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See attached. Let me know what edits you have.
Thanks, Sally

On Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 1:23 PM, Moore, Nikki <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

Hello,
We have another urgent request, due by COB (tomorrow morning but I need a little time to review). We need a BP on Bears Ears NM with a little more information than we have provided already in the transition folder. They are looking for information on economics/jobs created, stats (acres, dates etc) info like how the monument was initially proposed over 80 years ago, proclamation, grazing/recreation/uses. Let's include any outstanding geographic features and how large/extensive any of these ROV's may be.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions!

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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR ???

DATE: February 13, 2017
 FROM: Nikki Moore, Acting Deputy Assistant Director National Conservation Lands
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 SUBJECT: Key information on the Bears Ears National Monument, Utah

KEY INFORMATION

- On December 28, 2016, President Obama issued a presidential proclamation that designated the 1.35 million acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah.
- The new monument includes 1.063 million acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and 290,000 acres managed by U.S. Forest Service within the boundaries of the Manti La Sal National Forest.
- The monument preserves current uses of the land, including tribal access and traditional collection of plants and firewood, off highway vehicle recreation, hunting and fishing, grazing, military training operations, utility corridors, and other valid and existing rights.
- The monument protects some of the most significant cultural, desert landscapes in the U.S., including abundant rock art, ancient cliff dwellings, ceremonial sites, and other places important to Native American tribes. To reflect tribal expertise, the Bears Ears Commission has been created to enable tribes to share insight with federal land managers.
- The BLM and the U.S. Forest Service will undertake a monument planning process for Bear Ears National Monument, including the opportunity for public input, according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and agency regulations and policy.
- The proclamation for the Bears Ears National Monument also establishes a local advisory committee made up of interested stakeholders including state and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners.
- The area that is now the Bears Ears National Monument was part of a larger area that was proposed for designation as early as 1936 by Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes. Other areas within the larger proposal were subsequently designated into what is now Capitol Reef National Park and Canyonlands National Park, managed by the National Park Service.
- Bears Ears National Monument will add to the economic effects in Utah from the BLM's National Conservation Lands which contribute over \$105 million in economic output and support nearly 1,200 jobs in Utah as of 2016.

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BACKGROUND

National Conservation Lands

- The BLM's National Conservation Lands include 875 federally recognized areas and approximately 36 million acres of National Monuments and National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historic Trails, and Conservation Lands of the California Desert.
- BLM's National Monuments and National Conservation Areas program maintains 23 National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations that have been legislated by Congress as well as 25 National Monuments that have been designated by Presidents.
- Like all BLM land, National Monuments and National Conservation Areas are multiple use sites that are open to a wide variety of activities. These include recreation, scientific research, and energy development.
- Each National Monument and National Conservation Area is unique, encompassing landscapes as diverse as lush coastlines, colorful desert canyons, and mountainous tundra, as well as cultural treasures including remnants of America's pioneer history and ancient tribal pueblos. These lands preserve the incredible cultural and recreational legacy of our country.
- BLM's National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations Program comprises some of the agency's most visited sites. Each year, millions of Americans and international tourists visit these areas to experience the fantastic range of recreational activities these lands provide.
- Some of the most popular activities on BLM National Conservation Lands include hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, off road vehicle use, horseback riding, target shooting, and boating.
- These areas provide great economic benefits to their surrounding communities. For every \$1 the National Monuments and National Conservation Areas program receives in funding, it generates approximately \$17 for local economies.¹
- These lands contribute over \$600 million to regional economies each year.
- Excluding Federal employees, the National Monuments and National Conservation Areas program supported 7,100 jobs as of 2016.

¹ See "An Analysis of the Economic Effects of the National Conservation Lands," Feb. 2017 (draft).

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Excluding Federal employees, the NM/NCA program supported 6,000 jobs as of 2016.

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