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The Tribal listening session session in Phoenix yesterday, was attended by about 25 people. Six Tribal Leaders, representing 6 tribes spoke. The leaders included Russell Begaye, Navajo Nation President, Roland Maldonado, Kaibab-Piaute Chairman, James Burson, Pueblo Laguna Attorney, Kevin Frost, Southern Ute Tribal Council, Fred Lomahquahu, Hopi Tribe and Willie White, Fort Yuma QuechanTribe. Some leaders spoke several times and several read letters/statements from other tribal leaders.

The overall message from the tribes was one of strong support for Monuments in general, with particular emphasis on support for Bears Ears. Chairman Maldonado strongly supported GSENM, along with Bears Ears and Gold Butte. The meeting was recorded. The BIA indicated that the transcripts and written comments will be analyzed and the recommendations reported to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior. The transcripts, written statements and accompanying materials will also be available at www.bia.gov.

Let me know if you have questions or would like additional information.

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