

U.S. Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary

Meeting Proposal Information Form

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Specific request to the Secretary:

2.5 hour visit to The Nature Conservancy's Dugout Ranch and Canyonlands Research Center to discuss PLI, Bears Ears National Monument, LWCF legislative agenda as well as see Dugout Ranch, which frames the entry into Needles District of Canyonlands National Park. Our land interests 5,280 acres in fee and 350,000 acres in active grazing allotments are wholly within the Bears Ears Monument. The Nature Conservancy is the largest private land owner interest in the monument.

Meeting date:

May 9th during the Secretary's Utah visit.

Meeting location:

Dugout Ranch is located 60 miles southwest of Moab in San Juan County, Utah at Mile Marker 0 on the left on Highway 211, about five miles past Newspaper Rock.

Contact information:

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Briefly describe the proposed meeting agenda in as much detail as possible, and the desired outcome of the Secretary's participation:

While the Secretary is in Utah to discuss the Bears Ears National Monument, we would be pleased to have him visit TNC's Dugout Ranch. Aside from the federal government, The Nature Conservancy has a working cattle ranch and is the largest land owner within the Monument boundaries. We would like to discuss our participation in conservation efforts in San Juan County. The Dugout Ranch, owned by The Nature Conservancy, is now the largest private inholding within BENM. Accordingly, the management of the BENM and the composition of the Advisory Committee being established is of keen interest to The Nature Conservancy. Our property is also home to the Canyonlands Research Center a research collaborative supported by state and federal agencies, as well as major universities studying the interactive effects of land use on the Colorado Plateau. Also, we would like to discuss strategy on one of Mr. Zinke's priorities, the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This meeting would be non attributable and without press. Depending on the Secretary's schedule, it would be a good place to have lunch.

Expected meeting participants (names and titles):

Dave Livermore, TNC Utah State Director
Sue Bellagamba, TNC Canyonlands Regional Director
Matt Redd, TNC Canyonlands Research Center Project Manager
Heidi Redd, Owner/Operator Indian Creek Cattle Company
Kristen Redd, TNC, Field Station Manager, Canyonlands Research Center
Kameron Onley, TNC Director of US Government Relations
Tom Cors, TNC Director of Lands, US Government Relations
Mark Agenes, TNC Director of Government Relations, Montana Chapter

Desired length of time for the meeting:

2.5 hours.

Are there any other specific matters you would like the Secretary to address?

Not at this time.

Please supply any pertinent background information regarding the genesis of this meeting proposal:

Please see attached article on Dugout Ranch and the Canyonlands Research Center

With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align?

The Nature Conservancy works across all the Department's bureaus and agencies.

If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?