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Reporter: Bill Boyle, Editor San Juan Record

What: Interview with Ed Roberson, story related to pending Recapture Canyon Decision and County Commission Meeting. Topics focused mostly on earlier discussions in meeting. Bill said due to his printing deadline at 2 pm, he already had a story drafted with the headline "BLM Nears Decision on Recapture Canyon". Ed confirmed that we were nearing a decision but intended to discuss it with the transition team this week before making the final decision. He did not give a date for the decision but said it would hopefully be soon. Additional topics also included Bears Ears National Monument, with a focus on Monument Advisory Committee, local concerns for fire wood, cultural resources/access, and grazing.

When: In person interview 11:15- 11:30 a.m. following commission meeting; paper to be published this evening

Tone: Although interview was very cordial and positive, expect article to contain negative quotes from county commissioners, overall tone expected to be BLM negative to neutral.

Additional details of interview:

The other key discussion item was related to the Monument Advisory Committee and Tribal Commission for Bears Ears National Monument. Ed provided information based on his experience and recent meeting with the GSENM and indicated that the new administration or transition team may provide additional guidance before we issue a press release initiating development of the MAC.

Bill provided some helpful local perspective with respect to recent management changes in the Canyon of the Ancients National Monument in California, particularly the closure to fuel wood gathering by local tribal communities and restricting public access to certain sites. Ed took note of those concerns.

Grazing was another topic addressed both in the commission meeting and interview. General discussion focused on historic loss of AUMs, particularly in light of the monument designation. Ed was able to clarify distinctions between historic (suspended AUMs) and active AUMs and that the GSENM active permitted AUMs were nearly the same now as when the GSENM was initiated, and that changes were largely the result of permits changing hands or being consolidated.

Lisa Bryant and Lance provided some clarifications on the BENM boundary with respect to the Moab and Monticello Field Offices and Indian Creek/Newspaper Rock.

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