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Forgot to cc you.

We have had some issues with the term "planning" lately. Namely, the public does not understand the difference between land use and project level planning. Recently San Juan County sent a letter to the Secretary notifying him that the BLM had started "planning" in the monument. As a matter of precaution I we should avoid that term.

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**From:** Ashcroft, Tyler <tashcrof@blm.gov>  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 9:46 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Action item: Update Hot Topics Update DD: Aug. 14  
**To:** "Ginn, Allison" <aginn@blm.gov>

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The BLM has continued field office planning efforts for projects that will enhance recreational opportunities and experiences in the area. Projects currently under review include new and improved camping facilities, trailheads, and interpretive sites.

To:

The BLM is prioritizing on-the-ground projects in response to increased visitation in the area including new and improved camping facilities, trailheads, and interpretive sites.

On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 9:35 AM, Ginn, Allison <aginn@blm.gov> wrote:

What would you like to have edited for BENM? Send to me, with a CC: to Aaron Curtis. Thanks!

Bears Ears National Monument

The BLM has prioritized visitor information to help with trip planning to protect cultural resources and have a safe and enjoyable experience when visiting the area. Recreational information has been updated on the BLM's website including maps and brochures. The BLM has continued field office planning efforts for projects that will enhance recreational opportunities and experiences in the area. Projects currently under review include new and improved camping facilities, trailheads, and interpretive sites. The BLM has been working to stabilize sensitive cultural sites, install protective fences, and provide interpretive information at some of the more frequently visited sites. The BLM has also initiated several cultural resource related projects including cultural resource inventories in high use areas.

The BLM Utah State Office provided staffing assistance to the Monticello Field Office to handle increased visitation while the field office works to fill vacancies and hire seasonal employees for the peak visitation season.

The BLM has reached out to the State of Utah, San Juan County, to Tribes, local partners, and other partners to discuss current actions and potential opportunities to work together on projects in the National Monument.

On April 26, President Donald Trump signed an executive order mandating Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to lead a review of monuments created since 1996 that comprise at least 100,000 acres. BLM Utah provided responses for the Economic Report at the request of DOI.

Regards,

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Anything new, or updated and note the change in format requested.

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From: **Bird, Lola** <[lbird@blm.gov](mailto:lbird@blm.gov)>  
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Cc: "Barangan, Jayson" <[jbaranga@blm.gov](mailto:jbaranga@blm.gov)>

Good afternoon UELT members,

In preparation for a potential ASLM visit to Utah, we have been asked to update Hot Topics. Attached is the latest version for you to review and edit. Please add any new topics that may be needed. The Washington Office has requested that they be in paragraph format rather than the current bulleted format, so please keep that in mind when making your updates.

Also attached is the latest 2017 Decisions document for your reference in determining topics.

Please work with your PAO to complete edits and send to Jayson Barangan by COB Monday, Aug. 14 so we can get them finalized and sent to Washington.

Thank you so much for your help with this request!

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