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Hi Caroline,
I've attached our meeting request.
Thank you!
Shantha

From: <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov> on behalf of "SIO, Scheduling"
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Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 1:47 PM
To: Shantha Ready Alonso <shantha@creationjustice.org>
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Subject: Re: June 2nd Meeting

Hi Shantha,

Thanks for your request; I have attached our office's meeting request form. Please fill it out and return it so that we can best process your request.

Best,
Caroline

On Wed, May 17, 2017 at 12:05 PM, Shantha Ready Alonso <shantha@creationjustice.org> wrote:

Hello,

I have a group of three Christian ministers who will be in DC on Friday, June 2nd. They work in Indian Country in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada. They would like to set up a meeting about the national monument review. 2-5 additional DC religious community leaders would also like to accompany them.

Is there availability for a meeting with relevant decision-makers that day? Please let me know if you need more information.

Grace and Peace,

Shantha Ready Alonso

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U.S. Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary

Meeting Proposal Information Form

***Please complete this form and send to scheduling@ios.doi.gov**

Specific request to the Secretary: Meeting regarding the spiritual value of public lands, and an Indigenous Christian perspective on the National Monument Review process.

Meeting date: Friday, June 2 any time (If possible we prefer first thing in the morning or at 3:30pm.)

Meeting location: At the Department of Interior

Contact information (Name, Email, Phone): Shantha Ready Alonso, shantha@creationjustice.org, (202) 618-2501

Briefly describe the proposed meeting agenda in as much detail as possible, and the desired outcome of the Secretary's participation:

Christian ministry leaders who work in Indian Country and with Indigenous communities wish to engage Secretary Zinke in a conversation about spirituality and public lands. In particular, national monuments and the national monument review that is currently underway.

Expected meeting participants (names and titles):

- Pastor Richard Silversmith, Executive Director, Indian Christian Center based in Denver, Colorado; Navajo
- Ms. Judy Wellington, Native American Ministries of the Presbyterian Synod of the Southwest based in Surprise, Arizona; Akimel O'odham (Pima) and Dakota
- Ms. Jacqueline Davis-Cawelti and Ms. Loni Romo, Representatives of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada based on the Pyramid Lake Reservation; Members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- Dee Manatowa, Environmental Justice Fellow for Creation Justice Ministries; Daughter of the Late Chief Elmer Manatowa of the Sac and Fox Nation
- Shantha Ready Alonso, Executive Director, Creation Justice Ministries
- Locally-based Representatives from the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and United Methodist Churches may also wish to attend.

Desired length of time for the meeting: One Hour

Are there any other specific matters you would like the Secretary to address?

The group is particularly concerned about national monuments that highlight tribal heritage, especially the Bears Ears National Monument.

Please supply any pertinent background information regarding the genesis of this meeting proposal:

Creation Justice Ministries is a Christian organization with a mission to educate, equip, and mobilize people of faith to protect, restore, and rightly share God's creation. We actively engage communities that care about public lands and waters.

With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align?

BLM and BIA; Inter Agency Working Group on Environmental Justice

If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?

Yes, please. We would like anyone who works on the national monument review process.