

From: Christopher Salotti
To: [Bowman, Randal](#)
Cc: [Pamela Barkin](#)
Subject: Re: Seeking Quick Review: Congressional letter on monuments review and draft response
Date: Friday, November 03, 2017 12:37:08 PM

Thanks, Randy.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 3, 2017, at 12:09 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

This is accurate.

While we did provide the opportunity for mail-in comments, and received just under 120,000 of those, they were all subsequently uploaded to the [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) site. All comments received are available for public inspection at the indicated docket on that site.

On Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 11:58 AM, Salotti, Christopher <chris_salotti@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Randy -

See the text below. Incoming is also attached. Micah is pushing to perhaps send either this afternoon or Monday.

Chris

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Keable, Edward <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 11:48 AM
Subject: Re: Seeking Quick Review: Congressional letter on monuments review and draft response
To: "Moody, Aaron" <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>
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I am also fine subject to any amendments Randy might have to ensure accuracy. Ed

On Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 10:28 AM, Moody, Aaron <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Looks fine to DLR (me and Laura) - except that I think the Department did receive some comments via regular mail or otherwise outside [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), in which case you'd just need to tweak the second sentence. Randy Bowman would know for sure.....

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On Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 9:58 AM, Salotti, Christopher <chris_salotti@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

All -

I've highlighted the paragraph that Micah alluded to in his earlier email:

This responds to your letter dated October 23, 2017, addressed to Secretary Zinke and Attorney General Jeff Sessions regarding Secretary Zinke's review of national monuments and recommendations to the President made pursuant to the April 26, 2017, Executive Order. Secretary Zinke has asked that I respond to you on his behalf.

A formal comment period for the review, intended to give local stakeholders a voice in the process, was announced on May 5, 2017. The comments received are available at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=DOI-2017-0002>. Secretary Zinke also appreciated the many and diverse views received from Members of Congress, including yours.

As the Department of the Interior has indicated in response to similar requests, the Trump Administration does not comment on leaked documents, in particular internal draft deliberative documents that are still under active review by the President and within the Administration. Regardless, the President, not the Department, exercises authority under the Antiquities Act. Secretary Zinke looks forward to the President's guidance on this issue.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. A similar letter has been sent to Senators Udall, Merkley, and Heinrich. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional assistance.

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