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To: [Downey Magallanes](#); [Bowman, Randal](#)
Subject: Fwd: Gold Butte Comments
Date: Friday, July 14, 2017 3:59:13 PM
Attachments: [Bunkerville NV Gold Butte Comments.pdf](#)

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From: **Moses-Nedd, IEA_Cynthia** <iea-cynthia_moses-nedd@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 1:43 PM
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To: Timothy Williams <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Tim,
Comments below are from Bunkerville NV. They had some problem getting them in as explained below.

Cynthia

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From: **Jonathan Shuffield** <JShuffield@naco.org>
Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 7:33 AM
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To: "Moses-Nedd, IEA_Cynthia" <iea-cynthia_moses-nedd@ios.doi.gov>

Hi, Cynthia.

I think I mentioned that Bunkerville, Nevada had an issue submitting their comments on Gold Butte National Monument. The staff responsible for submitting comments had a death in the family, and couldn't get them submitted in time. I told them I would send them in to the Secretary's office (attached), and see if it's possible to get their comments included. I understand it's well beyond the deadline, but any assistance would be appreciated. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Shuffield

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To whom it may concern,

We, the Bunkerville Town Board, believe that the Gold Butte National Monument, recently created by former President Obama was very premature and does not even meet the qualifications of a National Monument.

Local input has always been stressed by all lawmakers in these types of decisions, yet the local input in our township is completely contrary to what was created. The hardships created by decisions from others not from this area were never considered or even discussed in this creation.

This National Monument will create countless burdens within our community, encouraging many visitors to come to the area. Was it considered who will be servicing the area for medical concerns or individuals who get lost in the vast land without any appropriate signage? I don't imagine the politicians will be answering the calls that our local VOLUNTEER fire department will have to cover; we are already incredibly burdened as a small group of volunteers with regular jobs. Are the politicians willing to get up in the middle of the night and drive on a road that has an enormous amount of potholes for 30 miles and then wonder where the person needing help even is?

Those who are not locals will not know the area, leaving the task of finding them entirely to us who live here. While we are out there searching, our town will have to rely on neighboring towns to cover our district since we are so small. No cell service is available out in this area and fire department repeaters do not even reach many of the areas. Who is going to provide and maintain the roads within the monument? The monument is encouraging people to come yet the roads are in complete disrepair, and have been for many years. We invite any lawmakers to come drive the roads with us.

Where are all the visitors going to “go” without restroom facilities and where will they dispose of their trash? Who will empty and maintain those (not yet built) receptacles? There are not any provisions for this. Pack in – Pack out sounds good but how many people really do this? Human waste will accumulate in certain points of the area since there is very little landscape to hide behind to have privacy.

Personally, as residents of the Bunkerville Township and members of the Town Advisory Board, we are writing to request the rescission of the recently designated Gold Butte National Monument. To our knowledge and after considerable discussion with other residents of this Township, which this National Monument is located in, the general feeling is: that this designation occurred without regard to the wishes of the majority of its citizens. After discussing the events which have occurred in other areas with Monument designation, it appears that further restrictions occur in accessing the area for recreation and general public use to said areas. Some, as fourth generation residents of this area, we are opposed to limiting access to or restricting our ability to enjoy an area that holds significant family history for many of us, whose grandparents ranched cattle in this area.

We have yet to get a call from those politicians who are in agreement with this National Monument designation to meet and discuss this issue. These politicians choose to work with outsiders and special interest groups in determining what is best for us locals. They choose to group us in with the larger cities populations and environmental groups with more money. We live here, we service the area and we live with the outcome of others decisions. We do not want the National Monument designation; it will only create problems for us.

Sincerely,



Brian Haviland
Chairman
Bunkerville Town Advisory Board

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Ms. Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Clark County Commissioner
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