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Also I owe you at BLM an apology for not communicating to you the decision that GSE would not be reviewed at the same time as Bears Ears. That was the original intent, but with the rush to get things out the comment period for GSE was not adjusted to match Bears Ears. I was advised last Monday that (b)(5) DPP, but was so pressed with things needing to be done immediately that I overlooked letting you know this. You and the field staff did an outstanding job in providing the two packages on such a short turnaround.

I believe we are past the "mad rush" state of this process and so I will have no excuses if anything like this happens again.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 12:14 PM, Nikki Moore <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

Yes will do!

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On May 22, 2017, at 11:33 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal\_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks, that is the information I was looking for. Could you have someone check on which of those sections were used for those in Bears Ears and Grand Staircase areas, and then have that shown on the future reports?

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:26 AM, Moore, Nikki <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Randy,  
The BLM designated nearly all its WSAs under the authority of either sections 202 or 603 of FLPMA (a handful were also designated by Congress). Sec. 603 of FLPMA directed the BLM to inventory its lands and, within 15 years of the law's enactment, identify parcels that met the definition of "wilderness" as described in the Wilderness Act of 1964. In carrying out Sec. 603, the BLM broke the process into three phases: inventory, study, and reporting. The BLM completed the wilderness inventory phase by 1980. Between 1980 and 1991, BLM performed the study phase, which consisted of Bureau staff comparing a WSA's wilderness values to other land uses and coming

up with a recommendation as to whether a given WSA was suitable to be managed as wilderness. Per Section 603, the study phase included the U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Bureau of Mines conducting surveys to determine the mineral values (if any) present in the WSA's. The recommendation phase consisted of BLM submitting its recommendations to the President, which it did by sending statewide wilderness reports to the President in 1991. The President, in turn, sent recommendations to Congress in 1993. Settlement of the lawsuit, *Utah v. Norton*, clarified that BLM will not designate new WSAs. The BLM WSA's are managed to protect wilderness characteristics until Congress decides whether or not they should be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System as wilderness areas.

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 8:31 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Nikki, one followup question - does BLM have more than one process for designating wilderness study areas, or were all done by administrative review, recommendation to the President and transmittal to Congress? I've tried to find this on your web site with no luck.

On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 7:57 PM, Nikki Moore <[nmoore@blm.gov](mailto: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. The executive summary and detailed response for the requested items are attached and will be uploaded to the respective Google Drive folder for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in addition to the supporting data and documents.

Per your request, I have also attached the additional information in a word document below and will shared the google docs that provide the supporting data and information.

Please let me know if you have any questions.  
Hope you have a great weekend!