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INCOMPLETE rough draft attached.

Allison,

I am guessing they will want all the responses in one document. Please see attached since they asked for a "briefing paper" ...this is in the BP template.

I probably won't be in until 9am, so if WO needs this before then, you will at least have a start.

*****Make sure before you send it to WO, Lola and Ed (or Gary) review this first.**

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INFORMATION/ BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February xx, 2017
FROM: Edwin Roberson, Utah State Director Make sure Ed reviews this before sending to WO (or Gary) and/or check with Lola on clearance
SUBJECT: Bears Ears National Monument

BLM-Utah is responding to a request for more information on Bears Ears National Monument from WO-400.

BACKGROUND

The national monument is approximately 1.35 million acres and protects one of the richest cultural landscapes in the United States. President Obama established the national monument to protect plants and animals (objects), outstanding cultural and paleontological resources, and to honor the land's importance to American Indian tribes.

DISCUSSION

Economics and Jobs

According to a February 2014 report, , The Monticello Field Office contributed to the San Juan County economy

Jobs (direct and indirect)

Recreation jobs: 258.8

Minerals jobs: 242.5

Grazing jobs: 91.4

BLM labor and local purchases:

(need to further interpret the economic report better,

Statistics

Include the statistics from the fact sheet on land designations (WSAs, W, ACECs, private, USFS, state land, etc.)

26 tribal governments have passed resolutions supporting bears ears

all or portions of 5 ACECs

I have not been able to get a hold of anyone in GIS.

most of the acreage is associated with valley of the gods.

Bears Ears contains all or portions 7 special recreation management areas.

Dates (need to add more)

Xxx 1936 Escalante NM proposal

Xxx other stuff

Xxx 2015 (?) Bears Ears Inter-tribal Coalition submits a proposal to former President Obama

Xxx July 2016 Congress submits the Utah Public Lands Initiative as a bill xx HR xx

July 2016, former Secretary Jewell, etc. all the people host a public meeting to hear xx etc. summarize

Sept. xx 2016: congressional hearing on UPLI etc.

Dec. 28, 2016 proclamation

National monument proposal history

Public interest in protection of this area dates back to the Great Depression era. In 1936, the National Park Service recommended to President Franklin Roosevelt that the region be protected as the Escalante National Monument (also encompassing present-day Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument).

Proclamation

On Dec. 28, 2016 former President Barack Obama issued a [proclamation](#) (linked) establishing the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) in San Juan County, Utah.

In addition to describing the prehistoric and historic values of the region and specific plants and animals that would be protected, the proclamation described specific actions that would be taken with regard to managing the national monument.

1. Mineral withdrawal, subject to valid existing rights
2. The USFS and BLM will develop a management plan that also describes "parameters for continued meaningful engagement with the [Bears Ears] Commission"
3. The USFS shall "consult" with the DOI (through the BLM) regarding forest planning in the monument boundary
4. Establishment and implementation of a monument advisory committee
5. Five tribes shall each elect one officer to serve on the Bears Ears Commission (the Commission was established by the proclamation)
6. The Secretary of the Interior shall "explore entering into a memorandum of understanding with the State" regarding land exchanges with SITLA
7. Development of a transportation plan for motorized and non-motorized vehicle use

Land use (cited from the proclamation since the BLM and USFS have not yet implemented new management plans)

The establishment of the monument is subject to valid existing rights, including valid existing water rights. If the Federal Government acquires ownership or control of any lands or interests in lands that it did not previously own or control within the boundaries described on the accompanying map, such lands and interests in lands shall be reserved as a part of the monument, and objects identified above that are situated upon those lands and interests in lands shall be part of the monument, upon acquisition of ownership or control by the Federal Government.

[...]

Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to interfere with the operation or maintenance, or the replacement or modification within the current authorization boundary, of existing utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities located within the monument in a manner consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights or jurisdiction of any Indian tribe. The Secretaries shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law and in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of Indian sacred sites and traditional cultural properties in the monument and provide access by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites), including collection of medicines, berries and other vegetation, forest products, and firewood for personal noncommercial use in a manner consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.

[...]

Laws, regulations, and policies followed by USFS or BLM in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on lands under their jurisdiction shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument to ensure the ongoing consistency with the care and management of the objects identified above.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Utah, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management.

Nothing in this proclamation shall preclude low-level overflights of military aircraft, the designation of new units of special use airspace, or the use or establishment of military flight training routes over the lands reserved by this proclamation consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to alter the authority or responsibility of any party with respect to emergency response activities within the monument, including wildland fire response.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to revoke any existing withdrawal, reservation, or appropriation; however, the monument shall be the dominant reservation.

NEXT STEPS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

None.