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[Attachment 1 Working Group Minutes.pdf](#)  
[BRIEFING MEMO tribes 3-21-17.docx](#)

Hi Bev,  
Please find attached the revised version with more background about the working group charter.

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On Fri, Mar 10, 2017 at 1:09 PM, Winston, Beverly <[bwinston@blm.gov](mailto:bwinston@blm.gov)> wrote:

Nikki,  
I talked with Lara and Shannon about the approach and they agreed we need a little more structure around this for Marshall.  
I took a quick stab at plugging the info you sent into the briefing memo format, but it would use a little more detail about the management at Tent Rocks.  
Sorry for the delay in getting to this.  
Bev

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**From:** Nikki Moore <[nmoore@blm.gov](mailto:nmoore@blm.gov)>  
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Hi Lara/Bev,

This is the information Marshall had requested regarding a status update on formal working group meetings between the BLM and Pueblo de Cochiti, and provided by New Mexico BLM. They've also provided an example of what past meeting minutes looked like from 2012 (attached). They are pretty dated so Marshall may want more recent minutes from 2015, closer to when the last meetings of this type occurred; but it gives him an idea of what's covered. Please let me know if this is ok to pass on to Marshall.

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Update on the meetings with the Pueblo for the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks NM:

Since 2015, quarterly meetings were suspended in order that the BLM and the Pueblo de Cochiti could regroup and revamp processes. After several discussions on the Cochiti fee agreement and other issues of concern to both parties, the BLM is working to forge a new agreement with the Cochiti that will better address some of their concerns for closer day-to-day cooperation in the workings of the monument.

Since the suspension of the quarterly meetings, there have been ad hoc working meetings (no minutes available) to work on critical issues that pertain to the day-to-day workings of the National Monument. There have been meetings to hire for vacant positions to bring on Cochiti members, water wells to provide potable water, and possible introduction of ceremonial and equestrian trails. New Mexico BLM can provide a more in-depth briefing paper on any of these topics.

Currently, there are no regularly occurring formal meetings taking place between the BLM and Cochiti Pueblo, since both BLM and the Pueblo are in a transition period. There is a new Cochiti governor and he is asking for BLM to move forward with hiring a monument manager (that will cover both the Monument and Conservation Area) and the Pueblo will have some limited input during our hiring process.

Attached is a document that gives the minutes of a previous Working Group meeting with the Pueblo de Cochiti.

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**KKTR WORKING GROUP**  
**September 28, 2012**  
**Albuquerque, NM**

**Attending:** Gov. Quintana, Lt. Gov. Pecos, Ed Singleton, Jesse Juen, Tom Gow, Adrienne Brumley, Janet Huff, Danny Randall, Ryan Weiss

**Facilitator:** Danette Herrera

Lt. Gov. Pecos formally opened the meeting.

**Review of Action Items**

Jacob provided a revised budget document to Janet.

Ed spoke to Jacob about the IPA presentation.

A DI-105 was prepared for the transfer of computer to Floyd Pecos for his use.

Governor Quintana sent out an e-mail to Jack regarding the documents that were needed to close out the old agreement.

**New Business**

Lt. Gov. Pecos expressed the warm welcome he felt from Mike Poole during his trip to Washington, DC. While in Washington Lt. Gov. Pecos met with the Forest Service, BLM, and Congressman Udal.

Copies of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 budget packets were handed out by Janet. She recommended that salaries and benefits remain at the 2012 level. Ed agreed with Janet and explained that Government employees had not been given a raise in two years. Janet explained that the 2011 and 2012 review had not been completed. Gov. Quintana agreed to keep salaries at the 2012 funding level.

Jesse explained how the Continuing Resolution (CR) works and stated that if there was no absolute direction in the CR the Monument would not be closed as other agencies have done.

Janet presented a letter showing the 30k obligation. 1<sup>st</sup> qtr expenditures need to be approved. Sign copies and back to Janet. Supplement 1, 2 will be included. Janet would like invoice for the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr.

Ed would like to give the IPA a try. Jesse suggested the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr of the FY prior to December.

JJ talking to Sandoval County (50% of project) regarding time constraints. Ed would like to keep on track. BLM employees will not be working on the berms for a while. Lt. Gov. Pecos advised that the rock source with Santa Ana would be a huge help to this project. Berm to cost 1.3million, \$600k in kind partnership.

Ed asked Dave Mattern to join the meeting for an update on the ESR plan. Dave explained that there was still work to do but that everything that has been built has done well. Goal is to keep flood plain protected and functioning.

There was a WO road review and it was decided to upgrade the road from where the pavement ends up to the top.

Floyd suggested a meeting take place with the new administration to give them an overview of the program. Lt. Gov. Pecos would like to be part of the meeting.

### Roundtable

Ed gave his Thanks for the berm construction and rock.

Lt. Gov. Pecos expressed his disappointment with one of the IG Auditors. He discussed the fee increase. Jesse suggested that the administration be at the next RAC meeting to propose the Fee Increase for Tent Rocks.

Floyd is working with Ernest on documentation. Danny announced the free fee day tomorrow. Dave gave his thanks for the invitation to the meeting and was thankful that the rock that was used for the work could be used from the land instead of having to purchase it or the work might have not been done.

Jesse Juen Formally closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: October 25, 2012, Cochiti Golf Course, 9:30am

### Action Items

Jacob – Provide Tom Gow w/availability and number of attendees for safety training (monument) *was canceled - to be rescheduled*

- ✓ Keep Salaries/wages @ FY 12 Funding level
- ✓ Janet needs a revised budget (salaries/wages) Janet will send e-mail to Jacob. DD: Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Funding letter signed and back to Janet by October 15<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> qtr invoice to Janet (utilities, fuel) 30 days after last qtr – will close out FY12

Briefing to new Tribal Administration *to be done in January*  
*Next council meeting Jan 10*  
*transition governor 1st week Jan* When new officials are selected  
Janet will review FY11 and get back when she receives feedback from the audit.

Ed will work w/M'Lee on Tent Rock sign.

*Lt. Gov has artist to do sign at turn off*  
*- Ed agreed to install once completed*

**AGENDA**  
**KKTR WORKING GROUP**  
**December 21, 2012**  
**BLM- New Mexico State Office**

- ❖ Opening Remarks
- ❖ Review of Action Items from last meeting
- ❖ IPA
- ❖ Holiday Schedule
- ❖ Ceremonial Trail
- ❖ Roundtable

**INFORMATION/BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 21, 2017

**FROM:** Nikki Moore, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships

**SUBJECT:** Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument Cooperative Management with the Pueblo de Cochiti

The purpose of this memo is to provide information about Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument's management in cooperation with the Pueblo de Cochiti. Until the Bears Ears National Monument was designated, this is one of the few National Conservation Lands units where cooperative management with a tribal nation is required by the proclamation or Congressional action.

**BACKGROUND**

The 4,645-acre Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument, located in the Pajarito Plateau of north-central New Mexico, was established on January 17, 2001. The complex landscape and spectacular geologic scenery of the monument has been a focal point for visitors for centuries. Human settlement is believed to have begun in the monument as a series of campsites during the Archaic period. During the fifteenth century, several large ancestral pueblos were established in the area. Their descendants, the Pueblo de Cochiti, still inhabit the surrounding area.

The principle partnership at the National Monument is with the Pueblo de Cochiti, a Native American Tribe that shares a boundary with the monument. The relationship was established by Presidential Proclamation 7394 which states: "The Secretary of the Interior shall manage the monument through the Bureau of Land Management, pursuant to applicable legal authorities and in close cooperation with the Pueblo de Cochiti, to implement the purposes of this proclamation."

**DISCUSSION**

As a result of the BLM's 2008 Resource Management Plan, the BLM and the Pueblo de Cochiti established a Working Group Charter in April of 2009. The Charter serves as an advisory committee to the BLM's Albuquerque District Manager, the Rio Puerco Field Manager and the Governor of Pueblo de Cochiti. The Charter's primary purpose is to identify and discuss issues of concern to the Monument and the Pueblo, and strive to conserve, protect, and restore monument resources, objects, and values; while maintaining efficient operations and sound business practices. This collaboration has helped ensure that objectives in the monument plan are met and that the BLM and the Pueblo's concerns have been identified and addressed.

In 2000, an Inter-Governmental Cooperative Agreement was signed between the U.S. Department of Interior (USDI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Pueblo de Cochiti

(Pueblo) to cooperatively manage Federal and Pueblo lands within and adjacent to the area known as Tent Rocks, New Mexico. The agreement called for annual meetings and for joint programs related to natural resource management, land tenure adjustments and land use planning to be designed to enhance the values associated with the area.

In 2014, a new, revised agreement was signed to enter into a partnership with the Pueblo to cooperatively manage the monument's Fee Share Program.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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