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Chris,
See attached. We can discuss during tomorrow's check-in.

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Information Sheet

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What is a National Monument?

National Monuments are established by congressional legislation or presidential proclamation under the Antiquities Act of 1906. They protect objects of historic or scientific interest on public lands and encompass lands of tremendous diversity, ranging from the rugged California coastline to colorful desert canyons.

How many National Monuments does the BLM manage?

The BLM manages 27 National Monuments covering approximately 9.5 million acres of public lands.

What are National Conservation Areas and Similar Designations?

National Conservation Areas and similar designations are designated by Congress to conserve, protect, and enhance public lands featuring exceptional scientific, cultural, ecological, historical, and recreational resources and values. Similar designations are unique labels identified in the designating congressional legislation, but otherwise are like National Conservation Areas.

How many National Conservation Areas and Similar Designations does the BLM manage?

The BLM manages 16 National Conservation Areas and 5 Similar Designations, covering approximately 4.1 million acres of public lands.

How are National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations managed?

National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations are managed to protect the resources, objects, and values identified in their designating language in the respective congressional legislation or presidential proclamation. Each designation must follow the BLM's land use planning requirement for managing public lands, which includes public involvement (see: BLM policy 6220 – National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations).

Do other federal agencies also manage these types of designations?

Other agencies including the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also manage National Monuments. National Conservation Areas exist only on BLM-managed public lands.

What do National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations provide to the public?

BLM National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations are open to a variety of recreation opportunities including hunting, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, rafting, and camping. Some units host over one million visitors per year.

The tables below provided a breakout by state and unit type for BLM-managed public lands.

27 BLM National Monuments 9,451,978 total acres		
State	**Unit**	**BLM Acres**
Arizona	Agua Fria	70,980
	Grand Canyon-Parashant	812,581
	Ironwood Forest	128,756
	Sonoran Desert	486,400
	Vermilion Cliffs	279,566
California	Berryessa Snow Mountain	110,000
	California Coastal	8,858
	Carrizo Plain	211,045
	Fort Ord	7,212
	Mojave Trails	1,600,000
	Sand to Snow	83,000
	Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains	98,981
Colorado	Browns Canyon	9,793
	Canyons of the Ancients	176,000
Idaho	Craters of the Moon	275,076
Montana	Pompeys Pillar	51
	Upper Missouri River Breaks	377,346
New Mexico	Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks	4,647
	Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks	419,532
	Prehistoric Trackways	5,280
	Rio Grande del Norte	242,710
Nevada	Basin and Range	703,585
	Gold Butte	296,937
Oregon	Cascade-Siskiyou	113,341
Utah	Bears Ears	1,063,000
	Grand Staircase-Escalante	1,866,331
Washington	San Juan Islands	970

21 BLM National Conservation Areas and Similar Designations 4,113,092 total acres		
State	**Unit**	**BLM Acres**
Alaska	Steese NCA	1,208,624
Arizona	Gila Box Riparian NCA	21,767
	Las Cienegas NCA	41,972
	San Pedro Riparian NCA	56,431
California	Headwaters Forest Reserve	7,472
	King Range NCA	62,562
	Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station ONA	20
Colorado	Dominguez-Escalante NCA	210,149
	Gunnison Gorge NCA	63,201
	McInnis Canyons NCA	123,460
Eastern States (Florida)	Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse ONA	86
Idaho	Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey NCA	483,700
Nevada	Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA	799,485
	Red Rock Canyon NCA	196,877
	Sloan Canyon NCA	48,438
New Mexico	El Malpais NCA	227,100
	Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave NCA	24,876
Oregon	Steens Mountain CMPA	428,440
	Yaquina Head ONA	95
Utah	Beaver Dam Wash NCA	63,478
	Red Cliffs NCA	44,859