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Thank - I got a copy of the article from the Forest Service earlier this morning.

On Thu, Jun 15, 2017 at 9:00 AM, Kaloi, Kaiini <[kaiini\\_kaloi@ios.doi.gov](mailto:kaiini_kaloi@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Aloha Randy,

See article in <https://www.indianz.com/News/2017/06/14/secretary-zinke-rejects-complaints-about-consult.asp>.

The following goes with what we were talking about yesterday regarding how we process comments:

“Whenever there's consultation -- meaningful consultation -- and the tribes give you their thought process ... it should be taken into consideration,” said Governor Mark Mitchell of the [Pueblo of Tesuque](#), whose leaders support Bears Ears. “It should be written in black and white.”

But Indian Country wasn't the only one struggling to understand the words emanating from Washington, D.C. Lower-level officials at Interior weren't told in advance either, leaving them in the awkward position of having to explain their boss's decision during a [previously-scheduled listening session](#) despite having no information about it.

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