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Outstanding requests and/or things in progress:

- We are still waiting on WO/DOI for responses related to data inquiries on visitation (Brian Maffly and Lorna Caputo). DOI's response will go to Mike to handle them.
- There are a couple of film permits requests (KUED Nancy Green and Issimo Productions Bryce Gandy) - one is in process, one is at the inquiry stage. Although they have requested interviews with staff, I've directed them to subject matter experts outside of the agency while we are undergoing monument review (ie William Lipe, Winston Hurst, etc)
- Lashka Volker is a student from overseas, who will be in the area in early June. Likewise he has been referred to subject matter experts outside the agency for his interviews.
- I also fielded a call with a specific question about the Great House at the mouth of Arch Canyon that I asked Cameron or John to give me some information about so I can respond to her. In the meantime, I gave her some other contacts and places to look
- I'm not aware of any other outstanding media-related inquiries. .
- The draft press release for the Indian Creek Commercial Climbing EA was forwarded to the department, as of Friday, Megan did not have a response from them.
- The draft press release for Canyon Rims Road Improvement was forwarded to WO, but Megan did not forward it to the department. She's awaiting further direction UTSO.

Don, you said you were planning to talk to your staff about handling inquiries next week. Here are some suggestions.

- Please use your best judgement if you receive calls about Bears Ears National Monument.
- It's completely appropriate to answer questions from the general public about places to visit or go or permits like we normally would. We've been receiving questions about film permits too, those would go to Norbert and Don. They will coordinate with Tyler Ashcroft and Mike Richardson as appropriate.
- As it gets hotter and drier, please provide basic tips on desert recreation and safety.
- Continue to give this information to people that wish to comment: Comments may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov> by entering "DOI-2017-0002" in the Search bar and clicking "Search," or by mail to Monument Review, MS-1530, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240. The comment period ends May 26, 2017.
- Media inquiries, authors, freelance writers, researchers or others with questions about visitation, monument status, looting/vandalism, etc. should be all be

referred to Mike Richardson (call or email: mjrichardson@blm.gov, and cc tyler ashcroft and don hoffheins)

- please keep me in the loop too, I won't respond while I'm on leave, but it will help me catch up quicker when I'm back.

Thanks everyone for covering while I'm gone.

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