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WASHINGTON - On Monday, June 12, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. EDT/12:30 p.m. MDT, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will host a press briefing call regarding the review of Bears Ears National Monument. The monument is under review in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017, Executive Order.

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WHO:

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke

WHAT:

A media briefing via telephone regarding the review of Bears Ears National Monument

WHEN:

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BACKGROUND:

On April 26, 2017, President Trump signed an executive order directing the Secretary of the Interior to review monuments designated under the Antiquities Act between January 1, 1996, and the present date that are 100,000 acres or more in size, or any monument the Secretary deems to have been created without appropriate public input. The EO directs the Secretary to submit an interim report regarding Bears Ears specifically to the President no more than 45 days from the date of the EO. "Within 45 days of the date of this order, the Secretary shall provide an interim report to the President... The interim report shall include recommendations for such Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions consistent with law as the

Secretary may consider appropriate to carry out the policy set forth in section 1 of this order."

In May, Secretary Zinke traveled to Utah and held a four-day listening tour across the state. The Secretary met with state, local, and Tribal stakeholders and to toured the monument by air, car, foot, and horseback. He met with elected officials from Tribal, federal, state and local communities. He also met with representatives from agriculture, conservation, historic preservation and tourism sectors, as well as private citizen.

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