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**From:** Christopher McAlear  
**Sent:** 2017-07-19T12:12:45-04:00  
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**Subject:** Re: Utah Lands Question  
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Hi

For clarification 19 of 25 Monuments that BLM manage (over 100,000 acres) all still on the table other than the two the Secretary released.

UT has Grand Staircase Escalante NM and Bears Ears.

Chris m

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2017, at 11:56 AM, Collier, Briana <[briana.collier@sol.doi.gov](mailto:briana.collier@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Megan, Contacting John Steiger in the SLC Regional SOL Office on the debarment issue is a good call. You could try calling him at 801-239-0548. On the latter question of what National Monuments in Utah are under review, I think that is an easy answer. Chris McAlear mentioned yesterday that all the monuments are under review, I guess except for the two the Secretary announced would not be -- Hanaford Reach and Craters of the Moon -- neither of which are in UT, so all the UT monuments would be under review.

Copying Chris here for his awareness.

Attaching links to press releases that could be forwarded to requester.

<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-releases-list-monuments-under-review-announces-first-ever-formal>  
<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-recommendation-idahos-craters-moon-and-washingtons-hanford>

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On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 10:47 AM, Megan Crandall <[mcrandal@blm.gov](mailto:mcrandal@blm.gov)> wrote:

HI, Briana. I tried to communicate to this reporter that SOL is a tough bunch to nail down, but I don't know that he really understands. At any rate, I thought I'd let you know that I gave him a heads up about timing and trying to contact our SOL.

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Richard Pollock <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** July 19, 2017 at 8:27:07 AM MDT  
**To:** Megan Crandall <[mcrandal@blm.gov](mailto:mcrandal@blm.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Utah Lands Question

I will talk to them when they contact me. Thanks!

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 10:25 AM, Megan Crandall <[mcrandal@blm.gov](mailto:mcrandal@blm.gov)> wrote:

I have passed your request on to my liaison with the SOL office. I will be honest, though, and tell you that they tend not to be as quick on the draw as needed to meet press deadlines. I am so sorry about that, but the solicitors are just a tough bunch to catch up with. I wanted to be up front with you.

M

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 18, 2017, at 4:13 PM, Richard Pollock <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Megan,  
In a perfect world I would love to talk to someone tomorrow early in the afternoon DC time.

Yes, a comment from a BLM lawyer would be great. I can either conduct an interview or the attorney can send me some comments via email on the two points I raised.

Let me know if either is possible.

Yours,

Richard

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 5:26 PM, Megan Crandall <[mcrandal@blm.gov](mailto:mcrandal@blm.gov)> wrote:

Oh my. First, I should thank whomever sent you to me for thinking that I have the legal acumen to handle this inquiry. Second, I'm wondering if I should work to get you in touch with one of our solicitors. Off the record, though, our solicitors are a rather taciturn bunch and I want to see who I can find that will actually be of use to you. Can you give me an idea of your deadline and I'll get to work on figuring out who has the legal acumen to help you.

Megan

Sent from my iPad

> On Jul 18, 2017, at 2:42 PM, Richard Pollock (b) (6) >  
wrote:

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> Hi Megan,

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> BLM/DC sent me to you. I am a reporter with the Daily Caller News Foundation, the nonprofit reporting arm of the Daily Caller, a news organization based in Washington, DC.

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> I am interested in two issues:

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> The first is the CS Mining case in Utah and the Waterloo Street, Ltd. a British Virgin Island registered company and is a subsidiary of Lippo China Resources, an Indonesia company owned by the Riady family.

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> As you may know Lippo is attempting a hostile takeover of CS Mining under bankruptcy law and seeks to acquire 60,000 acres of land with valuable copper reserves.

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> A U.S. District Court bankruptcy hearing on Friday will hear motions by all the parties concerning CS Mining and Lippo.

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> Mr. Riady pled guilty in 2001 to "conspiracy to defraud the United States" through illegal campaign contributions to former President Bill Clinton.

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> Under federal debarment contracting law, felons cannot own federal lands or seek federal contracts.

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> Could we talk on background about the application of the debarment law and if this applies to Lippo which Mr. Riady and his family controls?

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> The second is about President Trump's Executive Order to review National Monument lands designated as protected lands under the Antiquities Law.

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> Could you please tell me what lands in Utah are affected by this review? Does it apply to the Grand Escalante Staircase National Monument? Are there other designated lands in Utah under review? If so, could you kindly tell me what other properties are affected.

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> My deadline is 2 pm on Wednesday.

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> In advance, thanks for your help on these requests.

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> Cordially,

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> Richard

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