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Lisa,

I am comfortable with the proposed response. I have made a few minor edits.

Greg,

Per your question on Utah's weekly report item for the Indian Creek Commercial Climbing EA for public comment:

- BLM-Monticello is not preparing an RMP, nor has it initiated Monument Management Planning efforts for Bears Ears National Monument.
- BLM Monticello has an RMP that was approved in 2008. This proposal for authorizing SRPs on ten climbing routes is consistent with decisions in the Record of Decision.
- This proposal is also consistent with the Proclamation for the Bears Ears National Monument, which specifically discusses recreation opportunities such as rock climbing in this region. The project proposal includes mitigation measures to protect resources in the Monument.
 - The proposed action is also consistent with the Master Plan for San Juan County of July 8, 1996.

The draft press release was sent last week for WO approval, but I've asked our state office to resubmit just in case you haven't seen it.

Good luck up there Greg and thanks for your help, let me know if you have more questions.

On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 5:32 PM, Bryant, Lisa <lmbryant@blm.gov> wrote:

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- BLM-Monticello has an RMP that was approved in 2008. This proposal for authorizing SRPs on ten climbing routes is consistent with Decisions in the 2008 RMP, the Indian Creek Special Recreation Management Area Goals and Objectives, and 2005 Indian Creek Corridor Plan.
- This proposal is also consistent with direction in the Proclamation for the Bears Ears National Monument, which specifically calls out recreation opportunities such as rock climbing in this region, which is world renowned for such activities. The project proposal includes design features, which will be stipulated in permits, to protect the objects and values for which the monument was designated.
- The proposed action is also consistent with the Master Plan for San Juan County of July 8, 1996.

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Good luck up there Greg and thanks for your help, let me know if you have more questions.

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On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 3:32 PM, Sutherland, Ryan <rrsutherland@blm.gov> wrote:

Lisa,
Can you provide me an answer to Greg's questions?

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From: **Fuhs, Gregory** <gfuhs@blm.gov>
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Subject: PLEASE RESPOND: Weekly Report Question
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Hi there,
I'm working on the Weekly Report and a question has come up on one of Utah's entries.

Here's the entry:

The week of May 22, the BLM-UT Monticello Field Office intends to open a 30-day public comment period to review and comment on an Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzing commercial climbing opportunities in the Indian Creek Area. There are no new routes, trails, or trailheads proposed; the EA analyzes potential impacts

of authorizing additional routes for commercial use. The Indian Creek corridor is world famous for its climbing opportunities and lies within the Bears Ears National Monument.

And here's the question (from our ASLM Liaison):

Is BLM UT preparing a RMP for the Bears Ears National Monument? Or not? I ask because the above mentioned EA is for "climbing opportunities". In my past experiences we want to make sure the activity is compliant with the proclamation or RMP. Also, with the hard look at National Monuments/NCA's greater than 100,000 acres, this EA is ripe for the eyes/ears of the WO BLM/DOI.

If you could please get back to me with a response by COB today I'd appreciate it.

Many thanks!

Greg

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