

## **Comments on Final Report to the President 10/12/17 Randy Bowman**

**1. Acreage Figures, chart, page 4.** There are numerous changes, mostly minor, reflected in the attached document. BLM has today reviewed all of their figures, and the changes reflect that. The marine monument are all co managed by FWS, and those acreage figures are taken from their annual report on Status of Lands. The applicable portion of that report, with extraneous material removed, is also attached. The staff contacts at the Forest Service have moved on to other assignments, but I today checked their web sites for their 2 monuments and the numbers are the same in in our chart. I had gotten updated figures from NPS prior to the draft report going out, so am confident on those also.

### **Acreage changes in text per changes in chart above–**

- a) Page 10, Bears Ears, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet, line 2: change “1,351,849” to “1,353,000”
- b) Page 13, Grand Staircase Escalante, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet, last line – change “1,878,465” to “1,866,331”
- c) Page 15, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet, last line – change “496,330” to “496,529”
- d) Page 17, Rio Grande del Norte, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet – change the edited figure of “242,555” to “242,710”

### **2. Suggested revisions to text –**

- a) Page 2, first full paragraph – since this is a report from the Secretary to the President, the following changes are suggested to conform to the changes already made in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.
  - i) the first sentence be revised to read “You tasked me on April 26, through Executive Order 13792, to review and provide recommendation to you relative to ... [as written].”; and ii) the last portion of the last sentence be revised to read “... there is no doubt that you have the authority ...[as written].”
- b) page 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph, 8<sup>th</sup> line – insert after “... as well as providing an on line” the words “and regular mail”
- c) page 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph, 4<sup>th</sup> line: i) consider changing “likely” to “possibly”; ii) replace the word “or” the second time it appears with the words “, resulting in”; and iii) in the last line of this paragraph, add the words “an Act of” immediately before the word “Congress”.
- d) page 2, 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraph – suggest replacing the word “Proponents” both times it appears with the words “Opponents of the review”
- e) page 4, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, i) 1<sup>st</sup> line – suggest inserting after the word “overwhelmingly” the words “opposed to the review and”; ii) 3<sup>rd</sup> line – suggest changing “Opponents of monuments” to “Supporters of the monument review”; and iii) 6<sup>th</sup> line change “Opponents” to “Review supporters”

f) Page 4, part B, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph – to conform to prior usage, i) replace the word “the Secretary” the first time it occurs with the word “me”; ii) in the second line, replace the word “he” with “I”; and iii) in the last line, replace the words “the Secretary’s” with the word “my”.

g) page 5, following item (7) – i) as per f), replace “the Secretary” with “me”; and ii) do we want to provide a brief explanation here of how there came to be a draft report at 120 days and a final now?

h) page 6, last paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence i) suggest placing the word “objects” in quotation marks; ii) replacing the words “geographic areas,” with the word “terms”; and iii) delete the comma after the word “viewsheds”.

i) page 7, 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence suggest replacing the word “However” with either “Moreover” or “Additionally”

j) page 7, part B, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph: i) line 10 – replace the word “are” following “...other cultural uses” with the words “may be”; and ii) line 11, replace the words “especially harms” with the words “can especially harm”

k) page 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph, line 3 – insert after the sentence ending with “part of the monument.” the sentence “This perception is often encouraged by standard terminology inserted into many recent Proclamations providing that non Federal lands within the boundary of the monument will become part of the monument if acquired by the Federal government.”

l) NOTE TO REVIEWERS: Page 8, part D, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph – the “approximately 2.6 million form comments” statement is correct.

m) page 11, last bullet above “Recommendations” section, last line – i) suggest deleting the word “usable”; OR ii) inserting the word “often” between the words “are” and “unpassable” (it would be difficult for the roads to be both usable and unpassable and unsuitable)

n) page 12, Gold Butte, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet – i) replace “two” with “multiple”; ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> line, replace “first” with “beginning”; and iii) replace “again” with “concluding”

o) page 13, Grand Staircase Escalante, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet – replace “(881,989 acres)” with “(881,997 acres)” this figure from BLM early in July

p) page 15, NE Canyons, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet this page, 2<sup>nd</sup> line replace “among” with “along”

q) page 16, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet (b) (5) - DPP

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While I recognize there may be reasons for including this item notwithstanding this information, I am including it here FYI.