

**From:** Simon, Benjamin  
**To:** [Sidon, Joshua](#)  
**Cc:** [Christian Crowley](#)  
**Subject:** Re: # of visits to Bears Ears  
**Date:** Friday, May 19, 2017 9:32:31 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Thank you Josh.

Ben

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 3:18 PM, Sidon, Joshua <[jsidon@blm.gov](mailto:jsidon@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hey guys,

See the trailing email and attachment.

Josh

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**From:** Baker, David <[djbaker@blm.gov](mailto:djbaker@blm.gov)>  
**Date:** Thu, May 18, 2017 at 1:16 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: # of visits to Bears Ears  
**To:** Joshua Sidon <[jsidon@blm.gov](mailto:jsidon@blm.gov)>

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**From:** Ridenhour, Larry <[lridenhour@blm.gov](mailto:lridenhour@blm.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, May 17, 2017 at 3:23 PM  
**Subject:** Re: # of visits to Bears Ears  
**To:** "Carl (Andy) Tenney" <[atenney@blm.gov](mailto:atenney@blm.gov)>  
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Andy [et.al](#).

I called and spoke with Brian Quigley in Utah about the configuration of the Bears Ears National Monument boundary and how recreation use has been reported in the past for the Monticello Field Office. Brian indicated that 60 percent of the field office is now in the monument and includes the vast majority of areas that receives recreational visits. The undesignated areas of the field office are all on the eastern side of the field office where they do not collect or report much recreation use. I guess this is a long winded way of saying that

I think we can reliably say that the recreation use reported previously for the Monticello Field Office will be very similar if not equivalent to the recreation use that will be reported for Bears Ears into the future.

The attached spreadsheet shows recreational visits for the Monticello Field Office from Fiscal Years 2001 to 2016. There has been a pretty steady rise in use since 2001 (with a major spike in 2006 possibly due to the centennial celebration of the Antiquities Act) and then a major bump from 2015 to 2016 (56% increase).

Let me know if you have any questions or would like me to forward this information directly to Lorna.

Thanks

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On Wed, May 17, 2017 at 10:21 AM, Carl (Andy) Tenney <[atenney@blm.gov](mailto:atenney@blm.gov)> wrote:

Larry/Dave- (looping in Sally too). Can you guys discuss and see if we can comply with request using RMIS data. We might want to cord with Matt Blocher in UT.

Once we coordinate and figure out a response, please share with group so we can get back to Lorna. Any thought?

Thx- Andy

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lorna Caputo <[Lorna@SouthwickAssociates.com](mailto:Lorna@SouthwickAssociates.com)>  
**Date:** May 17, 2017 at 10:10:14 AM EDT  
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**Subject:** # of visits to Bears Ears

Hi Andy,

Lisa Bryant suggested that I reach out to you. I'm a research analyst at Southwick Associates and we're working with the Outdoor Industry Association on calculating the economic impact Bears Ears contributes toward the overall economy. To do this, we need total number of visits to

Bears Ears. Would you happen to have data on # of visits for the current year and previous years? Also, any additional data, such as average # over of overnight visits and # of day trips by visitors would be helpful as well.

We appreciate any data that you can share with us.

Please let me know if you have any questions and if are able to provide data to us.

Thanks,

Lorna

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