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Hi all,

As you may know, every year the Department asks the bureaus to identify topics and prepare briefing papers for the Secretary's budget hearings. Attached below is a briefing paper on the National Conservation Lands. WO Legislative Affairs has prepared the initial draft using some content from previous briefing papers provided to us on the subject.

Could you please have the appropriate WO-410 staff edit, update, and rearrange as you see fit, keeping the paper as succinct as possible. \*\*\*Note that the Department's guidance specifies that the papers must be one page or less, 12pt., Times New Roman, with 1" margins on all sides.

We have a quick turnaround from the Department so please send us your edits by

**tomorrow (4/27) at noon.** We will then send the papers to the ADs and WO-100 for surname.

Thanks and please let us know if you have any questions.  
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**Key Points:**

- The President's FY 2018 budget provides funding of \$XX million within the National Monuments and National Conservation Areas (NCAs) subactivity.
- The funding level will support priorities throughout all 48 National Monuments and NCAs, including public access and safety; inventory of unit objects and values; development of unit science, interdisciplinary, and activity plans; travel management; wildlife habitat conservation and restoration; cultural resources protection; and critical facilities maintenance.
- The FY 2017 continuing resolution provided \$5 million in new funding for National Monuments and National Conservation Areas.

**Background:**

- The BLM's National Conservation Lands include 876 units covering about 36 million acres of BLM-administered lands (over 12% of all BLM lands).
- Specific BLM designations include:
  - Designated wilderness: 224 units, 8.8 million acres
  - National Monuments: 27 units, 9.5 million acres
  - National Conservation Areas (NCAs) and similar designations: 21 units, 4.1 million acres
  - Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs): 517 units, 12.6 million acres
  - Wild & Scenic Rivers: 69 rivers, 2,423 miles
  - National Scenic & Historic Trails: 18 trails, 5,761 miles
- Nearly 15 million recreational visits are made annually to BLM National Conservation Lands (one-quarter of all recreational visits to BLM lands).
- Recent national monument designations or expansions on BLM lands include California Coastal (2017), Cascade-Siskiyou in Oregon and California (2017), Gold Butte in Nevada (2016), Bears Ears in Utah (2016), Mojave Trails and Sand to Snow in California (2016), Browns Canyon in Colorado (2015), Basin and Range in Nevada (2015), and Berryessa Snow Mountain in California (2015).
- Since 1906, 16 Presidents out of 19 have used the Antiquities Act to expand or establish national monuments on federal lands.

**Current Status:**

- [insert information on actions the BLM has taken with respect to implementation/management of recent monuments]

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