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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. Steve and I spoke and it sounds like there may be funding to allocate from 1610 for the highest priorities. We are also taking a hard look at our 400 funds and will let you know what's available. Sally and Tim are coordinating this list with the 3356 action plan since this one is responsive to all orders, proclamations, and other recent actions.

The table in the write up has more detailed information regarding the "concerns" from the final report that needs to be addressed. I also created a one page summary priority table for a quick look (pdf attached).

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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:

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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.

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