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Fwd: San Juan County Public Lands, and the Bears Ears

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Please task, thanks.

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Not sure who else might have received this, but passing along FYI.

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From: **Janet Wilcox** <(b) (6)>
 Date: Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 2:00 PM
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 To:

Dear Department of the Interior personnel,

I have lived and worked in Utah for 47 years, and am very concerned about the future of what another National Monument will do to San Juan County, Utah. The clamor being made by the well-funded Pew, Sorros, Wyss crowd is detracting from truth. They have recycled the same propaganda for so long that many well-intentioned environmentalists and recreationists think it is fact based. And then when they start quoting from Headwaters Economics we know there is more mire in the swamp than anyone expected. Utah is not the only State protesting government overreach. It is a terrifying dilemma that faces most of the West.

Facts to consider:

- **Many of Utah's 43 State Parks could be national parks in other states.** Based on their management alone, it is abundantly clear that Utahans greatly value these beautiful areas. The Federal government on the other hand as a \$20 Trillion dollar debt. Per acre, our state parks get more visitors than our national parks, but they do not run the maintenance deficits that occur with our national parks; they are financially much more stable. We support Utah's efforts to reclaim state sovereignty by managing their own land. The DOI has been a poor landlord of public lands, with parks and monuments faced with maintenance deferment since 2014.

- **San Juan County Utah was already one of Utah's vast playgrounds before the Bears Ears designation.**

With only 8% of this, the largest Utah county, privately owned, why would any President think that more restrictions would boost the economy? Yet tourism has been touted as the savior of San Juan, when in reality it only creates low salary serfdom for most workers.

- More than 35 million acres are already available to the "public". How many acres do "Patagonia playmates" really need? Help Make America Great Again by promoting multiple use of public lands, and building family friendly jobs.

Thank you for your involvement and time, Janet Wilcox

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