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Dan,

I've attached a letter from Stephanie Meeks to Secretary Zinke concerning the review of Bears Ears and other national monuments as directed in the President's April 26th Executive letter.

Among other things the letter raises several questions concerning process, including whether there will be opportunities for public comment on recommendations made in the Secretary's reports. Who would be the best person for me to discuss those issues with?

We be submitting a set of substantive comments on the EO pursuant to today's Federal Register notice.

And we will soon submit a request for a meeting with the Secretary.

I trust you are doing well.

Best,

Tom

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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

As you undertake a review of Bears Ears and other national monument designations as directed by President Trump's April 26th Executive Order, I encourage you to pursue a transparent and inclusive process that recognizes the importance of ensuring that the historic and prehistoric resources preserved by our national monuments continue to be protected for generations to come.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a privately-funded charitable, educational and nonprofit organization chartered by Congress in 1949 to facilitate public participation in the preservation of sites, buildings, and objects of national significance or interest. As you know, the Antiquities Act is a foundational preservation law—signed into law and used by President Theodore Roosevelt, as well as 15 subsequent presidents of both parties. For nearly 111 years, the Antiquities Act has effectively protected nationally significant cultural landscapes and sites on our public lands from looting, vandalism and other harm.

We appreciate your recent visit to Utah as part of the monument review process. Experiencing first-hand the marvelous historic, cultural, and natural resources preserved the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante monument designations provides invaluable insight into these cultural landscapes. I am sure that you were as impressed as I was when I visited Bears Ears.

We are also pleased that while in Utah, you could meet with representatives of the five tribes who, as sovereign nations, worked directly with the federal government to designate the Bears Ears National Monument. These tribes represent the Pueblo, Ute and Navajo people who have lived on this land for more than 8,000 years.

However, we have concerns that this review of lawfully designated national monuments—particularly the 45-day review of the Bears Ears National Monument—is required to be completed in a timeframe that is too short to fully evaluate the resources protected by the designations. The overall 120-day timeframe makes individual site visits, thorough analysis of historic and cultural resources, and robust public engagement for the more than two dozen monuments under review challenging, if not impracticable.

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Additionally, we have several questions about the review process and would like to know more about how the interim and final reports will be developed and utilized.

* Will there be opportunities for public comment on the recommendations made in the reports?

* If you recommend modifications to any monument that would reduce boundaries, how would the Department ensure the protection of historic and cultural resources identified in those areas?

* How will the Department conduct government-to-government consultation with tribes that have ancestral ties to the monuments under review?

We intend to provide detailed comments during the public comment period and look forward to additional opportunities to engage with you as this process moves forward. We encourage you to utilize the expertise and experience of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to facilitate robust public and stakeholder participation.

Please consider the National Trust to be a resource for the protection of historic and cultural sites throughout the nation, including on our public lands. I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and other appropriate officials within the Department of the Interior to discuss the review and our forthcoming comments.

Sincerely,



Stephanie K. Meeks