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SALT LAKE CITY, UT - Today, Secretary Zinke, Governor Herbert and members of Utah's Congressional Delegation will travel to Bears Ears National Monument to do a morning aerial tour of the south part of the monument and an afternoon hiking tour of the House of Fire site. The Secretary and other officials will be available for credentialed news media at 2:30 PM between the aerial tour and the hike.

Please email Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov for details.

On Sunday, May 7, 2017 Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke began a four-day listening tour regarding the Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, both of which are under review under President Trump's Executive Order 13792, issued April 26, 2017.

The Secretary of the Interior, as well as local and/or State of Utah officials, will have the following press availability during the trip. **All members of the news media must RSVP to Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov with the name, phone number and email address for every member of the reporting team.**

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Time: 4:30 PM MT

Location: ~~Bureau of Land Management, 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT~~

~~Please arrive no later than 4:00 PM MT~~

Monday, May 8, 2017

Time: 2:30 PM MT

Location: House on Fire Ruins; South Fork of Mule Canyon (Trailhead for hike to House on Fire ruin).

From Blanding: Drive south on US 191 S for 4 miles and turn right (west) on UT-95 N. Follow UT-95 for 19.4 miles and turn right (north) on County Road 263 / Texas Flat Road, located between mile posts 103 and 102. Drive northeast on the dirt road for 0.3 miles and park where the road crosses the first canyon. There are pullouts along the right (south) side of the road for a few cars. More parking spaces are located further up the road. Note: The road becomes impassable during wet conditions.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Time: 1:30 PM MT

Location: Trailhead, Bears Ears National Monument

More details to follow

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM MT

Location: Turn off to the Paria Townsite - the best way to describe it at this point is that it is 33 miles east of Kanab, UT on US Highway 89.

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