

To: Butts, Sally[sbutts@blm.gov]
From: Wayne Stevens
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Thank you for forwarding my letter and for the website information.

From: Butts, Sally
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 8:54 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Public Comments on Bears Ears

Mr. Stevens,

I received the forwarded email below that you sent to BLM. Thank you for your time to comment.

Public comments are accepted on Regulations.gov.

Please click on the link:

https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOI_2017_0002_0001

And click the "Comment Now!" blue button in the upper right corner of the screen. This will take you to an easy to follow page to copy your comments and submit so they are officially counted.

Comments must be submitted **before July 10, 2017**.

Thanks again for your time to comment.

Sally Butts

Forwarded message

From: Wayne Stevens (b) (6)
Date: Fri, Jun 23, 2017 at 8:30 AM
Subject: Bears Ears National Monument
To: mrallen@blm.gov

I am not sure where to send comments about the reduction in the size of Bears Ears National Monument. Please forward the following comment to the appropriate department/person.

Thank you.

Wayne Stevens

I am opposed to any reduction in the size of the new Bears Ears National Monument.

Bears Ears is an American Indian Heritage area. It should be protected. It should be kept as an educational area so that all Americans and foreign visitors can learn about the cultural and spiritual heritages of our indigenous peoples. To shrink the size and open the area to mineral extraction is disrespecting the American Indian peoples and their sovereign nations.

As I understand, the Bears Ears National Monument is being reduced to allow coal mining. Coal mining is a dying industry. There are only about 70,000 jobs and that number is shrinking. Renewable energy jobs are increasing. The jobs in renewable energy number between 350,000 and 600,000 and growing. Renewable energy and natural gas are taking the place of coal. It is shameful to open a heritage area for so few and dwindling jobs and a mineral who's time has passed.

Mineral extractions of various types are a part of a large economic picture. However, the times are changing and mineral extraction for energy is growing smaller. Despite what some people want, it will never completely go away nor will it continue to grow. It will still be required for certain manufacturing processes. Having said this, mineral extraction does not and must not be done every where.

For these reasons, I ask that you leave Bears Ears National Monument the size as designated in the original Executive Order of the last Administration.

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