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## **BLM seeks public input in advance of land use planning process for Bears Ears region**

**SALT LAKE CITY**—The Bureau of Land Management Utah State Office is seeking public input in advance of preparing land use plans for Bears Ears National Monument. These planning efforts are an opportunity to enhance our relationships with the State of Utah and local communities and to fulfill our trust responsibilities to tribal communities. The BLM will develop these land use plans using an improved and streamlined land use planning process in order to support priority initiatives such as sustaining multiple-uses within national monuments that are consistent with the protection of the historic and scientific objects within the monument.

The publication of the *Notice of Intent to Prepare Monument Management Plans for the Bears Ears National Monument Indian Creek and Shash Jaa Units and associated Environmental Impact Statement* in the Federal Register today initiated the public scoping period for the land use planning process. The BLM will accept comments for at least 60 days, or for 15 days after the last scheduled public scoping meeting, whichever is later.

The new land use plans will provide clarity for the public on how they can enjoy and use public lands within the monument. The BLM welcomes input from the public, which the agency will consider prior to developing alternatives for the land use plan. The public is encouraged to help identify issues, management questions, or concerns that should be addressed in the land use plans. Future public scoping meetings will also provide an opportunity to speak with resource specialists and submit written comments in person.

The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM website at: <https://www.blm.gov/utah>. The agency will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

Comments may be submitted by using any of the following methods:

- Email: [EMAIL@blm.gov](mailto:EMAIL@blm.gov)
- ePlanning: [LINK](#)
- Mail: [365 North Main P.O. Box 7](#) Monticello, UT 84535

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

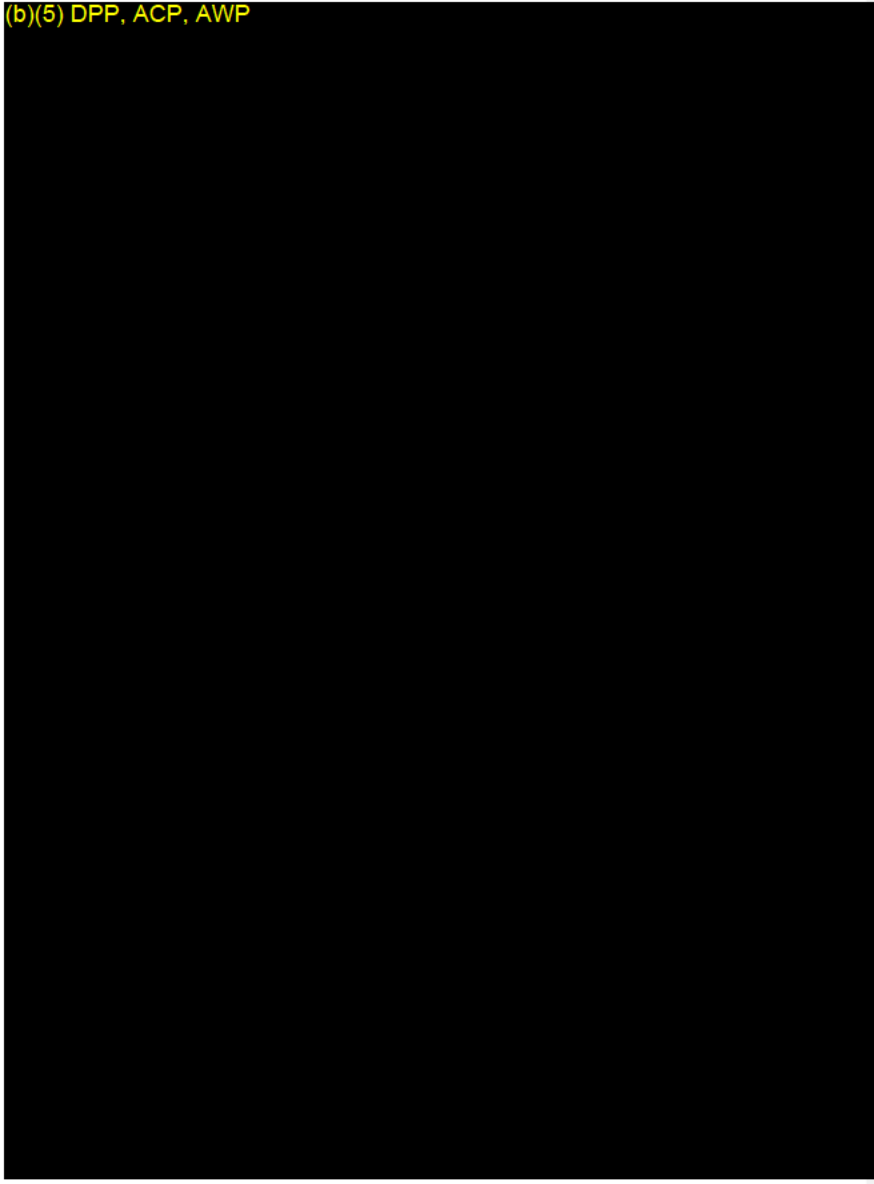
For further information concerning the land use planning process, please contact Lance Porter, District Manager at (435) 259-2100. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

*The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$75 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2016—more than any other agency in the Department of the Interior. These activities supported more than 372,000 jobs.*

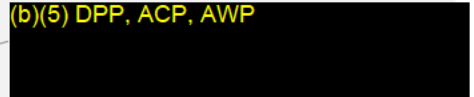
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