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**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
Bureau of Land Management/National Park Service Grazing Meeting
March 2, 2017
Monticello, UT**

(Thanks to Mandy Scott, BLM-Monticello for the help organizing the meeting and agenda)

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1. Welcome and Introductions
Lance Porter - BLM-Canyon Country District Manager
2. Review Draft BLM/NPS Grazing Interagency Agreement
Edited the latest version. Three points left hanging:
 1. Who signs for Glen Canyon?
 2. Minor editing for Section 106 by the Archaeologist
 3. What should be the term of the MOU?

Next Steps:

1. Edited versions with and without Track Changes sent out March 2 (today.)
2. Three above items sent to Hoffheins by March 10.
3. Other edits sent to Hoffheins by March 10.
4. Hoffheins sends out for Review by March 15.
5. Review comments sent to Hoffheins by March 24.

- 6. Hoffheins sends out for Transmittal to March 29.
- 7. Leads transmit for Solicitor and State/Regional Office review by March 31.

3. Discuss the status of the Programmatic Agreement for GSENM

Opened up for Consulting Parties process and received over 80 responses. Have been meeting and hope to have a draft out by the end of the month.

Decided to break out PA for only the Monument; individual Field Offices will/may do a PA individually in the future.

4. NPS Grazing Monitoring Plans and Draft Protocols 2017-18

Three Tiers of Monitoring

- General – Use monitoring/tracking of grazing use
- Intensive process – Very Quantitative, very time consuming
- Rapid monitoring - Some quantitative, some qualitative. Uses ecological site indicators. Setting “triggers” typically at the low end of the range of indicator.

Focusing on three allotments (Soda, Sewing Machine, and Lower Warm Creek Allotments). Trying to gather data in part to be more responsive to questions they receive.

5. Round Robin – (Current Grazing Status-Updates, Current/Proposed Projects)

- BLM – Arizona Strip: Working on a pipeline on BLM and NPS lands, authorizing through a CX (Decision for BLM portion only?, NPS does not require a decision)
- BLM – Henry Mountains Field Station: Precipitation has hit and missed areas, Sewing Machine / Rockies localities have good feed, conducting maintenance on reservoirs in the Water Pocket Fold area.
- BLM – GSENM: Generally have experienced favorable forage levels, ranchers have taken voluntary partial non-use this grazing season, hope to have the Draft Grazing EIS to the public in May.
- BLM –Monticello: Favorable monsoonal moisture the last several years has bolstered forage production, Grey Mesa (NPS) on the Lake Canyon Allotment has been rested this year except for a few wandering cows. Issue this year of cattle entering Halls Crossing marina area due to low water levels below the fenceline, BLM/rancher suggested a short gap fence that ties into a cliffline yet NPS did not want a fence below the high water mark, ultimately NPS responsibility to exclude livestock from where they were historically allowed to graze, yet BLM and rancher are cooperative to resolve the potential issue. No projects planned on NPS lands.
- NPS – GLCA: Developing a Monitoring Plan for NPS and will share the results with the BLM, personal shortages caught in hiring freeze, have new NPS Range Technician (Marc Johnson) who will be coordinating grazing on GLCA.

6. Other Topics

- Fencelines near reservoir (addressed during Round Robin)
- Drought – generally a non-factor this year with the area experiencing favorable precipitation levels.
- Extension of IA – Cindy will call John Steiger and ask if we can just extend the IA that expires this spring and just keep working on the MOU. Will ask that the NPS and BLM (both Utah and Arizona) Solicitor's review be coordinated and scheduled at the same time.
- New IA – Sent a draft Service First to Tiffany Martinez
- Next Meeting – NPS hosts; Late February, Early March 2018