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Dear Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition Tribal Leader:

As you are aware, the Department of the Interior is conducting a review of national monuments that have been designated or expanded since January 1, 1996, and meet certain criteria under Executive Order 13792.<sup>1</sup> This review includes the Bears Ears National Monument and we have requested receipt of public comments relating to the Bears Ears National Monument by May 26, 2017.<sup>2</sup>

As a member of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, you clearly have an interest in Interior's review of the Bears Ears National Monument. Secretary Zinke was pleased to meet with you and hear your input first-hand; however, if you would like an additional opportunity to provide your input on the Monument, I invite you to meet with me and the Acting Deputy Associate Secretary Jim Cason next week (the week of May 22, 2017) at the Department of the Interior.

Please contact me at (202) 208-7163 if you are able to accept our invitation for an in-person meeting next week. Of course, we also welcome written input, by email to [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov) by May 26, 2017. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Very Truly,

Michael S. Black  
Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

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<sup>1</sup> See E.O. 13792, 82 Fed. Reg. 20429 (April 26, 2017). The designation covers more than 100,000 acres, where the designation after expansion covers more than 100,000 acres, or where the Secretary determines that the designation or expansion was made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders. See E.O. 13792, Section 2(a).

<sup>2</sup> See 82 FR 22016 (May 11, 2017).