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Downey,

I had checked the UPLI website and found those maps to be cumbersome. We are looking to see what can be done to pull pieces relevant to the two proposed NCAs. I will get back to you late today or first thing tomorrow. Ed

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2017, at 11:12 AM, Magallanes, Downey <[downey\\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Ed,

Could you consolidate these maps <https://www.utahpli.com/maps> onto one document? I assume someone in the state prepared these. I will leave to you how best to convey this- just want to see in one place all that was proposed in PLI in one map, within the overall boundary. And then if you could put the BENM boundary on top of that (like you did on one of the first maps you sent).

Thanks.

On Tue, Mar 14, 2017 at 7:44 PM, Roberson, Edwin <[eroberso@blm.gov](mailto:eroberso@blm.gov)> wrote:

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 send larger maps overnight when we have the information depicted satisfactorily.

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 PLI proposed establishment of two NCAs, both of which would be withdrawn from mineral entry.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.

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.

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 known 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 known as Sacred Mesa, which includes a large archaeological site and there is a known petroglyph panel in this area.

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.

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.

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.

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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