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Hi Harry and Matt,

Sorry to drop this on you last minute. Could you please review the attached cooperating agency letters, mailing list, and map for the GSENM planning process by the **end of the day this Thursday, December 21st**?

One cooperating agency letter is specifically for tribes, and the other is for everyone else. The Excel workbook contains four sheets, only two of which apply to Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (labelled GSENM). Please disregard the sheets for BENM. The attached map will be included with the cooperating agency letters. I'm specifically looking for feedback on the content of the letters and return form, as well as the completeness and accuracy of the two mailing lists.

When you open the Word document, it may prompt you to run a "SQL" command. Click yes - this just connects the Word document to the Excel sheet for the mail merge function. If you aren't prompted, that's fine.

Track changes, comment bubbles, or email feedback all work for me. Please let me know if something isn't working or if you have other questions.

I really appreciate your help. Thanks in advance!
Julie

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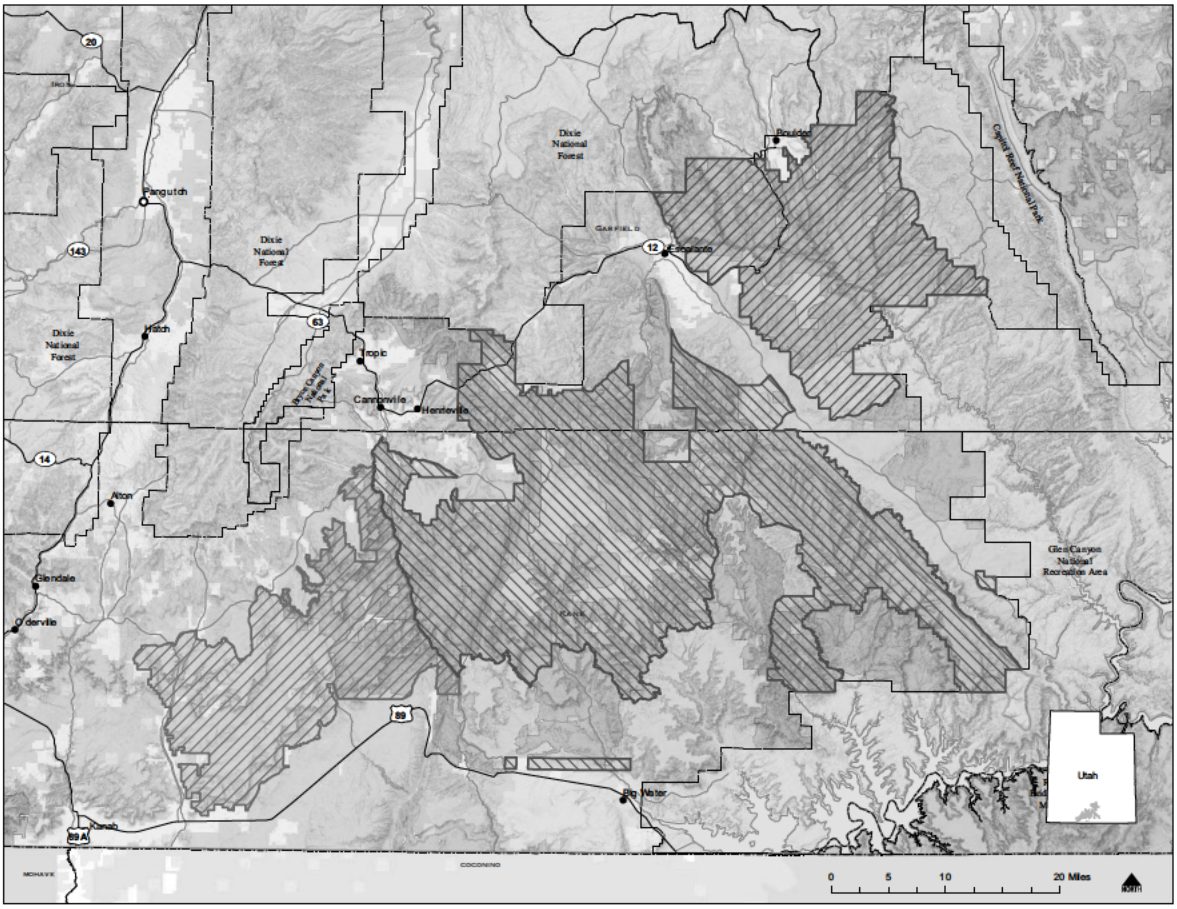
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
1610 (UT 935)

«Honorific» «FirstName» «LastName»
«Title»
«Entity»
«Address Line 1»
«Address Line 2»
«City», «State» «Zip»

Dear «Honorific» «LastName»:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has initiated a planning effort for the Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and Escalante Canyons Units of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, as well as the Federal lands that were previously included in, but are now excluded from, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. This planning effort will be supported by an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared under the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations (40 CFR §1500-1508). As part of the planning area, you may have special expertise that would help inform this planning effort. Because of this, I am inviting you to participate in this planning process as a cooperating agency.

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If you would like to be a cooperating agency, please fill out the enclosed response letter and return it to Harry Barber, Acting Monument Manager, at 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, UT 84741. Upon receipt of your letter, we will provide a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) for your review that describes respective roles, responsibilities, and timelines. On the enclosed response letter, please note if the point of contact for finalizing the MOU is different from the point of contact for the planning process. Should you elect not to be a cooperating

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agency, you will still have opportunities to participate in the NEPA process, such as during public scoping or public comment periods.

If you have any questions regarding cooperating agency status, or if you require any additional information, please contact Harry Barber, at 435-644-1300, or email at escalante_interagency@blm.gov. Thank you for your interest in the NEPA process and in the management of your public lands. We look forward to working with you as we proceed through the NEPA process.

Sincerely,

Edwin L. Roberson
State Director

Enclosures
1 – Agency Return Form
2 – Map

cc: BLM Color Country District Office

COOPERATING AGENCY RETURN FORM

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☐ Thank you for your correspondence. Our agency has no further interest in this planning process and request you remove us from your mailing list.

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Title: _____

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Email: _____

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Specifically, I would like to request your input on:

- Any issues or concerns the tribe may have regarding the BLM's management of the planning area;

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- Any sacred sites or places of traditional religious or cultural importance to the tribe within the planning area, or needs for access to such places, that the BLM should consider in its planning effort including nomination of potential ACECs through a submittal process provided in the BLM ACEC Manual; and
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