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Good afternoon, ladies. Below is a selection of news clips from today on the Secretary's visit to Utah and the monument review.

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### **Op-ed: Attempts to undo national monuments will rally formidable opposition**

The Hill, May 10 | Glenn Nelson

The Trump administration is well advised to gauge the political blowback as it contemplates an assault — disguised as a review — on the Antiquities Act, as well as two decades of amplifying diverse and inclusive stories in this country. During its final months, the Obama administration shrewdly protected a string of cultural landmarks that should form a formidable firewall around those designations, as well as earlier sacred sites, such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in D.C. and the César E. Chávez National Monument in California.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/energy-environment/332745-attempts-to-undo-national-monuments-will-rally>

### **Bears Ears National Monument: Zinke gets mixed reactions during visit**

Fox News, May 10 | Andrew O'Reilly

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke spent the first day of his listening tour of the country's national monuments visiting the famed Anasazi ruins in Utah's Butler Wash and trying to assuage concerns of Utahns that undoing or shrinking the designation of the controversial 1.3-million acre Bears Ears National Monument would not automatically result in lots of oil rigs or mining equipment.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/05/10/bears-ears-national-monument-zinke-gets-mixed-reactions-during-visit.html>

### **Interior Secretary Orders Protester To 'Be Nice' During Visit To Bears Ears**

The Huffington Post, May 9 | Chris D'Angelo

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke lost his manners during a visit to Bears Ears National Monument on Monday after being repeatedly questioned about why he hasn't spent more time talking with tribal leaders as part of his national monuments review.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/ryan-zinke-bears-ears-be-nice\\_us\\_59120315e4b05e1ca202516f](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/ryan-zinke-bears-ears-be-nice_us_59120315e4b05e1ca202516f)

### **Interior Secretary Zinke admires national monuments he'll likely recommend removing**

The Washington Times, May 10 | Ben Wolfgang

Based on the beautiful pictures and effusive praise he has posted to Twitter this week from one of the nation's newest national monuments, you might never guess that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke could set into motion the process to erase it from the map.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/may/10/monument-review-could-open-27-million-acres-coal-m/>

### **Trump Takes Aim at Western Monuments That May Hold Oil Riches**

Bloomberg News, May 10 | Jennifer A Dlouhy

Bears Ears National Monument in Utah boasts stretches of red-and-yellow sandstone so brilliant they appear to be ablaze and rock structures so precarious they appear to defy gravity.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-05-10/trump-takes-aim-at-western-monuments-that-may-hold-oil-riches>

### **Gehrke: What Zinke isn't hearing, seeing during his trip to Utah**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 10 | Robert Gehrke

Blake Spalding and Jen Castle opened the doors of Hell's Backbone Grill in 1999, drawn to the remote town of Boulder by their love of wilderness and the nearby Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/5272307-155/gehrke-what-zinke-isnt-hearing-seeing>

### **Trump's national monument plan could easily fail — but he'll still declare victory**

The Los Angeles Times, May 10 | Evan Halper

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tangled with protesters, weaved through media hives and trotted on horseback across a Utah moonscape this week in pursuit of President Trump's executive order targeting national monuments.

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-trump-monuments-20170510-story.html>

### **Will National Monuments Get a “Fair Hearing” on Zinke’s Listening Tour?**

Sierra, May 10 | Stacey Bare

On Sunday, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke stood in front of a small, windowless conference room in Salt Lake City next to one of the long-standing generals of the Sagebrush Rebellion, Senator Orrin Hatch.

<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/will-national-monuments-get-fair-hearing-zinke-s-listening-tour>

### **Tribune Editorial: Hatch continues to belittle Native Americans in Bears Ears dispute**

The Salt Lake Tribune, May 9 | Tribune Editorial

No, Sen. Hatch, we won't just take your word for it.

Utah's senior senator put his foot very firmly into his mouth Monday by attacking the intelligence and the integrity of the five Native American nations whose elected leaders joined together to work for and, in the final days of the Obama administration, win national monument status for 1.35 million acres in southeast Utah known as Bears Ears.

<http://www.sltrib.com/opinion/5271207-155/tribune-editorial-hatch-continues-to-belittle>

### **The best way to save sacred land? ‘The issue is whether the monument is the right vehicle’**

The Journal, May 9 | Michelle L. Price and Brady Mccombs, AP

BLANDING, Utah – U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said sacred tribal lands he toured Monday in America’s newest and most hotly contested monument should be preserved but he questioned whether the monument designation was the right way to do it.

<https://the-journal.com/articles/46106>

### **NATIONAL MONUMENTS: Zinke: 'All of the above' possible for Bears Ears**

E & E News, May 10 | Jennifer Yachnin

MONTICELLO, Utah — Make the mistake of asking Heidi Redd how many animals her Indian Creek Cattle Co. owns, and she'll only laugh good-naturedly and ask if you want to know her annual income, too.

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060054333>

**Zinke rides with cattle ranchers working on Bears Ears**

The Deseret News, May 10 | Amy Joi O'Donoghue

BEARS EARS, San Juan County — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said Tuesday that in the context of Bears Ears National Monument, "cattle ranchers matter, too."

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865679546/Zinke-rides-with-cattle-ranchers-working-on-Bears-Ears.html>

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**Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) Modification**

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## DAILY ELECTRONIC BRIEFING SUMMARY FOR SECRETARY ZINKE

### Sunday, May 7, 2017

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

#### OVERVIEW:

Today you are flying out of Great Falls, Montana and going to Salt Lake City, Utah. Your first stop is the Utah State Capitol where you have four meetings. You begin by meeting Utah Governor Herbert and U.S. Senators Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee. Next you will meet with representatives of the State Historic Preservation Office and the Dept of Heritage, then legislative leadership and the Attorney General. Your last meeting is with the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Admin (STILA). You then drive to the BLM Utah State Office for a meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal coalition. You end the day back at the Capitol for an 'Outdoor Recreation Dinner' with a long list of recreational representatives, legislative leaders and their staff.

Today you have Talking Points and eight briefings:

12:00 - 12:00		Talking Points
01:00 - 02:00	pm	Meeting with State Historic Preservation Office & Utah Department of Heritage. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Briefing from BLM</li> <li>2. Briefing from NPS</li> </ol>
02:00 - 02:30	pm	Meeting with Legislative Leadership & Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Briefing from BLM</li> <li>2. Briefing from NPS</li> </ol>
02:45 - 03:15	pm	Meeting with Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA).
03:30 - 04:30	pm	Meeting with Bears Ears Inter Tribal Coalition.
06:00 - 09:00	pm	Dinner with Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation Representatives. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Briefing from BLM</li> <li>2. Briefing from NPS</li> </ol>

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**SUBJECT:** Talking Points for the Secretary

**TIME:** All Day

**FROM:** Laura Rigas, Communications Director, DOI

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**TOPLINE**

- God gave me two ears and one mouth so I'm here to do a lot of listening and learning and hopefully talking just enough to ask the right questions.
- I'm here, directed by the President, to learn about the monuments, the historic and ecological significance, and make a determination.
- Nothing is predetermined. I come to this process with fresh eyes.
- Nobody loves public lands more than me. You can love them as much, but not more.

**Talking Points**

- This Administration and Congress have heard from states and local leaders that, in some cases, the designations of monuments may have resulted in lost jobs, reduced wages, and residents moving away. In the case of significant land planning, we feel that public input should be considered.
- That's why the President has asked for a review of large the monuments designated in the last 20 years, to see what changes and improvements can be made, and to give states and local communities a meaningful voice in this process.
- This policy is consistent with President Trump's promise to rural Americans to give them a voice and make sure their voices are heard.
- The President believes, like I do and many of my neighbors in Western States, that the Federal government can be a good neighbor, can protect areas of cultural and ecological importance, and that we can use federal lands for economic development – just as Teddy Roosevelt envisioned.
- The Antiquities Act of 1906 grants the President the authority to declare “historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest” on federal lands.
- Concerned about potential federal overreach, Antiquities Act authors specified the scope of the authority was to designate the “smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”
- What the Executive Order does:
- This Executive Order restores trust between local communities and Washington and roots out abuses of power by previous administrations.
- This Executive Order puts America and the Department of the Interior back on track to manage our federal lands in accordance to traditional “multiple-use” philosophy by directing the Secretary





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of the Department of the Interior to make recommendations to the President on whether a monument should be rescinded, resized in order to better manage our federal lands.

And - This Executive Order gives rural communities across America a voice and restores land use planning by directing the Secretary of the Interior to consult and coordinate with the Governors of States affected by monument designations or other relevant officials of affected State, Tribal, and local governments.

**What it does NOT do:**

- This Executive Order does NOT strip any monument of a designation.
- Does not sell or transfer federal lands
- This Executive Order does NOT loosen any environmental or conservation regulations on any land or marine areas.



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**SUBJECT:** Briefing from BLM - Legislative Leadership & Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes.

**TIME:** 02:00 - 02:30 pm

**FROM:** Edwin Roberson, State Director – Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Utah  
POC: Mike Richardson, BLM-Utah Communications Director, (801)539-4020

## I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Meeting to discuss Bears Ears and Grand Staircase National Monuments, and other relevant issues.

## II. BACKGROUND

The Utah Attorney General's (AG's) Office is led by Attorney General Sean Reyes. Mr. Reyes typically does not engage in public land issues. The lead for the AG's Office for public land issues is Assistant Attorney General Tony Rampton, who is the Public Lands Section Chief; his second-in-command is Kathy Davis. They work primarily with the Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO), which was created in 2005 by state law to develop and coordinate the State's public land policy. The Director of PLPCO is Kathleen Clarke. The AG's Office historically has been aligned with the positions of the Governor and PLPCO.

## III. DISCUSSION

With respect to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monuments, the AG's Office is likely to take the legal position that the President has authority to revoke previous proclamations in whole or part, and likely will endorse the recent legal analysis of the issue by John Yoo and Todd Gaziano.

The AG's Office is also likely to provide information regarding two pieces of litigation the State is pursuing against Interior--R.S. 2477 and wilderness policy (*Uintah County v. Zinke*). If Interior counsel is not present, the AG's Office may not engage in substantive discussion of cases because of ethical considerations. R.S. 2477 is an 1866 statute that offered rights-of-way to the public for highway purposes. Although R.S. 2477 was repealed in 1976, FLPMA preserved any R.S. 2477 rights-of-way in existence. Between 2005 and 2012, the State and Utah counties filed 29 lawsuits under the Quiet Title Act seeking recognition of over 12,000 R.S. 2477 claims on BLM and NPS lands; all but two cases are still pending.

Also pending is the State's six-year-old lawsuit challenging the previous administration's policy to identify and manage public lands to preserve wilderness characteristics outside of Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs). The State's position is that Interior does not have this authority outside of the section 603 context. The AG's Office likely will attempt to explain the long-history of Utah's struggle with Interior on R.S. 2477 and wilderness policy, express frustration at the United States' previous aggressive defense of these cases, and seek Interior's support to explore means to resolve these issues without litigation. The AG's Office may also raise issues regarding the proposed settlement in the Utah Resource Management Plan (RMP) litigation, which Utah opposes; BLM's wild horse removal efforts, which Utah believes are inadequate; and the sage grouse amendments to BLM's RMPs.

## IV. ATTACHMENTS

NOTE: The following attachments are available in the briefing book:

1. March 2017 Paper: Presidential Authority to Revoke or Reduce Monument Designations
2. Attorney General Sean Reyes Biography

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**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.**TIME:** 03:30 - 04:30 pm**FROM:** Edwin Roberson, State Director – Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Utah  
POC: Mike Richardson, BLM-Utah Communications Director, (801)539-4020

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**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Meeting with members of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.

**II. BACKGROUND**

In July 2015, five American Indian Tribes with cultural affiliation to the Bears Ears region formed the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Members included the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, and the Zuni Tribe.

On Oct. 15, 2015, the coalition submitted a formal proposal to President Barrack Obama requesting designation of 1.9 million acres as the Bears Ears National Monument. The coalition's proposal emphasized collaborative management between the Tribes and the Federal government.

On Dec. 28, 2016, 1.35 million acres in southern Utah were designated as the Bears Ears National Monument. The proclamation stated that the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service would engage the Tribes in development of a management plan and the subsequent management of monument lands.

The coalition has said publicly that it intends to litigate any attempt to rescind the Bears Ears National Monument designation.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Members of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition invited to attend the meeting include:

Hopi Tribe:	<u>Alfred Lomahquahu</u> , Vice Chairman
Navajo Nation:	<u>Russell Begaye</u> , President; <u>Jonathan Nez</u> , Vice President; <u>Lorenzo Bates</u> , Speaker; <u>Davis Filfred</u> , Council Delegate
Ute Indian Tribe:	<u>Shaun Chapoose</u> , Chairman
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe:	<u>Harold Cuthair</u> , Chairman
Zuni Tribe:	<u>Carleton Bowekaty</u> , Councilman

Additional Tribal members and support staff may also be present.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS**

NOTE: The following attachments are available in the briefing book:

1. March 3, 2017, letter from the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to Secretary Ryan Zinke



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**SUBJECT:** Briefing from BLM - Discussion on recreational industry representatives in Utah

**TIME:** 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**FROM:** Edwin Roberson, State Director – Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Utah  
POC: Mike Richardson, BLM-Utah Communications Director, (801)539-4020

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## **I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Discussion on recreation viewpoints and activities in Utah especially as they relate to BLM monuments.

## **II. PARTICIPANTS**

- Federal and legislative representatives
- Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation
- Gary Heward, CEO, Liberty Mountain
- Bill Harmon, Goal Zero
- Joshua Bradley, Amer Sports
- Nazz Kurth, Petzl
- Amanda Covington, Vista Outdoors
- Ashley Kornblat, Western Spirit
- Don Peay, Utah Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

## **III. BACKGROUND**

### **A. Bears Ears National Monument**

- Total estimated recreational visitors to the Monticello Field Office, including the Bears Ears National Monument, in Fiscal Year 2016 was 418,684 people. In Fiscal Year 2000, there were an estimated 180,233 visitors. Hiking, camping, off-highway vehicle use, viewing cultural resources, and photography were the top five recreational activities within the Monticello Field Office in Fiscal Year 2016.
- In Fiscal Year 2016, the Monticello Field Office issued 117 Special Recreation Permits to authorize a wide variety of commercial, competitive, and organized group activities to expand and enhance recreational access, including 13 permits to commercial hunting outfitter and guiding services. In Fiscal Year 2000, the field office issued 58 Special Recreation Permits, including 4 commercial hunting outfitter and guiding services.
- There are currently over 1,800 miles of designated roads and primitive roads within the Monticello Field Office that provide recreational off-highway vehicle access.

### **B. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**

- Total estimated recreational visitors to Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Fiscal Year 2016 was 926,236 people. In Fiscal Year 2000, there were an estimated 568,214 visitors. Hiking, camping, off-highway vehicle use, scenic touring/viewing, and participating in environmental education events were the top five recreational activities within the Monument in Fiscal Year 2016.
- In Fiscal Year 2016, the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument issued 122 Special Recreation Permits to authorize a wide variety of commercial, competitive, and organized group activities to expand and enhance recreational access. In Fiscal Year 2000, the Monument issued 37 Special Recreation Permits.
- On average, the Monument issues 16 Special Recreation Permits to commercial hunting guide



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and outfitter services each year to support big game hunting opportunities for deer, elk, pronghorn, desert bighorn sheep, mountain lion, black bear, and turkey. The BLM has partnered with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to re-introduce pronghorn, bighorn, wild turkey within the Monument.

- There are currently over 900 miles of designated roads and primitive roads within the Monument that provide recreational off-highway vehicle access.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION**

##### **A. Bears Ears National Monument**

- Specific visitation figures to the newly-designated National Monument are not yet available, however, there has been a significant increase in visitor demand for overnight and day-use permits throughout Cedar Mesa. BLM-Utah expects that recreational visitation to the Monument will continue to increase for some time, and has undertaken the following initiatives to promote responsible and sustainable heritage tourism opportunities:
- Within the last three years, BLM-Utah has funded the stabilization of 11 highly visited archaeological sites throughout the Monticello Field Office, primarily within the Bears Ears National Monument. These efforts will facilitate the development of new visitor amenities and the marketing of these recreational opportunities to visitors from all over the world.
- In partnership with the non-profit organization Tread Lightly!, BLM-Utah developed a public awareness campaign titled Respect and Protect, which aims to eliminate the looting and vandalism of archaeological, paleontological, and natural resources in Utah. BLM-Utah is currently developing a Memorandum of Understanding with 14 state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and professional and avocational groups to collaboratively and consistently share the Respect and Protect campaign messages.

##### **B. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**

- The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is widely recognized as an international outdoor recreation destination for dispersed and undeveloped activities. There are intentionally very few developed facilities to provide visitors with back country recreational experiences.

Most recreational uses and allocations within the Monument were established in the Monument Management Plan, which was approved in 2000.



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**SUBJECT:** Briefing from NPS - Discussion with recreational industry representatives in Utah

**TIME:** 06:00 - 09:00 pm

**FROM:** Maureen Foster, Acting Assistant Secretary FWP

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### I. PURPOSE

Discussion on recreation viewpoints and activities in Utah especially as they relate to monuments.

### II. PARTICIPANTS

- Federal and legislative representatives.
- Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation.
- Gary Heward CEO, Liberty Mountain
- Bill Harmon Goal Zero
- Joshua Bradley Amer Sports
- Nazz Kurth Petzl
- Amanda Covington Vista Outdoors
- Ashley Kornblat Western Spirit
- Don Peay Utah Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

### III. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS

- The Bear River Watershed Conservation Area (BRWCA) will use LWCF funds to gain a 728-acre easement from the Ferry family for \$800,000 in late 2017; the remaining \$1.2 M will be used to acquire other voluntary easements in the area.
- We are awaiting a final mandate for the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court decision in the litigation regarding the ESA and Utah prairie dogs (UPD). It will not be issued until at least 5/22/17, after which our 4(d) rule would go back into effect.
- UT v. US, 12-cv-378-BSJ (D. Utah) Bear River Meander Line, filed 04/12. Utah asserts ownership of NWR lands because the true Great Salt Lake meander line was never located. DOJ seeking an extension on 5/7/17 deadline to continue negotiations with Utah.
- Bear River Club is in litigation with the USFWS over their water right claim for water from the Bear River.
- Greater Sage Grouse in UT are stable except the geographically isolated Sheeprock population in central Utah, which has declined by 40% over the last 4 years. It occurs in a BLM Priority Habitat Management Area (PHMA) and State Management Area.
- Outdoor recreation has a substantial positive economic generator in Utah and throughout the United States. In the US economy, outdoor recreation resulted in \$887 billion in consumer spending annually and provides 7.6 million American Jobs. (Source: Outdoor Industry Association, April 24, 2017)
- Forty-seven communities in Utah have requested NPS assistance in developing their conservation and outdoor recreation visions over the last 10 years.

### VI. BACKGROUND



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- **LWCF and BRWCA:** Over the past 5 years, the USFWS has acquired 768 acres at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Utah using \$1.599M in LWCF funding. In FY16, the Service was appropriated \$2m for the BRWCA located in Utah, WY, and ID for acquisition of voluntary easements. Congressman Bishop, Senator Hatch, and Senator Lee support BRWCA; Congressman Bishop attended the event honoring 30 acre donation by the Ferry family in Box Elder County, Utah that was received in 2016 and formally established the BRWCA. The BRWCA enjoys broad landowner-based support.
- **Utah Prairie Dogs (UPD):** On 11/5/14, based on a complaint from the People for the Ethical Treatment of Property Owners (PETPO), the District Court of Utah Central Division ruled that ESA take prohibitions for UPD are unconstitutional on private lands. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) then implemented a management plan and regulations for UPD on non-federal lands, which replaced the 1998 Iron County HCP and our 4(d) rule as the primary guide to UPD management on private lands. On 3/29/17, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed and remanded the District Court ruling, concluding that ESA regulation of take of a purely intrastate species, like the UPD, is a constitutional exercise of congressional authority under the Commerce Clause. Once a final mandate is issued, the State's Plan would no longer be in place and our 4(d) rule would go back into effect. Anticipating the 07/18 expiration of the 1998 Iron County HCP, we are working with the State and Iron County to develop a General Conservation Plan (GCP) that would include mitigation for impacts or significant conservation components for Utah prairie dogs, respectively, which the State's plan currently lacks. In the long-term, we are hopeful that we can replace the GCP with a locally-driven conservation strategy for the Utah prairie dog that will allow us to delist the species.
- **UT v. US, 12-cv-378-BSJ (D. Utah) Bear River Meander Line.** In April, 2012 the State filed a quiet title action in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City against the U. S. Department of Interior, along with the USFWS, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has proposed the parties agree to a provisional "Compromise Line" within the Refuge in lieu of a meander line in order to determine the State lands. This agreement would allow the US to obtain title to State lands within the Refuge, ensuring its ability to manage the Refuge in perpetuity, while also providing the State with fair and reasonable compensation for any lands within the Refuge that would be conveyed to the United States or the subject of a disclaimer. After agreeing to the valuation of the lands as described above, the parties would determine whether to proceed with the United States' acquisition of State lands within the Refuge via purchase or land exchange.
- **The Bear River Club Company (est. 1909), and the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge (est. 1928)** both utilize various water rights to create and maintain waterfowl habitat, and have had a cooperative existence. However, the Bear River Club is asserting they should be able to divert water from the Bear River in months when the USFWS does not believe they historically diverted. Additionally, the volumes they are seeking would injure the Refuge's ability to manage habitat. The Refuge, the Department of Justice, the Solicitor's Office and the Region 6 Water Resources Division are attempting to negotiate a settlement with the Club.
- **GSG:** The State of Utah's plan for greater sage-grouse applies to all lands within 11 state-designated Sage-Grouse Management Areas (SGMAs) and covers approximately 7.5 million acres. The state's goal is to conserve 90% of its greater sage-grouse habitat and approximately 94% of the population. Many of the conservation measures in the plan are voluntary and rely on negotiated, incentive-based actions to achieve conservation on non-federal lands. An Executive



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Order established due to the Plan requires the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to coordinate with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources before issuing permits for energy development. It also directs the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to implement recommendations provided by the Utah Division of Wildlife. On Federal lands, BLM and U.S. Forest Service's amended land-use management plan complement the state's Plan and are critical to the success of greater sage-grouse conservation. The amendments limit surface disturbances and address habitat threats in the most important areas for sage-grouse. The highest value habitats are designated as Priority Habitat Management Areas (PHMA) and there is a 98% overlap with the state-designated Sage-Grouse Core Areas. General Habitat Management Areas (GHMA) provide greater flexibility for federal land use activities. To address the recent declines of the Sheeprock population, BLM is working with state and local partners to implement and prioritize a suite of conservation actions, including translocations of greater sage-grouse to the area, habitat restoration, fire suppression, and minimizing impacts from right of way developments.

- **Utah Economy from Recreation:** The Outdoor Industry Association in 2012 estimated that outdoor recreation resulted in: 122,000 direct jobs in Utah, \$12 billion in consumer spending, \$3.6 billion in wages and salaries, and \$856 million in State and Local Tax Revenue (Source: Data from 2012 Outdoor Recreation Economy Generated)
- **National Parks in Utah (data from FY 2016):** There are 13 units of National Parks, National Historic Trails, National Monuments and National Historic Sites. *National Parks:* Arches NP, Bryce Canyon NP, Canyonlands NP, Capitol Reef NP, Zion NP. *National Historic Trails:* California NHT, Mormon Pioneer NHT, Old Spanish NHT, Pony Express NHT. *National Monuments:* Cedar Breaks NM, Dinosaur NM, Hovenweep NM, Natural Bridges NM, Rainbow Bridge NM, Timpanogos Cave NM. *National Recreation Area:* Glen Canyon NRA. *National Historic Site:* Golden Spike NHS.

In 2016, there were 13,988,000 visitors to National Park units in Utah creating a substantial economic contribution to Utah: \$1.1 billion spending by visitors to National Park units in Utah; 17.9 thousand jobs in Utah local economy including camping, fuel, groceries, hotels, recreation industries, restaurants, retail, transportation; \$546.7 million in labor income in Utah; \$1.6 billion in economic output resulting from National Parks in Utah (Source: 2016 National Park Visitor Spending Effects: Economic Contributions to Local Communities, States, and the Nation, Natural Resource Report NPS/NRSS/EQD/NRR – 2017/1421)

**NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program:** NPS has worked with 54 Local and State partners on 63 outdoor recreation projects located within a half miles of approximately 967,000 residents. In response to applications from local leaders, the NPS supports several projects in UT at any given time by bringing partners and stakeholders together in a planning process that results in on the ground improvements to parks, trails, rivers, and natural areas that help to connect people to the outdoors. Assistance includes technical support for park and recreation planning and management, assistance with broad-based community engagement in the planning process, and helping to guide partners through the many steps needed to move from idea to action. Many of these project involve partnerships between DOI and other public land managers and community partners.





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### Significant NPS RTCA supported past successes:

- Jordan River - worked with partners to develop plans and secure support (\$2M+) to close a 1.2 mile gap in the trail in West Jordan, continue to support community engagement.
- Green River - supported partners in completing regional trails concept plan and helped to secure support (\$80k) for constructing mountain bike trails. The Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation through the Waypoint grant provided construction funding.
- Moab Lions Park - supported partners in planning and design of a trail and transportation hub for the gateway community, helped to secure support (\$800k+) for construction.
- Red Canyon Trail - helped partners to develop concept plan for 5 mile trail connecting to Bryce Canyon that was used to secure federal transportation funds (\$2M+) for construction.
- Brian Head Trail System - worked with partners to develop trail system and interpretation plan - including connections to Cedar Breaks NM, used to secure support (\$100k+) for trailhead improvements. The Office of Outdoor Recreation is involved with this project and provided construction funding through the Waypoint grant.
- Wasatch Front Youth Engagement - ongoing support to partners - including Timpanogos Cave National Monument to connect diverse urban audiences to public lands and the outdoors. Secured Challenge Cost Share grants (37k+) to support innovative University of Utah Urban Rangers program. BLM is currently funding the interagency Urban Ranger Program.

### Current NPS RTCA supported projects:

- Backman Elementary Riverside Community - connecting students of Backman Elementary School in Salt Lake City and their families with the Jordan River and adjoining park lands.
- Bluff River Trail - developing a 7.5 mile trail along the San Juan River and supporting restoration priorities and environmental education outreach to native american tribes through an interagency effort with the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, with support from the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation, and other partners.
- Cache County Trails - developing a community supported plan for County-wide trails network.
- Panguitch Area Trailhead Kiosks - improving public information at three regional trailheads.
- Smith Preserve Archaeological Site & Trail Plan - designing low impact site improvements to allow public to experience and appreciate the site's significant petroglyphs.
- Syracuse Shoreline Trail - developing a trail along the eastern shore of the Great Salt Lake.
- Vernal City - Dino Trails Planning - planning and securing support for a regional trails system.
- Wasatch Front Urban Ranger Program - working with University of Utah, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other partners to create the next generation of rangers, trails stewards and advocates that are in turn engaging diverse urban audiences with regional trails.



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National Park Service managed the Land and Water Conservation Fund that provides for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

**Federal Lands to Parks:** 2,765 acres of surplus Federal property had been transferred to local communities in Utah for parks and outdoor recreation areas.

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