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Regards,

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Hi Allison,

I haven't had a change to compare all of these Utah numbers since I have a meeting at 11, but I notice at least the first one doesn't jive with the numbers UT provided for the NM review for Bears Ears (25 authorized federal oil and gas leases (29,416 acres) that are partially or wholly contained within the area that is now the BENM). Thought I would give you a heads up until I can get back to it at lunch since it looks like there is a bit of urgency to get this to the front office and we don't want two different sets of numbers out there (one to CRS and one in the Secretary's NM report) unless we can explain why they are different. Can you help?

Thanks!!

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On July 17, the Congressional Research Service contacted us with questions regarding minerals in Bears Ears National Monument. Based on information provided by BLM-Utah, we propose the following response.

Hoping 400/410 can review, provide any needed edits, and surname as soon as possible. We plan to send to 100 for clearance and a decision on whether to deliver to CRS.

Thanks!
Jamie

Bears Ears National Monument

What are the number of valid existing rights under mineral land laws, broken out by commodity (oil and gas, coal, uranium, gold, etc.)?

- There are 23 federal oil and gas leases (26,696 acres) that are partially or wholly contained within the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM).
- There are approximately 266 mining claims in the BENM; *BLM does not require claimants to identify the mineral claimed.*
- There are three free-use permits and one commercial mineral materials site in the area that is now the BENM; these sites are used for gravel collection.

What is the number of expired leases and claims over the past 10 years (fiscal years is fine)

- Over the past 10 years, approximately 33 oil and gas leases and 2,368 mining claims were either forfeited (the vast majority) or expired in the BENM.

What is the number of prior lease sales and claims staked over the past 10 years.

1. Over the past 10 years, two oil and gas lease sales were held that included parcels in the BENM.
2. In December 2008, five parcels were offered and sold; in February 2015, one parcel was offered but not sold.
3. Over the past 10 years, approximately 722 mining claims were staked in the BENM.

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