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Please find attached a request to meet with Secretary Zinke and his appropriate staff regarding Bears Ears and the other national monuments under review. The request is from the President of the Natural Resources Defense Council, Rhea Suh.

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RHEA SUH
President

May 15, 2017

VIA EMAIL AND HARD COPY

Dear Secretary Zinke,

On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council's 2.4 million members and activists, I write to request a meeting with you and your appropriate staff to discuss Bears Ears National Monument and the other monuments you are now reviewing.

NRDC has almost 3,000 members in Utah. These members and others across the country treasure Bears Ears and our nation's other national monuments both onshore and off. They are part of what it means to be American. They are assets that belong to all of us. NRDC members do not want to see them developed or scarred for the profit of a few.

I have worked within Interior and know how challenging it can be to balance the Department's various mandates. Fundamentally, as our public land laws require, it is about managing the lands in the public interest. This means for the common good – not for the profit of a few. And it means for the children that come after us. As Theodore Roosevelt eloquently said, a nation "behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value."

Please contact my assistant Elizabeth Kaval at ekaval@nrdc.org to let me know if a meeting is possible and when.

Thank you for your consideration and all you do to safeguard our national treasures.

Sincerely,

Rhea Suh, President
Natural Resources Defense Council