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Begin forwarded message:

From: Clif Koontz [redacted] (b) (6) >
Date: July 10, 2017 at 11:22:29 PM MDT
To: Cody Stewart <codystewart@utah.gov>
Subject: Ride with Respect comments on Bears Ears NM
Reply-To: Clif Koontz <[redacted] (b) (6)

Cody- I hope you are enjoying your last month with Governor Herbert's office.

In addition to the comments submitted on May 25th, RwR developed comments (see first attachment) to submit today by 10:00pm Mountain Daylight Time.

Before 10:00pm I went to Regulations.gov and uploaded RwR's comments, which consisted of a 13-megabyte PDF file. After uploading, I got a notice that the files need to be under 10.5 megabytes, so I reduced my file size to under 10 megabytes. The smaller file didn't finish uploading until 10:04pm. When I clicked "submit comment," I got a message that the comment period had closed (see second attachment with time stamp).

Obviously I shouldn't have left it to the last few minutes. However I want the

administration to know the existence and location of four motorized singletrack trails within the current monument boundary. Could you help me get this information to the Department of Interior? Many Thanks -Clif

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July 10th, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
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1849 C Street, N.W.
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We greatly appreciate your suggestion to scale back the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument so that it is tailored to the archaeological objects of outstanding significance, so it is consistent with the intent of the Antiquities Act, and so it provides a practical scale for Native Americans to take on an even more meaningful role in preserving the cultural resources of their ancestors.

Most of our members are motorcyclists who prioritize motorized singletrack such as those found in the Abajo Mountains. Primarily they are in the Monticello District of the Manti-La Sal National Forest, but a few of them extend one mile down into BLM-administered lands of the Monticello Field Office. While the 1.3 million-acre Bears Ears NM boundary left alone some of these trails (e.g. Abajo Peak, Spring Creek, Robertson Pasture, Red Ledges, and Aspen Flat), it currently covers four others (see map at bottom). In the photo's below, the first page is of Indian Creek (021) plus one of Shay Mesa (449), the second page is of Shay Mountain (098), and the third page is of Vega Creek (164).

As the photo's illustrate, these singletracks are beautiful lines across the landscape that motorcyclists enjoy responsibly. They are generally located in a steep forest setting with low potential for archaeological sites. Where impacts do arise, we would be happy to mitigate them through trail tread hardening, realignments, etc. Ride with Respect has maintained these trails' condition, and we greatly hope to maintain access. Doing so would be difficult under national-monument designation, as well-funded wilderness-expansion groups would use the monument status as another lever to prohibit motorized and even mechanized use of any kind.

San Juan County includes areas that are appropriate for national-monument designation, but the Abajo Mountains is not one of them. Please keep this in mind as you carefully refine the boundaries of Bears Ears, and feel free to contact us for details. Thanks for your leadership and evenhandedness on this issue.

Sincerely,

Clif Koontz
Executive Director

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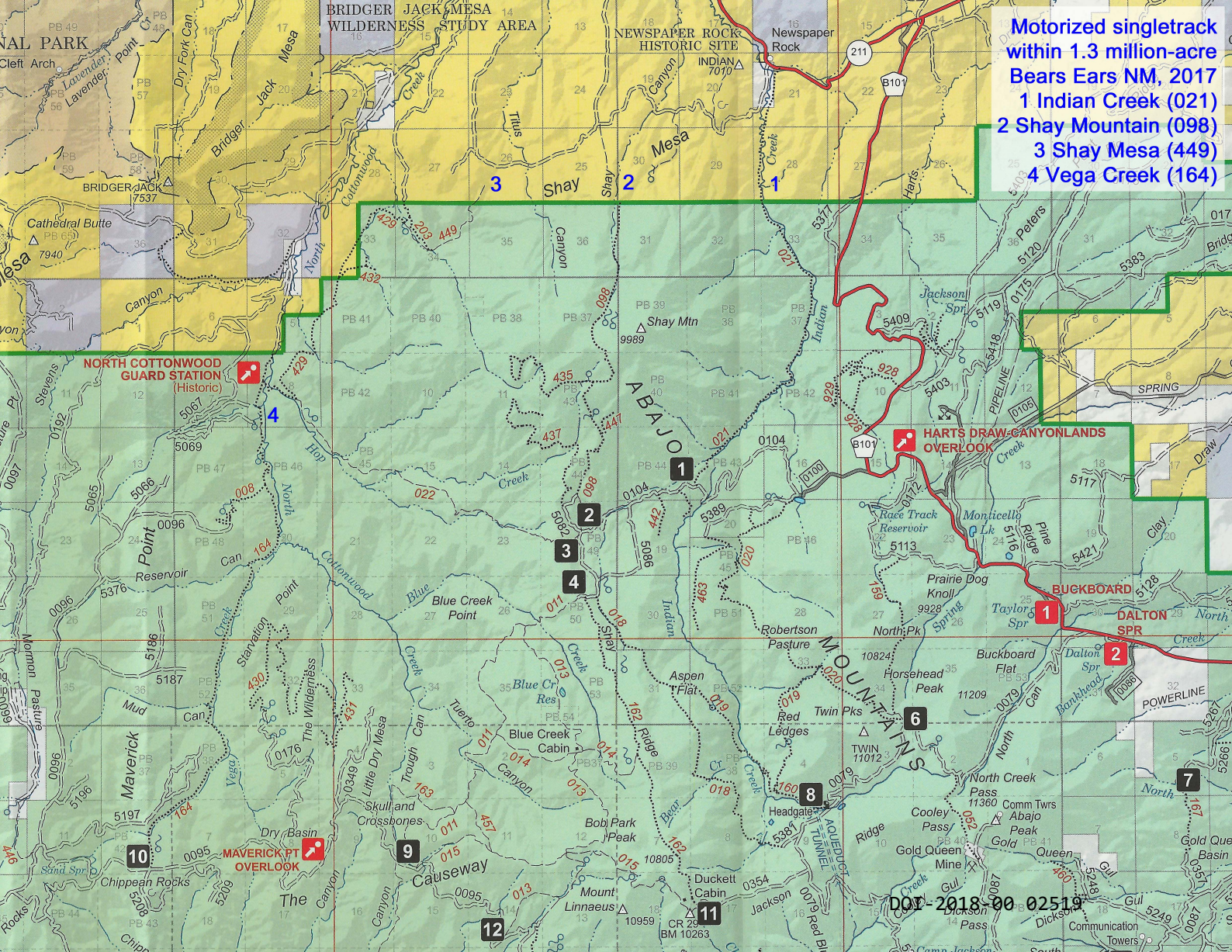
Motorized singletrack within 1.3 million-acre Bears Ears NM, 2017
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2 Shay Mountain (098)
3 Shay Mesa (449)
4 Vega Creek (164)
BRIDGER JACK MESA WILDERNESS STUDY AREA
NEWSPAPER ROCK HISTORIC SITE
Newspaper Rock
NORTH COTTONWOOD GUARD STATION (Historic)
HARTS DRAW-CANYONLANDS OVERLOOK
BUCKBOARD
DALTON SPR
MAVERICK PT OVERLOOK
ABAJO MOUNTAINS
Shay Mtn
Blue Creek Point
Robertson Pasture
Aspen Flat
Blue Creek Cabin
Red Ledges
Twin Pks
Horsehead Peak
Buckboard Flat
North Creek Pass
Cooley Pass
Gold Queen Mine
Bob Park Peak
Duckett Cabin
Mount Linnaeus
Skull and Crossbones
Chippean Rocks
Dry Basin
Cathedral Butte
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