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Thanks, Tyler. We will see this week how the President's monument review process will affect our future activities. I will be back from Phoenix on Friday. Ed

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On Apr 24, 2017, at 11:02 AM, Ashcroft, Tyler <tashcrof@blm.gov> wrote:

Ed,
The Forest Service did participate. Mark, Mike Diem, and Tami Connor were present. We will hold our scheduled call today and will talk about next steps.

Thanks,

On Sun, Apr 23, 2017 at 8:46 AM, Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov> wrote:

Tyler, thank you for the summary of the meeting with the Commission. It does sound like it was productive and sets the stage for more progress in the future. Was the Forest Service able to participate in the discussion? Will you all have your weekly call tomorrow? If you do, please begin to chart out the next steps for us. I will reach out to headquarters to see what steps are within our control.
Ed

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On Apr 21, 2017, at 10:13 PM, Ashcroft, Tyler <tashcrof@blm.gov> wrote:

Ed,
I wanted to provide you with an update on today's Bears Ears Commission meeting while it is fresh in my mind. To start, from my prospective, the meeting went excellent. All of the Tribes had their representatives present, with exception of the Hopi. Terry Morgart, with the Hopi Tribal Historic Preservation Office, attended the meeting, but only participated in a listening capacity. In general, we followed the agenda that was prepared by the Bears Ears Commission. We were able to cover almost all of the topics that on the agenda, with the exception of American Indian firewood and plant collection. Most importantly, it was another positive

relationship building experience.

Included below are some of the key points that I took from the meeting. Don may have some additional thoughts.

1. Installation of signs is very important to the Tribes. We can expect continued pressure on this issue. Don and I presented our sign designs, discussed sign locations, and informed them we have initiated a cadastral survey. They asked us to provide them with a clear timeline for installing the signs. They also reiterated that they would like to hold some type of ceremony in coordination with the installation.
2. Related to the first item, the Tribes all agreed in concept with the "house on fire" sign design. They did not care for the "valley of the gods" design. They asked us to look at some other color options in addition to the green and blue options that we presented. They discussed different colors have cultural significance. We agreed to send them some mock-ups using orange, red, and turquoise. I have already asked the NOC to work on those designs. Green still seems to be a viable option.
3. The Tribes would like to do a site visit to see our proposed visitor use sites. This is critical because it will allow us to move forward with some of our proposed projects and deal with ongoing visitor impact to some high-use sites. We are going to try to schedule something within the next month.
4. We need to identify projects that involve the Tribes immediately. While our discussions have been productive, they are really looking for opportunities to contribute, and we should recognize and capitalize on their excitement. Some options that I have thought of include: development of interpretive information, participation in the site ambassador or site stewardship programs or as general volunteers, cultural resource mapping (i.e., the cultural landscape assessment).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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