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On Wed, Jun 21, 2017 at 5:18 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Thanks, but the attachment was for Organ Mountains, not Basin and Range

On Wed, Jun 21, 2017 at 5:13 PM, Moore, Nikki <[nmoore@blm.gov](mailto:nmoore@blm.gov)> wrote:  
Here you go!

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On Wed, Jun 21, 2017 at 5:00 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Nikki, there is no Executive Summary, but rather 2 copies of the responses to the additional questions. Would you please see if there is an executive summary and forward it to me. FYI, I am merging the answers to the additional questions into the Executive Summary, and deleting items from there that will be addressed in the Economic report

On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 8:49 AM, Moore, Nikki <[nmoore@blm.gov](mailto:nmoore@blm.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Randy,

We have completed our review of the initial responses provided in response to the April 26, 2017 Executive Order 13792 and initial data request for the Basin and Range National Monument. Please find attached an executive summary and data summary. These two summary documents along with the requested data and supporting sources of information have been uploaded to the respective Google Drive folder for the Basin and Range National Monument.

Per your request, I have also attached the responses to the new, additional information requested in a word document. ("Basin and Range\_New Information Request\_6\_2\_2017")

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## **Executive Summary of Review of National Monuments under EO 13792 (April 26, 2017)**

### **Key Information about Basin and Range National Monument**

Basin and Range National Monument was designated on July 10, 2015. BARNM consists of 526,413 acres in Lincoln County, Nevada and 177,172 acres in Nye County, Nevada for a total of 703,585 acres. These acres include only public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the boundary of the monument. Prior to designation, the area was managed by the BLM and continues to be managed by BLM following designation. Located approximately two hours north of Las Vegas, BARNM offers a remote and rural experience in proximity to a major metropolitan area. There are no facilities or infrastructure present, and this area does not have paved access roads. Overall, multiple use activities are allowed in BARNM that are compatible with the protection of resources and objects identified in the Presidential Proclamation. Multiple use activities are subject to decisions made in current and future BLM resource management planning efforts which include public participation. National monuments and other conservation areas managed by the BLM continue to allow for multiple uses according to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (depending on proclamation language).

### **Summary of Public Engagement Prior to Designation**

Prior to the area being designated a National Monument, Former Senator Harry Reid introduced two bills, the Garden Valley Withdrawal Act (S.2820 in 2014 and S.196 in 2015), proposing a withdrawal of the area. In February 2015, Interior Deputy Secretary Michael Connor attended a public meeting in Las Vegas with Senator Reid and Congresswoman Dina Titus to discuss their proposals to protect Nevada's public lands. The meeting was held in Clark County and approximately 300 people expressed support for the creation of Basin and Range and Gold Butte National Monuments. The campaign to designate Basin and Range as a national monument had support in Nevada from MGM Resorts International, Wynn Resorts, Barrick Gold Corporation, Rockwood Lithium North America, the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce, and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

Sentiment against designation of the area as a National Monument or National Conservation Area has been expressed by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Sentiment in support of designation of the area as a National Monument has been expressed in Clark County, such as by the Friends of Basin and Range.

### **Summary of National Monument Activities since Designation**

An Application for Permit to Drill (APD) was signed following designation in February 2016. This APD was submitted prior to designation of the area in a parcel leased for oil and gas and is considered a valid existing right. BLM continues to authorize grazing permits, Special Recreation Permits, film permits, cave use permits, and authorizations for research activities consistent with the existing land use plan and proclamation. There has been no change in day-to-day management since designation of BARNM and no change in grazing or the number of permitted Animal Unit Months (AUMs). A Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Basin and Range National Monument (BARNM) is in progress.

The Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council created a Basin and Range National Monument Subcommittee. This Subcommittee met several times in 2016.

The Nevada Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR13) was passed by the Nevada State Senate on April 25, 2017. The Resolution expresses the support of the Nevada Legislature for the enactment and use of the Antiquities Act and the designation of the Basin and Range National Monument and the Gold Butte Monument in Nevada.

**Summary of Activities in Area for 5 years Preceding Pre-Designation**

These public lands have been managed according to the 2008 Ely District Resource Management Plan (RMP), which includes multiple-use management objectives. Approximately 30,644 acres have been managed as the Worthington Mountains Wilderness, which was designated by Congress in 2004 with the passage of the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act. In the 2008 Ely District RMP, approximately 19,987 acres were designated as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern within what is now the BARNM. These acres are within the Mount Irish ACEC, which was designated for prehistoric and historic values and the Shooting Gallery ACEC, which was designated for prehistoric values. Both of these areas contain rock art, and the Mount Irish ACEC contains a historic mining district. There has been no change in day-to-day management since designation of BARNM.

**Summary of Available Economic Information since Designation**

Economic information is included in the Drive folder (Basin and Range NM – Economic Snapshot).

**Summary of Any Boundary Adjustments since Designation**

Not applicable. There have been no boundary adjustments since designation.