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Mike and Jared--

Based on our conversation earlier this week, I drafted a response for the EO review of the National Monuments. Please review carefully and edit. Let me know if we need to get more specific info from specialists so I can track those down next week, if needed.

I don't have any more info from WO or the State Office on how the data will be input.

Thanks!

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Call for Data Related to Review of National Monuments under EO 13792 (April 26, 2017)

Please help us gather information about each of the items listed below, for each of the National Monuments listed below in Table 1.

1. Documents Requested
 - a. Resource Management Plans/Land Use Plans
The RMP for the area is in progress.
 - b. Record of Decision
The RMP for the area is in progress.
 - c. Public Scoping Documents
The Scoping Report is attached.
 - d. Presidential Proclamation
The Proclamation is attached.
2. Information on activities permitted at the Monument, including annual levels of activity from the **date of designation to the present**
 - a. Recreation - annual visits to site
We do not have established methods for tracking visitors across the monument. Visitation numbers can be estimated using trail register voluntary sign-in sheets at public sites, such as White River Narrows Archaeological District, Mt. Irish Archaeological District, and Shooting Gallery public rock art site. BLM continues to grant Special Recreation Permits on a case-by-case basis.
 - b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)
There has been no production of energy in this area. However, several parcels were leased for oil and gas prior to designation, which are recognized as valid existing rights. An Application for a Permit to Drill (APD) was approved in February 2016. No parcels have been leased for oil and gas since designation. There is no energy transmission infrastructure on site.
 - c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site
There is no locatable mineral production on site. There are three existing gravel pits that are used by Lincoln County for road maintenance. These permits are current and have not expired.
 - d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)
There are no timber resources in this monument.
 - e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)

There have been no changes in AUMs permitted since designation. Individual permittees may adjust the amount of AUMs they use based on land health, resource conditions, or individual reasons.

- f. Subsistence - participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available

There are no subsistence activities occurring on site. Hunting is permitted by the State of Nevada, and the entire monument is open to hunting.

- g. Cultural - list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available

A very small percentage of the area has been inventoried for cultural resources. Based on what has been inventoried, there are hundreds of documented cultural resource sites within the monument.

2. Information on activities occurring during the **5 years prior to designation**

- a. Recreation - annual visits to site

We did not have established methods for tracking visitors to this area prior to designation. Visitation numbers could be estimated using trail register voluntary sign-in sheets at public sites, such as White River Narrows Archaeological District, Mt. Irish Archaeological District, and Shooting Gallery public rock art site. BLM granted Special Recreation Permits on a case-by-case basis in this area prior to designation.

- b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)

There was no production of energy in this area in the 5 years prior to designation. Several parcels were leased for oil and gas prior to designation. Prior to designation, some parcels were denied for oil and gas leasing in the area due to Visual Resource Management constraints. An Application for a Permit to Drill (APD) was submitted prior to designation and approved in February 2016 (after designation).

There was no energy transmission infrastructure on site during the 5 years prior to designation.

One of the proposed routes for the Yucca Mountain rail corridor was withdrawn for a right-of-way within the area prior to designation as Basin and Range National Monument. The withdrawal for the right-of-way expired on Dec. 31, 2015.

- c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site

There was no locatable mineral production on site during the 5 years prior to designation. There are three existing gravel pits that were used by Lincoln County for road maintenance prior to designation and are currently still in use.

- d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)

There are no timber resources in this monument.

- e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)

The number of AUMs permitted was the same prior to designation as after designation. Individual permittees may adjust the amount of AUMs they use based on land health, resource conditions, or individual reasons.

- f. Subsistence - participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available

There were no subsistence activities occurring on site prior to designation. Hunting is permitted by the State of Nevada. The entire monument was open to hunting prior to designation and remains open following designation.

- g. Cultural - list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available

A very small percentage of the area has been inventoried for cultural resources. Based on what has been inventoried, there are hundreds of documented cultural resource sites within the monument.

3. Information on activities that likely would have occurred annually from the date of designation to the present **if the Monument had not been designated**

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4. Changes to boundaries - dates and changes in size

There have been no boundary changes to this monument.

5. Public Outreach prior to Designation - outreach activities conducted and opportunities for public comment

Harry Reid introduced two bills requesting designation of the area as a National Monument in the past. There was also a proposal to designate the area as a National Conservation Area in the past. Sentiment against designation of the area as a National Monument or National Conservation Area has been expressed in Lincoln County. Sentiment in support of designation of the area as a National Monument has been expressed in Clark County. A public meeting was held by Harry Reid and Dina Titus in February 2015 in Clark County at which approximately 300 people expressed support of Basin and Range and Gold Butte National Monuments. There was some degree of outreach to local elected officials prior to the designation of the area.

6. Terms of Designation

Not applicable. See attached Proclamation.

Table 1. List of National Monuments Included in Review (per DOI Press Release dated May 5, 2017)

| National Monument | Location | Managing Agency |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Basin and Range | Nevada | BLM |
| Bears Ears | Utah | BLM, USFS |
| Berryessa Snow Mountain | California | USFS, BLM |
| Canyons of the Ancients | Colorado | BLM |
| Carrizo Plain | California | BLM |
| Cascade Siskiyou | Oregon | #N/A |
| Craters of the Moon | Idaho | NPS, BLM |
| Giant Sequoia | California | USFS |
| Gold Butte | Nevada | BLM |
| Grand Canyon-Parashant | Arizona | BLM, NPS |
| Grand Staircase-Escalante | Utah | BLM |
| Hanford Reach | Washington | FWS, DOE |
| Ironwood Forest | Arizona | BLM |
| Mojave Trails | California | BLM |
| Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks | New Mexico | BLM |
| Río Grande del Norte | New Mexico | BLM |
| Sand to Snow | California | BLM, USFS |
| San Gabriel Mountains | California | USFS |
| Sonoran Desert | Arizona | BLM |
| Upper Missouri River Breaks | Montana | BLM |
| Vermilion Cliffs | Arizona | BLM |
| Katahdin Woods and Waters | Maine | NPS |
| Marianas Trench | CNMI/Pacific Ocean | FWS |
| Northeast Canyons and Seamounts | Atlantic Ocean | NOAA, FWS |
| Pacific Remote Islands | Pacific Ocean | FWS |
| Papahānaumokuākea | Hawai'i/Pacific Ocean | NOAA, FWS |
| Rose Atoll | American Sāmoa/Pacific Ocean | FWS |