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**From:** Bryant, Lisa  
**Sent:** 2017-05-02T17:40:43-04:00  
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**Subject:** Re: National monument review in rural UT and CO  
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If we can get this approved that would be great. I was able to confirm for him on background this morning that we are still operating under our existing management plans (and gave him ePlanning link to these) and pointed him to the FAQ and Fact Sheet on our BENM webpage - but neither of these address the question directly - what you provided is great.

We probably also need to add the caveat that "BLM is expecting further guidance pending completion of Department of Interior's review of national monuments."

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On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 3:29 PM, Ashcroft, Tyler <[tashcrof@blm.gov](mailto:tashcrof@blm.gov)> wrote:

Potential response to question regarding interim land use plan. This is included in our draft FAQs. Let me know if that meets your needs.

Under the proclamation, the BLM and the USFS must jointly prepare a management plan for the monument. A starting date for the plan has not been determined. Before beginning development of a management plan, the BLM and the USFS must establish a Monument Advisory Committee and coordinate with the Bears Ears Commission.

When the agencies begin to develop the plan, there will be many opportunities for public involvement. During land use planning, the agencies will also collaborate with state, local, and tribal governments. The management plan will be used to guide future management decisions and ensure protection of natural and cultural resources.

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 1:48 PM, Richardson, Michael <[mjrichardson@blm.gov](mailto:mjrichardson@blm.gov)> wrote:

Can you answer this?

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From: **Ellis-Wouters, Lesli** <[lellis@blm.gov](mailto:lellis@blm.gov)>

Date: Tue, May 2, 2017 at 1:22 PM

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Can you answer this?

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From: **Ross, Paul** <[paul\\_ross@ios.doi.gov](mailto:paul_ross@ios.doi.gov)>

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Hi guys-

Do you know the answer to the question below?

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From: **Swift, Heather** <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)>

Date: Tue, May 2, 2017 at 2:45 PM

Subject: Re: National monument review in rural UT and CO

To: Austin Cope <[austin@ksjd.org](mailto:austin@ksjd.org)>, Paul Ross <[paul\\_ross@ios.doi.gov](mailto:paul_ross@ios.doi.gov)>

Paul? Austin at KSJD radio is asking: Has the BLM completed an interim management plan for the Bears Ears monument?

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On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 2:42 PM, Austin Cope <[austin@ksjd.org](mailto:austin@ksjd.org)> wrote:

Thanks, Heather. Has the BLM completed an interim management plan for the Bears Ears monument?

Austin Cope

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 12:35 PM, Swift, Heather <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Austin, here's a link to the press release which also has audio from the Secretary. At this time we don't have anyone available for interview about future actions. We will let you know when we have more to announce. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-weighs-president-trumps-executive-order-directing-interior-review>

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On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 1:48 PM, Austin Cope <[austin@ksjd.org](mailto:austin@ksjd.org)> wrote:

Good afternoon:

Lisa Bryant, Public Affairs Specialist at the BLM's Green River and Canyon Country Districts in southeastern Utah referred me to this address to find more information about President Trump's [review](#) of national monuments.

We are a local radio station that serves rural communities near two of the national monuments currently under review by the DOI: Bears Ears and Canyons of the Ancients.

We are especially interested in how the Department will reach out to the community members in our listening area during the review process. We serve the towns of Blanding, Monticello and Bluff in southeastern Utah, and Cortez, Dolores and Mancos in southwestern Colorado. We also serve tribal communities near the monuments, including Aneth, Kayenta, and Mexican Hat in the Navajo Nation and Towaoc and White Mesa on Ute Mountain Ute Tribal lands.

Would a DOI member familiar with the monument review process be available to record a 5-10 minute interview with us about the DOI's next steps? We would record in taped-to-live format over the phone, and air it on our morning news show.

We are also trying to find a public copy of the interim management plan for the Bears Ears National Monument, but we haven't found it on the Bureau of Land Management or the DOI website. Has the BLM created one? If we missed it, could you please send us a link?

Finally, can you please add our station ([news@ksjd.org](mailto:news@ksjd.org)) to the BLM's press release email list?

Thanks for your help, and we're looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Austin Cope

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