

**From:** Bowman, Randal  
**To:** [Appel, Elizabeth](#)  
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I don't want to get into a discussion with interest groups on their comments, as there is potentially no end to that.

The comment they filed on [regs.gov](#) included this statement - "More than 100 monument supporters attended this event and everyone would like to walk the land with you and explain the importance of Bears ears to you in person. " - and I am inclined to note that the link did not work, and we are counting this as 100 comments in support of keeping Bears Ears as is and opposed to the review. While they not say that all 100 attending spoke on the video, I don't see where we can go wrong in counting that as the number of comments. We have a similar video from Senator Lee with opponents of the monument speaking, and on that someone counted the number of speakers and we put a note with that number in the file.

On Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 4:53 PM, Appel, Elizabeth <[elizabeth.appel@bia.gov](mailto:elizabeth.appel@bia.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randy-

I couldn't even get the link to open. I noticed they offered translation though.... it may be best to rely on their translation since we don't have any official translators here at DOI.

Thanks!

Liz

On Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 3:39 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

The group Utah Dine Bikeyah filed video comments on Bears Ears via [regs.gov](#), which a follow-on review found. The link to the video and their comment is attached.

Could you please find someone who speaks Navajo to view these comments and make note of how many people spoke. I presume all are against any changes or their comments wouldn't have been included, but if there are any divergent views or particularly compelling comments those should be noted also.

Thank you in advance for your help on this.

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