unit of the Navajo Tribal Government pursuant to Navajo Tribe Council Resolution No. CJ-20-55; and
2. **TEEC-NOS-POS CHAPTER** includes community members that live in San Juan County and depend on its federal lands and resources; and
3. **TEEC-NOS-POS CHAPTER** community members occupy a special status as both U.S. citizens and members of the Navajo Nation whose ancestral lands encompass all of San Juan County; and
4. **On March 23rd, 2010**, Utah Senator Bob Bennett announced the intention to pursue the creation of a Congressional land-use bill that will likely result in the designation of wilderness, boundary and management changes to National Parks and monuments, and the zoning of different regions of the county for protection and development; and
5. **Senator Bennett's** office has requested information from the Utah Navajo related to land use, natural resource use, and motorized access needs of the Utah Navajo community members; and
6. **The Utah Navajos** are in the process of creating a land plan to inform this and future land management processes in which the Tribe holds interests.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the official position of the TEEC CHAPTER, regarding the creation of San Juan County Land-Use Legislation is as follows:

1. **TEEC-NOS-POS CHAPTER** supports the "Utah Navajo Land-Use Proposal" submitted to Senator Bennett's office on August 12, 2010.
2. **TEEC-NOS-POS CHAPTER** supports the designation of a special management area (such as a National Conservation Area) in which the Navajo people's interests in these landscapes are acknowledged and co-management, shared decision-making, and revenue sharing are explored.
3. **TEEC-NOS-POS CHAPTER** supports the designation of current roadless areas in San Juan County as wilderness.
4. **TEEC-NOS-POS CHAPTER** community members are in the process of identifying motorized access routes to ensure that routes currently used to access ceremonial, hunting, gathering, and firewood collecting sites are not disrupted by wilderness designation.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the TEEC CHAPTER at a duly called Regular meeting at Teec Nos Pos Chapter, NAVAJO NATION, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 26 in favor, 0 opposed, and 01 abstained, this 12 day of AUGUST, 2009. MOTION BY: Wallace Tedascheeny SECOND BY: Elsie Dee

Roy Kady
Roy Kady, President

John MacDonald, Sr.
John MacDonald, Sr., Vice President

Verma Francisco
Verma Francisco, Sec./Treas

Francis Redhouse, Council Delegate

Dale Redhouse, Grazing Officer

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PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY/TREASURER GRAZING OFFICER

ADMINISTRATION:

Francis Redhouse May Howard Susie Joe
COUNCIL DELEGATE COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR OFFICE SPECIALIST



RED MESA CHAPTER
Red Mesa, Navajo Nation, Utah



Resolution RM- 011-08-09-10

**RESOLUTION OF THE RED MESA CHAPTER
SUPPORTING THE "UTAH NAVAJO SAN JUAN COUNTY LAND-USE LEGISLATIVE
PROPOSAL" TO PROTECT NAVAJO RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ON FEDERAL LANDS FOR
FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

WHEREAS:

1. RED MESA CHAPTER is officially recognized and certified as a political unit of the Navajo Tribal Government pursuant to Navajo Tribe Council Resolution No. CJ-20-55; and
2. RED MESA CHAPTER includes community members that live in San Juan County and depend on its federal lands and resources; and
3. RED MESA CHAPTER community members occupy a special status as both U.S. citizens and members of the Navajo Nation whose ancestral lands encompass all of San Juan County; and
4. On March 23rd, 2010, Utah Senator Bob Bennett announced the intention to pursue the creation of a Congressional land-use bill that will likely result in the designation of wilderness, boundary and management changes to National Parks and monuments, and the zoning of different regions of the county for protection and development; and
5. Senator Bennett's office has requested information from the Utah Navajo related to land use, natural resource use, and motorized access needs of the Utah Navajo community members; and
6. The Utah Navajo are in the process of creating a land plan to inform this and future land management processes in which the Tribe holds interests.

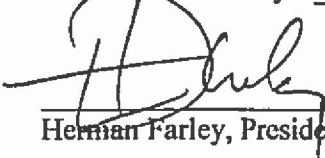
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the official position of the RED MESA CHAPTER, regarding the creation of San Juan County Land-Use Legislation is as follows:

1. The RED MESA CHAPTER supports the "Utah Navajo Land-Use Proposal" submitted to Senator Bennett's office on _____, 2010.
2. The RED MESA CHAPTER supports the designation of a special management area (such as a National Conservation Area) in which the Navajo people's interests in these landscapes are acknowledged and co-management, shared decision-making, and revenue sharing are explored.
3. The RED MESA CHAPTER supports the designation of current roadless areas in San Juan County as wilderness.
4. RED MESA CHAPTER community members are in the process of identifying motorized access routes to ensure that routes currently used to access ceremonial, hunting, gathering, and firewood collecting sites are not disrupted by wilderness designation.

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the RED MESA CHAPTER at a duly called Regular meeting at Red Mesa Chapter, NAVAJO NATION, Utah, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 31 in favor, 00 opposed, and 00 abstained, this 9th day of August, 2010.

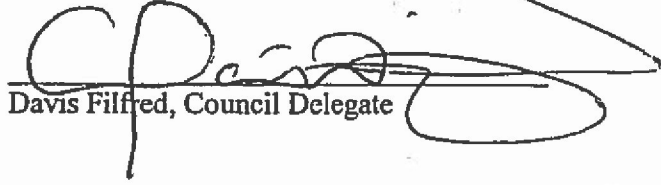
Motioned by: Mr. Sam Dee

Seconded by: Ms. Fannie Clark


Herman Farley, President


Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate


Doris J. Tsinnijinnie, Vice-President


Davis Filfred, Council Delegate

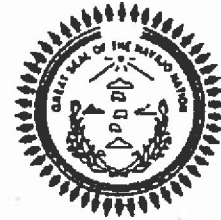

Marlene Dec-Ben, Secretary/Treasurer



Council Delegates:
Davis Filfred
Kenneth Maryboy

Aneth Chapter
Aneth, (Navajo Nation) Utah
RESOLUTION OF
THE ANETH CHAPTER

AC-AUG-10-161



Chapter Officers:
John Billa, President
Bill Todachennie, Vice-President
Brenda Brown, Secretary/Treasurer
Calvin Thomas, Grazing Committee

THE ANETH CHAPTER MOVES TO ACCEPT AND SUPPORT THE
"UTAH NAVAJO SAN JUAN COUNTY LAND-USE LEGISLATIVE
PROPOSAL" TO PROTECT NAVAJO RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ON
FEDERAL LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 NTC Section 4002, The Aneth Chapter is a duly certified chapter of the Navajo Nation who has the power and authority to approve and rescind resolutions enacted thru its membership; and
2. Through the Established Plan of Operations, The Aneth Chapter delegates the authority to the Elected Chapter Officers to enact plans that are in the best interest of the community; and
3. The Aneth Chapter has the authority to act on behalf of its community to recommend, support, and approve community related projects; and
4. The Aneth Chapter has accept to support the announcement made by Utah State Senator, Bob Bennett on March 23rd, 2010, of the intention to pursue the creation of a Congressional Land-Use Bill that will likely result in the designation of wilderness, boundary and management changes to National Parks and Monuments and the zoning of different regions of the county for protection and development; and
5. Senator Bennett's office has requested information from the Utah Navajo related to land use, natural resource use, and motorized access needs of the Utah Navajo community members; and
6. The Utah Navajo are in the process of creating a land plan to inform this and future land management processes in which the Tribe holds interests; and
7. The Aneth Chapter accepts and approves this request, which was presented before the Aneth Chapter Membership in which a legal quorum was present.

PAGE TWO OF ANETH CHAPTER RESOLUTION NUMBER:

AC-AUG-10-161

THE ANETH CHAPTER MOVES TO ACCEPT AND SUPPORT THE "UTAH NAVAJO SAN JUAN COUNTY LAND-USE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL" TO PROTECT NAVAJO RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ON FEDERAL LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

1. The Aneth Chapter accepts and supports the "Utah Navajo Land-Use Proposal" submitted to Senator Bennett's Office on August 18, 2010.
2. The Aneth Chapter supports the designation of a special management area (such as a National Conservation Area) in which the Navajo people's interests in these landscapes are acknowledged and co-management, shared decision-making, and revenue sharing are explored.
3. The Aneth Chapter supports the designation of current road less areas in San Juan County, Utah as wilderness.
4. The Aneth Chapter community members will identify motorized access routes to ensure that routes currently used to access ceremonial, hunting, gathering, and firewood collecting sites are not disrupted by wilderness designation.


CERTIFICATION

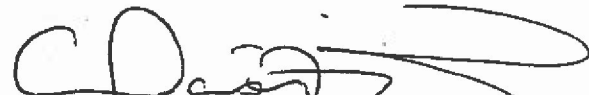
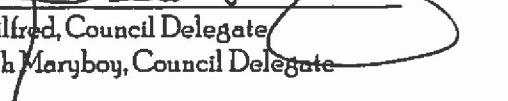
We hereby certify that this forgoing resolution was duly considered by the Aneth Chapter Membership at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was Present and that an approval was passed with a vote of 26 in Favor, 3 Opposed And 2 Abstained this 17th Day, the Month of August, in the year 2010.

Motioned by: Mr. Davis Filfred
Seconded by: Mr. Robert Whitehorse


John Billie, Aneth Chapter President


Bill Todachennie, Aneth Chapter Vice-President


Brenda Brown, Aneth Chapter Secretary/Treasurer


Davis Filfred, Council Delegate

Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate

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RESOLUTION OF THE OLJATO CHAPTER

Resolution No: OLJ11-15-2014

**SUPPORTING THE UTAH DINE BIKEYAH CONSERVATION PROPOSAL IN SAN JUAN COUNTY,
UTAH TO PROTECT DINE' RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ON FEDERAL LANDS FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS**

WHEREAS, OLJATO CHAPTER is officially recognized and certified as a political unit of the Navajo Tribal Government pursuant to Navajo Tribe Council Resolution No. CJ-20-55; and

WHEREAS, OLJATO CHAPTER includes community members that live in San Juan County and depend on its federal lands and resources; and

WHEREAS, OLJATO CHAPTER community members occupy a special status as both U.S. citizens and members of the Navajo Nation whose ancestral lands encompass all of San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, the Diné Bikéyah, *the Peoples Sacred Land*, is a National Conservation Area/ National Monument proposal of 1.9 million acres in size and includes additional Wilderness units within and outside of its boundary. This region is the ancestral home of many Southwestern Native American Tribes, including the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Acoma, Zia, and Jemez Pueblos along with the Ute Mountain, Southern, and Uintah Ouray Utes, the San Juan, Kaibab, and Utah Paiute Tribes and the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, assert their affiliation, occupation and enduring use of these lands; and

WHEREAS, the National Conservation Area/ Monument is bordered on the west by the Colorado River and on the south by the San Juan River and Navajo Nation Reservation, the Conservation Area/ Monument is characterized by prodigious topographic diversity and striking landforms. Containing intricately rich ecological systems, the Navajo and other Tribes depend upon the Conservation Area/ Monument to sustain their traditional livelihoods and cultural practices. Cedar Mesa, the Conservation Area/ Monument's centerpiece offers sprawling vistas while Comb and Butler Washes, and extends beyond to Moki, Red, Dark, Grand Gulch, and White canyons that each support verdant ribbons of riparian habitat. Desert Bighorn Sheep grace the lower desert lands while the 11,000 foot Abajo Mountains host forests of Ponderosa Pine, Spruce, Fir and Aspen, providing a home to Mule Deer, Elk, Black Bear and Mountain Lion, sacred icons of the mesa's original peoples. Paramount for the Navajo, the majority of the regions inhabitants are the proper management of the Conservation Area/ Monument's native plants and wildlife that are food, shelter and medicine and its cultural sites that are central to their spiritual practices.

WHEREAS, this region contains unsurpassed cultural and paleontological resources; the Conservation Area/ Monument is world renowned for the integrity and abundance of its archaeological resources. Six cultural special management areas are within the Conservation Area/ Monument boundaries; Alkali Ridge National Historic Landmark, the Hole-in-the-Rock Historical Trail and the Grand Gulch, Big Westwater Ruin, Dance Hall Rock, Sand Island Petroglyph Panel, the Newspaper Rock Petroglyph Panel, and the Butler Wash Archaeological District National Register site. Also occurring in the Conservation Area/ Monument's 19 distinct geologic units are scientifically significant vertebrate and non-vertebrate paleontological resources that are particularly abundant in the Cedar Mountain, Burro Canyon, Morrison, and Chinle Formations.

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WHEREAS, the National Conservation Area/ Monument has been inhabited for more than 12,000 years by multiple indigenous cultures, who crossed, and built civilizations on these lands. At the Lime Ridge Clovis site is evidence of Paleoindian occupation and the archaeological record indicates widespread use between 6000 B.C. and A.D. 100 by Archaic Peoples. Possessing numerous Archaic Period sites of varying size and complexity are Cedar Mesa, Elk Ridge, and Montezuma Canyon. While other notable sites include Alkali Ridge, Cowboy Cave, Old Man Cave, and Dust Devil Cave. The heaviest occupation of the Conservation Area/ Monument lands was perhaps by the Formative Period Peoples, (AD 100-AD 1300) who left very large numbers of archaeological sites ranging from small lithic scatters to large highly complex village sites.

WHEREAS, the Conservation Area/ Monument includes Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Areas and lands with Wilderness Characteristics and U.S. Forest Service Roadless Areas. Vast, remote desert mesas cut by sheer walled serpentine canyons provide unparalleled solitude and scenic quality that is comparable to or exceeds those found in nearby national parks and monuments, such as Canyonlands, Arches, Grand Staircase, Natural Bridges, Hovenweep, and Mesa Verde.

WHEREAS, priority management values to protect within the Conservation Area/ Monument are: archaeological, wildlife, natural and scenic resources. An essential aspect of the Conservation Area/ Monument's management is to better protect these resources and to ensure their ongoing and sustainable use.

WHEREAS, Native Americans have unique and important cultural and historical ties to the land, its wildlife and other natural resources; and the Navajo people have traditional ties to this particular landscape for hunting, medicinal herbs, food gathering, firewood gathering and the grazing of livestock; and,

WHEREAS, Native American have shown quality and excellence in managing lands and natural resources to protect the cultural integrity of the homeland of Native peoples; and

WHEREAS, these areas are under constant threat of cultural vandalism, looting of Native cultural sites, indiscriminate off road vehicle use that damages areas sacred to Native peoples, energy development footprints that negatively impact lands of historic and cultural importance, and general degradation of wildlife and plant habitats of importance to Native traditional practices;

WHEREAS, 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;

WHEREAS, formal protection of the area as a National Conservation Area/ Monument will provide important consistency and quality to management of these lands, and define principles of management that will positively affect Native values on these lands in the following ways:

- o Protection will be permanent, part of a national system of protected lands that carry strong and clear legal definitions of the primacy of conservation of cultural, historical and ecological values that define Native connections to these lands.
- o Protection as a national conservation area or national monument creates important opportunities for Native American co-management of these resources and increased funding for protection with an emphasis on conservation and preservation of the region's cultural and natural resources.
- o Protection should be at the largest landscape level possible, providing connectivity of wildlife and plant habitats, ecological integrity of the region and be comprehensive in its protection of Native sacred sites, which cannot be considered out of the context of the larger landscape.

- o Protection of the region as a national conservation area or national monument will be a top priority for concerned federal agencies, with public involvement and a prioritization of staffing, resources and cooperation with Native peoples.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oljato Chapter extends its support for

- Designation of the full extent of the Dine Bikeyah National Conservation Area/ National Monument in San Juan County, Utah
- Designation of identified roadless areas as Wilderness, under the Wilderness Act
- Establishment of Co-management Agreement(s) between the Navajo Nation/ other Tribes and the federal government to improve management and elevate the Native American voice in the long-term sustainable management of the region

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Oljato Chapter at a regular duly called meeting at Oljato, Navajo Nation, Utah at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 9 day of NOVEMBER 2014.

1st Motion by: Nelson Yellowman




Herman Daniels Jr., Chapter President

LaNell Menard-Parrish

LaNell Menard-Parrish, Secretary/Treasurer

2nd Motion by: Harve Holiday



Albert Holiday, Vice-President



Benedict Daniels, Grazing Officer

RESOLUTION OF THE OLIJATO CHAPTER

SUPPORTING THE "UTAH NAVAJO SAN JUAN COUNTY LAND-USE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL" TO PROTECT NAVAJO RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ON FEDERAL LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

WHEREAS

1. OLIJATO CHAPTER is officially recognized and certified as a political unit of the Navajo Tribal Government pursuant to Navajo Tribe Council Resolution No. CJ-20-55; and
2. OLIJATO CHAPTER includes community members that live in San Juan County and depend on its federal lands and resources; and
3. OLIJATO CHAPTER community members occupy a special status as both U.S. citizens and members of the Navajo Nation whose ancestral lands encompass all of San Juan County; and
4. On March 23rd, 2010, Utah Senator Bob Bennett announced the intention to pursue the creation of a Congressional land-use bill that will likely result in the designation of wilderness, boundary and management changes to National Parks and monuments, and the zoning of different regions of the county for protection and development; and
5. Senator Bennett's office has requested information from the Utah Navajo related to land use, natural resource use, and motorized access needs of the Utah Navajo community members; and
6. The Utah Navajo are in the process of creating a land plan to inform this and future land management processes in which the Tribe holds interests.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the official position of the OLIJATO CHAPTER, regarding the creation of San Juan County Land-Use Legislation is as follows:

1. The OLIJATO CHAPTER supports the "Utah Navajo Land-Use Proposal" submitted to Senator Bennett's office on _____, 2010.
2. The OLIJATO CHAPTER supports the designation of a special management area (such as a National Conservation Area) in which the Navajo people's interests in these landscapes are acknowledged and co-management, shared decision-making, and revenue sharing are explored.
3. The OLIJATO CHAPTER supports the designation of current roadless areas in San Juan County as wilderness.
4. OLIJATO CHAPTER community members are in the process of identifying motorized access routes to ensure that routes currently used to access ceremonial, hunting, gathering, and firewood collecting sites are not disrupted by wilderness designation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Oljato Chapter endorses the preparation of a "Short-Term Water System Improvements Project PER (PER Project) with accompanying Environmental investigation to support the funding and design of water system improvements; and
2. Oljato Chapter recommends that the PER Project be performed as an extension of Navajo Utah Chapters Regional Water Plan Study with San Juan County, Utah continuing to serve as contract administrator; and
3. The Oljato Chapter requests the use of the Navajo Revitalization Funds chapter allocation to fund the PER Project.

CERTIFICATION

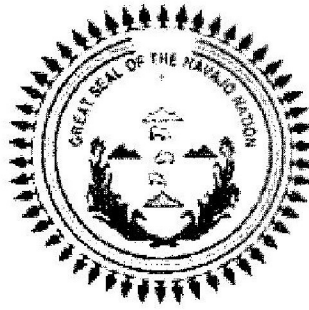
We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting at Oljato Chapter, Navajo Nation, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 50 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, this 8th day of August, 2010.

Motioned By: Carl Holiday Seconded By: Frank Haycock

[Signature]
NAME, President

[Signature] Sec. Treasurer
[Signature] Grazing Officer
[Signature] Council Delegate

Herman Daniels Jr., President
Albert Holiday, Vice President
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RESOLUTION OF THE OLJATO CHAPTER

Resolution No: OLJ0401-2015

THE COMMUNITY OF OLJATO CHAPTER ARE REAFFIRMING RESOLUTION NUMBER OLJ11-15-2014 PERTINENT TO UTAH DINE' BIKEYAH CONSERVATION PROPOSAL IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH TO PROTECT DINE' RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ON FEDERAL LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

WHEREAS;

1. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Code, Section 4001 (D) and 4028 (a), (b), the Oljato Chapter is established and certified as a local government entity of the Navajo Nation vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the Chapter and submit appropriate recommendations to the Navajo Nation Government or other local agencies by resolution; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Chapter 1: Navajo Nation Chapter, Section 1., (B) (1) & (2), The Navajo Nation Councils delegated to Chapter governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition and allows chapter to make decisions to govern with responsibility and accountability to community membership; and
3. The Oljato Chapter hereby supports the attached resolution based on the Dine' Bikeyah, The Peoples Sacred Land, is a National Conservation Area/National Monument proposal of 1.9⁶ million acres in size and includes additional Wilderness units within and outside of its boundary; and
4. The Oljato Chapter community has known that the National Conservation Area/Monument has been inhabited for more then 12,000 years by multiple indigenous cultures, who crossed and built civilizations on these lands; and
5. It is in the best interest of the Oljato Chapter to address deep concern to prevent rapid destruction of lands and protect of the area as a National Conservation Area/ Monument.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

1. The Oljato Chapter herby reaffirms the attached resolution that the Community of Oljato continues to support the Utah Dine Bikeyah Conservation proposal in San Juan County, Utah to protect Dine' Rights and interests on Federal Lands for future generations.

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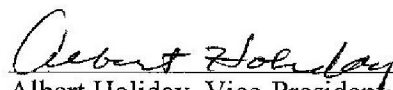
CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Oljato Chapter at a regular duly called meeting at Oljato, Navajo Nation, Utah at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 53 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstained, this 12 day of APRIL 2015.

1st Motion by: Wesley Simpson

2nd Motion by: Shirtee Bedonie


Herman Daniels Jr., Chapter President


Albert Holiday, Vice-President


LaNell Menard-Parrish, Secretary/Treasurer


Benedict Daniels, Grazing Officer



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RESOLUTION OF TEECNOSPOS CHAPTER

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SUPPORTING THE UTAH DINE BIKEYAH CONSERVATION PROPOSAL IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH TO PROTECT DINE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ON FEDERAL LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

WHEREAS:

1. The TeecNosPos Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation established and recognized as a political unit of the Navajo Tribal Government pursuant to Navajo Tribe Council Resolution No. CJ-20-55; and
2. The TeecNosPos Chapter includes community members that live in San Juan County and depend on its federal lands and resources; and
3. The TeecNosPos Chapter community members occupy a special status as both U.S. citizens and members of the Navajo Nation whose ancestral lands encompass all of San Juan County; and
4. The Dine Bikeyah, *the Peoples Sacred Land*, is a National Conservation Area/ National Conservation Area/ National Monument proposal of 1.9 million acres in size and includes additional Wilderness units within and outside of its boundary. This region is the ancestral home of many Southwestern Native American Tribes, including the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Acoma, Zia, and Jemez Pueblos along with the Ute Mountain, Southern, and Uintah Ouray Utes, the San Juan, Kaibab, and Utah Paiutes Tribes and the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, assert their affiliation, occupation and enduring use of these lands; and
5. The National Conservation Area/ Monument is bordered on the west by the Colorado River and on the south by the San Juan River and Navajo Nation Reservation, the Conservation Area/ monument is characterized by prodigious topographic diversity and striking landforms. Containing intricately rich ecological systems, the Navajo and other Tribes depends upon the Conservation Area/ Monument to sustain their Monument's centerpiece offers sprawling vistas while Comb and Butler Washes, and extends beyond to Moki, Red, Dark, Grand Gulch, and White canyons that each support verdant ribbons of riparian habitat. Desert Bighorn Sheep grace the lower desert lands while the 11,000 foot Abajo Mountains host forests of Ponderosa Pine, Spruce Fir, and Aspen, providing a home to Mule Deer, Elk, Black Bear and Mountain Lion, sacred icons of the mesa's originals peoples. Paramount for the Navajo, the majority of the regions inhabitants, is the proper management of the Conservation Area/ Monument's native plants and wildlife that are food, shelter and medicine and its culture sites that are central to their spiritual practices.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Alfred L. Jiro	Arnold L. Bitah	Vernon Francisco
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Herman Lee	Kenneth Maryboy
Grazing Officer	Council Delegate

ADMINISTRATION:

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Chapter Coordinator	A.M.S.

6. This region contains unsurpassed culture and paleontological resources; the Conservation Area/ Monument is world renowned for the integrity and abundance of its archaeological resources. Six cultural special management areas are within the Conservation Area/ Monument boundaries; Alkali Ridge National Historic Landmark, the Hole-in-the-Rock Historical Trail and the Grand Gulch, Big West water Ruin, Dance Hall Rock, Sand Island Petroglyph Panel, the Newspaper Rock Petroglyph Panel, and the Butler Wash Archaeological District National Register site. Also occurring in the Conservation Area/ Monument's 19 distinct geologic units are scientifically significant vertebrate and non-vertebrate paleontological resources that are particularly abundant in the Cedar Mountain, Burro Canyon, Morrison, and Chinle Formations.

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10. Native Americans have unique and important cultural and historical ties to the land, its wildlife and other natural resources; and the Navajo people have traditional ties to this particular landscape for hunting, medicinal herbs, food gathering, firewood gathering and the grazing of livestock; and,

11. Native American have shown quality and excellence in managing lands and natural resources to protect the cultural integrity of the homeland of Native peoples; and

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13. 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; and

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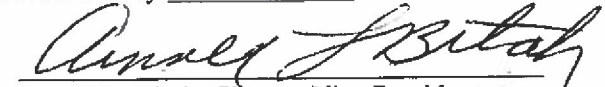
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 - c. *Establishment of Co-management Agreements(s) between the Navajo Nation/other Tribes and the federal government to improve management and elevate the Native American voice in the long-term sustainable management of the region.*

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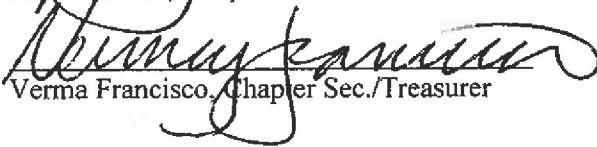
We, hereby, certify, that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the TeecNosPos Chapter at a duly called meeting at TeecNosPos, Navajo Nation, which a quorum was present and that same was passed by vote of 18 infavor, 0 opposed and 01 abstained on this 09th day of November, 2014, motioned by Arlene Ayze and seconded by Arlene Howard.



Alfred L. Jim, Chapter President



Arnold L. Bitah, Chapter Vice President



Verma Francisco, Chapter Sec./Treasurer

Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate



Tólikan Chapter

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RESOLUTION # TC-109 – 12/07/2014

SUPPORTING THE UTAH DINE BIKEYAH CONSERVATION PROPOSAL IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH TO PROTECT DINE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ON FEDERAL LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

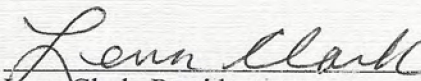
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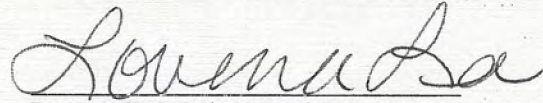
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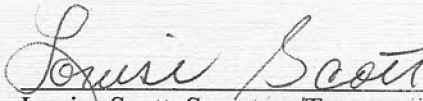
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CERTIFICATION

We, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Tolikan Chapter at a duly called meeting in which a quorum was present was motioned by Howard Yazzie; seconded by Carole Blackhat and that same was passed by a vote of 23 in favor; 00 opposed and 03 abstained, this 7th day of December 2014.


Lena Clark, President


Lovena Lee, Vice-President


Louise Scott, Secretary/Treasurer

David Tsosie, Grazing Committee

Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate

RESOLUTION 15-043

April 15th, 2015

Whereas there is an effort to designate 1.9 million acres in San Juan County Utah, as Bears Ears National Conservation Area/National Monument

Noting on March 12, the Navajo Nation Council's Naabik'iyáti' Committee passed a resolution supporting the designation of Bears Ears National Conservation Area/National Monument

Further Noting that the area is the birthplace of Navajo Headman Manuelito, and that the land in the proposed Bear's Ears National Conservation Area/National Monument is critical to the continued survival of traditional livelihoods and cultural practices for the Navajo, Ute, Zuni, Hopi, and other Native American people

Further Noting the initiative shares collective interest of tribes in the region including Ute, Hopi, Hualapai, and Zuni

Further Noting that the Fort Lewis College has had 10,589 Navajo students since 2000

Further Noting that the Fort Lewis has served a diversity of tribes, listed in Appendix A

Be it hereby resolved that ASFLC endorses the proposal for the Bears Ears National Conservation Area/National Monument by a simple (1/2) majority vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Thompson, *ASFLC Senator* Date 4/15/15

YEA 15 **NAY** 0 **ABSTAIN**

Scott Greenler 4/22/15

Scott Greenler, *ASFLC President* Date

APPROVED **VETO**



APPENDIX A.

All federally recognized tribes have been represented among the student body at Fort Lewis College since 2000

Cherokee	Tuluksak Native Community	Keweenaw Bay Chippewa, MI
Navajo	Swinomish Indian Tribe, WA	Kaw Nation of Oklahoma
Village of Tazlina, AK	Poarch Band/Creek Indians, AL	Crow Creek Sioux
Village of Salamatoff, AK	Nulato Village, AK	Conf Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Village of Ekuk, AK	Mohawks Akwesansne(Other)	Bay Mills Indian Community, MI
Twin Hills Village, AK	Village of Red Devil, AK	Allakaket Village, AK
Tule River Indian Tribe, CA	Tuscaroran	Village of Venetie
Torres-Martinez Band, CA	Tohono O'odham Nation of AZ	Village of Solomon
Suquamish of Port Madison, WA	Tanana	Pauma Band of Mission Indians
Spokane Tribe, WA	Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux, SD	Kickapoo Tribe of OK
Santa Ysabel of Dieguendo, CA	Shawnee	Hydaburg Cooperative Assoc, AK
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	Seldovia Village Tribe, AK	Conf Tribes Warm Spgs Res, OR
Org Vill of Kake/Sealaska Reg	Petersburg Indian Assoc, AK	Cheyenne(Other)
Onondaga Nation of NY	Nez Perce Tribe, ID	Washoe Tribe of NV and CA
Native Village of Mekoryuk, AK	Nenana Native Association, AK	Village of Chefnak, AK
Moapa Band of Paiute, NV	Native Village-Napakiak	Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, NV
Lummi Tribe, WA	Native Village of Ouzinkie, AK	Ohkay Owingeh, NM
Karuk Tribe, CA	Native Village of McGrath, AK	Noorvik Native Community, AK
Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in, AK	Native Village of Atka, AK	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, SD
Flandreau Santee Sioux, SD	Native Village of Afognak, AK	Klamath Indians of Oregon
Chevak Native Village, AK	Native Village Larsen Bay, AK	Holy Cross Village
Village of Old Harbor	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, NV	Doyon Region (Not Recognized)
Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican, WI	Delaware Nation, OK	Conf Tribes Umatilla Res, OR
New Stuyahok Village	Coquille Tribe, OR	Shoshone(Other)
Hoonah Indian Association, AK	Conf Tribes of Siletz Res, OR	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, ID
Cook Inlet Region(other)	Arapahoe(Other)	Pyramid Lake Paiute Trbe, NV
Colorado River Tribe	Traditional Village of Togiak	Pit River Tribe, CA
Catawba Indian Nation, SC	Sac & Fox of Mississippi, IA	Native Village of Kiana, AK
Yupit of Andraefsky	Native Village of Stevens, AK	Native Village of Eyak, AK
Village of Lower Kalskag	Native Village of Fort Yukon	Kenaitze Indian Tribe
Stebbins Community Association	Narragansett Indian Tribe, RI	Egegik Village-Bristol Bay, AK
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, SD	Levelock Village, AK	Tonawanda Band of Seneca, NY
Qagan Tayagungin Tribe, AK	Chippewa(Other)	Seneca Nation of New York
Native Village of Teller, AK	Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, TX	Sandia, Pueblo of, NM
Native Village of Ambler	Yankton Sioux Tribe, SD	Quechan Tribe, Ft Yuma, CA
Native Vill of Pilot Point, AK	Scotts Valley Pomo Indians, CA	Quapaw Tribe, OK
Lesnoi Village (aka Woody Ild)	Pribilof Aleut St Paul Isl, AK	La Jolla Luiseno Mission, CA
King Island Native Comm, AK	Pilot Station Trad Village, AK	Hualapai Tribe, AZ
Ho-Chunk Nation, WI/Winnebago	Native Village of Tununak, AK	Santa Ana, Pueblo of, NM
Haida(Other)	Native Village of Karluk, AK	Native Village of Aleknagik
Fort Independence Paiute Tribe	Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish, MI	Native Vill of Barrow Inupiat
Dry Creek Rancheria Pomo, CA	Little Traverse Bay Bands	Beaver Village, AK
Village of Sleetmute, AK	Kokhanok Village, AK	Pueblo of Nambe, NM

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Native Village of Tyonek, AK	Caddo Indian Tribe of OK	Jemez, Pueblo of, NM
Native Vill of Shishmaref, AK	Salt River Pima-Maricopa, AZ	3 Affil Tribes/Ft Berthoud, ND
Kickapoo Tribe of KS	Miami Tribe of OK	Mescalero Apache Tribe, NM
Fort Sill Apache Tribe of OK	Eskimo Vill At Lrg(Other)	Alaska Native(Other)
Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, MT	Arapahoe Tribe/Wind River, WY	Citizens Band Potawatomi Ind
Native Village of Chignik, AK	Aleut(Other)	Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Te-Moak Trbs/West Shoshone, NV	Ute(Other)	Nome Eskimo Community
St Regis Band of Mohawk, NY	Menominee Indian Tribe of WI	Laguna
Red Cliff Band, Lake Superior	Omaha Tribe of NE	San Carlos Apache Tribe, AZ
Pueblo of San Ildefonso, NM	Galena Village (aka Loudon)	Curyung Tribal Coun-Dillingham
Ponca Tribe of OK	Seneca-Cayuga Tribe, OK	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, SD
Pascua Yaqui Tribe of AZ	Paiute Indian Tribe of UT	Rosebud Sioux Tribe, SD
Paiute-Shoshone Bishop, CA	Crow	Hopi
Ninilchik Village	Absentee-Shawnee Tribe, OK	Osage
Knik Tribe	Shoshone Tribe/Wind River, WY	Ute Mountain Tribe, CO, NM, UT
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, CA	Orutsaramuit Nat Vill-Bethel	White Mountain Apache, AZ
Yavapai-Apache, Camp Verde, AZ	Ute Indian/Uintah/Ouray, UT	Jicarilla Apache Tribe, NM
Shoshone-Paiute, Duck Valley	Tlingit(Other)	Muscogee (Creek) Nation, OK
Peoria Tribe of Indians, OK	Sioux(Other)	Chickasaw Nation, OK
Iowa Tribe of KS and NB	Pueblo of San Felipe, NM	Oglala Sioux/Pine Ridge, SD
Prairie Band of Potawatomi Ind	Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin	Southern Ute Ind Tribe, CO
Gila River Indian Comm, AZ	Pawnee	Cent Coun Tlingit/Haida Tribes
Wyandotte Tribe of OK	Acoma Pueblo	Choctaw
Village of Aniak, AK	Turtle Mtn Band Chippewa, ND	
Emmonak Village	Cochiti, Pueblo of, NM	
Eastern Shawnee Tribe, OK	Metlakatla Indian Community	
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Prairie Band of Potawatomi, KS	Conf Tribes/Bands of Yakama	
Big Pine Band/Owens Vly Paiute	San Juan Pueblo	
Native Village of Unalakleet	Native Village of Kotzebue	
Apache(Other)	Santo Domingo, Pueblo of, NM	
13th Regional Corporation	Naknek Native Village	
Yurok Tribe/Yurok Reserv, CA	Comanche	
Standing Rock Sioux of ND/SD	Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	
Chippewa-Cree Ind Rocky Boy MT	Northern Cheyenne Tribe, MT	
Cahuilla Band of Indians, CA	Taos Pueblo	
Zia Pueblo	Seminole Nation of OK	
ANSCA(Other)	Conf Tribes Colville Res, WA	
Tesuque, Pueblo of, NM	Creek(Other)	
Otoe-Missouria Tribe, OK	Sault Ste Marie Chippewa, MI	
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Eastern Band of Cherokee, NC	Zuni Pueblo	

**OPEN LETTER FROM THE UNDERSIGNED
PROFESSIONAL & AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS**

TO

**REPRESENTATIVES ROB BISHOP, JASON CHAFFETZ & JIM MATHESON
SENATORS ORRIN HATCH & MIKE LEE
PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA**

The **greater Cedar Mesa area** contains one of America's best-preserved collections of prehistoric dwellings, rock art, artifacts, and sacred Native American ceremonial sites. As archaeologists, we have a particular appreciation for the cultural, scientific, and human importance of this area. We urge you to do everything in your power to protect the exceptional cultural landscape of the greater Cedar Mesa area.

This region would be a treasure worth preserving for future generations, if only for its scenery, wild canyons, immense vistas, and colorful red rock. However, the value of this place goes far beyond its natural beauty. Evidence of twelve thousand years of human occupation in the greater Cedar Mesa area gives us all an **irreplaceable connection with ancient American history**. There's perhaps no better place to experience well preserved Ancestral Puebloan habitation sites in a backcountry setting.

For well over 100 years, **archaeological research in the Cedar Mesa area has contributed greatly** to knowledge of the prehistoric cultures of the American Southwest. It is a revered part of the cultural heritage of present-day Pueblo, Navajo, and Ute people. The Hole-in-the-Rock Trail, over which the Mormon settlers of southeastern Utah made their way in the winter of 1879-80, traverses the area. Ever-increasing numbers of visitors are coming from across the US and even internationally to experience the cultural and scenic treasures of the greater Cedar Mesa area.

The region proposed by Friends of Cedar Mesa for a National Conservation Area or National Monument contains more than **56,000 archaeological sites**. And this is just a part of the vast region of southeast Utah that needs greater protection.

This landscape is filled with exactly the kind of "objects" the 1906 Antiquities Act was created to protect. Yet, unfortunately the mere fact that these archaeological sites are protected by law has done little to stop more than **100 years of looting, grave robbing, and vandalism**. Contrary to public opinion, this looting has not stopped. In just the last year, several serious looting cases have been reported to law enforcement. Increasing visitation combined with a severe lack of resources for effective management creates a newer yet no less menacing challenge to archaeology in the region.

We strongly support Congressional action to designate the greater Cedar Mesa area as a **National Conservation Area**. Such a designation could accomplish the goal of prioritizing protection of cultural resources, while also allowing flexibility in management of other uses of these public lands. This locally driven process could also resolve long-standing wilderness issues, which have been festering for many decades. However, if Congress fails to act quickly to protect this landscape, we urge the President to be ready to preserve this imperiled resource as a **National Monument** before the end of his term. Congressional deadlock or politics should not allow another decade of continued loss of American history.

Sincerely,

Archaeologists meeting at the
Pecos Conference, Blanding Utah, August 2014.

(The Pecos Conference, initiated in 1927, is the longest running meeting of professional archaeologists in the American Southwest.)

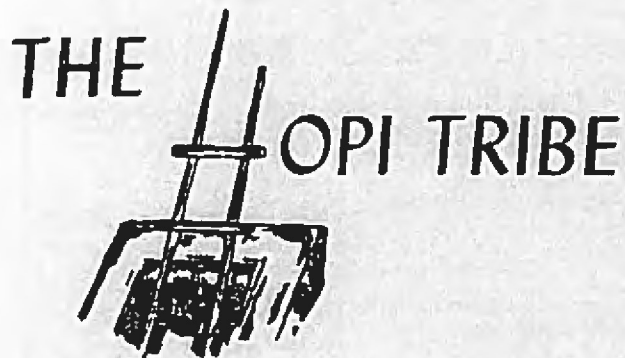
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Dear Mr. President, Senators and Congressmen,

On behalf of Hopi people, Hopisenom, I have the honor of providing the Hopi Tribe's support for the designation of the greater Cedar Mesa area including Alkali Ridge and Montezuma Canyon in southeastern Utah as a National Conservation Area or National Monument.

Pursuant to the enclosed Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-70-94, the Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to ancestral puebloan cultural groups in the greater Cedar Mesa area. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate your solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

Hopi migration is intimately associated with a sacred Covenant between the Hopi people and *Máasaw*, the Earth Guardian, in which the Hopi people made a solemn promise to protect the land by serving as stewards of the Earth. In accordance with this Covenant, ancestral Hopi clans

traveled through and settled on the lands in and around southeastern Utah during their long migration to *Tuuwamasavi*, the Earth Center on the Hopi Mesas.

The land is a testament of Hopi stewardship through thousands of years, manifested by the "footprints" of ancient villages, sacred springs, migration routes, pilgrimage trails, artifacts, petroglyphs, and the physical remains of buried *Hisatsinom*, the "People of Long Ago," all of which were intentionally left to mark the land as proof that the Hopi people have fulfilled their Covenant. The Hopi ancestors buried in the area continue to inhabit the land, and they are intimately associated with the clouds that travel out across the countryside to release the moisture that sustains all life.

The Hopi footprints and clouds are part of a living, sacred landscape that nourishes and sustains Hopi identity. This landscape is steeped in cultural values and maintained through oral traditions, songs, ceremonial dances, pilgrimages, and stewardship. As a cultural landscape, the archaeological sites and physical terrain situates the Hopi people in time and space, providing a geographical conception of history and religion that connects the past, present and future. These lands are part of our ancestral lands. Hopi history and cultural values associated with ancestral sites and landscapes are deep and abiding.

We are fully aware that over the last few decades the archaeological, natural and geographic resources in the region have been severely impacted by looting, federal management inadequacies, industrial development, and rampant visitation including increased motorized and recreational access and inappropriate all terrain vehicle use. We have encouraged the BLM to enforce the laws protecting cultural and natural resources on public land in San Juan County and not to acquiesce to local political and illegal actions by proposing to make illegal motorized trails into legal motorized roads on public lands that contain irreplaceable cultural resources that have been looted for over a Century and continue to be looted today.

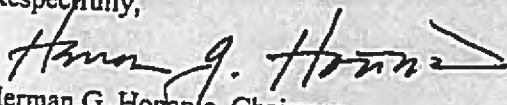
We appreciate the Friends of Cedar Mesa and National Trust for Historic Preservation for working with the Hopi Tribe and other tribes culturally associated to the area to develop proposals that will enhance the protection of cultural landscapes and the sites within them in San Juan County.

And therefore, the Hopi Tribe and Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports Congressional action to designate the greater Cedar Mesa area as a National Conservation Area. Based on over century of looting and grave robbing, we also support a provision in the designation that provides for protection and preservation and avoidance of our ancestor's human remains. Such a designation could accomplish the goal of prioritizing protection of cultural resources while also allowing flexibility in management of traditional Native American uses.

However, if Congress fails to act quickly to protect this landscape, we urge the President to be ready to preserve this imperiled resource as a National Monument before the end of this term.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at tkuwanwisiwma@hopi.nsn.us or 928-734-3611. Thank again you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Herman G. Homan, Chairman
THE HOPI TRIBE

HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 06-2015
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
HUALAPAI TRIBE OF THE HUALAPAI RESERVATION
PEACH SPRINGS, ARIZONA

TITLE: Support for conservation of the Bear's Ears region to protect cultural, historical, and natural resources on federal lands in San Juan County, UT

WHEREAS, we, the Hualapai Tribe does hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the Hualapai Tribe recognizes the historic and ongoing ties to the lands, animals, plants, resources of San Juan County, Utah by Native American people; and

WHEREAS, the proposed *Bear's Ears National Conservation Area/ National Monument* is the ancestral home of many Southwestern Native American Tribes, including the Navajo, the Hopi, Zuni, Acoma, Zia, and Jemez Pueblos along with the Ute Mountain, Southern, and Uintah Ouray Utes, the San Juan, Kaibab, and Utah Paiute Tribes and the White Mountain and Jicarilla Apache Tribes, all of whom assert their affiliation, occupation and enduring use of these Conservation Area/ Monument lands; and

WHEREAS, the proposed National Conservation Area/ National Monument is bordered on the west by the Colorado River and on the south by the San Juan River and Navajo Nation reservation, the Conservation Area/ Monument is characterized by prodigious topographic diversity and striking landforms. Containing an intricately rich ecological system, the Navajo and other Tribes depend upon the proposed Conservation Area/ Monument to sustain their traditional livelihoods and cultural practices. Cedar Mesa, the Conservation Area/ Monument's centerpiece offers sprawling vistas while Comb and Butler Washes, as well as Moki, Red, Dark, Grand Gulch, and White canyons support verdant ribbons of riparian habitat. Desert Bighorn Sheep grace the lower desert lands while the 11,000 foot Abajo Mountains host forests of Ponderosa Pine, Spruce, Fir and Aspen, providing a home to Mule Deer, Elk, Black Bear and Mountain Lion, sacred icons of the mesa's original peoples. Paramount for the Navajo, the majority of the regions current inhabitants, is the proper management of the proposed Conservation Area/ Monument's native plants and wildlife that are food, shelter and medicine and its cultural sites that are central to their spiritual practices.

WHEREAS, the proposed National Conservation Area/ Monument includes towering cliffs and mesas bisected by sheer canyons, which expose sedimentary layers revealing a geologic history stretching back to when a sea covered this landscape. Containing unsurpassed cultural and palaeontological resources, the proposed Conservation Area/ Monument is world renowned for the integrity and abundance of its archaeological resources. Six cultural special management areas are within the proposed Conservation Area/ Monument boundaries: Alkali Ridge National Historic Landmark, the Hole-in-the-Rock Historical Trail and the Grand Gulch, Big Westwater Ruin, Dance Hall Rock, Sand Island Petroglyph Panel, the Newspaper Rock Petroglyph Panel, and the Butler Wash Archaeological District National Register site. Also occurring in the proposed Conservation Area/ Monument's 19 distinct geologic units are scientifically significant vertebrate and non-

vertebrate paleontological resources that are particularly abundant in the Cedar Mountain, Burro Canyon, Morrison, and Chinle Formations.

WHEREAS, the proposed National Conservation Area/ National Monument has been inhabited for greater than 12,000 years by multiple indigenous cultures, who utilized, traveled through, and built civilizations on these lands. At the Lime Ridge Clovis site is evidence of Paleoindian occupation and the archaeological record indicates widespread use between 6000 B.C. and A.D. 100 by Archaic Peoples. Possessing numerous Archaic Period sites of varying size and complexity are Cedar Mesa, Elk Ridge, and Montezuma Canyon. Other notable sites include Alkali Ridge, Cowboy Cave, Old Man Cave, and Dust Devil Cave. Perhaps the most intensive occupation of the proposed Conservation Area/ Monument lands was during the time that archaeologists have called the Formative Period (AD 100 – AD 1300), which resulted in very large numbers of archaeological sites ranging from small lithic scatters to large, highly complex village sites. The region continued to be occupied and utilized by the ancestors of present-day Southern Paiute, Ute, Navajo, Apache, and various Puebloan cultures for many centuries, up until modern times.

WHEREAS, the proposed Bear's Ears Conservation Area/ National Monument is comprised of primarily Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Areas and lands with Wilderness Characteristics and U.S. Forest Service Roadless Areas. Vast, remote desert mesas cut by sheer walled serpentine canyons provide unparalleled solitude and scenic quality that is comparable to or exceeds those found in nearby national parks and monuments, such as Canyonlands, Arches, Grand Staircase, Natural Bridges, Hovenweep, and Mesa Verde.

WHEREAS, priority management values to protect within the proposed Conservation Area/ Monument are: cultural, archaeological, wildlife, and natural & scenic resources. An essential aspect of the proposed Conservation Area/ Monument's management is to better protect these resources and to ensure their ongoing and sustainable use.

WHEREAS, Native Americans have unique and important cultural and historical ties to the land and its wildlife and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans' connections to the land support Native life and culture in important, life sustaining ways, including: subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering of nature's materials for medicinal, spiritual and other uses, preservation of tribal sacred places, and as sources of economic development; and

WHEREAS, Native American have shown quality and excellence in managing lands and natural resources to protect the cultural integrity of the homeland of Native peoples; and

WHEREAS, southeastern Utah includes many areas of vital importance to Native peoples' identity and history;

WHEREAS, these areas are under constant threat of cultural vandalism, looting of Native cultural sites, indiscriminate off road vehicle use that damages areas sacred to Native peoples, energy development footprints that negatively impact lands of historic and cultural importance, and general degradation of wildlife and plant habitats of importance to Native traditional practices;

WHEREAS, to prevent this rapid destruction of lands in southeastern Utah is important to Native peoples, formal protection as a national conservation area or national monument is required;

WHEREAS, formal protection of southeastern Utah lands as a National Conservation Area/ Monument will provide important consistency and quality to management of these lands, and define principles of management that will positively affect Native values on these lands in the following ways:

- Protection will be a permanent part of a national system of protected lands that carry strong and clear legal definitions of the primacy of conservation of cultural, historical and ecological values that define Native connections to these lands.
- Protection as a national conservation area or national monument creates important opportunities for consultation of Native Americans and participation in management of these resources and increased funding for the protection of these resources with an emphasis on conservation and preservation of the region's cultural and natural resources.
- Protection should be at the largest landscape level possible, providing connectivity of wildlife and plant habitats, ecological integrity of the region and be comprehensive in its protection of Native sacred sites, which cannot be considered out of the context of the larger landscape.
- Protection of lands in southeastern Utah as a national conservation area or national monument will be a top priority for concerned federal agencies, with public involvement and a prioritization of staffing, resources and cooperation with Native peoples.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hualapai Tribe extends its support for the Bear's Ears National Conservation Area or National Monument designation that reflects the will and the values of Native peoples whose identities, histories, cultures and futures are inextricably tied to these lands.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as Chairwoman of the Hualapai Tribal Council hereby certify that the Hualapai Tribal Council of the Hualapai Tribe is composed of nine (9) members of whom nine (9) constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Council meeting held on this 9th day of February 2015; and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of (9) in favor, (0) opposed; pursuant to authority of Article V, Section (a) of the Constitution of the Hualapai Tribe approved March 13, 1992.


Sherry J. Counts, Chairwoman
HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

ATTEST:


Adeline Crozier, Assis. Secretary
HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

TRIBAL RESOLUTION

TC-055-13

Pertaining to National Trust for Historic Preservation Implementation

- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council (the "Council") of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (the "Pueblo"), is the duly constituted traditional governing body of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo exercising all inherent governmental power, fiscal authority, and tribal sovereignty as recognized in sections 101 and 104 of the Act of August 18, 1987 (the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Restoration Act), 101 Stat. 666, Public Law No. 100-89; and,
- WHEREAS, the Pueblo has operated from time immemorial as a Native American political sovereign without organic or written constitution, charter, or by-laws; and,
- WHEREAS, the Pueblo governs itself by oral tradition; and,
- WHEREAS, the Council, has authorized the Governor or in his absence the Lieutenant Governor of the Pueblo to act for the Tribe in the signing of this resolution; and,
- WHEREAS, the civil and criminal law authority of the Pueblo is vested in the Council consisting of the Cacique, Governor, Lt. Governor, Aguacil, War Captain and four (4) Council members; and,
- WHEREAS, The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo is culturally affiliated with all known Puebloan groups including the 19 New Mexico Pueblos, the Hopi Tribe of Arizona, and all Ancestral Puebloan groups including so-called "Anasazi" peoples and sites
- WHEREAS, All Pueblos have a basis for claiming cultural affiliation from all Ancestral Pueblo sites in the San Juan Region. As a Tanoan speaking group, Ysleta del Sur maintains the same oral traditions which states that Tanoan speaking groups lived in the Four Corners region centuries ago.
- WHEREAS, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo supports the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Implementation of a Cultural Resource Preservation and Land Management Plan in San Juan County, Utah.
- WHEREAS, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo supports the Utah Navajo in its proposed creation of the One' Bikeyan National Conservation Area, and its efforts to protect cultural and biological resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribal Council as follows

1. Accepts that all Pueblos have a basis for claiming cultural affiliation from all Ancestral Pueblo Sites in the San Juan Region. They support the National Trust for Historic Preservation Implementations of a Cultural Resource Preservation and Land Management Plan in San Juan County, UTAH, and, also support the UTAH Navajo's efforts to protect cultural and biological resources

ADOPTED this the 5th day of November

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Governor/Lt. Governor of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo hereby Certify that the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribal Council at a meeting convened and held on the 5th day of November, 2013, at the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo approved the foregoing Resolution, a quorum being presented and that 8 voted for, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained

YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO:


Frank Paiz
Tribal Governor

ATTEST:


Ledy Granillo
Tribal Council Secretary

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Office of the Chairman

Mr. Manuel Heart
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August 12, 2015

VIA Hand Delivery

Members of Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition

Dear Tribes:

I am writing to express Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's support of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and to state the Tribe's concerns and interest in the protection of cultural resources within the Bears Ears region.

As you know, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has numerous important and sacred interests in the region surrounding Bears Ears. Not only does the Tribe have federal trust lands (both reservation land and allotments) that are held in trust for the best interests of the Tribe and the related Tribal Members, but we also have private fee lands and numerous Tribal Members reside within San Juan County. Our ancestors have occupied the region for generations and our people are intrinsically tied to the lands; for health and prosperity depended upon the health of the lands. Few things are more important to us than the protections and preservations we put in place today on our invaluable land resources.

To protect the lands and preserve the important cultural and natural resources that are so valuable to us, we intend to participate in the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. However the Tribe is most interested in the management of the region and we intend to examine any proposed management plan in order to ensure that the Tribe's interests are properly addressed. Until such management plan is developed, we cannot state with certainty that we will support the management plan so we respectfully request copies of all proposed plans and related documents. We are confident that a proper plan can be developed, especially if developed by the Coalition. Not only can we establish a model for future land management, but we can ensure these lands are managed in the best interest of our people.

Therefore, please accept this letter in support of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and the development of a management plan for the region and we intend to participate in the development of a management plan for the region that will protect the valuable cultural and natural resources that are so important to the Ute people.

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Chief Jack House, Last Traditional Chief 1896-1972

Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with each of you on this important project.

Respectfully,

Manuel Heart

Manuel Heart
Chairman



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July 14, 2015

Via Email and Hand Delivery

Re: Ute Indian Tribe's Support for Preserving the Bears Ears Region

Dear Messrs. Manual Heart and Kenneth Maryboy:

The Tribal Business Committee ("Business Committee") of the Ute Indian Tribe ("Tribe") supports the permanent protection of the Bears Ears region in the form of a National Conservation Area, or alternatively, as a new National Monument. Providing better stewardship and stronger protections preserves Native American heritage for current and future generations.

Native American traditional and cultural sites need protection from outside threats such as mineral development, indiscriminate off-road vehicle use, and looting. Not only is the Bears Ears region a natural wonder, it is a cultural landscape that contains archaeological and sacred sites, and has been traditionally used for collecting traditional medicines and for ceremonies. With the increase in recreational use, this region deserves status as a National Conservation Area.

Without federal protection, this extraordinary landscape that is culturally significant to so many Native American groups faces the likelihood of destruction. Therefore, the Ute Indian Tribe joins the Native American tribes and Pueblos that have already publically expressed their support to protect the Bears Ears region. Native American heritage cannot be ignored. It is time for the Bears Ears region to finally have the federal protection it deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shaun Chapoose". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Shaun Chapoose
Chairman, Ute Tribal Business Committee

Cc: Malcolm Lehi, Council Member, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #EC-15-002

TITLE: Supporting the Presidential Proclamation of the Bears Ears National Monument, Including Collaborative Management Between Tribal Nations and the Federal Agencies

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WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, the Bears Ears and surrounding land in Southeastern Utah have been a homeland and place of spiritual and cultural significance to tribal people. This living landscape continues to nurture, strengthen, and sustain tribal people, and tribal people remain dependent on these public lands to maintain our traditional livelihoods and cultural practices, such as hunting, gathering, and ceremonial uses.

WHEREAS, for the last century, tribal nations and tribal members have experienced removal from these ancestral homelands, and afterward, limited access to the land. Tribal nations and tribal members have also witnessed the looting of graves and sacred sites, and threats from more modern land uses such as off-road vehicle use and energy development.

WHEREAS, tribal leaders from Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, Zuni and Uintah & Ouray Ute formed the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition with the goal of protecting and preserving the homeland area of the Bears Ears region.

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition's chosen outcome is for President Obama to use his powers under the Antiquities Act to declare the Bears Ears National Monument, and secure permanent protection for these lands.

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition requests that President Obama proclaim the 1.9 million Bears Ears National Monument to honor the worldviews of our ancestors and Tribes today.

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition proposal asks that the new monument be managed under a path-breaking, comprehensive, and entirely workable regime of true Federal-Tribal Collaborative Management.

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears National Monument has every opportunity to serve as the shining example of the trust, the government-to-government relationship, and innovative, cutting-edge land management.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby urge President Obama to use his powers under the Antiquities Act to declare the Bears Ears National Monument and, by doing so, provide permanent protection for these lands.

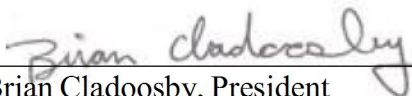
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Uintah & Ouray Ute, and Ute Mountain Tribes that comprise the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and their shared goal of permanently protecting the Bears Ears region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support the Bears Ears National Monument being meaningfully co-managed between the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition Tribes and federal management agencies for the purpose of honoring the trust relationship, protecting tribal sacred homelands, and preserving traditional and cultural ways of life.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee of the National Congress of American Indians, held via a poll of Board Members, September 20, 2015 in Washington, D.C. with a quorum present.



Brian Cladoosby, President

ATTEST:



Aaron Payment, Recording Secretary

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Subject: Fwd: Tribes Call On Obama to Bar Uranium Mining in Grand Canyon Forever - ICTMN.com

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From: Matt Keller <matt_keller@twc.org>
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To: ryan.conservationlands <ryan@conservationlands.org>, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Tribes Call On Obama to Bar Uranium Mining in Grand Canyon Forever - [ICTMN.com](http://www.ictmn.com)

here is the most recent coverage:

My Turn: Native Americans' role at Bears Ears

Arizona Republic, November 21, 2016
By Rebecca Tsosie

<http://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/2016/11/21/native-americans-role-bears-ears/93417562/>

Opinion: Still time for President Barack Obama to save Bears Ears

The Denver Post, November 19, 2016

By former U.S. Senator Mark Udall (D-CO)

<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/11/19/still-time-for-president-obama-to-save-bears-ears/>

Battle Lines Over Trump's Lands Policy Stretch Across 640 Million Acres

The New York Times, November 18, 2016

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/19/us/battle-lines-over-trumps-lands-policy-stretch-across-640-million-acres.html>

quote from Delegate Davis Filfred at end of the piece.

Sacred land protection efforts face questions with Donald Trump

[Indianz.com](http://www.indianz.com), November 18, 2016

Davis Filfred quoted

<http://www.indianz.com/News/2016/11/18/sacred-land-protection-efforts-face-ques.asp>

Article about the potential change in conservation policy under the Trump Administration.

Ancient Anasazi ruins open up a remarkable, endangered landscape in southern Utah

The Sacramento Bee, November 11, 2016

<http://www.sacbee.com/entertainment/living/travel/article113147428.html>

The article ran in numerous papers across the country

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

Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 12:47 PM

Subject: Tribes Call On Obama to Bar Uranium Mining in Grand Canyon Forever - [ICTMN.com](http://www.ictmn.com)

To: ryan.conservationalands <ryan@conservationlands.org>, Matt Keller <matt_keller@twos.org>

Anything like this for UT post 11/8, that I may have missed?

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2016/11/22/tribes-call-obama-bar-uranium-mining-grand-canyon-forever-166468>

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Subject: RE: Zuni Tribe support Letter for Bears Ears Designation

This is great. Thank you, Carleton, and hope all is well with you!

From: Carleton Bowekaty [mailto:Carleton.Bowekaty@ashiwi.org]
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November 30, 2016

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President,

In light of the recent national elections, I am writing on behalf of the Zuni Tribe to express our continuing support for the designation of a Bears Ears National Monument under the Antiquities Act of 1906.

We reaffirm our Tribal Resolution M70-2016-P014 of March 7, 2016, which resolved that: "the Pueblo of Zuni, along with the other nineteen Pueblos, as well as Ute Mountain, Uintah & Ouray Ute, Navajo, and Hopi Nations stand together as one unified Native American coalition dedicated to the permanent protection of the Bears Ears region and its cultural and natural resources through a national monument designation."

Our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Tribal Council further resolved that: "the Bears Ears region of Southeastern Utah holds immense importance for all the Pueblo peoples' identity and history, including and but not limited to, villages, shrines, burials, rock inscriptions, dwellings, and ancient transportation routes, as well as natural resources necessary for traditional and spiritual practice."

Pueblo ancestral sites in the Bears Ears region are threatened by looting, desecration, irresponsible motorized travel, and mining and energy development. These activities severely impact the historic and cultural integrity of sites. In addition, Native peoples utilize the plants and animals of the Bears Ears region in traditional practices, which are also being negatively affected by a lack of sufficient protections.

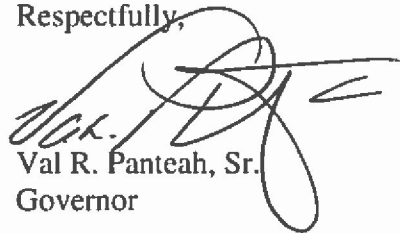
A Bears Ears National Monument designation with strong collaborative management between tribes and the federal government is a superlative opportunity to heal the damage done to the land, and to tribal peoples. It will serve as a landmark of cooperation, public benefit, and the government to government relationship with Native American tribes. This national monument will honor the cultures and identities tied to the Bears Ears, and ensure it remains a place of deep connections for our children and grandchildren.

Given that the next administration will be one of great uncertainty for both public lands and inter-governmental relations, we honorably renew our request to designate Bears Ears as a national monument,

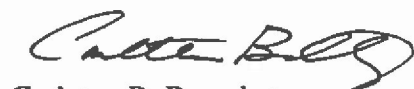
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and we urge you to act swiftly. Together we can protect the final resting places and remains of our ancestors, our cultural and sacred sites, and the natural integrity and beauty of the Bears Ears region.

Respectfully,



Val R. Panteah, Sr.
Governor



Carleton R. Bowekaty
Councilman

Attachment: Zuni Tribal Council Resolution Number M70-2016-P014: "Permanent Protection of Bears Ears Region through National Monument Designation."



**ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL
ZUNI, NEW MEXICO**

March 7, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. M70-2016-P014

Permanent Protection of Bears Ears Region through National Monument Designation

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council, consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and six Tenientes is declared to be the legislative authority of the Pueblo of Zuni by Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council, Pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(d) of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe, to represent the tribe, and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribe, Also known as the Pueblo of Zuni, is a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, to protect the traditional cultural properties and sacred sites of ancestral Pueblo people is paramount to all and each Pueblo's cultural preservation now and in the future, and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears region of Southeastern Utah is historically, culturally, and spiritually tied to Native American tribes, including but not limited to, the Navajo, Hopi, Ute, and Zuni people; and

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WHEREAS, archaeological and cultural sites in the Bears Ears region face destruction, desecration, and violation from irresponsible motorized travel, energy development, mining, uneducated visitors, and looting of ancestral sites and burials; and

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WHEREAS, to prevent harm and mitigate existing damage to the Bears Ears region the Pueblo of Zuni is seeking permanent protection; and

WHEREAS, the Antiquities Act of 1906 is an invaluable and essential tool in protecting Native American sacred and cultural sites in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Zuni is a member of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, a partnership with Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, and Uintah & Ouray Ute which is supported by the National Congress of American Indians and a total of 26 tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition is asking for a national monument designation using presidential authority for the Bears Ears region under the 1906 Antiquities Act; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Zuni supports collaborative management of the Bears Ears region between tribes and the federal government, and the government to government relationship shall ensure proper protection, preservation and management of the sacred ancestral sites and regions for all Pueblo people and Native Americans as whole; and

THEREFORE NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pueblo of Zuni, along with the other nineteen Pueblos, as well as Ute Mountain, Uintah & Ouray Ute, Navajo, and Hopi Nations stand together as one unified Native American coalition dedicated to the permanent protection of the Bears Ears region and its cultural and natural resources through a national monument designation

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Zuni Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Zuni, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining on March 7, 2016.



Audrey A. Simplicio, Tribal Council Secretary
Pueblo of Zuni

APPROVED / DISAPPROVED



for Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor

3/7/16

Date

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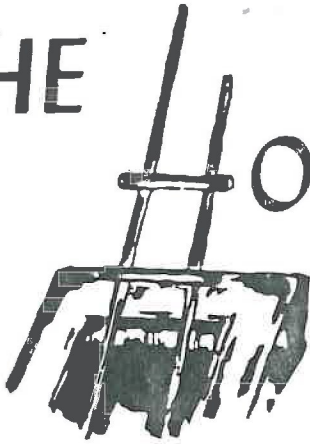
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To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Letter/Memo

Very good. > On Nov 29, 2016, at 5:33 PM, Buffa, Nicole <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov> wrote: > > YAY! > ----- Forwarded message ----- > From: Anna Saufkie <ASaufkie@hopi.nsn.us> > Date: Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 5:13 PM > Subject: Letter/Memo > To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, " > **Michael Degnan - (b) (6)** <[REDACTED]>, **Michael Degnan - (b) (6)** <[REDACTED]> " > tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov" <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov> > Cc: "Natasha K. Hale" <njohnson@grandcanyontrust.org> > > > Dear Ms. Buffa, Mr. Degnan, and Mr. Beaudreau, > > > Attached is an updated letter from Hopi Chairman Herman Honanie, and Vice > Chairman Alfred Lomahquahu reaffirming full support for a Bears Ears > National Monument designation. I'm also resending the Hopi Tribal Council > resolution that also officially supports this position. > > > Askwali, > > Anna Saufkie, Executive Secretary II to Hopi Vice Chairman > > > > *Anna Saufkie-Selestewa, Executive Secretary II* > > *Office of Vice Chairman* > > *The Hopi Tribe* > > *P.O. Box 123* > > *Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039* > > *(928) 734-3113* > > *ASaufkie@hopi.nsn.us* <ASaufkie@hopi.nsn.us>* > > > > -- > Nikki Buffa > Deputy Chief of Staff > US Department of the Interior > 202-219-3861 > nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov > <042-2016-Memo-Approval-to-support-proposal-for-a-presidential-proclamation-designating-Bears-Ears-National-Monument.pdf> > >

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HOPI TRIBE

Herman G. Honanie
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

FROM: *Maxine Wadsworth*
Maxine Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary
Hopi Tribal Council

DATE: March 25, 2016

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL FOR A PRESIDENTIAL
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING BEARS EARS NATIONAL
MONUMENT – A.I. #042-2016/H-035-2016



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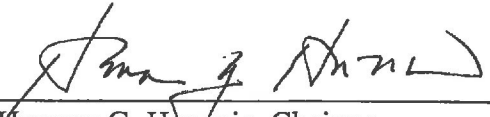
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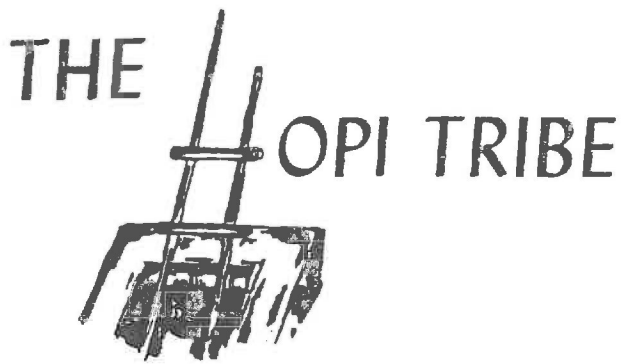


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ATTEST:



Maxine Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary
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September 30, 2014

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C.

Senator Orin Hatch
104 Hart Senate Office Building
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123 Cannon Building
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Dear Mr. President, Senators and Congressmen,

On behalf of Hopi people, Hopisenom, I have the honor of providing the Hopi Tribe's support for the designation of the greater Cedar Mesa area including Alkali Ridge and Montezuma Canyon in southeastern Utah as a National Conservation Area or National Monument.

Pursuant to the enclosed Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-70-94, the Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to ancestral puebloan cultural groups in the greater Cedar Mesa area. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate your solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

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However, if Congress fails to act quickly to protect this landscape, we urge the President to be ready to preserve this imperiled resource as a National Monument before the end of this term.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at lkuwanwisiwma@hopi.nsn.us or 928-734-3611. Thank again you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Herman G. Honanie, Chairman
THE HOPI TRIBE

PROPOSED BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

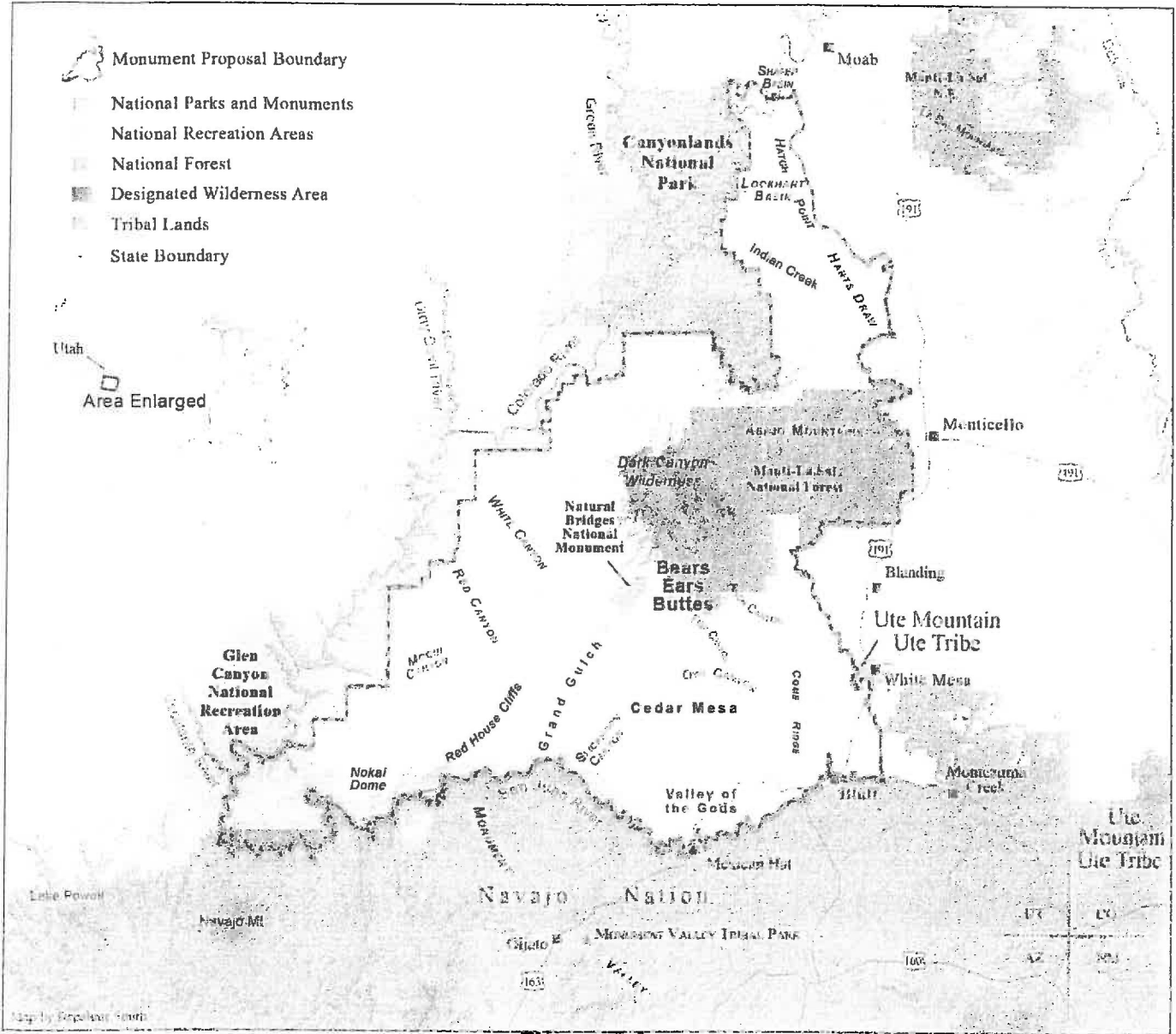


EXHIBIT A



Herman G. Honanie
Chairman

Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr.
Vice-Chairman

November 29, 2016

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Hopi people, Hopisenom, we write to urge you to use your authority to designate of the Bears Ears region in Southeast Utah as a national monument. In responding to Native communities' request for a national monument, you will ensure future generations have the opportunity to experience their ancestral lands – their heritage – at Bears Ears as we do today.

The modern day federal lands of the Bears Ears region are the Hopi Tribe's ancestral lands. As articulated in detail in Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-70-94, the Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to ancestral puebloan groups that inhabited the Bears Ears. Our ancestors settle and lived in the Bears Ears region during their long migration to *Tuuwanasavi* (the Center of the Earth) on Hopi Mesas.

We have long requested avoidance and preservation of our ancestors' remains, but the federal land managers of the Bears Ears region simply lack the capacity to do so. While we have spoken out for years about the need to permanently protect this region through a special designation like a national monument, those calls have fallen on deaf ears in Congress. Meanwhile, the Bears Ears landscape continues to suffer from grave robbing, looting and disrespect. Without a national monument designation, these desecrations are only sure to grow in the years ahead.

We appreciate the efforts of your administration to work with, and listen to Tribes and other interested parties before taking action. Those steps are sure to produce a better outcome. Yet after 80 years of inaction, it should be clear that the only path to protecting Bears Ears is via the Antiquities Act – a tool created precisely for the protection of cultural and historic objects. Such objects define the Bears Ears, and were left behind as “footprints” of ancient villages, trails, petroglyphs, springs, as well as our ancestors' remains. Hopi ancestors who lived in the Bears Ears continue to inhabit the land today, and are part of a living landscape that sustains our Hopi identity. This deep and timeless connection to the Bears Ears is the basis for reasserting our request that you use your authority under the Antiquities Act to establish a Bears Ears National Monument.

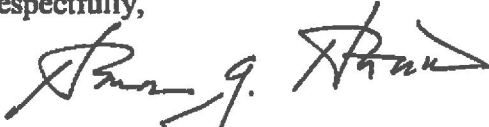
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The Hopi Tribe's support for a Bears Ears National Monument will not end the day it is designated. We are committed to partnering with federal land managers to collaboratively manage these lands in perpetuity, to advocating for appropriate resources to care for Bears Ears, and if necessary, to defending the national monument from those who may seek to undermine it. Our support, like a Bears Ears National Monument, will endure.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,



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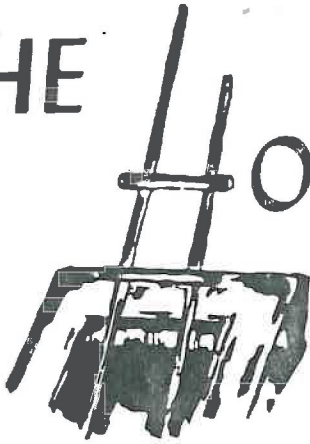
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CC: The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior
The Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture
The Honorable Christina W. Goldfuss, Managing Director,
Council on Environmental Quality

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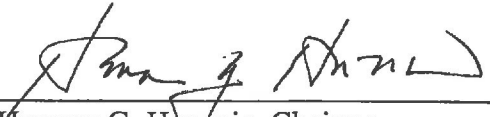
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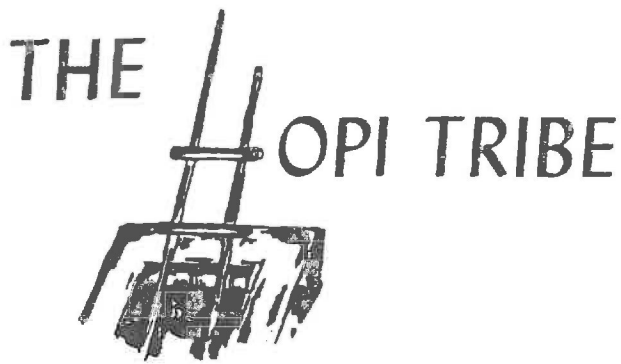


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Pursuant to the enclosed Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-70-94, the Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to ancestral puebloan cultural groups in the greater Cedar Mesa area. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate your solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

Hopi migration is intimately associated with a sacred Covenant between the Hopi people and *Màasaw*, the Earth Guardian, in which the Hopi people made a solemn promise to protect the land by serving as stewards of the Earth. In accordance with this Covenant, ancestral Hopi clans

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traveled through and settled on the lands in and around southeastern Utah during their long migration to *Tuuwanasavi*, the Earth Center on the Hopi Mesas.

The land is a testament of Hopi stewardship through thousands of years, manifested by the "footprints" of ancient villages, sacred springs, migration routes, pilgrimage trails, artifacts, petroglyphs, and the physical remains of buried *Hisatsinom*, the "People of Long Ago," all of which were intentionally left to mark the land as proof that the Hopi people have fulfilled their Covenant. The Hopi ancestors buried in the area continue to inhabit the land, and they are intimately associated with the clouds that travel out across the countryside to release the moisture that sustains all life.

The Hopi footprints and clouds are part of a living, sacred landscape that nourishes and sustains Hopi identity. This landscape is steeped in cultural values and maintained through oral traditions, songs, ceremonial dances, pilgrimages, and stewardship. As a cultural landscape, the archaeological sites and physical terrain situates the Hopi people in time and space, providing a geographical conception of history and religion that connects the past, present and future. These lands are part of our ancestral lands. Hopi history and cultural values associated with ancestral sites and landscapes are deep and abiding.

We are fully aware that over the last few decades the archaeological, natural and geographic resources in the region have been severely impacted by looting, federal management inadequacies, industrial development, and rampant visitation including increased motorized and recreational access and inappropriate all terrain vehicle use. We have encouraged the BLM to enforce the laws protecting cultural and natural resources on public land in San Juan County and not to acquiesce to local political and illegal actions by proposing to make illegal motorized trails into legal motorized roads on public lands that contain irreplaceable cultural resources that have been looted for over a Century and continue to be looted today.


We appreciate the Friends of Cedar Mesa and National Trust for Historic Preservation for working with the Hopi Tribe and other tribes culturally associated to the area to develop proposals that will enhance the protection of cultural landscapes and the sites within them in San Juan County.

And therefore, the Hopi Tribe and Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports Congressional action to designate the greater Cedar Mesa area as a National Conservation Area. Based on over century of looting and grave robbing, we also support a provision in the designation that provides for protection and preservation and avoidance of our ancestor's human remains. Such a designation could accomplish the goal of prioritizing protection of cultural resources while also allowing flexibility in management of traditional Native American uses.

However, if Congress fails to act quickly to protect this landscape, we urge the President to be ready to preserve this imperiled resource as a National Monument before the end of this term.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at lkuwanwisiwma@hopi.nsn.us or 928-734-3611. Thank again you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Herman G. Honan, Chairman
THE HOPI TRIBE

PROPOSED BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

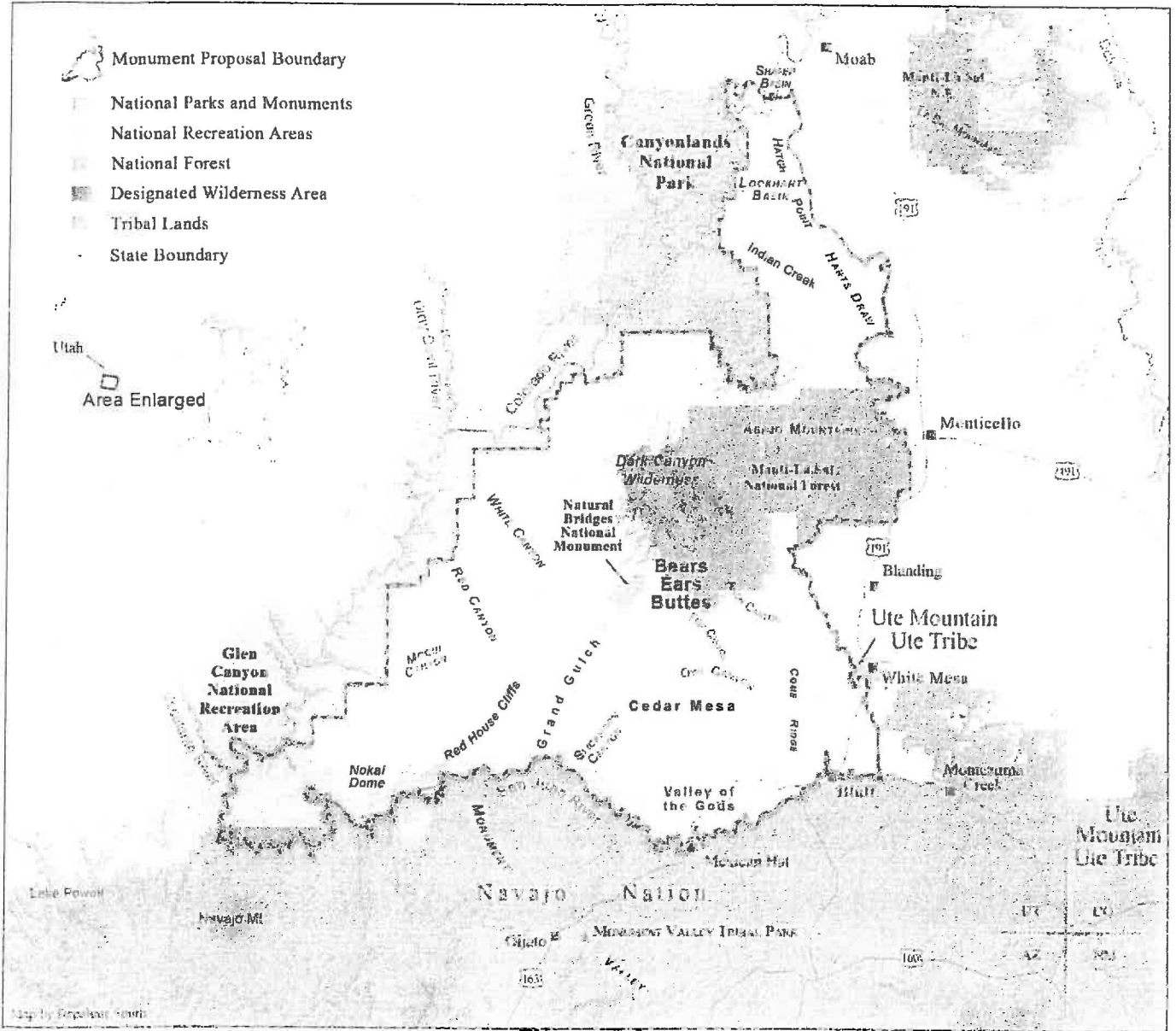


EXHIBIT A



Herman G. Honanie
Chairman

Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr.
Vice-Chairman

November 29, 2016

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Hopi people, Hopisenom, we write to urge you to use your authority to designate of the Bears Ears region in Southeast Utah as a national monument. In responding to Native communities' request for a national monument, you will ensure future generations have the opportunity to experience their ancestral lands – their heritage – at Bears Ears as we do today.

The modern day federal lands of the Bears Ears region are the Hopi Tribe's ancestral lands. As articulated in detail in Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-70-94, the Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to ancestral puebloan groups that inhabited the Bears Ears. Our ancestors settle and lived in the Bears Ears region during their long migration to *Tuuwanasavi* (the Center of the Earth) on Hopi Mesas.

We have long requested avoidance and preservation of our ancestors' remains, but the federal land managers of the Bears Ears region simply lack the capacity to do so. While we have spoken out for years about the need to permanently protect this region through a special designation like a national monument, those calls have fallen on deaf ears in Congress. Meanwhile, the Bears Ears landscape continues to suffer from grave robbing, looting and disrespect. Without a national monument designation, these desecrations are only sure to grow in the years ahead.

We appreciate the efforts of your administration to work with, and listen to Tribes and other interested parties before taking action. Those steps are sure to produce a better outcome. Yet after 80 years of inaction, it should be clear that the only path to protecting Bears Ears is via the Antiquities Act – a tool created precisely for the protection of cultural and historic objects. Such objects define the Bears Ears, and were left behind as “footprints” of ancient villages, trails, petroglyphs, springs, as well as our ancestors' remains. Hopi ancestors who lived in the Bears Ears continue to inhabit the land today, and are part of a living landscape that sustains our Hopi identity. This deep and timeless connection to the Bears Ears is the basis for reasserting our request that you use your authority under the Antiquities Act to establish a Bears Ears National Monument.

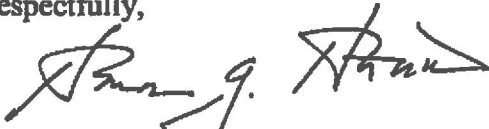
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The Hopi Tribe's support for a Bears Ears National Monument will not end the day it is designated. We are committed to partnering with federal land managers to collaboratively manage these lands in perpetuity, to advocating for appropriate resources to care for Bears Ears, and if necessary, to defending the national monument from those who may seek to undermine it. Our support, like a Bears Ears National Monument, will endure.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,



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THE HOPI TRIBE



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CC: The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior
The Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture
The Honorable Christina W. Goldfuss, Managing Director,
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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Sat Nov 19 2016 20:16:44 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Neil Kornze <nkornze@blm.gov>, "jwhitloc@blm.gov" <jwhitloc@blm.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <Tommy_Beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Bears Ears Coalition Letter - November 18 2016.pdf
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FYI - I know Pat has been engaging you guys. Wanted to make sure you saw our recent correspondence.

Fred Ferguson

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

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Date: November 19, 2016 at 22:15:23 EST
To: "pas@patrickashea.com" <pas@patrickashea.com>
Subject: **Bears Ears Coalition Letter - November 18 2016.pdf**

Hey Pat,

Great hearing from you. This letter is not public nor is the November 2 letter. But I wanted you to be aware. We cannot move forward without the tribal input

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they agreed to provide during our Nov 2 meeting. As you know a bill has very little chance of success when tribes oppose. This is why we've been working so hard to bring them back to the table.

Thanks for what you do.

Best,
Fred

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

From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Mon Nov 14 2016 14:15:06 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <Tommy_Beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: very misleading headline

This article has a pretty good map that shows how far away the drill pads are from the actual bears ears and cedar mesa. You'll see that both locations are EAST of State Road 191 and ~5 miles east of the eastern edge of Comb Ridge.

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/4554899-155/energy-company-looking-to-strike-oil>

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"Kelly, Katherine" <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

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To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
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NATIONAL MONUMENTS

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Ashley Korenblat <ashley@publiclandsolutions.org>

From: Ashley Korenblat <ashley@publiclandsolutions.org>
Sent: Fri Nov 04 2016 12:41:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <benjamin_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: More Trail info around the Bears Ears
Attachments: Goosenecks Expansion.pdf Goosenecks Expansion.pdf

Hi Ben and Tommy—Nikki's out of office message suggested passing on info to you guys—so please see below regarding some trail details near the Bears Ears. We are working to maintain good relationships with all the stakeholders!

Take care,
Ashley

Ashley Korenblat / **Public Land Solutions**
Managing Director
P: 801.910.3205
W: PublicLandSolutions.org

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ashley Korenblat <ashley@publiclandsolutions.org>
Subject: **More Trail info around the Bears Ears**
Date: November 4, 2016 at 12:36:05 PM MDT
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Nikki,

Hope you are pacing yourself—as I am sure you are crazy busy.

On the topic of more specific trail info around the Bears Ears—and in the spirit of maintaining good relationships with all stakeholders, I promised to pass on two items;

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1. **Goosenecks State Parks, Tim Smith, Utah State Parks** email below regarding a plan they have to build trails on nearby BLM land that will be administered by the State Park. Tim is an amazing bridge builder—I mean that figuratively—between groups, and so he will be a key player post proclamation.

2. **Abajo Mountains Motorized Trails, USFS**-link below to the motorized maps from the group Ride with Respect. http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd513812.pdf

All for now—if you have questions or we can help in any way, just let me know.

Take care,
Ashley

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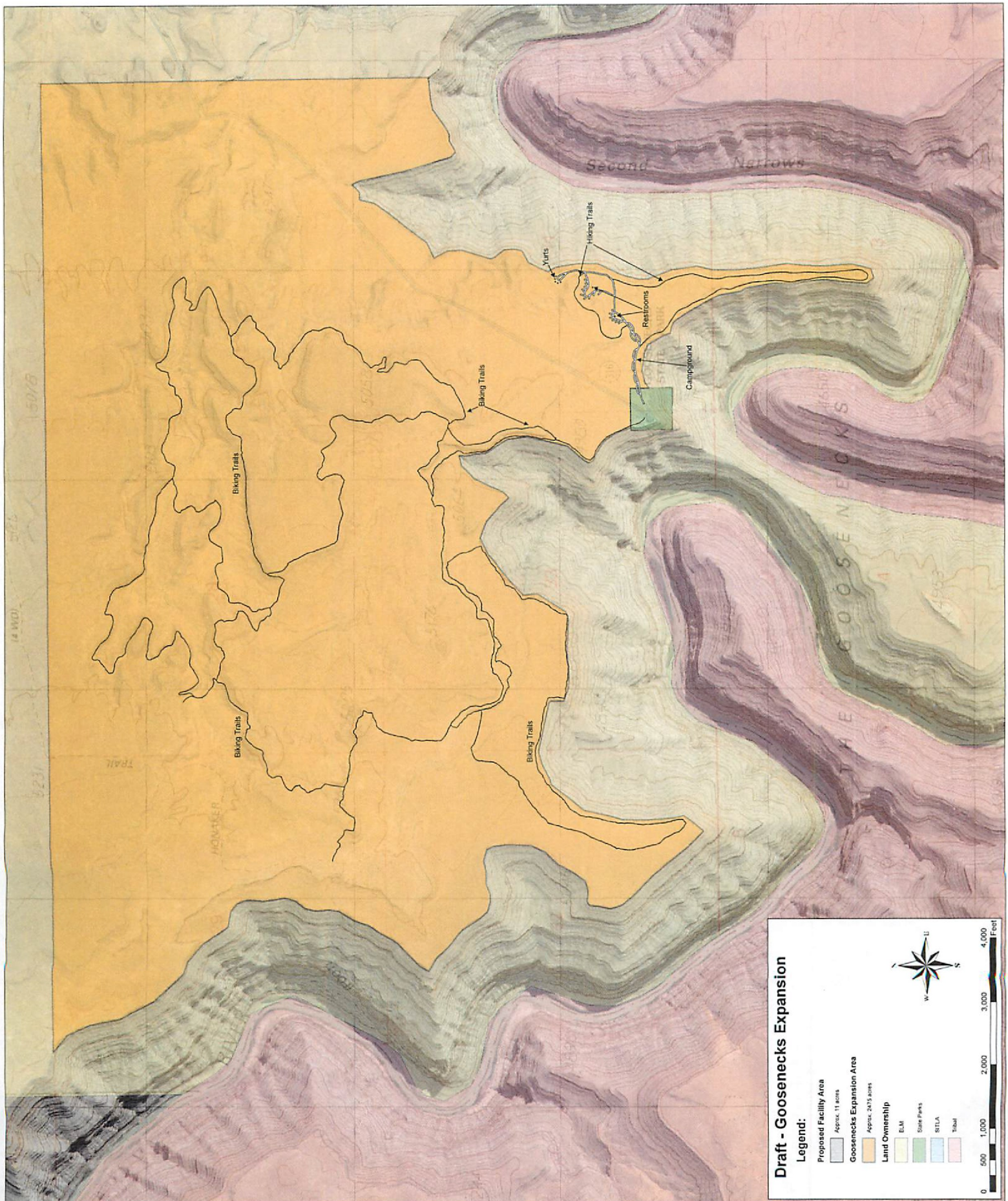
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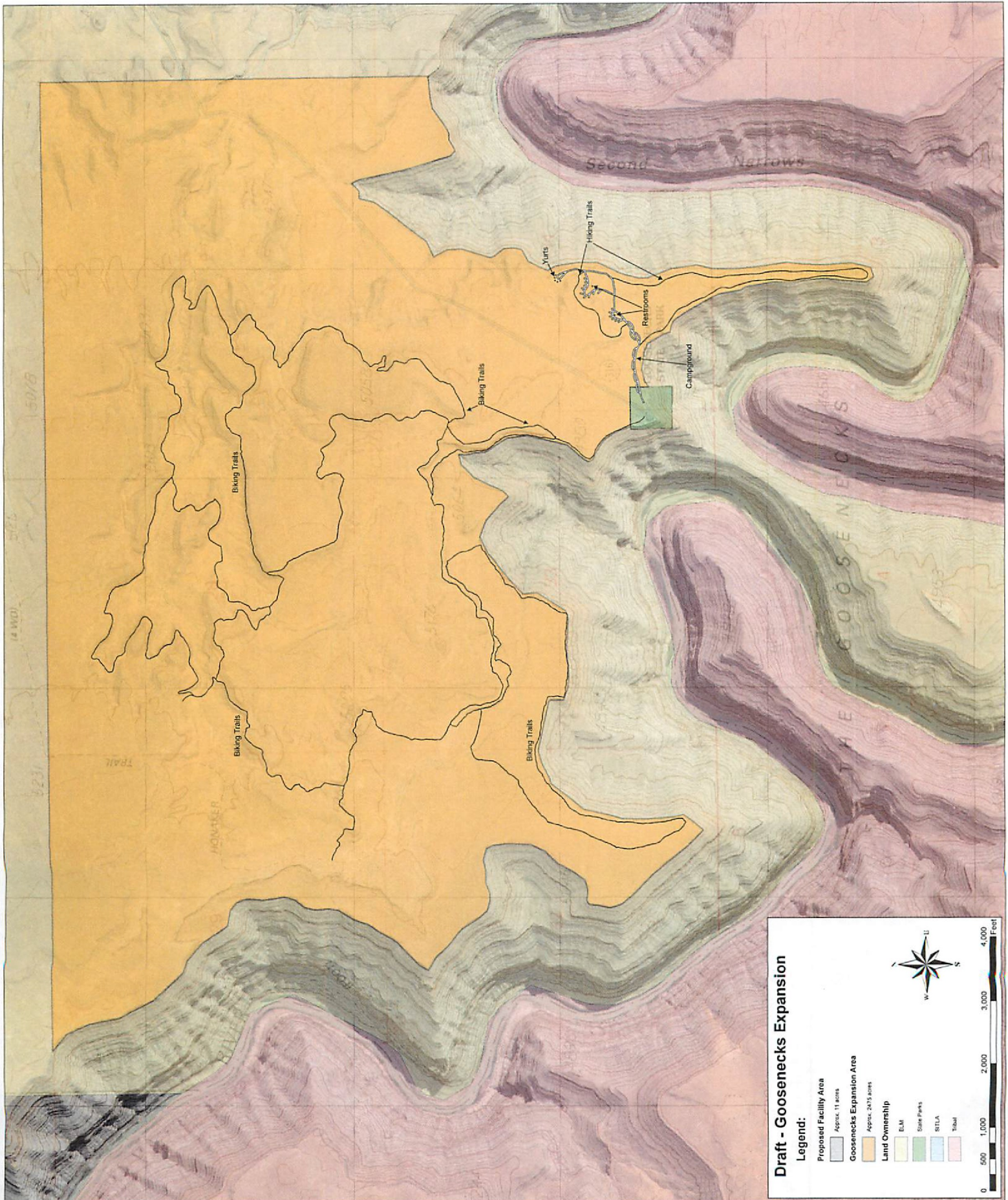
Hi Ashley,

Scott asked me to send you the map of our Goosenecks proposal (which by the way we are in the process of hiring a NEPA coordinator to lead that process and we are underway at Goblin Valley). Thank you for helping on this, it would be disappointing if a monument was designated and it shut all this down.

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From: Julie Lovato <julielovato@utah.gov>
Date: Fri, Nov 4, 2016 at 9:01 AM
Subject: Goosenecks Expansion
To: Tim Smith <timsmith@utah.gov>





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MEMO: The Bundys don't speak for the West

Center for Western Priorities <info@westernpriorities.org>

From: Center for Western Priorities <info@westernpriorities.org>
Sent: Thu Nov 03 2016 12:21:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: MEMO: The Bundys don't speak for the West

After the Malheur verdict...



TO: Interested Parties

November 3, 2016

FROM: Center for Western Priorities

Americans Won't be Bullied by the Bundy Family

The Bundys and their followers don't speak for the large majority of Westerners

After last week's surprise verdict in Oregon, Ammon Bundy, Ryan Bundy, and their father Cliven remain behind bars and will stand trial next year for their role in the 2014 armed standoff with law enforcement in Nevada.

But even from prison, the Bundys have continued [spouting nonsensical theories](#) about American public lands, reminding us just how out of step they are from the millions upon millions of Westerners who support parks and public lands, and the public servants who are committed to managing lands for the American people.

As you read news coverage of the Bundy family and their small cohort of vocal followers over the coming months, it is important to keep in mind that they reflect neither a mainstream or majority opinion among Americans who make their homes in Western states.

The Bundys do not speak for the large majority of Westerners

- Throughout the West, strong majorities support our national public lands. According to [public opinion research](#), more than 90 percent of voters in Nevada, Colorado and Montana believe public lands are an essential part of their state's economy. Further, 58

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percent of Westerners [oppose](#) giving states control over national public lands.

- In Nevada, 50 percent of likely voters [do not agree](#) with the Cliven Bundy and his supporters, with only 30 percent supporting him. Polling shows that the more Nevadans hear about the Bundys and their ideas, the [more they dislike them](#).
- Land managers are public servants performing valuable work, from working with ranchers to caring for wildlife populations. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

Westerners support conserving our public lands and designating new national monuments

- In Nevada, 71 percent of likely voters [support](#) protecting the Gold Butte region as a national monument, including broad majorities of Democrats, Republicans and Independents.
- In Arizona, 80 percent of likely voters [support](#) protecting the watersheds surrounding the Grand Canyon as a national monument.
- In Utah, 66 percent [support](#) protecting the Bears Ears region as a national monument.
- 80 percent of Western voters [support](#) the protection of public lands as national monuments by future presidents.

The land seizure movement is failing and far outside the mainstream

- In recent years, proponents of land seizure efforts have [lost elections](#) and land seizure bills have failed in state legislatures across the West. Outside of Utah, [15 of 16 land seizure bills](#) considered in Western state legislatures failed last year.
- In this election cycle, supporting our public lands has been seen as a winning issue for candidates in both parties. For example, [Montana's gubernatorial](#) race and [Colorado's 3rd congressional district](#) both feature candidates touting their support for public lands.
- The primary group pushing the land seizure agenda, the American Lands Council, has seen its membership [drop](#) 45 percent in the past year. Meanwhile, Western Attorneys General provided a [sharp rebuke](#) to the legality of the agenda being pushed by the Bundys and the American Lands Council.
- While members of the Bundy family have [compared themselves](#) to Martin Luther King, Jr., their tactics are anything but non-violent. By leading armed standoffs, the Bundys have [fanned the flames](#) of a militia movement that exists on the fringes of our society.

The Bundys are still behind bars and facing serious charges for their role in the 2014 armed standoff in Nevada

- Cliven Bundy, his sons Ammon, Ryan, David, and Mel, along with 14 other people, face [charges](#) for their roles in an armed standoff with federal employees in 2014. Charges include threatening a federal law enforcement officer and assault on a federal officer.
- After failing to pay more than [\\$1 million](#) in grazing fees and fines owed to American taxpayers, the Bundys directed armed followers to confront federal agents and contractors who were removing cattle illegally grazing on U.S. public lands.

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- In the armed standoff, the Bundys and their followers surrounded federal agents, far outnumbering them. Many participants carried firearms and some went so far as to take sniper positions, [aiming semi-automatic rifles](#) at federal employees.

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The Center for Western Priorities is a conservation policy and advocacy organization focused on land and energy issues across the American West.

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Fwd: Today's meeting the Bears Ears Coalition

Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Nov 03 2016 06:37:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Today's meeting the Bears Ears Coalition

FYI only. Readout from the UT delegation meeting with the tribes.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Prandoni, Chris (Lee)" <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>
Date: November 3, 2016 at 1:21:11 AM EDT
To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: **Today's meeting the Bears Ears Coalition**

Today we met with Regina, Leland Begay of the Mountain Ute, and Zuni councilman Carleton Bowekaty.

Lee, Hatch, Chaffetz, and Bishop staff were present.

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. To that end, we formally asked the tribes for co-management language. Their requests were more general in nature with a couple exceptions.

The tribal leaders will report back to the rest of the coalition and let us know how best to work through their concerns.

We didn't change the world today but we did rebuild a lot of trust. I know we are on the clock, but as long as both parties remain sincere, I think we still have a chance at a breakthrough.

I'm sure we'll discuss more later but I wanted to shoot you a note tonight.

Chris

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From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Nov 01 2016 14:27:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Sally Jewell <SRJ2@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: BEITC to meet with UTAH delegation

Sally - The Coalition wanted you to know that they plan to meet with the Utah delegation tomorrow. All involved see this as a positive development.

Thanks,
Nikki

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From: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk <rwhiteskunk@utemountain.org>
Date: Tue, Nov 1, 2016 at 3:06 PM
Subject: BEITC to meet with UTAH delegation
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Sally Jewell <srj2@ios.doi.gov>

From: Sally Jewell <srj2@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Nov 01 2016 14:35:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: RE: BEITC to meet with UTAH delegation

That's great – thanks.

From: Buffa, Nicole [mailto:nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 4:27 PM
To: Sally Jewell; Tommy Beaudreau
Subject: Fwd: BEITC to meet with UTAH delegation

Sally - The Coalition wanted you to know that they plan to meet with the Utah delegation tomorrow. All involved see this as a positive development.

Thanks,
Nikki

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From: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk <rwhiteskunk@utemountain.org>
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Followup from our meeting!

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Subject: Nice to see you + follow-up

Hi Nikki and Michael,

It was nice to see you both last week. Thanks, as always, for your time. We appreciate your insights.

After returning from DC, a reporter from the NPR affiliate in Salt Lake interviewed me in response to our letter of support for the Bears Ears proposal. In case you missed it, here is the link to the piece.

<http://kuer.org/post/outdoor-industry-throws-its-clout-behind-bears-ears-national-monument-proposal#stream/0>

We also had some fun with the old DOI Escalante map.
<http://www.conservationalliance.com/tale-two-maps-time-protectbearsnow/>

I hope all is well with you!

Best,

-John

John Sterling

Executive Director

The Conservation Alliance

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Fwd: Secretarial Order OpEd

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Sent: Mon Oct 24 2016 16:26:28 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
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To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Secretarial Order OpEd

Hi Nikki,
The below OpEd was submitted to the SLTribune today highlighting Friday's Secretarial Order. I hope this helps. Dr. Codding is an expert at testing traditional knowledge stewardship practices.

Thanks,
Gavin

Title: Feds and Tribes agree on the benefits of collaborative land management

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On Friday, October 21, the Department of the Interior released a Secretarial Order encouraging cooperative land management partnerships between federal agencies and Tribes. This comes at a prescient time in Utah when Tribes are unsatisfied with how federal, state and local governments have managed their ancestral lands. This dissatisfaction is manifest in the proposal for a Bears Ears National Monument which calls for the protection of some 1.9 million acres in southern Utah sacred to five Tribes. But while Feds and Tribes may find themselves in agreement, Utahns may be left with crucial questions, like “what is collaborative management and what will it do for me?”

The public at large should be asking these questions as our nation lacks precedent for bottom-up collaborative management between sovereign Tribal governments and the United States government. Indeed, the Bears Ears National Monument would become the first in the U.S. to formalize these relations, creating something unlike anything this country has seen before. But while we lack a national precedent, there is a global precedent for this type of arrangement, one that has brought significant benefits to all involved.

In Australia, researchers have found that collaborative management arrangements produce two mirrored results: a healthier natural environment and healthier Indigenous communities as they re-engage in caring for their ancestral lands. This movement known as “healthy country, healthy people”, reveals the significant benefits that can arise when sovereign governments cooperate, achieving win-win outcomes that include increased biodiversity and decreased health problems. The results lead many to argue that collaborative management is a clear path for sustainable economic development in rural communities.

Closer to home, our neighbors to the north have also successfully implemented collaborative management schemes. While not as integrated as many of the Australian cases, the Canadian government has also realized the benefits of integrating traditional knowledge from First Nations people into management decisions, and have established indigenous co-operative management boards who oversee the operations of Canada’s National Parks.

Of course, achieving similar results at Bears Ears may take time, but the social, ecological, and economic benefits of doing so could certainly be worth it. The five Tribes refer to these outcomes broadly as achieving “healing for people and the earth,” and considering the Bears Ears proposal in a global context, we should not be surprised to see increased resilience of diverse ecosystems and increased health of Tribal people (possibly followed by a reduction in the cost of Indian Health services paid by the Utah Department of Health). Moreover, such an arrangement would do as much as possible to preserve the rich archaeological heritage that is currently at risk in the area, all while possibly encouraging an influx of federal and tourism dollars that would provide a significant economic benefit to local populations.

The establishment of a collaborative management at Bears Ears National Monument would honor the rights of sovereign Tribal governments, preserve natural and cultural resources, and hopefully provide tangible environmental,

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health and economic benefits to local people. While our nation lacks a general model of collaborative management, Bears Ears provides an opportunity for Utahns to elevate the region and the nation as a global example of what is possible when governments work with governments to meet shared goals and preserve our public lands.

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Sent: Sun Oct 23 2016 11:31:27 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Press Advisory

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Utah Diné Bikéyah Supports Secretarial Order on Collaborative Management w Tribes

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 22, 2016

San Juan County, Utah

Contact: Gavin Noyes - (801) 521-7398,

In support of yesterday’s announcement of the Secretarial Order from the Department of Interior, Utah Diné Bikéyah, a local Navajo non-profit organization in San Juan County, Utah expresses its appreciation for recognizing the important role and opportunity that exists for federally recognized Tribes to cooperatively manage public lands.

“Having had the chance to review this order, I want to commend this administration on taking an important step forward in recognizing the value of engaging Native American Tribes in the collaborative management of our shared natural heritage. Today, is a good day for Indian Country and this order will help Tribes everywhere. Secretary Jewell’s order recognizes traditional knowledge as a management tool, respects our government to government relationship, and acknowledges the fact that our ancestors ‘inhabited the land that forms the present-day United States for millenia.” Said Willie Grayeyes, Chairman of Utah Diné Bikéyah.

The full Secretarial order can be found [online](#). While this document does not mention the proposed Bears Ears National Monument or describe how collaborative management might be set-up in SE Utah, it does provide some insights into Cooperative Agreements and legal mandates that already exist. It also differentiates between the terms Co-management and Collaborative Management.

Willie Grayeyes further states, “Collaborative management, as defined in this order, is now a tool available to all Tribes who trace cultural assets to what are now federal lands. In relation to the Bears Ears landscape, Utah Dine Bikeyah stands behind the Tribes’ request for the strongest collaborative management for Bears Ears that is legally possible, and we are pleased to see important steps like this being taken nationwide.”

The Bears Ears lands in Southeast Utah are the ancestral home of the Hopi, Navajo, Uintah and Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Zuni. These five sovereign governments have united as the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and are leading the effort to designate the region as a National Monument. Our ancestors lived, hunted, gathered, prayed, and built civilizations here. Today, local community members still use the area to gather medicinal plants and for ceremonies and hunting.

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Utah Diné Bikéyah, a Utah-based Native American grassroots organization that is instead working in favor of a Bears Ears National Monument and is working to empower Utah Navajos, Utes and other tribal members



BEARS EARS INTER-TRIBAL COALITION

A Partnership of the Hopi, Navajo, Uintah & Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Zuni Governments

June 29, 2016

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104 Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Rob Bishop
123 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Mike Lee
361A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative Jason Chaffetz
2236 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Hatch and Lee and Representatives Bishop and Chaffetz:

Thank you for your letter of June 24th requesting a meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition regarding your Public Lands Initiative.

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.

Accordingly, we respectfully decline your invitation. 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.

Respectfully,

Alfred Lomahquahu
Hopi Vice-Chairman
Co-Chair, Bears Ears
Inter-tribal Coalition

Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Council Member
Co-Chair, Bears Ears
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**PROPOSAL TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA FOR THE CREATION OF BEARS EARS NATIONAL
MONUMENT**

The Inter-Tribal Coalition has submitted this proposal to give ample time for the President to review and hopefully sign a proclamation under the Antiquities Act, or allow time for Representatives Bishop and Chaffetz to review the proposal and present their own plan. (pg. 19)

PROPOSALS and ASKS

Monument Boundaries:

- The Inter-Tribal Coalition would like to meet with departmental officials to explain the reasoning and appropriateness behind the proposed boundaries. (pg. 20)

Collaborative Management:

- The Agencies and the Tribes shall collaborate jointly on all procedures, decisions, and other activities except as otherwise provided in the Proclamation. (pg. 22)
- In the case of impasse or undue delay, the Agencies and the Tribes shall proceed to appropriate mediation. If such mediation fails, the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture shall in a written opinion explaining the reasons, make the relevant decisions. (pg. 22)

The Bears Ears Management Commission and the Monument Manager:

- **Management Commission:** This Commission would be the policy making and planning body for the monument. It would be a federally-created entity but not a federal agency. It would have eight members, one from each Tribe and one from each Federal agency. The Tribal members would receive salaries. The Commission members would choose a chairperson. The Commission would report to the Secretaries annually on the success of administering the monument and on plans and needs for the upcoming year. (pg. 29)
- **Monument Manager:** The Manager would be hired, and could be fired, by the Commission. The Commission will set performance standards for the Manager and conduct annual performance reviews. The Commission chairperson will have the direct supervisory relationship with the Manager. The Manager would report directly to the Commission. Senior staff and operational staff will be hired by the Manager. Monument offices should be located in the best location for visitors to the monument. (pg. 29)
- The Bears Ears presidential proclamation should direct agencies to use their best efforts to provide funding under the Indian Self-Determination statutes and other authorities for collaborative Management at Bears Ears. (pg. 30)
- The BLM, Forest Service, and Park Service should work together with the Tribes and manage Bears Ears as one, with, for example, the management plan and operations generally applying throughout the monument. (pg. 30)

Monument Planning and Operations:

- The management plan would be developed by Monument staff, with the Commission providing specific direction to staff regarding plan design and content, as well as review

throughout the process of plan development. Members of the public and other key stakeholders would have ample opportunity to contribute to the development of the plan through normal NEPA processes. Presumably, the proclamation would direct that this plan be completed within the customary three years. (pg. 30)

- Commission members will develop day-to-day operations procedures. The Manager will be responsible for day-to-day operations and designing an organization that accounts for basic functional areas. (pg. 31)
- This proposed monument will be open to all members of the public. (pg. 31)

Possible Opportunities:

- Opportunity to develop a world-class program or institute in Traditional Knowledge at the proposed monument. (pg. 31)
- Collaboration in traditional map art. (pg. 32-33)
- Opportunity to truly infuse Native values into public lands administration by pulling upon both indigenous knowledge and Western science. (pg. 33)

Federal-Tribal Agreements Supplemental to the Proclamation:

- The Commission and Manager would benefit from MOAs or MOUs, created before or shortly after the proclamation, to chart out the nuts and bolts of their relationship. (pg. 34)
- To secure funding for the Commission over the long term, the proclamation should encourage contracting and compacting under the Tribal Self-Governance Act and other statutes. (pg. 34)

Threats to the Bears Ears landscape:

- All existing mineral rights should be honored, but future mining should be prohibited. (pg. 35)
- A major objective of the proclamation should be to keep most of Bears Ears road-less. (pg. 35)
- Monument status would lead to better management of off-road vehicle use, looting, and grave robbing. (pg. 35)

Uses to be Resolved in the Proclamation:

(pg. 36-37)

- A permanent withdrawal from the mining laws, for both location and leasing, of all lands within the monument.
- A permanent withdrawal from all other forms of leasing, selections, sales, exchange, and other forms of disposition under the public land laws, other than those exchanges that further the purposes of the monument.
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- State of Utah and Ute Mountain Ute hunting and fishing laws should continue to apply within the monument.
- The Secretaries should be directed, upon request of the State of Utah, to negotiate with the state for an exchange of the state inholdings within the monument.
- The Secretaries should be authorized to draft regulations specifically governing matters related to the monument.

- The proclamation should provide for Collaborative Management, hopefully in the fashion that we have recommended in this proposal.
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- Grazing under existing permits or leases should continue under existing law.
- Firewood gathering should continue under current management proscriptions and then be subject to such provisions as adopted in the management plan.
- The monument should be added to the National Landscape Conservation System.
- There will also be several standard proclamation provisions, mostly relating to protecting existing rights, generally and specifically protecting Tribal rights, Federal withdrawals, rights of inholders, and existing water rights.

Uses to be Addressed in the Management Plan:

- With management standards in place, the Secretaries and the Commission will collaboratively administer and enforce the standards in the management plan. The management plan would also address non-regulatory matters such as scientific studies, including archaeology. (pg. 38)

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FYI. We are all systems a go here for Utah. Today, Leslie and I are going to be talking to our folks on the ground about helping us with the logistics and planning the Saturday public meeting (12-3). We will be hosting the meeting and inviting folks.

Let us know if we should all be getting on the phone soon.

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Subject: Re: Utah in July

Thanks, Nikki. As discussed, Rep. Chaffetz will be traveling overseas on official business as soon as the House recesses on Friday July 15. So combined with the House voting scheduled and his CODEL, he will be unable to tour Utah with the Secretary. However, he has directed me to attend in his place. Do you have a sense of timing (i.e. Arrival day/time, departure day/time, and schedule openings)? I am happy to facilitate meetings, including in San Juan County, just pass along as many details as you can regarding the schedule. Regarding other MOCs, I would imagine the voting scheduled will impede their ability to travel as well. However, Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov could answer for sure regarding Rep. Bishop. All the best, Fred On 7/5/16 12:58 PM, "Nicole Buffa" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov> wrote: >Hi Team - As we talked about, SJ 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. She'll want to cover >the PLI (whichever draft is public at the time) and other proposals >that have been floated (e.g., Bears Ears, Dine Bikeyah, historic >legislative proposals). > >Fred, I know you mentioned that Congressman Chaffetz is going to be >out of country. But, John, is there any chance Sen. Hatch can join us >for some of the trip? I'd like to talk to Casey about Congressman >Bishop's availability too. Could one of you please connect me? Are >there any other MOCs who I should reach out to, to see if they'd like >to join us? > >As I mentioned last week, we'd also be happy to have you guys join us >or someone from your offices. Are either of you available to come? > >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. > >Finally, if July doesn't work for your bosses, I know Mike Connor is >also interested in traveling out there (potentially in August). Are >there some dates that could work for a trip with him? > >Thanks again for your help with this. We want to get this trip as >right as we possibly can. I'll be sure to report back to you guys in >our meeting with the tribes tomorrow. > >All my best, >Nikki

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Sent: Mon Jun 27 2016 12:34:23 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <Tommy_Beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Stephenne Harding (b) (6)
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FYI -

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Date: Friday, June 24, 2016 16:02 PM
To: "rwhiteskunk@utemountain.org" <rwhiteskunk@utemountain.org>, "alomahquahu@hopi.nsn.us" <alomahquahu@hopi.nsn.us>
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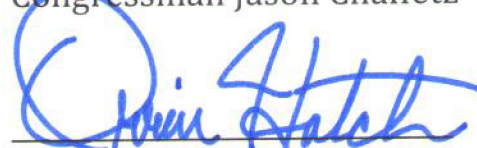
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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1304

June 23, 2016

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

I encourage you to use your authority under the Antiquities Act to designate the Bears Ears region to the National Park System. I support protecting this region and sharing these important natural, archeological, and cultural resources of Southern Utah, which lie north of the Navajo Nation and the San Juan River, east of the Colorado River, and west of the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation.

At over 1.9 million acres, the Bear Ears region contains abundant cultural resources, including well-preserved cliff dwellings, rock and art panels, artifacts, and Native American burials. It offers unparalleled research, educational, and recreational opportunities for scientists, educators, outdoor enthusiasts, and families.

The landscape of the region is most stunning yet fragile lands of the American west and includes magnificent red rock formations, deep carved canyons, long mesas, and rock arches. The region gets its namesake, Bears Ears, from twin buttes that lie at the heart of the majestic Cedar Mesa.

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Despite support from archeologists and tribal groups, these incredible places remain threatened by oil, gas, and tar sands development and rampant off-road vehicle use – activities which, while appropriate elsewhere, simply should not occur on a landscape so fragile and precious. These lands also are constantly threatened from looters that deface artifacts and plunder graves for relics.

Protecting this landscape, habitat, and priceless archeological resources is support by environmental groups nationwide, including the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Sierra Club, National Resources Defense Council, the Wilderness Society, Conservation Lands Foundation, and Grand Canyon Trust.

I have long worked to protect this precious region. Given this great potential and the tremendous public and tribal support demonstrated, I support declaring the Bears Ears as a unit of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

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Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Jun 24 2016 15:09:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd:
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Very helpful.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Date: June 24, 2016 at 4:55:21 PM EDT
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Subject: <no subject>

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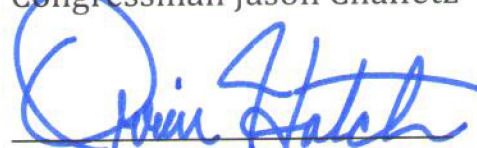
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"Harding, Stephenne S. EOP/CEQ"

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Sent: Fri Jun 24 2016 14:58:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
Tommy Beaudreau <Tommy_Beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, "Adamo, Chris J. EOP/CEQ"

To: (b) (6), "Degnan, Michael H. EOP/CEQ" (b) (6)
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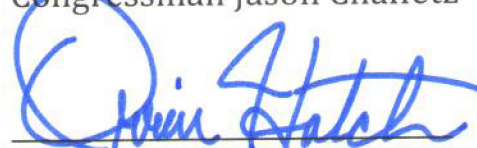
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David Jenkins <djenkins@conservativestewards.org>

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Minority Forum: Countering Extremism on America's Public Lands

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Unfortunately, there is a handful of Republican lawmakers, at both the state and federal level, who have chosen to sympathize or side with extremists like the Bundys.

This includes people like Nevada State Assemblywoman Michele Fiore and other members of the so called “Coalition of Western States” who, during the Malheur Refuge takeover, actually went to Oregon to assist the occupiers.

Even more troubling, it seems the Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, Rob Bishop (UT-1) falls into this category as well.

One of the reasons we are here today is his unwillingness to hold hearings on public land extremism. When asked back in January, during the Malheur Refuge takeover, if he would hold hearings about that incident, Bishop said that he instead wants to continue oversight of, and I quote: *“what we feel is the abuse of individuals by the federal land management agencies...”*

As Ranking Member Grijalva well knows, Chairman Bishop also declined his request to jointly offer a bipartisan resolution condemning the occupation. Nor did Bishop verbally condemn the occupation. When asked to comment by the media, he sympathized with the militants, saying that he understands their “frustration.”

This kind of rhetoric is nothing new for Bishop. He regularly responds to natural resource protection efforts with over-the-top rhetoric that seems tailor made to inflame the passions of radicals.

Last summer when the President announced new national monuments in Texas, Nevada and California, Bishop blasted the designations — none of which were in Utah — saying “*I condemn this shameful power move, which makes states and citizens fearful that the federal government can invade at any time to seize more lands like bandits in the night.*”

The Chairman knows full well that those designations did nothing to alter land ownership. So why would he choose words like “invade,” “seize” and “bandits” unless he was trying to provoke outrage.

At an event in Salt Lake City last year Bishop called the Antiquities Act, which was passed by a Republican Congress and signed into law by Republican President Theodore Roosevelt “*the most evil act ever invented*” and said that anyone there who liked the law should “*die*” in order to get “*stupidity out of the gene pool.*”

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This bill would essentially be handing control of our federal lands—and the safety of land managers—over to the very extremists we need to protect them from.

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Regardless of where one stands on public land policy, actions and rhetoric that encourage or support militant extremism on our public lands needs to stop.

Our nation is blessed with a rich endowment of parks, forests, refuges and conservation lands. At CRS we support keeping these lands public and having them managed responsibly—not just for us here today, but for our children and grandchildren. That cannot happen if greedy, radical, unprincipled bullies can declare themselves above the law and seize these lands for their own exclusive use.

Despite all of their rhetoric about the Constitution, freedom and God, in truth, these extremists—along with those who support them—are attacking our nation, its laws, its values, its history, and the democratic processes established by our forefathers. They are the opposite of conservative, and they will continue to bully, threaten, and test the limits of civil society until they are stopped.

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Most Americans I think consider themselves patriotic, and many, like me, also consider themselves conservative. No good can come from attaching labels to radicals that may elicit sympathy or serve to legitimize their dangerous views in the minds of others.

This is also why it is so important that extremism and violence on our public lands be unequivocally rejected by Republicans and Democrats alike, and that addressing this growing problem be a bi-partisan endeavor.

Unfortunately, there is a handful of Republican lawmakers, at both the state and federal level, who have chosen to sympathize or side with extremists like the Bundys.

This includes people like Nevada State Assemblywoman Michele Fiore and

other members of the so called “Coalition of Western States” who, during the Malheur Refuge takeover, actually went to Oregon to assist the occupiers.

Even more troubling, it seems the Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, Rob Bishop (UT-1) falls into this category as well.

One of the reasons we are here today is his unwillingness to hold hearings on public land extremism. When asked back in January, during the Malheur Refuge takeover, if he would hold hearings about that incident, Bishop said that he instead wants to continue oversight of, and I quote: *“what we feel is the abuse of individuals by the federal land management agencies...”*

As Ranking Member Grijalva well knows, Chairman Bishop also declined his request to jointly offer a bipartisan resolution condemning the occupation. Nor did Bishop verbally condemn the occupation. When asked to comment by the media, he sympathized with the militants, saying that he understands their “frustration.”

This kind of rhetoric is nothing new for Bishop. He regularly responds to natural resource protection efforts with over-the-top rhetoric that seems tailor made to inflame the passions of radicals.

Last summer when the President announced new national monuments in Texas, Nevada and California, Bishop blasted the designations — none of which were in Utah — saying *“I condemn this shameful power move, which makes states and citizens fearful that the federal government can invade at any time to seize more lands like bandits in the night.”*

The Chairman knows full well that those designations did nothing to alter land ownership. So why would he choose words like “invade,” “seize” and “bandits” unless he was trying to provoke outrage.

At an event in Salt Lake City last year Bishop called the Antiquities Act, which was passed by a Republican Congress and signed into law by Republican President Theodore Roosevelt *“the most evil act ever invented”* and said that anyone there who liked the law should *“die”* in order to get *“stupidity out of the gene pool.”*

Bishop, along with fellow members of the Utah delegation Senator Orin Hatch and Congressman Jason Chaffetz, have recently hinted that establishment of a Bears Ears national monument in their state would spark violence, with Hatch seeming to excuse such an outcome as the product of *“...deeply held positions*

that cannot just be ignored.”

Such rhetoric is irresponsible under any circumstance, but given the current environment, it is inexcusable.

Also, in the wake of Bunkerville and Malheur, and in the face of armed extremists and growing threats against land management personnel, Congressman Chaffetz has inexplicably introduced [H.R. 4751](#), legislation that would strip the Forest Service and BLM of their law enforcement authority and transfer jurisdiction to local sheriffs.

The problems with this legislation are too numerous to cover here, but perhaps the biggest is that dozens of sheriffs, possibly as many as 200, belong to the Constitutional Sheriffs and Police Officers Association, an organization that subscribes to many of the same beliefs that help drive extremism and lawlessness on our public lands.

This bill would essentially be handing control of our federal lands—and the safety of land managers—over to the very extremists we need to protect them from.

Regardless of where one stands on public land policy, actions and rhetoric that encourage or support militant extremism on our public lands needs to stop.

Our nation is blessed with a rich endowment of parks, forests, refuges and conservation lands. At CRS we support keeping these lands public and having them managed responsibly—not just for us here today, but for our children and grandchildren. That cannot happen if greedy, radical, unprincipled bullies can declare themselves above the law and seize these lands for their own exclusive use.

Despite all of their rhetoric about the Constitution, freedom and God, in truth, these extremists—along with those who support them—are attacking our nation, its laws, its values, its history, and the democratic processes established by our forefathers. They are the opposite of conservative, and they will continue to bully, threaten, and test the limits of civil society until they are stopped.

We need strong bi-partisan leadership to present a united front against this threat, to protect our national public lands, to keep visitors safe, to enforce the law with, as TR said, “resolute firmness, and to provide our federal agencies with the resources and support they need to do their job.

Thank you.

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FYI – his meeting w/ Gavin was very productive. Gavin liked our current language, but he did reiterate that he can't speak for the tribes. Casey is making good progress though and I wanted to share.

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The Republican crusade against public land must end

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A new congressional bill would hand federal land over to states. That might please the militants who occupied a national park last year. What about the rest of us?

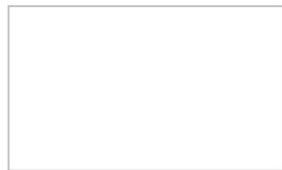
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Since taking over the majority in 2011, House Republicans have intensified their efforts to give away natural resources owned by the American people to a few special interests. From threatened and endangered wildlife to mineral resources to fisheries, Republicans have attempted to shift control and decision-making authority from federal agency stewards to states and localities – even those with a track record of short-sighted or irresponsible management.

Of all their efforts to rewrite American environmental laws, none has been more intense than the campaign to devolve oversight of federal public lands. Efforts to weaken the Antiquities Act, block common-sense conservation rules and force the expiration of the previously uncontroversial Land and Water Conservation Fund – which got a short lease of life last year – are among the lowlights of the Republican anti-public lands crusade.

This crusade has coincided with, and arguably lent legitimacy to, the rise of violent extremism on US public lands, which culminated in the recent illegal occupation of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon by a group of armed militants. A report issued in May by the Center for American Progress chronicles the development of this movement in detail. Anyone who supported or excused the militia's violent extremism should read it in detail.

The most recent development in the ongoing battle for our public lands is the recent introduction of the badly misnamed Local Enforcement for Local Lands Act. The brainchild of House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz, a Republican congressman

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from Utah, and House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Rob Bishop, also a representative from Utah, this radical bill would abolish the law enforcement divisions of the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and cede their authority to states and localities.

The bill's authors would have you believe that federal law enforcement officers are agents of an overbearing, omnipresent Gestapo out to crush any expression of freedom or independence in the American West. In reality, BLM has roughly 200 law enforcement officers – fewer than one for every million acres of land it oversees. The Forest Service has approximately one officer per 386,000 acres. The law enforcement presence on American public lands more closely resembles 1894 than 1984.

Enforcement action is reserved for the worst of the worst: arsonists, grave robbers, drug traffickers and, yes, people who spend decades illegally grazing their cattle at public expense.

Turning enforcement powers over to local control doesn't even make sense on paper. The Forest Service estimates that it would take the states 15 to 20 years to reach its current law enforcement capacity. Despite their small numbers, federal conservation law enforcement officers are highly specialized, highly skilled professionals.

The Forest Service and BLM require new recruits to complete more than four months of basic training and 12 weeks of specialized field training. Experienced law enforcement officers have significant institutional knowledge and relationships that cannot be replaced. Were the Republican bill to become law, existing collaborations within and across federal agencies and state lines – not to mention working relationships with the regulated community – would have to be rebuilt from scratch.

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The Chaffetz-Bishop bill delegates enormous power while allowing states and localities to pick and choose which laws to enforce and which to ignore on US public lands. The bill has no performance standards and no language requiring a course correction, even in the case of a clear dereliction of duty. It leaves federal agencies – and ultimately taxpayers – on the hook to clean up any legal messes. This complete absence of accountability creates an environment ripe for abuse, especially where state officials and local sheriffs have already declared their intention to ignore federal law on BLM and Forest Service lands.

The bill's supporters claim it's necessary to relieve tension and resolve conflicts over US public lands management in the West. This is absolutely the wrong way to address a very real problem. Instead of relieving tension, the bill legitimizes anti-government conspiracy theories, dumps fuel on a smoldering fire and makes law enforcement more difficult.

Congressional [Republicans](#) should show their support for hardworking federal law enforcement officers and work with Democrats to ensure that US public land managers have the tools and resources they need to ensure these lands are managed for safe, sustainable, multiple use. Offering farfetched alternatives only makes things worse.

On Tue, May 31, 2016 at 5:29 PM, Duran, Leah <leah_duran@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

[Orrin Hatch to tour parks, speak about monument proposal](#)

Posted 3:49 p.m. today

By MICHELLE L. PRICE, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch on Tuesday kicked off a weeklong tour of the five national parks in Utah that includes a stop at a site involved in a controversial proposal to name a new national monument.

Hatch is using the tour to highlight tourism, meet with park managers and walk trails in Zion National Park. He and Gov. Gary Herbert plan to meet Thursday with officials in the Bears Ears area to discuss the possible designation of the monument by President Obama.

Hatch has been joined by other Republican lawmakers and local officials who say wrapping the Bears Ears area in permanent monument protections would hurt local economies by closing the area to development.

Hatch, speaking at the state tourism office Tuesday, said national parks highlight the state's natural beauty and drive its booming tourism industry, but he doesn't believe a new monument in southern Utah will reap similar benefits.

People living in nearby rural areas need to be able to make money off the land, he said, noting that money spent by visitors to the area won't be enough.

"They don't have any other benefits other than the land," Hatch said. "Some of them do have a tourism benefit, but that doesn't keep them going."

Tribal members and conservation groups have urged Obama to use his authority under a 1906 law to create a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument. They argue the protections are needed to limit damage by off-road vehicles and looting.

Obama has not said if he'll designate the monument, but Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is set to visit the state later this year to discuss proposals to further protect lands.

Hatch said he believes the White House is giving Utah officials time to work on an alternate conservation proposal from two Utah congressmen intended to balance protections and development.

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"We think we can get that done in a way that's beneficial to Utah, beneficial to the country, and will solve a lot of yelling and screaming," Hatch said.

Leaders of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which is pushing for the new monument, said they stopped meeting with Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz over the alternate plan because their concerns weren't taken seriously.

The public lands plan from Bishop and Chaffetz proposes a smaller conservation area where local and state officials would have significant input on how the land is managed and the federal government would not be able to upend the deal.

The plan has not yet been formally introduced in Congress.

On Wed, May 18, 2016 at 2:15 PM, Duran, Leah <leah_duran@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

[Battle over Bears Ears intensifies in Utah](#)

Phil Taylor, E&E reporter
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Debate over a 1.9-million-acre national monument in southeast Utah is escalating this week as state lawmakers prepare to take up a formal resolution opposing President Obama's use of the Antiquities Act in the Beehive State.

A **poll** released yesterday by Creation Justice Ministries, a Washington, D.C., faith-based environmental organization, found 71 percent of registered Utah voters support Obama designating a Bears Ears national monument to protect the area's tribal cliff dwellings, rock art, burial sites, pit houses and ancient roads.

But several Navajos joined state lawmakers and Gov. Gary Herbert (R) yesterday on the steps of the statehouse to denounce the monument proposal, which they argue lacks local support and would limit tribal access to firewood, medicinal plants and ceremonial sites.

The conservative, Salt Lake City-based Sutherland Institute yesterday also released a five-minute **documentary** featuring testimony from Utah Navajos who oppose a national monument.

Bears Ears is believed to be near the top of Obama's list of tracts to permanently protect under the Antiquities Act. At 1.9 million acres, it would be his largest land-based designation to date -- and his most controversial.

The proposal is strongly opposed by Utah's congressional delegation and Herbert, who hand-delivered a letter to Obama in February warning that a unilateral designation would "only exacerbate an already tense situation" surrounding public land management in Utah.

The proposal is backed by the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, with support from the elected councils of the Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, Zuni, Hopi and Ute tribes. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is scheduled to visit Utah this summer to discuss "a range of conservation proposals, legislative and otherwise," to protect public lands. Monument proponents believe Bears Ears will be on her agenda, but Jewell aides have been mum on the details of the trip.

A designation would carry support from most Utahans, according to yesterday's poll, performed by Public Opinion Strategies.

"Voters value protecting cliff dwellings, Mormon pioneer artifacts and other unique historic sites from looters," said Shantha Ready Alonso, executive director of Creation Justice Ministries. "They want to continue enjoying recreational activities, conserve wildlife habitat, and provide opportunities for families and children to spend time together and explore nature."

The telephone survey of 500 registered voters was conducted May 11, 12 and 14 and had an error margin of 4.38 percentage points.

It found that roughly half of respondents had heard nothing at all about the Bears Ears proposal.

Respondents were told that national monuments provide protections similar to national parks, but that activities like camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, off-highway vehicle use and ranching have continued in Utah's national monuments.

They were asked if they support a "proposal that originated with five local Native American tribes" to protect 1.9 million acres of "existing public lands surrounding the Bears Ears buttes south of Canyonlands National Park as a national monument, in large part to protect ancient cliff dwellings and sacred Native American sites."

Seventy-one percent of respondents said they "strongly" or "somewhat" support the measure, while 20 percent said they "strongly" or "somewhat" oppose it.

"Support for designating these public lands as a national monument is broad-based across age, gender, religion, political party and geographic regions of the state," said Lori Weigel, a partner with Public Opinion Strategies.

The poll found that 75 percent of voters in the Salt Lake area, 71 percent on the Wasatch Front and 67 percent in the rest of the state support the monument.

Monument critics say there's little support for the proposal in San Juan County.

"We know the difference between grass roots and AstroTurf," said Utah Rep. Mike Noel (R) in a tweet posted by the Utah House Republican Majority. "These people live there."

'Wrong way of treating our land'

The Sutherland Institute documentary features interviews with Navajos from the Aneth Chapter, which has broken from six other Navajo chapter houses in Utah to oppose an Obama-designated monument.

"Currently, there's a group of people that are trying to make Bears Ears [into] a national monument, and they have went outside of the tribe and even as far as Oklahoma to help them make it into a national monument," Susie Philemon of the Aneth Chapter says in the video.

Chester Johnson, also of the Aneth Chapter, called a monument the "wrong way of treating our land."

The video claims that a monument designation would prevent Navajo people from cutting wood from the public lands to heat their homes, cook their food or build fences.

Obama has thus far made no attempts to restrict traditional uses like grazing and tribal activities within the dozens of monuments he has proclaimed.

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In his March 25, 2013, [proclamation](#) designating the 243,000-acre Río Grande del Norte National Monument in northern New Mexico, for example, he protected tribal uses, writing, "Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to preclude the traditional collection of firewood and piñon nuts in the monument for personal non-commercial use consistent with the purposes of this proclamation."

The Navajo Nation Council last fall said statements that local Navajos do not support the monument are false.

"There has been, and continues to be, support from six of seven Utah chapters and the overwhelming support of local Navajo people for the Bears Ears proposal," Council Delegate Davis Filfred said at the time.

A year ago, the council's Náabik'iyátl' Committee unanimously passed a resolution in support of the federal designation of Bears Ears, which is the ancestral home of many Southwestern tribes.

Steve Bloch, an attorney with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, which backs the monument, said opposition from a minority of Navajos at yesterday's press conference on the steps of the Utah statehouse should not derail a popular monument.

"I guess the takeaway is that because not every single Native American in the state or region supports a Bears Ears national monument -- the support by the Navajo Nation and other tribes is in question, and the monument shouldn't happen or if it does happen would be illegitimate," he said. "By that same token, since not every single Utahan supports the Utah Legislature and its hare-brained hijinks, they are similarly acting beyond their authority and without support."

On Tue, May 17, 2016 at 9:02 PM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

AP: Governor, lawmakers, tribal members decry monument proposal

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By MICHELLE L. PRICE, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A proposed national monument in the Bears Ears area of southeastern Utah will close off the area and block tribal members from using the land, said Gov. Gary Herbert, Republican lawmakers and about two dozen members of American Indian tribes.

The group held a news conference Tuesday afternoon on the steps of Utah's Capitol in Salt Lake City. The news conference came a day before lawmakers were set to gather in a special session to pass a resolution trumpeting their opposition to the proposed monument.

Marie S. Holiday, who is from the Oljato Chapter of the Navajo Nation near Monument Valley, said native people gather firewood and piñon nuts from Bears Ears. "If that becomes a national monument, I know there's going to be a restriction and we'd have to go somewhere else. That's about 80 to maybe more than 100 miles away for our people," she said.

Other tribal members and conservation groups say the proposed 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument is needed to protect the land from damage by off-road vehicles and looting. They're pushing for President Barack Obama to use his power under the 1906 Antiquities Act to declare the monument.

Obama has not said if he will do so.

Republican lawmakers and local officials are fiercely opposed to the proposal, saying it's overly broad, will hurt local economies and prevent American Indian elders from going there for cultural reasons.

They harken back to President Bill Clinton's 1996 declaration of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah, which was made over the objections of locals. Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, said that monument closed off the area to movie filming and other industrial uses.

The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which is pushing for the new monument, says its proposal would allow Native Americans to continue traditional uses of the land such as gathering wood and herbs.

The governor said Tuesday that Utah wants to balance development on the land while protecting pristine spaces, but that would be closed off if a monument is declared.

"I'm honored to be standing here with my Navajo brothers and sisters as we stand together in opposition to a national monument," Herbert said.

He said Obama and other top administration officials had assured him that they would not do anything without local input.

U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is set to visit Utah later this summer, where she's expected to hear from locals about proposals to further protect lands in the state, according to the Interior Department.

Read more at <http://www.wral.com/governor-lawmakers-tribal-members-decry-monument-proposal/15710395/#HYIUrEoOkYR08DwM.99>

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[Tribes come together to promote Bears Ears National Monument](#)

Fifty attend meeting to show support for plan

By Jim Mimiaga Journal staff writer

TOWAOC — The Ute Mountain Ute tribe expressed enthusiasm for the proposed Bears Ears National Monument at a community meeting Thursday attended by 50 Ute and Navajo tribal members.

Related stories:	Ute Mountain has joined the Bears Ears Inter-tribal Coalition along with the Uintah-Ouray Utes, Navajo, Hopi, and Zuni tribes to lobby for the federal action.
Utah recreation mecca considered for monument status	They are asking President Obama to declare the national monument on 1.9 million acres in southeast Utah to protect traditional Native American lands and ancient cultural sites.
Utes, Navajo seek monument to preserve canyon	Under the proposal, it would be the first national monument to be co-managed by the BLM and native tribes with current and ancestral ties to the land.

"It's time that our concerns were heard," said Navajo Albert Holiday. "We've been on the land for 500 years."

The meeting was one of a series organized by Utah Dine Bikeyah, a non-profit group who first proposed the monument and is working to educate the public.

As home-made stew and frybread were served to the audience, 15 Utes and Navajos spoke in support of the monument, talking first in their native languages, then translating to English.

"We welcome the opportunity to have input in the decision making of public lands we still depend on," said Mary Jane Yazzie, a Ute Mountain Ute and Dine Bikeyah boardmember. "Utes and Navajos used to not get along, but today that is not the case. Tribes are working together with the goal of protecting these lands."

Added Ute Mountain councilman Malcom Lehi: "We're gaining momentum and thanks to your support we are being heard at the national level."

Navajo Mark Maryboy said attempts to form a 1.1 million acre National Conservation Area with Utah and San Juan County legislatures failed because tribes felt they had been left out of the process.

"They did not take us seriously, so we parted ways and went to the Secretary Interior to pursue a monument," he said. "The (Utah governments) think they've been there forever, but it has only been 130 years. Native tribes have been here for thousands of years."

Dine Bikeyah chairman Willie Greyeyes said there have been incidents of tickets being issued to native peoples using Utah's federal public lands in traditional ways.

"Natural plants are our pharmacy, we use that land for healing, gathering herbs, wood cutting and for hunting," he said.

Maryboy rejected claims that a monument would "lock out" native people.

"Our co-management plan is unprecedented and allows for Native American traditional uses and ceremonies," he said.

The canyon country area is dominated by Cedar Mesa and the prominent Bears Ears mesas. It holds some 56,000 archeological sites, many considered sacred by regional tribes.

"There has been a lot of media attention, and President Obama may sign it, so now it is getting a lot of pushback," Maryboy said.

He was referring to Utah lawmaker Mike Noel's call to investigate financial ties between the Coalition and environmental groups supporting the monument.

"People ask why are we in partnership with the environmentalists? Because we have shared values," Maryboy said.

Every summer the tribes have a spiritual gathering at the foot of Bears Ears on Cedar Mesa, and another is planned this year.

"Hundreds of teepees are put up," said Navajo Ken Maryboy. "The tribes arrive in traditional attire by horse or by foot. We pray side by side to our deities."

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell recently said she is planning a visit to Utah, but a date has not been set.

"We're promoting the monument for all of us, no matter where you are from," Lehi said. "Our ancestors are still there and have chosen us to go to D.C. so we can all share in this area."

On Wed, Apr 27, 2016 at 6:48 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

AP: State and local officials want to investigate groups pushing for a

new national monument in southern Utah



By MICHELLE L. PRICE

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SALT LAKE CITY — State lawmakers who oppose a new national monument in southern Utah questioned Wednesday whether American Indian people support the idea and called for an investigation.

State Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, said he believes the group advocating for the proposed 1.9-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument doesn't represent the Navajo people in the area. Noel questioned if environmental groups were driving the push, rather than tribal members.

Navajo Nation lawmaker Davis Filfred, who is a member of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, said it was insulting to suggest that the sovereign tribal nations were being manipulated by environmental groups.

"We speak for ourselves and our tribal members who have overwhelmingly called on us to make sure Bears Ears becomes a national monument," Filfred said in a statement.

Republican lawmakers and local officials are fiercely opposed to the proposed monument, saying it's overly broad and will hurt local economies and prevent American Indian elders from going there for cultural reasons such as hunting.

The long-rumored concept gained new urgency when Interior Secretary Sally Jewell recently announced plans to visit Utah later this year.

Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw did not comment on whether a monument might be declared but said in a statement that Jewell will stop in Utah to hear from locals about proposals to further protect lands in the state.

Noel and the rest of Utah's Constitutional Defense Council voted Wednesday to urge the governor and attorney general's office to investigate those supporting and opposing the monument and where they receive money for the effort.

It wasn't clear Wednesday if Utah will investigate.

Gov. Gary Herbert's spokesman Jon Cox said in an email that the governor believes there should be transparency and his office is asking the Utah attorney general how best to address the questions raised Wednesday.

Dan Burton, a spokesman for the Utah Attorney General's Office, declined to comment on whether there would be an investigation.

At the Constitutional Defense Council's meeting Wednesday, Noel originally called for an investigation just to the pro-monument organization.

Rep. Brian King, D-Salt Lake City, said he couldn't support a one-sided inquiry and that some feel coal companies and energy groups are working to oppose the monument because they want access to the land.

"I don't have any opposition to transparency," King said. "But I think it ought to be even-handed and I think it ought not be a witch hunt."

Noel then asked the council to encourage the governor and attorney general to look into both sides and report their findings to the Legislature. The council unanimously supported the vote.

The council issues recommendations to state officials about legal battles with the federal government over issues such as control of public land and rural county roads.

On Wed, Apr 20, 2016 at 10:46 PM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Salt Lake Tribune: Lawmakers say tribal support for Bears Ears monument is a 'charade'

By [BRIAN MAFFLY](#) | The Salt Lake Tribune [CONNECT](#)

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(Al Hartmann | The Salt Lake Tribune) Actor for Western Values Project, portraying a snake oil salesman, mocks Rep. Ken Ivory, and Congressman Rob Bishop at the Capitol before the 9 a.m. meeting of the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands where a resolution condemning the Antiquities Act was expected to pass. Also in contention as part of the Antiquities Act is a proposal before President Obama setting aside hundreds of thousands of acres in San Juan County for a Bear's Ears National Monument.

Public lands » Panel endorses resolution against "unilateral" monument designation; Herbert adds bill to May 18 special session.



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The legislative commission overseeing Utah's land-transfer efforts passed two controversial resolutions Wednesday, opposing "unilateral use" of the Antiquities Act to designate national monuments in Utah and calling for a lawsuit against the federal government to demand control of 31 million acres of public land.

Dozens of supporters of the Bears Ears monument proposal, pushed by several tribal groups, crammed the Capitol room where the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands conducted a contentious meeting that often devolved into partisan bickering and name-calling.

Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, blasted audience members, many of them Salt Lake City conservationists, as "selfish and greedy" for trying to impose their will on residents of southeastern Utah who would have to live with the 1.9-million-acre monument.

Noel and other Utah leaders are convinced President Barack Obama will make such a designation in the coming months and cited Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's Tuesday announcement of a "major course correction" for conservation and a visit to Utah this summer.

Utah Dine Bikeyah, a nonprofit led by Navajos who follow traditional spiritual practices, has spearheaded the monument idea, which has been embraced by the leadership of two dozen other tribes, many of which can trace ancestral ties to the land around Cedar Mesa and the Abajos. These lands, which harbor tens of thousands of archaeological sites, are considered sacred, and members of a variety of tribes visit to gather herbs and firewood and pursue spiritual experiences.

But Noel and other critics say Utah Dine Bikeyah does not represent American Indians who live in Utah, and is really a front for environmental groups whose true aim is to shut down public access.

An investigation into the group's funding is in the works, Noel said.

Some tribal leaders call such allegations "insulting and false."

For the past several years, Utah Dine Bikeyah has sought conservation status for the land surrounding the Bears Ears buttes and has nurtured buy-in from numerous tribes that have not always gotten along with the Navajo.

Access for traditional activities and a management framework that give tribes a say are core elements of their proposal.

But San Juan County Commissioner Rebecca Benally, a Navajo and a Democrat, said Wednesday that a monument will curtail Native Americans' use of the land and bring further harm to what is already Utah's most economically distressed region, plagued with high rates of suicide and unemployment.

"A national monument will be a devastation for San Juan County," Benally said. "Speaking on behalf of my elders and descendants, they truly and heartfelt request that they do not want a monument. We already have three." Those monuments — Rainbow Bridge, Natural Bridges and Hovenweep — have not improved the unemployment rate, and neither would a fourth, she said.

Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Councilwoman Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, co-chairwoman of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, spoke in support of monument protection and uniting the tribes on this issue.

"We have to come together and reach across reservation and state boundary lines and other unwritten lines between one another, that we come together to find a solution," she said. "We need to protect it now. We don't need to do it several years down the road. It is something that desperately needs to be addressed."

Several of the other elected Utah tribal leaders who do support the monument, including Navajo Nation Council delegates Herman Daniels and Davis Filfred, were at a council session Wednesday in Window Rock, Ariz.

Monument proponents say Cedar Mesa is being trashed by off-roaders and pot hunters; looting and grave desecration are on the rise.

Cynthia Wilson, Utah Dine Bikeyah's outreach director, said six of the seven Navajo chapter houses in Utah have endorsed Bears Ears. Yet commission co-Chairman Sen. David Hinkins, whose Senate district covers San Juan County, said he has seen no support among Utah Navajo.

"I have gone to all the chapter houses and talked to all the leaders. I don't feel that is the case at all," said Hinkins, R-Orangeville.

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On Apr 20, 2016, at 7:49 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

AP-UT: Governor asks lawmakers to pass anti-monument resolution

By - Associated Press - Wednesday, April 20, 2016

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Gov. Gary Herbert is calling on lawmakers to pass a resolution opposing a new national monument in the state, a move he says would be "absolutely irresponsible" for President Barack Obama to consider without input from residents.

The Republican governor issued a statement Wednesday calling lawmakers into a special session May 18 to pass the resolution. They're also expected to restore money cut from education programs.

Herbert and legislative leaders announced the upcoming session earlier this week after reaching a deal on the education programs.

The push declaring opposition to a new monument gained new urgency this week when Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced plans to visit Utah.

Utah Republicans oppose a proposed 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument, but American Indian tribes and conservation groups say the land is threatened by off-road vehicles and looting.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/apr/20/governor-asks-lawmakers-to-pass-anti-monument-reso/>

On Tue, Apr 19, 2016 at 5:25 PM, Degroff, Amanda <amanda_degroff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

[Jewell commits to Utah visit to hear conservation proposals](#)

AP // April 19, 2016

Utah is among the places Interior Secretary Sally Jewell plans to visit this summer to hear about proposals for conserving public lands. American Indian tribes and Utah's congressional delegation have been at odds over land management in southeastern Utah. The tribes and conservation groups have called on President Barack Obama to designate 1.9 million acres as the Bears Ears National Monument. They say the land is under constant threat from off-road vehicles and looting.

[Jewell confronts critics, declares 'new conservation era'](#)

E&E // Corbin Hiar // April 19, 2016

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell today took aim at critics of public lands and outlined her priorities for the remainder of the Obama administration. She also announced a nationwide listening tour on conservation and a Commerce Department study on the impact of outdoor recreation on the U.S. economy. "I believe we are at the dawn of a new conservation era in America," Jewell said. "Americans are more determined than ever to solve the problems we face. To take action to confront climate change. To pass ballot initiatives to fund parks and open space. To work the lands in a sustainable way. To give everyone an equal chance to get outdoors." Timed to coincide with National Park Week and the National Park Service's centennial celebration, the speech began by detailing the challenges facing the 100-year-old agency. In addition to struggling with a \$11.9 billion deferred maintenance backlog, the Park Service has visitors who are older and whiter than the nation as a whole.

On Tue, Apr 19, 2016 at 4:12 PM, Degroff, Amanda <amanda_degroff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:


[Interior secretary calls for 'major course correction' on conservation](#)

The Hill // Tim Cama // April 19

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell called Tuesday for major changes in how the country handles conservation in an effort to modernize efforts to protect public land. In a major speech in Washington to mark the 100th anniversary of the creation of the National Park Service, Jewell said federal lands — parks, wildlife refuges, forests, grazing areas and more — are facing numerous threats that are natural, manmade and political. "If we stay on this trajectory, 100 years from now, national parks and wildlife refuges will be like postage stamps of nature on a map, isolated islands of conservation with run-down facilities that crowds of Americans visit like zoos to catch a glimpse of our nation's remaining wildlife and undeveloped patches of land," Jewell said.

On Tue, Apr 19, 2016 at 4:11 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

USA Today: National Parks looking for young, diverse visitors

 **John Bacon, USA TODAY** 3:15 p.m. EDT April 19, 2016



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On Tue, Apr 19, 2016 at 2:53 PM, Amanda Degroff

The National Park Service must do a better job of outreach to women, millennials and minorities as it heads into its second century, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said in a speech Tuesday marking National Park Week.

"The majority of visitors to national parks today look like me: older and whiter," Jewell said at the National Geographic Society in Washington. "Which means we haven't found a way to connect to the young people of today, who are more diverse, more tech-savvy and more disconnected from nature than ever before."

Only a "sliver" of parks and historic sites focus on women and minorities, Jewell said. She said she will travel to parks across the nation this summer to hear what people and communities want and need.

The National Park Service is marking its 100th anniversary this year, and admission to all its parks is free until April 24. Jewell's speech stressed the need to protect the parks from encroaching financial and ecological pressures. She cited an analysis by the non-profit Conservation Science Partners that said natural areas in the West are disappearing at the rate of a football field every two-and-a-half minutes.

Jewell said public lands are threatened by politicians pressing to sell it off "for short term gains to the highest bidder," and by extremists such as the ranchers who seized the Malheur Wildlife Refuge in Oregon for more than a month earlier this year.



USA TODAY
Most Americans say climate changing, humans to blame



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Sally Jewell is environmentalist, business exec

"If you add that all up, you're looking at a pretty bleak picture," she said. If changes aren't made, "100 years from now, national parks and wildlife refuges will be like postage stamps of nature on a map."

Jewell, who was president and CEO of outdoor apparel and equipment company Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) before President Obama brought her to Washington in 2013, stressed the business side of the parks. She noted the parks are drawing record visitors, including 307 million visits last year alone. But she added the maintenance backlog pricetag of almost \$12 billion is also a record.

Consumer spending for outdoor recreation is almost equal to pharmaceuticals and motor vehicles and parts combined, Jewell said. Conservation aside, parks generated \$32 billion in economic activity in 2015 on a \$3 billion budget, she said.

"Taxpayers saw a 10-to-1 return on investment. As a businessperson, I can tell you that's pretty darn good," she said.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/04/19/national-parks-looking-young-diverse-visitors/83235694/>

<amanda_degroff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:



Denver Post: Secretary Jewell calls for "major course correction" in conservation

By Bruce Finley The Denver Post

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 - 2:41 p.m.

Natural areas are disappearing at the rate of a soccer field every 2½ minutes, and dangerous

movements threaten the future of public lands, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said Tuesday, urging a major increase of conservation efforts that embraces young Americans.

"We as a country need to make a major course correction in how we approach conservation to ensure a bright future for our public land and waters," Jewell said in [a speech](#) in Washington D.C.

The majority of people visiting national parks in Colorado and other western states are increasingly old and largely white, Jewell said.

"Which means we haven't found a way to connect to the young people of today, who are more diverse, more tech-savvy and more disconnected from nature than ever before," she said.

"We need to kick off the new century of American conservation by issuing a giant, open invitation to every American to visit their national parks and public lands."

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A new analysis by the non-profit group Conservation Science Partners, based on satellite images and federal land data, found that natural areas are disappearing rapidly. Jewell said that group's "Disappearing West" report is alarming "because healthy, intact ecosystems are fundamental to the health of our nation."

Population growth and development and the impact of climate change are to blame, she said.

The degradation of nature and loss of natural land coincides with flareups in the movement to seize public lands. Jewell referred to the armed standoff in Oregon this year, a 41-day ordeal at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge that highlighted sentiments in western states against federal control over activities on public land.

At the same time, politicians have proposed selloffs of public land and putting more federal lands under state control.

"This movement has propped up dangerous voices that reject the rule of law, put communities and hard-working public servants at risk, and fail to appreciate how deeply democratic and American our national parks and public lands are," Jewell said.

"If we stay on this trajectory, 100 years from now, national parks and wildlife refuges will be like postage stamps of nature on a map. What we need is smart planning, on a landscape-level ...

"This country's national parks, forests, refuges, and public lands are some of the most valuable assets that we collectively own. At a time when they face threats from land grabs to climate change, we can't afford to turn our backs on them."

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On Apr 19, 2016, at 6:49 AM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

And here's where we landed w/Politico's Morning Energy tip sheet:

ME FIRST - JEWELL'S 'STATE OF THE PARKS' ADDRESS : Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is expected to mount a strong defense of the importance of federal lands and call for "a major course correction in how we approach conservation," in a speech at the National Geographic Society at 2 p.m. today, according to remarks shared with ME.

"This country's national parks, forests, refuges, and public lands are some of the most valuable assets that we collectively own," Jewell is set to say. "At a time when they face threats from land grabs to climate change, we can't afford to turn our backs on them."

The speech, which marks a weeklong celebration of the National Park Service's centennial year, comes the day after Jewell announced a \$95 million distribution to every state, territory, and the District of Columbia out of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The fund expired last year, but got a few years of reprieve as part of the omnibus.

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On Apr 19, 2016, at 6:35 AM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Have to say - wasn't really expecting this angle for the preview:

AP: Jewell: Oregon takeover among several threats to West

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS | April 19, 2016 @ 3:20 am



FILE- In this Dec. 9, 2015, file photo, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington before the House Natural Resources Oversight Committee hearing on the Animas River Spill in Colorado. An armed takeover of an Oregon national wildlife refuge is part of a disturbing "extreme movement" to seize public lands and reject the rule of law, putting communities and public employees at risk throughout the West, Jewell said in a speech outlining Obama administration conservation policies. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta, File)

WASHINGTON (AP) — An armed takeover of an Oregon national wildlife refuge is part of a disturbing "extreme movement" to seize public lands and reject the rule of law — putting communities and public employees at risk throughout the West, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell says in a speech outlining Obama administration conservation policies.

The 41-day standoff this winter came at the same time as two other trends that threaten the West, Jewell said: A push by some politicians to sell off lands that belong to all Americans to the highest bidder, and the rapid disappearance of natural areas throughout the region due to climate change and increased development.

Citing a new analysis by a non-profit conservation group, Jewell said natural areas in the West are disappearing at the rate of a football field every two-and-a-half minutes. The trend is especially alarming "because healthy, intact ecosystems are fundamental to the health of our nation," she said.

Jewell, who began her fourth year as Interior secretary this month, is set to deliver the speech Tuesday at the National Geographic Society in Washington. The Associated Press obtained excerpts in advance.

The convergence of trends threatening the West has "propped up dangerous voices that reject the rule of law, put communities and hard-working public servants at risk, and fail to appreciate how deeply democratic and American our national parks and public lands are," Jewell said.

More than two dozen armed occupiers took over the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon in January, demanding that the government turn over the land to locals and release two ranchers imprisoned for setting fires. The standoff left one man dead and exposed simmering anger over the government's control of vast expanses of Western land.

At least 25 people have been indicted on federal charges of conspiracy to impede employees at the wildlife refuge from performing their duties.

The takeover followed an armed confrontation with government agents two years ago by Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy and at least 18 other people. Bundy's son Ammon Bundy led the Oregon standoff.

Besides rejecting the demands of extremists, officials must address the dual threats of climate change and development, Jewell said, noting that her speech comes as the National Park Service celebrates its 100th anniversary.

"This country's national parks, forests, refuges and public lands are some of the most valuable assets that we collectively own," she said. "At a time when they face threats from land grabs to climate change, we can't afford to turn our backs on them. Let us use this special year of the (Park Service) centennial to set a new path for conservation in the 21st century."

On other topics, Jewell said the Park Service and other agencies need to do a better job reaching out to "under-represented communities," including women, young people and minorities.

"The majority of visitors to national parks today look like me: older and whiter," Jewell said. "We need to kick off the new century of American conservation by issuing a giant, open invitation to every American to visit their national parks and public lands."

Jewell said she will kick off the effort herself, traveling to parks and other sites

this summer on what aides call a "conservation road tour" from coast to coast.

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