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Downey, I think the fact sheets are good as-is. I do think we need to be able to provide a graphic of the maps to reporters though. Below is the press release draft that pulls the information from the fact sheet. I think that this would have enough for the press so that we don't have to release separate one pagers. Again though, I'd like to include maps.

**President Trump and Secretary Zinke Announce Modification to Utah Monuments,  
Creating 5 National Monuments Totaling More Than 1.2 Million Acres**

*New monument designations protect paleontology finds and native american artifacts while restoring traditional use and access to public land*

(SALT LAKE CITY) At the request of Utah's governor, Congressional delegation, and local officials and residents, President Donald J. Trump and Secretary of the Department of the Interior Ryan Zinke today signed proclamations to adjust the boundaries and management of Utah's Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM). The proclamations create five monuments spanning 1,228,274 acres which protect significant objects of historical and scientific interest. Today's action also renames Bears Ears to Indian Creek National Monument and the traditional Navajo name Shah Jaa National Monument, which translates to bears ears.

POTUS STATEMENT

ZINKE STATEMENT

GOVERNOR STATEMENT

BENALLY STATEMENT

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**BENM:** The new Shah Jaa and Indian Creek National Monuments will be managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Shah Jaa is 141,826 acres and Indian Creek is 86,447 acres. Collectively, at 228,309 acres in size, it is larger than both Utah's Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park combined. The new proclamation

allows for increased public access to the land and restores traditional use allowance for activities like cattle grazing, motorized recreation, and tribal collection of wood and herbs. Objects that remain within monument boundaries include: the "bears ears" buttes and headwaters, Lime Ridge Clovis Site, Moon House Ruin, Doll House Ruin, Indian Creek Rock Art, Newspaper Rock, Hole-in-the-Rock-Trail, and Outlaw Trail. The federal lands not included in the new monuments will be managed by the BLM.

In addition, the president's proclamation provides that the Bears Ears Commission will provide guidance and recommendations for the Shash Jáa National Monument and will be expanded to include a Native American San Juan County Commissioner elected by the majority-Native American voting district in that County. The president and secretary also requested the Congress formally allocate Tribal co-management of the monument(s).

**GSENM:** The new Grand Staircase National Monument will become "Grand Staircase" (211,983 acres), "Kaiparowits" (544,741 acres), and "Escalante Canyons" (243,241 acres) National Monuments, and all three will be managed by the BLM. The three new monuments collectively total 999,000 acres, which is larger than the entire state of Rhode Island. The federal lands not included in the new monuments will be managed by the BLM.

In the twenty years since designation of the GSENM, the objects identified by the proclamation have been more thoroughly examined and mapped, which offered the opportunity to examine the significance of the objects previously identified and

to determine the proper size of the reservation necessary to protect those resources appropriately reserved under the Act. The new monuments retain the vast majority of objects identified in the original designation, including those areas with the highest concentration of fossil resources, important landscape features such as the Grand Staircase, Upper Paria Canyon System, Kaiparowits Plateau, Escalante Natural Bridge, Upper Escalante Canyons, East Kaibab Monocline (Cockscomb), Grosvenor Arch, Old Paria Townsite, Dance Hall Rock, and relict plant communities such as No Mans Mesa.

#### **Fact and Fiction of the Monument Review:**

**Fiction:** No president has shrunk a monument.

**Fact:** Monuments have been shrunk at least a dozen times by presidents on both sides of the aisle.

**Fiction:** The actions taken by the president and secretary will sell or transfer public lands.

**Fact:** This is not true. The Secretary is adamantly opposed to the sale or transfer of public lands. Under the Antiquities Act, the monuments are designated on already federally owned land. Therefore, if any monument designation is shrunk, the land would remain federally owned and be managed by one of the land management agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or the National Park Service.

**Fiction:** Removing the monument designation from land and returning them to multiple use will leave Native

American artifacts and fossils without protection.

**Fact:** Whether these objects are found on land designated as a monument, national forest, traditional BLM land, or other federal land, it is illegal to remove or disrupt the objects without a permit issued by the federal government.

**Fiction:** The president and secretary's actions will close/sell national parks or open them to drilling and mining.

**Fact:** National parks and national monuments are different things. The Secretary has continually committed he is against the sale/transfer/privatization of public lands, especially national parks. While two of the monuments are managed by the National Park Service - much like historic sites, national recreation areas, and national seashores - none of them are National Parks. Additionally, the monument actions in no way allow drilling or mining in parks.

**Fiction:** The review was done without meeting advocates for national monuments.

**Fact:** The Secretary himself is an advocate of national monuments. During the review period, the secretary visited eight monuments in six states and personally had more than 60 in-person meetings with hundreds of local stakeholders. Individuals and organizations represented all sides of the debate ranging from environmental organizations like the Wilderness Society and Nature Conservancy to county commissioners, residents, and ranchers who prefer smaller monuments with multiple-use management.

**Fiction:** Tribal Nations were not consulted during the review.

**Fact:** This is patently false. Before traveling to Utah, the Secretary met with Tribal representatives in his office. On his first day in Utah in May, the Secretary met with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition in Salt Lake City, for just under two hours. Throughout the four-day survey of the Utah monuments, the Secretary also met with local Tribal representatives who represent different sides of the debate. The Secretary also met with Tribal representatives for their input on several other monuments from Maine to New Mexico to Oregon and everywhere in between. Additionally, the Department hosted several Tribal listening sessions at the Department and across the country, including a four hour session with the Acting Deputy Secretary on May 30th.

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Thanks. We'll likely need to make some tweaks based on discussions with OLC but we can do that when we get them.

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On Wed, Nov 29, 2017 at 9:04 PM, Magallanes, Downey

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FYI these were sent straight to comms to let them work on this. Whatever they come up with I will run back by you all.

On Wed, Nov 22, 2017 at 1:36 PM, Moody, Aaron

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See attached. Let us know if you'd like to discuss, etc.

Everyone have a great Thanksgiving...

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On Sat, Nov 18, 2017 at 11:24 AM, Magallanes, Downey

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Hi guys-

We will need to make publically releasable one-page fact sheets based on the new units- covering objects included- as we still have a story to tell on continuing protection. This can likely largely be done off of the proclamations which is why I think this should probably be started in SOL and then have BLM UT fact check/add. Brian, Josh has been working directly with the state so I think that should continue. I know its almost Thanksgiving but the week after is going to fly by so would really appreciate a draft by Wednesday. That way I can tweak and have time to run back through you all. Let me know I can assist.

Separately I will be working on fact sheets with more of the narrative, but will include how access is being opened up etc so will need SOL help with reviewing.

Thanks. We are in the home stretch... for now!

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