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Here you go Molly

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On Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 3:33 PM, Keating, Molly <mkeating@blm.gov> wrote:

Hey Tim,

Here is the request from Melanie from Wednesday. Please see below for the request from the Department for a briefing paper regarding Bears Ears monument that was sent to Mary.

Thanks-

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From: Lawton, Eric <elawton@blm.gov>
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Molly,
Just keeping you in the loop. Not sure how we are ending up with these programs.
Eric

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Mary

Good afternoon. I am detailing into Linda Smith's budget office. I am working with Tonya Jackson helping to gather information for briefing documents that Bill Gordon requested for meetings with House Members. Could you please provide information on the following subject? I have attached an example of a briefing document used last year to use as a template. Please ensure that the AD has reviewed and approved of the briefing paper before you submit back to me. If you please, could you get them back to me by 1630 4/20?

Thank you

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From: **Gordon, Bill** <bill_gordon@ios.doi.gov>

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Folks Can you also please send me information (e.g. talking points or a briefing paper you might have) on the following:

- Bears Ear National Monument several Members (Calvert, Cole, Joyce, Stewart, and McCollum) from different States are interested. Since this was so controversial, I assume BLM might already have a briefing paper on it? and also might know the position of each of these Members?

Thanks very much.

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KEY INFORMATION

- On December 28, 2016, President Obama issued a presidential proclamation designating the 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah.
- The new monument includes 1.063 million acres that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages, and 290,000 acres within the boundaries of the Manti-La Sal National Forest, managed by the U.S. Forest Service.
- The monument preserves current uses of the land, including tribal access and traditional collection of plants and firewood, off-highway vehicle recreation, hunting and fishing, grazing, military training operations, utility corridors, and other valid and existing rights.
- The monument protects some of the most significant cultural, desert landscapes in the U.S., including abundant rock art, ancient cliff dwellings, ceremonial sites, and other places important to Native American tribes. To reflect tribal expertise, the Bears Ears Commission has been created to enable tribes to share insight with federal land managers.
- The BLM and the U.S. Forest Service will undertake a monument planning process for Bear Ears National Monument, including the opportunity for public input, according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and agency regulations and policy.
- The proclamation for the Bears Ears National Monument also establishes a local advisory committee made up of interested stakeholders including state and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners.
- The area that is now the Bears Ears National Monument was part of a larger area that was proposed for designation as early as 1936 by Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes. Other areas within the larger proposal were subsequently designated as Capitol Reef National Park and Canyonlands National Park, both managed by the National Park Service.
- Bears Ears National Monument will add to the economic effects in Utah from the BLM's National Conservation Lands, which contribute over \$105 million in economic output and support nearly 1,200 jobs in Utah as of 2016.

BACKGROUND

National Conservation Lands

- The BLM's National Conservation Lands include 875 federally recognized areas and approximately 36 million acres of National Monuments and National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historic Trails, and the California Desert National Conservation Lands.
- BLM's National Monuments and National Conservation Areas Program maintains 23 National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations that have been legislated by Congress as well as 25 National Monuments that have been designated by Presidents.
- Like all BLM land, National Monuments and National Conservation Areas are multiple-use sites that are open to a wide variety of activities. These include recreation, scientific research, and energy development.
- Each National Monument and National Conservation Area is unique, encompassing landscapes as diverse as lush coastlines, colorful desert canyons, and mountainous tundra, as well as cultural treasures including remnants of America's pioneer history and ancient tribal pueblos. These lands preserve the incredible cultural and recreational legacy of our country.
- BLM's National Monuments, National Conservation Areas Program comprises some of the agency's most visited sites. Each year, millions of Americans and international tourists visit these areas to experience the fantastic range of recreational activities these lands provide.
- Some of the most popular activities on BLM National Conservation Lands include hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, off-road vehicle use, horseback riding, target shooting, and boating.
- These areas provide great economic benefits to their surrounding communities. For every \$1 the National Monuments and National Conservation Areas Program receives in funding, it generates approximately \$17 for local economies.ⁱ
- National Monuments and National Conservation Areas contribute over \$600 million to regional economies each year.ⁱ
- Excluding federal employees, the National Monuments and National Conservation Areas Program supported 7,100 jobs as of 2016.ⁱ

ⁱ See "An Analysis of the Economic Effects of the National Conservation Lands," Feb. 2017 (draft).