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After consulting with UTSO/WO, based on current guidance, this was my response to the travel writer (see email message below). This is information that I have previously shared with other reporters and will be my message going forward until I get further direction.

Here's the Media Report for WO:

Travel Publications (UT/CO)- Freelance Travel Writer, Mike Holland, requested information regarding Bears Ears National Monument and has requested an interview several times now for a story regarding Bears Ears National Monument. UT PA responded with an apology and that BLM is not granting interviews at this time. UT PA provided information on background regarding available maps and visitor information on BLM's website, the 4/26/17 DOI press release regarding the president's order on monument review, and a press release from Navajo Nation regarding the Bears Ears Commission.

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From: Bryant, Lisa <lbryant@blm.gov>
Date: Thu, Apr 27, 2017 at 10:48 AM
Subject: Re: Chit-chat
To: Michael Holland <desertrush@yahoo.com>

Mike,
My sincerest apologies, BLM is not conducting interviews regarding Bears Ears National Monument at this time. I can share this information with you **ON BACKGROUND**:

Public interest and visitation continue to increase with publicity surrounding the Bears Ears

National Monument. Given the remoteness and ruggedness of the region, our primary focus is visitor information and safety. Secondly we are continuing to improve campground and trailhead facilities and our efforts working with partners to stabilize cultural resource sites.

- BLM-Monticello and the Manti-La Sal National Forest have a number of [new maps and brochures](#) for the region. These include five new geo-referenced maps, which can be downloaded to mobile devices or printed. We have an updated [Frequently Asked Question](#) brochure that is helpful to people new to the area and several existing [brochures and hiking guides](#), such as our [Cedar Mesa trip planner](#), are now available online at our

BLM and USFS websites:

- https://www.blm.gov/programs/national_conservation_lands/utah/bears_ears_national_monument
- <https://www.fs.fed.us/visit/bears-ears-national-monument>

You may also find the following two press releases to be helpful.

- http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/pressReleases/2017/Apr/Navajo_leadership_participates_in_discussions_with_federal_officials_regarding_the_Bears_Ears_National_Monument.pdf
- <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-weighs-president-trumps-executive-order-directing-interior-review>

Thank you for your interest in the Bears Ears National Monument and I have your contact information and let you know if we are able to grant interviews in the near future. Feel free to keep in touch.

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On Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 8:47 PM, Michael Holland <desertrush@yahoo.com> wrote:

Lisa,

Good evening. Would you be free to talk and answer a few of my questions Thursday or Friday? Just general questions about the BENM. Want to get some quotes if you are comfortable with that...

Thanks much,

Mike Holland
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