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Subject: Re: Basin and Range NM Initial Data Request Exec Summary, Data Summary, New Information Request Responses
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Attachments: [Organ Mountains_Executive Summary_6_5_2017.docx](#)

Here you go!

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On Wed, Jun 21, 2017 at 5:00 PM, Bowman, Randal <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> 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)

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Key Information about Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (496,330 acres) was established by Presidential Proclamation on May 21, 2014. Prior to designation, the area was managed by the BLM and continues to be following designation. The BLM manages for multiple uses within the Monument (hunting, fishing, recreation, grazing, and valid existing rights such as oil production, etc.), while protecting the vast array of historic and scientific resources identified in the Proclamation and providing opportunities for scientific study of those resources. The resources identified in the Proclamation include visual, cultural, geologic, paleontological, ecological, and scientific resources. Overall, multiple use activities are allowed in Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument 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.

Summary of Public Engagement Prior to Designation

Meetings hosted by Congressional delegations, the Secretary's office, and community groups, were held prior to designation. BLM participated in these meetings as subject matter experts and did not keep records of dates, attendees or content of these meetings.

For further information about the amount of meetings and community support of the designation, please attached document: '6. Public Input Prior to Designation'. This is a compilation of local governments' and community organizations' declaration of support of designation, and press briefings of public meetings prior to designation.

Summary of Public Scoping in Development of Resource Management Plan

Public Scoping has not yet been initiated for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (OMDPNM).

Summary of National Monument Activities since Designation

Management of Recreation, livestock grazing, and cultural resources has continued within the OMDPNM. The Monument has no production of coal, oil, gas, and renewable minerals. There are no mining claims other than a Common Use Area for mineral materials, which has not had any sale or production since the designation of the monument. The Monument does not lend itself to any timber activity due to its desert ecosystem.

Summary of Activities in Area for Five years Preceding Pre-Designation

Much of the management of the Monument remains the same when comparing the years proceeding designation and the years after designation. The major change is in the sharp increase in visitation and the additional staff hired to support and manage the increased levels of visitation.

Summary of Available Economic Information since Designation

Recreation use and visitation has increased since the designation of the OMDPNM resulting in economic benefits for the surrounding community of Las Cruces and is supported within the BLM recreation fee areas. The BLM continues to receive payment for livestock grazing on federal lands and the sale of livestock occurs within the state. Range allotment management has not changed as a result of the Monument designation.

For a report about the economic effects of the Monument designation, please see the attached National Conservation Lands' Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Economic Snapshot. It estimates total economic output support at \$24,359,990 in 2016 (attachment: Organ Mountains Desert Peaks NM Economic Snapshot.PDF). Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce also conducted an economic impact study post designation and it found the economic benefits increased for both local economies and state and local tax revenue (attachment: Organ-Mountains-Desert-Peaks-economic-impact-study-8-16). A business poll also found local businesses were optimistic about the positive effects the Monument was having on their businesses (see attachment: OMDP Business Impact Memo). Population size and jobs increased by 21% and 27%, respectively, between 2001 and 2015, following an overarching trend of increasing economies near protected public lands (see attachment: Organ Mountains Desert Peaks NM: A Summary of the Economic Performances of Surrounding Communities).

Summary of Any Boundary Adjustments since Designation

There has not been any boundary adjustments since the May 21, 2014 Presidential Proclamation designation of the OMDPNM.