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Dear Councilman Bowekaty and Vice Chair Lomahquahu:

I would like to thank you for the letter that you sent on March 17, 2017 informing me about the establishment of the Bears Ears Commission. I would also like to thank you for inviting me to meet with representatives of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to discuss the Bears Ears National Monument and its importance to the Hopi Nation, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, and Zuni Tribe.

I would like to invite you to participate in a meeting from 3:30-4:30 PM on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, which is located at 440 West 200 South Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101. During this meeting, I look forward to learning about your connection to the Bears Ears cultural landscape and more about the past requests that you submitted for formal protection of this region.

Sincerely,

Ryan Zinke  
Secretary  
U. S. Department of Interior

cc. Russell Begaye, President, Hopi Tribe  
Jonathan Nez, Vice President, Navajo Nation  
Lorenzo Bates, Speaker, Navajo Nation  
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Shaun Chapoose, Chairman, Ute Indian Tribe  
Harold Cuthair, Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe  
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