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FYI I got double booked at 2 and so I am not going to make our 2 pm. But wanted to share this with you all as an FYI for what our folks are starting to work on.

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Cally, Chris, Steve,

Attached is the draft NM Priority List that we developed for your review. (b) (5) DPP

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# BLM National Monuments - Planning Priorities List

12/11/17

## Introduction

The BLM manages 27 National Monuments. Twelve have existing Resource Management Plans (RMP), 4 have RMP's that are in development, three have no RMP's, and eight have RMP's with amendments in process.

## Background

Executive Order 13792, "Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act," dated April 26, 2017, (Order or EO 13792) directed the Secretary to conduct a review of certain Presidential designations made under the Act, to determine if the designations conformed to the policies set forth in the Order. The Order instructed that two reports summarizing the review be provided:

- a. an Interim Report within 45 days, addressing the Bears Ears National Monument established by Proclamation No. 9558, dated December 28, 2016, and "other such designations as the Secretary determines to be appropriate for inclusion"; and
- b. a Final Report within 120 days, summarizing the findings of the review for all other monument designations covered by the Order.

- The Interim Report was issued on June 10, 2017.
- On December 4th the President issued the Presidential Proclamation Modifying the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the Presidential Proclamation Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument.
  - The Proclamation Modifying the Grand Staircase-Escalante National modifies the boundaries of the 1.7 million acres of Federal lands to 3 units: the Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and Escalante Canyons units of the monument (1,003,863 acres).
  - The Proclamation Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument modifies the boundaries of the 1.35 million acres of Federal lands to 2 areas: the Shash Jáa area and the Indian Creek area; and excludes from its designation and reservation approximately 1,150,860 acres.
- On December 5th, in accordance with the Order, Secretary Zinke released a Final Report outlining the recommendations he made to the President on national monument designations under the Antiquities Act.
  - In the review the Secretary included DOI plans to undertake a review of existing monument management plans and update them to be consistent with public access, infrastructure, traditional use, tribal cultural use, and hunting and fishing rights.
  - In addition to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments, the Final Report included recommendations to modify the boundaries and/or management of Cascade-Siskiyou, Gold Butte, Organ Mountains and Rio Grande del Norte National Monuments.

On September 15, 2017, Secretarial Order 3356 was issued which directs the BLM to “amend National Monument Management Plans to include or expand hunting, recreational shooting, and fishing opportunities to the extent practicable under the law.” The BLM is developing an action plan to identify recommendations to amend or develop National Monument Management Plans to expand opportunities; and to identify potential actions that would further enhance hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting opportunities within National Monuments.

### **Priority List**

In order to respond to the recent Proclamations and recommendations from the Secretarial Reports with available resources, each of the 27 national monuments was prioritized high to low. The criteria for determining the priorities were based on the following:

- Highest Priority: National Monuments designated by Presidential Proclamation and where Presidential actions following the 12/5/17 Secretarial Final Report have occurred.
- High Priority: National Monuments designated by Presidential Proclamation, and where concerns have been identified in the Secretary’s December 5<sup>th</sup> Final Report, but where no Presidential action has occurred.
- Medium Priority: National Monuments not identified in in the Secretary’s December 5th Final Report, but identified as a high priority for increasing recreational access under S.O. 3356.
- Low Priority: National Monuments not identified in in the Secretary’s December 5th Final Report, or with no fishing, hunting or recreational shooting closures.

Based on the criteria, the following table shows the monuments in priority order, including the monument name, current planning status, the recommendations identified in the Secretarial Report, and a range of options to address the recommendations. The amending of proclamations and boundary revisions identified in the 09/05/17 Secretarial Report are outside the BLM’s authority.

| #                       | National Monument and State            | Existing Land Use Plan | Current Planning Status  | Recommendations identified in 09/05/17 Secretarial Report   | Option 1                  | Option 2 |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|----------|
| <b>Highest Priority</b> |  |                        |  |   |                           |          |
| 1                       | <b>Bears Ears, Utah</b>                | Monticello RMP, 2008.  | NOI drafted  | Develop management plan to protect objects, prioritize public access; infrastructure upgrades, repair, and maintenance; traditional use; tribal cultural use; and hunting and fishing rights.   | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |          |
| 2                       | <b>Grand Staircase-Escalante, Utah</b> | GSENM MMP, 1999        | NOI drafted<br><br>Currently a NOA for the GSENM DRMP-A/DEIS (livestock grazing amendment) is also routing in DTS. | Decrease in actual cattle from restrictions, limited motorized vehicle use, areas in GSENM contain several billion tons of coal, only NM with no public input.<br><br>Develop management plan to protect objects, prioritize public access; infrastructure upgrades, repair, and maintenance; traditional use; tribal cultural use; and hunting and fishing rights. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |          |
| <b>High Priority</b>    |  |                        |  |   |                           |          |

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| 3 | <b>Cascade - Siskiyou, Oregon</b> | CSNM RMP, 2008<br><br>Soda Mountain Wilderness Stewardship Plan, 2012 | The BLM is implementing the current plans.  | Motorized transportation off roads prohibited in original designation. Expansion only allows for off roads in limited cases and after transportation management plan is completed. Plan not yet initiated. Due to poor maintenance, remaining usable roads in often unsuitable for use.<br><br>Develop management plan to protect objects, prioritize public access; infrastructure upgrades, repair, and maintenance; traditional use; tribal cultural use; and hunting and fishing rights. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED]<br><br>[REDACTED] |  |
| 4 | <b>Gold Butte, Nevada</b>         | Las Vegas RMP, 1998.  | A supplement to the <i>S.NV D.O. DEIS and GBNM</i> . A NOI was initiated. Scoping has not been initiated. | Develop management plan to protect objects, prioritize public access; infrastructure upgrades, repair, and maintenance; traditional use; tribal cultural use; and hunting and fishing rights.  |   |  |
| 5 | <b>Organ</b>                      | Mimbres   | In pre-planning   | Border security is a concern   | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED]                   |  |

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|  | <b>Mountains-Desert Peaks, New Mexico</b> | RMP, 1993 | stages, awaiting Notice of Intent to be published. | <p>resulting from the designation, as the Proclamation restricts motorized transportation close to the border.</p> <p>Remoteness and topography of the Potrillos Mountain Complex lends itself to a drug smuggling route and needs to be monitored.</p> <p>Potrillos Mountain Complex also encompasses the Mesilla groundwater basin which has an unknown potential to address future water needs, recharge, salinity control, and storage.</p> <p>Designation could prevent access to parts of allotments. Vegetative management and other maintenance work could be restricted and further degrade the ability for ranchers to run cattle. Develop management plan to protect objects, prioritize public access; infrastructure upgrades, repair, and maintenance; traditional use; tribal cultural use; and</p> | (b) (5) DPP [REDACTED] |  |
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|                        |   |  |  | hunting and fishing rights.  |                        |  |
| 6                      | <b>Rio Grande del Norte, New Mexico</b> | Taos RMP, 2012                             | The RMP is currently being amended in an EA to address Monument management.                  | <p>Lack of access to roads due to monument restrictions has left many grazing permittees choosing not to renew permits.</p> <p>Develop management plan to protect objects, prioritize public access; infrastructure upgrades, repair, and maintenance; traditional use; tribal cultural use; and hunting and fishing rights.</p> | (b) (5) DPP [REDACTED] |  |
| <b>Medium Priority</b> |   |  |  |  |                        |  |
| 7                      | <b>Sonoran Desert, Arizona</b>          | Sonoran Desert National Monument RMP, 2012 | Released a proposed RMP Amendment and Final EIS for recreational target shooting 10/20/2017. | Reviewed but not in Final Report.  | (b) (5) DPP [REDACTED] |  |

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| 8  | <b>Sand to Snow, California</b>  | BLM is preparing a NOI to begin scoping.                      | The BLM and US Forest Service have initiated planning.                         | Reviewed but not in Final Report. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| 9  | <b>Basin and Range, Nevada</b>   | Ely RMP, 2008.  | Amendment to the RMP. A scoping report has been prepared.                      | Reviewed but not in Final Report. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |            |
| 10 | <b>Mojave Trails, California</b> | California Desert Conservation Area Plan of 1980, as amended. | A Monument Plan will be prepared, pending the outcome of the national monument | Reviewed but not in Final Report. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |            |



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|    |  |   | review under Executive Order 13792.  |                                   |                           |            |
| 11 | <b>Berryessa Snow Mountain, California</b> | 2006 Ukiah Field Office RMP                 | An RMP amendment will be prepared pending the outcome of the national monument review under Executive Order 13792. | Reviewed but not in Final Report. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |            |
| 12 | <b>Carrizo Plain, California</b>           | Carrizo Plain National Monument RMP, 2010   | BLM implementing current plan  | Reviewed but not in Final Report. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |            |
| 13 | <b>Ironwood Forest, Arizona</b>            | Ironwood Forest National Monument RMP, 2013 | BLM implementing current plan  | Reviewed but not in Final Report. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |            |
| 14 | <b>Canyons of the Ancients, Colorado</b>   | Canyons of the Ancients RMP, 2010           | BLM implementing current plan  | Reviewed but not in Final Report. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

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|    |   |  |                               |                                   | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| 15 | <b>Upper Missouri River Breaks, Montana</b> | Upper Missouri River Breaks RMP, 2008  | BLM implementing current plan | Reviewed but not in Final Report. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |            |
| 16 | <b>Fort Ord, California</b>                 | Hollister FO RMP for the Southern Diablo Mountain Range and Central Coast of California, 2007. | BLM implementing current plan | Not Reviewed under E.O. 13792     | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |            |
| 17 | <b>Pompey's Pillar, Montana</b>             | Pompey's Pillar RMP, 2015  | BLM implementing current plan | Not Reviewed under E.O. 13792     | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |            |

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| 18 | <b>Browns Canyon, Colorado</b>              | Currently managed under the Royal Gorge Field Office RMP, 1996.           | An independent joint BLM/USFS RMP is being prepared for BCNM. The RMP is currently in the BLM analysis of the management situation phase and USFS Assessment | Reviewed but not in Final Report. | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |  |
| 19 | <b>California Coastal National Monument</b> | California Coastal National Monument Resource Management Plan (RMP), 2005 | RMP is being amended to address additions to the Monument. A NOI prepared to start scoping for the Cotoni-Coast Dairies                                      | Not Reviewed under E.O. 13792     | (b) (5) DPP<br>[REDACTED] |  |

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| 20 | <b>Agua Fria, Arizona</b>                                | Agua Fria National Monument RMP, 2010  | BLM implementing current plan | Not Reviewed under E.O. 13792   |             |  |
| 21 | <b>Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, California*</b> | Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan, 2004 | BLM implementing current plan | Not Reviewed under E.O. 13792<br><i>*National Monument was Congressionally Designated</i> |             |  |
| 22 | <b>Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks, New Mexico</b>               | Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks NM RMP (2007)  | BLM implementing current plan | Not Reviewed under E.O. 13792   |             |  |
| 23 | <b>Prehistoric Trackways, New Mexico</b>                 | Prehistoric Trackways RMP, 2015  | BLM implementing current plan | Not Reviewed under E.O. 13792   |             |  |

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| <b>Low Priority</b> |  |   |   |                                   |             |  |
| 24                  | <b>Grand Canyon-Parashant, Arizona</b> | BLM/NPS Grand Canyon-Parashant RMP/General Management Plan, 2008. | No access restrictions identified.                            | Reviewed but not in Final Report. | (b) (5) DPP |  |
| 25                  | <b>Vermilion Cliffs, Arizona</b>       | Vermilion Cliffs National Monument RMP, 2008                      | No access restrictions identified.                            | Reviewed but not in Final Report. |             |  |
| 26                  | <b>Craters of the Moon, Idaho</b>      | The ROD for the Craters Amendment was signed in July 2017.        | The BLM will begin implementation plan                        | Reviewed but not in Final Report. |             |  |
| 27                  | <b>San Juan Islands, Washington</b>    | No RMP addressing these lands.                                    | Currently developing alternatives for a monument specific RMP | Not Reviewed under E.O. 13792     |             |  |

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| 3                                   | Cascade - Siskiyou, Oregon                       | CSNM RMP, 2008 Soda Mountain Wilderness Stewardship Plan, 2012                                 | Implementation  |
| 4                                   | Gold Butte, Nevada                               | Las Vegas RMP, 1998.   | A supplement to the S.NV D.O. DEIS and GBNM. A NOI was initiated. Scoping has not been initiated.                             |
| 5                                   | Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, New Mexico         | Mimbres RMP, 1993  | In pre-planning stages, awaiting Notice of Intent to be published.  |
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| 10                                  | Mojave Trails, California                        | California Desert Conservation Area Plan of 1980, as amended.                                  | In pre-planning stages, awaiting Notice of Intent to be published.  |
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| 23                                  | Prehistoric Trackways, New Mexico                | Prehistoric Trackways RMP, 2015  | BLM implementing current plan   |
| 24                                  | Grand Canyon-Parashant, Arizona                  | BLM/NPS GCP RMP General Management Plan, 2008.   | BLM implementing current plan   |
| 25                                  | Vermilion Cliffs, Arizona                        | Vermilion Cliffs National Monument RMP, 2008   | BLM implementing current plan   |
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