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Final attached.--Mike

On Fri, May 5, 2017 at 4:05 PM, Staszak, Cynthia <cstaszak@blm.gov> wrote:

Michael, Tyler & Lola:

Would you please provide a copy of the final BPs relating to GSENM so that we may see what the end product was?

Thanks

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On Thu, May 4, 2017 at 11:22 AM, Staszak, Cynthia <cstaszak@blm.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, May 4, 2017 at 10:21 AM, Richardson, Michael <mjrichardson@blm.gov> wrote:

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I have attached several of the draft document for your use. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks for your support. Thanks--Mike
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**INFORMATION/BRIEFING MEMORANDUM
for the SECRETARY OF INTERIOR**

DATE: May 4, 2017

SUBJECT: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

FROM: Edwin Roberson, State Director – Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Utah

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Provide background information on Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

II. BACKGROUND

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was established by Presidential Proclamation on September 18, 1996 as BLM's first national Monument. BLM manages the multiple uses incorporated in the Monument (hunting, fishing, recreation, oil production, grazing, etc), while protecting the vast array of historic and scientific resources identified in the Proclamation and provides opportunities for the scientific study of those resources.

- 1.88 million acres in the unit.(1,866,331 of BLM administered land and 14,130 acres of privately held land within the boundaries)
- No tribal lands
- No state lands (1998 land swap w/State of Utah – Federal govt received all State inholdings in GSENM (176,699 acres) while State received \$50 million plus #13 million in unleased coal and approx. 139,000 acres including mineral resources. Federal govt received additional State holdings within other NPS & USFS units.

Land Uses

- 908 miles of designated motorized vehicle routes
- 553 miles of the 908 miles are open to non-street legal all-terrain vehicles
- GSENM manages grazing on 2,242,000 acres (GSENM-1,855,400 acres; BLM Kanab Field Office – 65,500 acres; Arizona Strip Field Office – 2,300 acres; and NPS Glen Canyon National Recreation Area – 318,800 acres)
- 79 active grazing livestock grazing allotments, with 91 permittees
- 106,202 total Animal Unit Months and 76,957 AUMs are active (At designation, 106,645/77,400 AUMs)
- 110 special recreation permits (214% increase since designation)
- 936,236 visitors in 2016
- Monument lands were withdrawn from mineral extraction by Presidential Proclamation but subject to valid existing rights
- Five active oil-producing wells & two injection wells
- Hunting and fishing is open on the entire Monument, regulated by the State of Utah

Archeological and Paleontological Resources

- Approximately 5,000 recorded archeological sites
- Approximately seven percent of the Monument surveyed (132,000 acres)
- 12 new dinosaurs named (with four due in 2017)
- 3350 documented paleontological sites
- Approximately six percent of the area surveyed (120,000 acres)

III. DISCUSSION

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was established as BLM's first National Monument over 20 years ago, with virtually no local or state input. This has been a matter of contention ever since. While there was not public involvement in the establishment of the Monument, there was extensive research and analysis into the objects to be protected within the Monument, and the area necessary to provide for that protection.

The management of the Monument was developed through a three year planning process that did include extensive public involvement. The Monument continues to work with local, state and national stakeholders in the management of the multiple uses and the protection of the resources.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

1. GSENM Map