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Jill,

Please see Tyler's response. Same as yesterday, I have included Ed, Anita, and Gary in this response so they have an opportunity to offer additional information. Thanks--Mike

On Wed, Mar 8, 2017 at 3:59 PM, Ashcroft, Tyler <[tashcrof@blm.gov](mailto:tashcrof@blm.gov)> wrote:

Mike,

Attached is a list of meetings/contacts with State, local, and Tribal governments. I have copied others that have been involved in these communications so they can verify the accuracy of this information. I am least comfortable speaking about our correspondence with the State of Utah. Ed is the best person to answer that question.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

- The BLM has had at least two in-person coordination meetings with the Forest Service and has a weekly coordination call for the past approximately 5 weeks. We are working collaboratively on public information materials and responses to inquiries, which are often addressed to both agencies on an as needed basis.
- The BLM has met once with representatives from the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, the Zuni Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute, and Navajo Nation. Additionally, BLM cultural resource staff have reached out to each of the Tribes on at least one occasion.
- The BLM has two meetings with San Juan County where Bears Ears National Monument was a topic of discussion. On February 7, 2017, the State Director and local BLM managers met with the San Juan County during a standing coordination meeting. Additionally, on February 28, 2017, Don Hoffheins, BLM Monticello Field Office Manager, met with San Juan County public lands director, Nick Sandberg to provide an update on ongoing actions. Lance Porter, Canyon Country District Manager has also had open communications with the County.
- BLM-Utah State Director Ed Roberson has met with representatives from the State of Utah, including individuals from the Governor's Office and some members of Utah's Congressional Delegation. Specifically Ed Roberson met with Senator Hatch on February 18th. These meetings have covered a range of topics, including Bears Ears National Monument.

On Wed, Mar 8, 2017 at 3:12 PM, Richardson, Michael <[mjrichardson@blm.gov](mailto:mjrichardson@blm.gov)> wrote:

Can you answer below?

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From: **Ralston, Jill** <[jralston@blm.gov](mailto:jralston@blm.gov)>

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Hi Mike,

When I spoke with the staff the afternoon they had follow up questions on the meetings with FS, State, County, and Tribes. Could you please let me know how frequently you've met with each of these groups since the designation?

Thanks much!!

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On Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 5:48 PM, Richardson, Michael <[mjrichardson@blm.gov](mailto:mjrichardson@blm.gov)> wrote:

Jill,

Included below is a list of the primary actions that we have been working on related implementation of Bears Ears National Monument. Please let me know if you need additional information on any of these topics. As you know Ed is in DC for the ELT so he may have additional input regarding your request, I have courtesy copied him so he can review.

- Identified a list of priority projects needed to improve visitor safety, protect resources, and enhance visitor experiences.
- Initiated development informational materials intended to improve visitor safety, protect resources, and enhance visitor experiences, including signs, maps, a brochure, frequently asked questions, and other web materials.
- Coordinated with the Forest Service on day to day activities and initiated discussions regarding short and long term management needs, including staffing needs, funding, and a potential service first agreement.
- Met with representatives of State, County, and Tribal governments.
- Appointed a project manager to assist local management of day to day activities.
- Documented Monument boundaries and prepared GIS information for public use.
- Initiated discussions of resources, objects, and values identified in the proclamation.
- Prepared responses to inquiries, including an information request from the State of Utah.
- Responded to daily public and media inquiries.
- Issued a press release outlining next steps.
- Prepared a Monument Advisory Committee Charter
- Prepared a Federal Register Notice calling for nominations to the Monument Advisory Committee (has not published).

Thanks--Mike

On Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 1:18 PM, Ralston, Jill <[jralston@blm.gov](mailto:jralston@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hi Mike,

I just received the following question from HNR majority staff: Can you send me all information on what steps, if any, the BLM is taking to implement the Bears Ears National Monument?

Could you give me a call after the PAO call today to discuss?

Thanks much!!

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