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Barb--

Yes, sorry, I didn't issue that SRP (I think it was a District-wide one), but it did cover BARNM caves for the Speleological Convention.

On a related note, prior to the Cave Mgmt Plan (it was signed in April 2016, I think), we did a letter of agreement for caves. So I signed one letter of agreement back in 2016 prior to the Cave Mgmt Plan being completed. Now that the Cave Mgmt Plan is signed, we issue a Cave Use Permit. I have issued one Cave Use Permit to date.

I have also signed 2 letters of agreement for research. One was for an entomologist (I think he was studying grasshoppers) and one was for a botanical inventory. These letters of agreement are really equivalent of casual use, so I'm not sure if they are worth including in this data call. Thanks!

I'm back in Vegas now. Lee, Gayle, and I will be on the road to Phoenix around 6 am tomorrow. I'll have my iPad with me.

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On May 31, 2017, at 2:48 PM, Keleher, Barbara <bkeleher@blm.gov> wrote:

Thanks! I was planning to add this same info. And, did the 2016 cave convention SRP also cover caves in BARNM?

I should be able to add this in before I leave today. I'll let you know.

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 2:45 PM, Alicia Styles <astyles@blm.gov> wrote:

Barb--

The numbers in the Visitation at Public Sites table (included on the Google Drive, see cultural section response to data call) are based on voluntary sign-in by visitors on a register sheet. We don't have traffic counters installed yet, but they are in the works for installation this fall. With a roughly 704,000-acre monument and hundreds of miles of dirt roads, it becomes difficult to obtain

accurate visitor use data.

So far the only Special Recreation Permit that has been authorized for the area was for the Best in the Desert Silver State 300 event slated for August 2016. Due to a military emergency (helicopter crash) the night before the event in very close proximity to the event course, the promoter re-routed the event outside the monument the morning of the event.

We were only able to calculate AUMs permitted because some of the billed numbers in RAS just didn't seem accurate. For example, one allotment showed only 88 AUMs billed in 2012 and that allotment historically sees use of about 2,000 AUMs. We just can't go back and re-create those data that we don't have. I cc'd Daniel Condie (Range Specialist) in case he has additional info to add.

More in a later email. Getting ready to board my flight back to Las Vegas. Thanks!

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On May 31, 2017, at 2:22 PM, Keleher, Barbara <bkeleher@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi,
Thanks for looking this over.

I'm cc'ing Alicia and Lee on this email message but Alicia is currently attending the NV State Leadership Team Meeting.

I'll see if I can find time to add a bit more info.

Barb

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 2:07 PM, Fisher, Timothy <tjfisher@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Barb
I have started a cursory review and looks like we need to put in additional information and elaborate on the summaries - I know your review is not done but some pointers....

First if no information is available for 2017 (since the year is only half way through) then we should be starting with and using 2016 data and

earlier. For example I know we can identify visitation prior to designation for Nevada national monuments and for Basin and Range NM have data for one year of visitation since the proclamation, etc. I know the numbers seem low - but we need to state why? Lack of counters? Where are the numbers generated?

For BRNM what are the special use permits? Types and number? AUM's Numbers? fee collected? etc... DOI is looking for details.

I hope this helps with gathering additional needed information.

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