

**From:** Chambers, Micah  
**To:** [Bowman, Randal](#); [Magallanes, Downey](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Are either of you still in the office?  
**Date:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:43:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [6-15-17 Risch Crapo Letter.pdf](#)

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Randy and Downey. Just received this hard copy letter from Risch Crapo. I've added them to the list for replies.

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 5:03 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

And thank you for getting this off my back

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 4:52 PM, Micah Chambers <[micah\\_chambers@ios.doi.gov](mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2017, at 4:43 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

List is attached

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 4:34 PM, Chambers, Micah <[micah\\_chambers@ios.doi.gov](mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Ok. We will do the production. Can you send me the full list of members who submitted?

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 4:20 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

OK, but on "getting these ready" - I was planning to see if either your office or Exec Sec could do the actual production of the letters, as I don't have any admin support to do that. I understood my role as drafting substance of the replies.

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 3:40 PM, Chambers, Micah <[micah\\_chambers@ios.doi.gov](mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I spoke with Downey about this. Would be best to do this generic letter and then he can personalize the ones that he'd like. We'll sort them and set them aside for him to add personal touches to. Just letting you know so you can start getting these ready for his return. Thank you

On Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 1:57 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Lets wait until Downey is back. I don't want to bother her with this while she is on the road.

I don't think a totally generic response serves the Secretary well. On the other hand, I had continually maintained that OCL should handle these letters, and only found out they were assigned to me over the Memorial Day holiday, with yesterday being the first chance I had to draft responses. Right before you joined us in her office last Thursday(?) Downey and I had talked about this, and I had direction to check with you two on the question of who the Secretary had talked to that should be referenced in the letters, but otherwise to draft the answers. I will be more than happy to make another pitch Monday to turn the whole thing over to you.

On Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 12:38 PM, Chambers, Micah  
<[micah\\_chambers@ios.doi.gov](mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Below is the text that should be used for all of them. There's no need to go into any greater specificity in my opinion.

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Thank you

On Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 11:45 AM, Chambers, Micah

<[micah\\_chambers@ios.doi.gov](mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I think we might be overthinking this. We'll draft a basic response template that can be used for all of them. There's no need to personalize too much, just an acknowledgement that it has been received and their input will be reviewed by the Secretary. You'll have a draft today.

On Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 8:13 AM, Bowman, Randal

<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Here is the Word document with the draft answers, in the same order as the incoming letters in the pile I will bring up.

At the rate letters are coming in, I will have a second round later this week.

On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 6:52 PM, Chambers, Micah

<[micah\\_chambers@ios.doi.gov](mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

We are here, but headed to Secretary's office for a congressional event. If you have these in electronic format that would be helpful for the editing process.

On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 6:21 PM, Bowman, Randal

<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I have draft replies to all of the Congressional letters I am aware of for you to review, will drop off the incomings and draft replies tomorrow if you are not still here.

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Micah Chambers

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 6, 2017

Mr. Micah Chambers  
Acting Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs  
U.S. Department of Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Chambers,

We write today in support of the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve. In a letter from Secretary Zinke dated May 12, 2017, he indicated that the Craters of the Moon National Monument is under review as the Department of Interior responds to President Trump's Executive Order 13792, and asked us to provide our written thoughts on it. It is important to note that there is currently an active debate within the State of Idaho about a locally-generated proposal to rename Craters of the Moon National Monument as a National Park. This letter addresses only President Trump's executive order with regard to national monuments and should not be construed as taking a position on the national park proposal.

We have consistently opposed arbitrary monument designations in the past, as they often negatively impact the ability of local stakeholders to have meaningful input in land management decisions. For precisely this reason, then-Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne and the entire Idaho delegation opposed President Clinton's expansion of the Craters of the Moon Preserve in 2000. A newspaper account from the Idaho Mountain Express quoted an Idaho delegation letter to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt as follows, "We are very disturbed by your effort to accomplish this land lockup without providing proper public process, and once again bypassing Congress. We urge you to provide a more open dialogue with the people of Idaho and the Congressional Delegation on this or any proposal affecting Idaho."

Only after Idaho Representative Mike Simpson introduced corrective legislation did the expansion of the Craters of the Moon Monument become acceptable to a much wider range of Idahoans, and consensus was achieved. This legislation became law in 2002. The enactment of this corrective legislation (PL 107-213) did result in a Craters of the Moon management plan that has broad public support. Therefore, with regard to President Trump's Executive Order 13792, we urge you to recommend to the President

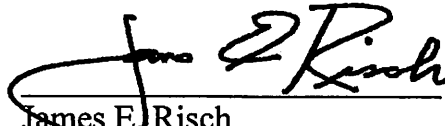
that there are no needed administrative changes for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve.

Should you have any further questions, please contact our offices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Crapo". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Mike Crapo  
United States Senator

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