

Bears Ears National Monument Modification

Decision: The President has exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act (“Act”) to reduce the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) to smaller monuments known as the “Indian Creek” and “Shash Jáa” National Monuments 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 Act. Those (b)(5) DPP Federal lands not included in the new monuments remain in Federal ownership and will be managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) under applicable laws and land use plans that governed prior to designation of the BENM.

The modification to the boundaries of the BENM creating (b)(5) DPP

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Acreage: The Federal lands designated in the two new national monuments total (b)(5) DPP. The proclamation restores (b)(5) DPP of Federal land that were improperly reserved by the original BENM designation, to their prior land management status. The acreages for the previously designated BENM and the new Indian Creek and Shash Jáa National Monuments are below.

Bears Ears National Monument

BLM: 1,063,670 acres
USFS: 289,066 acres
State of Utah: 112,785 acres
Private: 12,815 acres

Total: 1,478,336 acres

Indian Creek National Monument

BLM: (b)(5) DPP
Private: (b)(5) DPP
State of Utah: (b)(5) DPP

Total: (b)(5) DPP

Shash Jáa National Monument

BLM: (b)(5) DPP
USFS: (b)(5) DPP
Private: (b)(5) DPP
State of Utah: (b)(5) DPP

Total: (b)(5) DPP

**Non-federal lands are within the external boundary are not part of the national monument but are included for reference purposes.

The President’s proclamation also provides that current authorizations for livestock grazing including the levels of grazing authorized would not be affected or curtailed because of the monument designation. 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 proclamation also clarifies that that pending preparation of a transportation plan for the national monument, the Secretaries may allow motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicle use on roads and trails designated for such use immediately prior to the designation of the BENM and maintain such roads and trails for such use.