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Anita,

Attached are the BENM documents with additional input from DLR and USFS. I am still waiting for edits from DOJ, but I thought you guys could provide something to WO-100 for their meeting this afternoon subject to additional changes from DOJ.

Josh

On Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 3:20 PM, Hanson, Joshua <joshua.hanson@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Anita,

Attached are the Grand Staircase documents with DLR and DOJ edits.

Josh

On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 3:34 PM, Anita Bilbao <abilbao@blm.gov> wrote:

FYI attached are draft updated comms plans and press releases BLM UT has shared w WO600 for their review. When we have clarification re USFS we will route updated materials through SOL for final review.

Anita

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Richardson, Michael" <mjrichardson@blm.gov>
Date: December 18, 2017 at 1:26:07 PM MST
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Cc: Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>, Anita Bilbao <abilbao@blm.gov>
Subject: Communication Plans and New Releases for Review

Dan/Jeff,

Attached are the most updated communication plans and news releases for your

review. We will have to update and resend through SOL once we have the USFS decision. Feel free to call with questions. Thanks--Mike

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*I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order. ~
John Burroughs*

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BLM seeks public input in advance of land use planning process for Bears Ears region

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent to Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Bears Ears

National Monument Shash Jáa Unit and associated Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the National Forest Management Act of 1976, as amended (NFMA), and Presidential Proclamation *[insert number]*, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Canyon Country District Office, Moab, Utah, and Manti La Sal National Forest, Price, Utah, intend to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) Shash Jáa Unit and by this notice are announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues. The RMP will replace portions of the existing Monticello Field Office Record of Decision and Approved RMP and Manti La Sal National Forest Plan.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RMP with associated EIS. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM website at:

<https://www.blm.gov/utah>. In order to be considered in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to 15 days after the last public meeting. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to by any of the following methods:

- Website: [insert full URL]
- Mail: 365 North Main P.O. Box 7 Monticello, UT 84535

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the BLM Canyon Country District or Monticello Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lance Porter, District Manager, telephone (435) 259 2100; address 365 North Main P.O. Box 7 Monticello, UT 84535; email BLM_UT_Shash_Jaa@blm.gov. Contact Mr. Porter to add your name to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1 800 877 8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Canyon Country District Office, Moab, Utah, and Manti La Sal National Forest, Price, Utah, intend to prepare a RMP with an associated EIS for the Shash Jáa National Monument, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in San Juan County, Utah and



encompasses approximately 97,393 acres of BLM National Conservation Lands and 32,587 acres of National Forest System Lands.

On December 4, 2017, President Donald Trump signed Proclamation [insert number] modifying the Bears Ears National Monument in order to ensure that the Federal land set aside is the smallest area compatible with the care and management of those objects of historic or scientific interest that are appropriate for protection under the Antiquities Act. The revised BENM boundary includes into two units known as the Shash Jaa and Indian Creek Units. To ensure that management decisions reflect tribal expertise and traditional and historical knowledge, proclamation 9558, signed on December 28, 2016 established a Bears Ears Commission to provide guidance and recommendations on the development and implementation of a management plan for the Bears Ears National Monument. Presidential Proclamation [insert number] modifies proclamation 9558 and clarifies that the Bears Ears Commission shall be known as the Shash Jaa Commission, and shall apply only to the Shash Jaa Unit. The Commission consists of one elected officer each from the Hopi Nation, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, and Zuni Tribe, designated by the officers' respective tribes, and the elected officer of the San Juan County Commission representing District 3 acting in that officer's official capacity.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by the BLM and USFS personnel; Federal, State, and local agencies; and other stakeholders. The issues will include cultural and historic resources, including protection of Indian

sacred sites, traditional uses, and traditional cultural properties; paleontological resources; travel management; livestock grazing; wildlife; vegetation and fire management, including woodcutting and collection of medicinal and ceremonial plants; outdoor recreation; and visual resource management. Preliminary planning criteria include: 1) The public planning process for the RMP will be guided proclamation [*insert number*], in addition to FLPMA, NFMA, and NEPA. 2) To the maximum extent possible, the BLM and USFS will effectively partner with the Shash Jáa Commission to ensure that management decisions affecting the monument reflect tribal expertise and traditional and historical knowledge. 3) The BLM and USFS will use current scientific information, research, technologies, and results of inventory, monitoring, and coordination to determine appropriate management. 4) The BLM and USFS will strive to ensure that management decisions are consistent with other adjoining planning jurisdictions, both federal and nonfederal. 5) Decisions made in the planning process will only apply to BLM National Conservation Lands, National Forest System Lands and, where appropriate, split estate lands where the subsurface mineral estate is managed by the BLM. 6) Existing Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) will be managed to prevent impairment and ensure continued suitability for designation as wilderness. Should Congress release all or part of a WSA from wilderness study, resource management will be determined by preparing an amendment to the RMP. 7) The BLM will consider changes to the off highway vehicle (OHV) area designations (open, closed, limited) approved through the Monticello Field Office Record of Decision and Approved RMP. Implementation travel and transportation management planning (route designations) will be deferred until after the RMP is completed.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the “ADDRESSES” section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments within 15 days after the last public meeting. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. The BLM and USFS will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM and USFS will provide an explanation in the Draft RMP/Draft EIS as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM and USFS will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM and USFS will utilize and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural

resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM and USFS in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM and USFS will consult with Indian tribes on a government to government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action that the BLM and USFS are evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM and USFS to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: rangeland management, minerals and geology, forestry, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology and economics.

AUTHORITY: 40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2

Edwin L. Roberson

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent to Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Bears Ears

National Monument Indian Creek Unit and associated Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), and Presidential Proclamation *[insert number]*, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Canyon Country District Office, Moab, Utah, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Bears Ears National Monument Indian Creek Unit and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues. The RMP will replace portions of the existing Monticello Field Office Record of Decision and Approved RMP.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RMP with associated EIS. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM website at: <https://www.blm.gov/utah>. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must

be received prior to 15 days after the last public meeting. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to by any of the following methods:

- Website: *[insert full URL]*
- Mail: 365 North Main P.O. Box 7 Monticello, UT 84535

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Canyon Country District Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lance Porter, District Manager, telephone (435) 259-2100; address 365 North Main P.O. Box 7 Monticello, UT 84535; email BLM_UT_Indian_Creek@blm.gov. Contact Mr. Porter to add your name to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Canyon Country District Office, Moab, Utah, intends to prepare a RMP with an associated EIS for the Bears Ears National Monument Indian Creek Unit, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in San Juan County, Utah and encompasses approximately 71,896 acres of public land.

On December 4, 2017, President Donald Trump signed Proclamation [insert number] modifying the Bears Ears National Monument in order to ensure that the Federal land set aside is the smallest area compatible with the care and management of those objects of scientific or historic interest that are appropriate for protection under the Antiquities Act. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by the BLM personnel; Federal, State, and local agencies; and other stakeholders. The issues include cultural and historic resources, including protection of Indian sacred sites and traditional cultural properties; paleontological resources; travel management; livestock grazing; wildlife; vegetation and fire management; outdoor recreation; and visual resource management. Preliminary planning criteria include: 1) The public planning process for the RMP will be guided by Presidential Proclamation [insert number], in addition to FLPMA and NEPA. 2) The BLM will use current scientific information, research, technologies, and results of inventory, monitoring, and coordination to determine appropriate management. 3) The BLM will strive to ensure that management decisions are consistent with other adjoining planning jurisdictions, both federal and nonfederal. 4) Decisions made in the planning process will only apply to public lands and, where appropriate, split-estate lands where the subsurface mineral estate is managed by the BLM. 6) Existing Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) will be managed to prevent impairment and ensure continued suitability for designation as wilderness. Should Congress release all or part of a WSA from wilderness study, resource management will be determined by preparing an amendment to the RMP. 7) The BLM will consider

changes to the off-highway vehicle (OHV) area designations (open, closed, limited) approved through the Monticello Field Office Record of Decision and Approved RMP. Implementation travel and transportation management planning (route designations) will be deferred until after the RMP is completed.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the “ADDRESSES” section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments within 15 days after the last public meeting. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the Draft RMP/Draft EIS as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: rangeland management,

minerals and geology, forestry, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology and economics.

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