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Hi all- See below for the meeting notes from yesterday's Monuments Advisory and Support Team meeting. I'm also cc'ing a handful of managers who might be interested in these topics please let me know if you have any questions about any of this.
Mike

- Mark Conley's retirement
 - Mark is leaving at the end of June after 40 years of service. We'll miss you Mark!
 - Mike will take over the national conservation lands program
- National Monuments review
 - Secretary issued interim report on Bears Ears recommending changes, and extended Bears Ears public comment period. All comments now due in July. More than 160,000 received as of Thursday.
 - Continue to send any media requests to Interior_press@ios.doi.gov
 - BLM California responded to a data request earlier this month for our four national monuments under review (Berryessa Snow Mountain, Carrizo Plain, Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow)
- Planning update
 - Waiting for national monuments review to be completed before moving ahead with scoping.
 - In the meantime, teams are working on pre-planning work, including the Analysis of the Management Situation. Sand to Snow had second ID team meeting last week. Mojave Trails is having first ID team meeting next week. Federal register packages for scoping may be prepared and reviewed through the state office while waiting for DOI review to finish.
 - Plan evaluation also underway for the California Coastal National Monument
- Budget
 - National Conservation Lands budget anticipated for a ~25% cut in President's budget for FY 18.
 - We did receive a small bump in midyear funding recently, which we're working on disbursing to the field.
- Round robin
 - Cadastral surveying of perimeter boundary of Coast Dairies is in progress, another ~5 weeks of work
 - Working on legal description of Berryessa Snow Mountain national monument

- A Generation Green intern may be available to help with community and public outreach in Mojave Trails national monument
- Mike and a subgroup of monument managers is working on messaging for how national conservation lands align with Departmental priorities
- Visit Us portion of the BLM website to go live on June 20. After that, work will shift to moving national conservation lands pages over to Drupal as well. Can we include wilderness information as well?

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