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I think Marcia's idea of uploading the press release to the docket is the best way to go.

On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 4:00 PM, Stevenson, Jennifer <[jennifer\\_stevenson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jennifer_stevenson@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randy,

The public usually looks for a new FR Notice reopening the public comment period. I have a FR Notice already typed up and will help you any way I can to move it through the channels, if you decide to do it.

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On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 1:49 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

good idea - I'll send it as soon as I see it

On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 1:45 PM, Cash, Marcia <[marcia\\_cash@fws.gov](mailto:marcia_cash@fws.gov)> wrote:

We could upload the press release into the docket as a Supporting Material. That way, there would be something in the docket about the reopening.

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On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 11:41 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

If this were a rulemaking I would completely agree with you. However, since it is not,

its unclear whether the time and expense, small as it may be, involved in doing a new notice is warranted. Absent the mad rush of the initial announcement, it normally takes more than a week to clear one, plus the delay after that before it is actually published.

On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 11:33 AM, Cash, Marcia <[marcia\\_cash@fws.gov](mailto:marcia_cash@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Just checked with my expert here at Fish and the proper way to reopen Bears Ears is to publish another Notice in the Federal Register stating so. The FR is the "Official" record, so press releases, etc. don't have the full authority of a FR Notice.

The Notice can be short. One paragraph. But that makes it official.

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On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 11:23 AM, Bowman, Randal  
<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Don't know - depends on the statement, Since the docket remains open, probably not.

On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 11:16 AM, Stevenson, Jennifer  
<[jennifer\\_stevenson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jennifer_stevenson@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randy and Marcia,

If the comment period gets extended, do we need to publish another article in the Federal Register to let the public know?

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