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RE: Bears Ears National Monument, Monument Advisory Committee

Dear State Director Roberson and Forest Supervisor Pentecost,

I write today regarding Bears Ears National Monument, and to request that Grand Canyon Trust's Utah Wildlands Program Director Tim Peterson serve as a member the Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee as provided by Presidential Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016.

As you know, Bears Ears National Monument' proclamation directed that "[t]he Secretaries [of Interior and Agriculture], through the BLM and USFS, shall establish an advisory committee ... to provide information and advice regarding the development of the management plan and, as appropriate, management of the monument. The advisory committee shall consist of a fair and balanced representation of interested stakeholders..."

Grand Canyon Trust's mission is to protect and restore the Colorado Plateau — its spectacular landscapes, flowing rivers, clean air, diversity of plants and animals, and areas of beauty and solitude. Grand Canyon Trust has been active in issues regarding the proper care and management of the Bears Ears region for many years, most recently engaging with BLM and the Forest Service on issues regarding resource management planning; projects related to mining and minerals, livestock grazing, motorized vehicle use, and vegetation management; and in advocacy on behalf of Native American Tribes' interests in the region, including springs, cultural resources, and appropriate visitation and recreation. Our interests in Bears Ears cut across many of our program areas including our Native America, Energy, Volunteer, Utah Forests, and Utah Wildlands programs.

Grand Canyon Trust's Utah Wildlands Program Director, Tim Peterson, would be a well-qualified member of the FACA MAC for Bears Ears. A native Utahn descended from LDS settlers, Tim has spent nearly 20 years exploring, photographing, and documenting cultural

resources, geology, scenery, and roads and trails in the region. His work for Grand Canyon Trust over the last two years has focused on Bears Ears and its resources almost exclusively. In addition to the Western view of natural and cultural resources, Tim's experience working at the behest of cultural, spiritual, and elected Tribal leaders since 2015 has provided him with a deeper understanding of Bears Ears' resources and cultural values from the Native American perspective across many of the region's tribes. His extensive knowledge of both the monument's natural resources and on-the-ground conditions, and some of the cultural importance of the Bears Ears region's resources to Native Americans could help provide a unique and necessary perspective on the Monument Advisory Committee. He has personally visited as many locations in the monument as anyone of whom I am aware, and also has extensive experience with land management planning and discrete project work related to the range of resources found in Bears Ears National Monument.

Grand Canyon Trust is ready and eager to participate in the Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee, and we appreciate your consideration of our request to serve in this important endeavor that is core to our mission and values as an organization. Please provide a response to this letter in writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Hedden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Hedden" clearly distinguishable.

Bill Hedden
Executive Director
Grand Canyon Trust

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