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Thanks ED

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> On Mar 14, 2017, at 7:44 PM, Roberson, Edwin <eroberso@blm.gov> wrote:

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> All, Here are some updates modified after yesterday's discussion. We did
 > improve the contrast to help you see some of the topography better. We can
 > sent larger maps overnight when we have the information depicted
 > satisfactorily.

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> The first is a map showing the three boundaries--Proclamation, Tribal
 > Proposal and Utah PLI Proposal. This map is similar to the one I sent
 > yesterday except it shows additional analysis of what PLI proposed. PLI
 > proposed establishment of two NCAs, both of which would be withdrawn from
 > mineral entry. The Indian Creek NCA on the north (434,354 acres) and the
 > Bears Ears NCA on the south (857,603 acres). It also proposed Wilderness
 > areas and released some WSA lands. The areas proposed for wilderness are
 > marked in cross-hatches on the map. There were a few other questions you
 > had about PLI that I will answer below.

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> The second is the map of the BENM Proclamation area with certain attributes
 > identified in the proclamation. The difference between it and the map
 > provided yesterday is that we identified the geographic area associated
 > with the attribute (eg, Cedar Mesa, Valley of the Gods, etc) as best we
 > could display them. There were only two trails identified in the
 > proclamation--Outlaw Trail and Hole in the Rock Trail. We do not have GIS
 > data showing Outlaw Trail so only Hole in the Rock is mapped. We removed
 > the other trails on yesterday's map.

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> The third is a map of the UPLI boundary with those same attributes
 > identified from the proclamation that were on map 2. The UPLI proposed
 > wilderness area on the west side and outside the NCA boundaries is know as
 > Mancos Mesa and is shown for clarity as part of the UPLI proposal. BLM
 > does not know why the state sections were excluded from UPLI. The small
 > "peninsula" to the east of Bluff may have been mapped into the Monument and
 > the UPLI because it includes a site know as Sacred Mesa, which includess a
 > large archaeological site and there is a known petroglyph panel in this
 > area.

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> The fourth is a map showing known paleo sites and potential for paleo
 > resources. It was built from data from the UT Natural History Museum. We
 > will have a similar map for cultural resources, but are waiting for the
 > data from the SHPO. The SHPO data does not include Traditional Cultural
 > Properties (TCPs). There are no recorded TCPs in the National Monument.
 > The Tribes may provide additional information.

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> The BLM does not have any knowledge regarding why areas excluded under the
> PLI were included in the National Monument Proclamation. The two most
> notable differences between the PLI and the National Monument are 1)
> BLM-administered land north west of Natural Bridges (primarily between
> Highway 95 and Dark Canyon); and 2) National Forest System Land on the east
> side of the boundary. BLM does not have information on why areas managed
> by the National Forest were excluded.
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> The National Monument Boundary was drawn on a ridge line just south of
> Highway 95. The current Monument boundary includes areas within the view
> shed of Highway 95, which is part of the Trail of the Ancients National
> Scenic Byway. The Monument also includes White Canyon, which is a 45 mile
> long canyon between the Abajo Mountains and the Colorado River that passes
> through Natural Bridges National Monument. The area is managed by BLM for
> special recreation. The area includes a small area (59 acres) that was
> identified in 2013 as open for commercial oil shale tar sands development.
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> I can set up a call for tomorrow if you all would like to discuss this
> information and potential refinements. Also, we are working on maps for
> the Grand Staircase-Escalante which we are working to have drafts of
> tomorrow. I hope your weather improves tomorrow. It is 70 in Utah. ed
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