

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 15, 2016

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

We are troubled by recent news that you may designate a massive new National Monument in southeast Utah in the next few weeks.¹ Such a unilateral designation infringes on the rights and the way of life of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in the area. This decision could abruptly and permanently close off a substantial area of land respected and used by generations of local Indian Tribes in an area already containing numerous national parks and monuments.²

One of the most alarming aspects of this prospective action arises from potential misrepresentations made by the Department of the Interior (DOI) to Indian tribes that DOI and the tribes will allegedly co-manage the monument.³ As noted in a recent letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, DOI lacks authority to enter into any such cooperative management arrangement with the Tribes in the absence of authorization from Congress.⁴ We believe that such misleading promises may have been made by DOI in an attempt to persuade tribal members to support a possible designation. With the long and sordid history of the federal government's treatment of tribal obligations it would be the height of irresponsibility to designate a monument based on misrepresentations.⁵

With this extremely controversial decision allegedly pending, we write to, again, strongly and unequivocally ask that you not designate Bears Ears as a national monument. Doing so will not only deprive local Indian Tribes of use of land they have valued and rights they have

¹ Brian Maffly, *If Obama declares a mini Bears Ears monument, would anyone in Utah be happy?*, THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, Dec. 9, 2016, available at <http://www.sltrib.com/home/4689454-155/if-obama-declares-a-mini-bears>.

² Brian Maffly, *If Obama declares a Bears Ears monument in Utah, could President-elect Trump undo it?*, THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, Nov. 11, 2016, available at <http://www.sltrib.com/news/4563968-155/if-obama-declares-a-bears-ears>.

³ Dept. of Interior Sec. Order No. 3342 (Oct 21, 2016).
https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/so3342_partnerships.pdf.

⁴ Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Hon. Sally Jewell, Sec'y, U.S. Dept. of the Interior (Dec. 9, 2016).

⁵ Hansi Lo Wang, *Broken Promises On Display At Native American Treaties Exhibit*, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, Jan. 18, 2015 available at <http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2015/01/18/368559990/broken-promises-on-display-at-native-american-treaties-exhibit>.

enjoyed, but it will also ensure that we will be unable to work towards a commonsense Congressional solution that could allow for co-management with affected Tribes.

Sincerely,



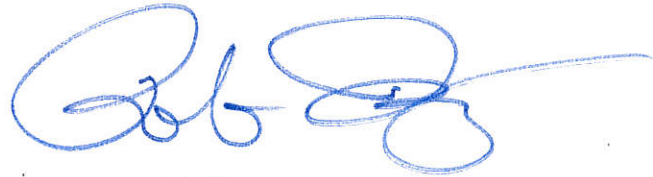
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December 29, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
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Dear Madam Secretary:

On December 28, 2016, President Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and the Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada pursuant to his authority under the Antiquities Act.¹ Advocates for this action touted it as a means to establish a co-management agreement for Bears Ears between the federal government and a group of Native American tribes.² In fact, in the press release announcing these new national monuments, the White House recognizes the importance of tribal participation in the management of the land and asserts this action serves as a tool to achieve co-management.³ Co-management of public lands, however, requires the approval of Congress.⁴ Advocacy organizations, federal agencies, and the White House have all put out differing opinions on co-management, and it is important to clarify the bounds of the President's authority. I am writing to obtain more information about how and why the President exercised his authority in this case.

¹ *Rumors point toward possible December 23 designation. Anxiety builds over possible national monument*, SAN JUAN RECORD, Dec. 13, 2016, available at http://www.sjrnews.com/view/full_story/27329673/article-Rumors-point-toward-possible-December-23-designation--Anxiety-builds-over-possible-national-monument-?instance=home_news_left.

² Amy Jol O'Donoghue, *Native American chairman says Jewell order lacks equality for tribes*, DESERET NEWS, Oct. 21, 2016, available at <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865665388/Bears-Ears-coalition-leader-says-Jewell-order-lacks-equality-for-tribes.html?pg=all>.

³ FACT SHEET: President Obama to Designate New National Monuments Protecting Significant Natural and Cultural Resources in Utah and Nevada, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/28/fact-sheet-president-obama-designate-new-national-monuments-protecting>.

⁴ See *U.S. Telecom Ass'n v. FCC*, 359 F.3d 554, 565-66 (D.C. Cir. 2004) (“[S]ubdelegations to outside parties are assumed to be improper absent an affirmative showing of congressional authorization When an agency delegates authority to its subordinate, responsibility—and thus accountability—clearly remain with the federal agency. But when an agency delegates power to outside parties, lines of accountability may blur, undermining an important democratic check on government decision-making. Also, delegation to outside entities increases the risk that these parties will not share the agency’s “national vision and perspective”). See also *High Country Citizens’ Alliance v. Norton*, 448 F. Supp. 2d 1235, 1246-1247 (D. Colo. 2006) (similar, citing *U.S. Telecom*).

The President has exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act to create or expand at least 25 national monuments—more than any other president in history.⁵ His sweeping application of the Antiquities Act raises questions about the Administration’s commitment to transparency and consultation with local stakeholders with respect to designating national monuments. It also raises serious questions about whether these designations are limited to the, “smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”⁶ The Antiquities Act “was designed to protect federal lands and resources quickly” in response to concerns about “theft from and destruction of archaeological sites.”⁷ In most cases, however, the processes outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) are most appropriate because they require environmental studies, a review of the public purpose, and an opportunity for public participation before any federal agency action.⁸ The NEPA and the FLPMA processes provide for a more thoughtful determination, whereas the Antiquities Act was meant to be reserved for emergency scenarios.

Until yesterday, the Administration’s actions with respect to Bears Ears more closely resembled the NEPA and FLPMA process. In anticipation of the Bears Ears designation, the Department of the Interior took on a large role in gathering input and coordinating planning.⁹ You, Secretary Jewell, visited the potential site for a listening session.¹⁰ In fact, during a hearing before the Subcommittee on the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Neil Kornze testified that BLM and the White House have been coordinating.¹¹ It is therefore unclear why the President opted to designate a massive national monument in Utah via the Antiquities Act in the waning days of his presidency, and to ignore federal environmental and procedural laws enacted to ensure stakeholders and other affected parties have a meaningful role in determining the outcome.

Similarly, the President’s actions with regard to the Gold Butte National Monument designation bypassed Congress and the public. Located in Clark County, Nevada, the Gold Butte National Monument spans nearly 300,000 acres.¹² Such a large designation, made unilaterally, deprives the American people and their elected representatives a collaborative discussion on how best to protect the land for all to enjoy. Large designations such as Gold Butte Monument are the type of major federal agency action envisioned by our federal environmental and procedural laws.

⁵ H. Sterling Burnett, *Obama’s Dangerous Use of The National Monument law*, FORBES, Oct. 12 2016.

⁶ Antiquities Act of 1906, 54 U.S.C. §§320301-320303

⁷ Carol Hardy Vincent, “National Monuments and the Antiquities Act,” Cong. Research Serv. (2016) (R41330).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Amy Jol O’Donoghue, *Bears Ears Controversy Ramps Up With Jewell’s Visit; Bishop’s Planned Legislation*, KSL NEWS, July 13, 2016, available at <https://www.ksl.com/?sid=40632616&nid=148&title=bears-ears-controversy-ramps-up-with-jewells-visit-bishops-planned-legislation>.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Examining BLM Public Lands Leasing Hearing Before the Subcomm. on the Interior of the H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov’t Reform*, 114th Cong. 14 (2016) (statement of Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management) (Mr. Kornze: “I am talking about looking at the country and figuring out where would this be appropriate, where would it not?” Mr. Gosar: “So there is some conversation going on between the White House and BLM and agencies in regards to antiquities withdrawal?” Mr. Kornze: “Yes.”).

¹² *See supra* note 3.

Furthermore, in a letter dated March 29, 2016, this Committee, along with the House Committees on Natural Resources and on Appropriations, requested information related to use of the Antiquities Act of 1906.¹³ After receiving an inadequate response, a follow up letter was sent on May 11, 2016.¹⁴ As outlined in both letters, the Committees are interested in the Administration's process for using the Antiquities Act. Specifically, the Committees requested documents and communications from the Council on Environmental Quality and the Department of the Interior (DOI) referring or relating to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from January 1, 2015, to the present.

To date, DOI has only provided a very limited response to the Committee that largely consisted of public statements and news clippings. If the Department does not produce these documents voluntarily, the Committee will be required to obtain them through compulsory measures.

Please immediately provide the documents requested in the Committee's March 29th and May 11th letters. In addition, please produce the following documents as soon as possible, but not later than January 13, 2017:

1. All calendars, including all meetings and attendees, for all DOI employees involved or referenced in any discussions related to any national monument selection or designation.
2. The daily schedules and call logs for Secretary Jewell, Tommy Beaudreau, Nikki Buffa and Neil Kornze from April 21, 2013, to present.
3. All communications between any DOI employee and White House staff, including but not limited to Senior Advisor Brian Deese, between January 2015 and present.
4. All documents and communications referring or related to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from April 21, 2013, to present.
5. All documents and communications related to the reduction in size, limitation, or repeal of a national monument from January 20, 2009, to present.

Additionally, please make available for transcribed interview the following three DOI officials as soon as possible, but not later than January 20, 2017: Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze; your Chief of Staff Tommy Beaudreau; and DOI employee Nikki Buffa.

¹³ Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, Hon. Rob Bishop Chairman, H. Comm. on Nat. Resources, and Hon. Harold Rogers, Chairman, H. Comm. on Appropriations, to Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior (Mar. 29, 2016).

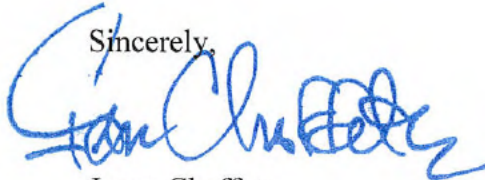
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The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X.

Please contact Chris Esparza of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 to schedule the interviews, or with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Chaffetz", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jason Chaffetz
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member



December 28 ,2016

For Immediate Release

Contact: Tim Donaldson, School Children's Trust Director, 801-706-3925

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Utah Leaders Ask President to Address 109,106 Acres of Trust Land Inholdings Captured Within New Monument

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah's new Bears Ears National Monument captures more than 100,000 acres of non-public land held in trust for public schools, and state leaders are asking President Barack Obama to promptly address the issue by making Utah's school children whole through an exchange of comparable lands.

"Monument designations inevitably capture hundreds of thousands of acres of school trust lands, rendering them undevelopable instead of providing revenue to directly support K-12 education as Congress intended," said Tim Donaldson, School Children's Trust Director for the Utah State Board of Education, which is charged with oversight of the state's efforts to generate revenue from school lands.

One year ago, the Utah State Board of Education passed a resolution regarding federal and school trust land policy, clarifying the need to adequately compensate Utah's public schools in the event of a national monument designation. "If conservation designations are made, they must be done in a way that holds schools harmless financially," said outgoing Utah State Board of Education member and new State Representative Jefferson Moss. "This may mean identifying lands of comparable value up front and providing for the costs of a land exchange."

The Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), which manages the state's trust land portfolio, reports more than 109,000 acres of trust lands are now captured within monument boundaries.

"Approximately 64 percent of our state is federal public land, while only six percent is trust land," said SITLA Director David Ure. "Our president and our government must provide just and fair compensation to Utah's education system for lands captured within this monument designation."

Over the past 20 years, SITLA has generated \$1.7 billion in revenue from Utah's trust lands, helping to grow Utah's Permanent School Fund to more than \$2.1 billion. Interest and dividends from this Fund have provided \$320 million to Utah schools over that same period.

President Bill Clinton's unilateral action creating the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in 1996 led to a \$50 million payment to the Permanent School Fund and a significant land exchange to protect Utah's education endowment.

Upon statehood, the federal government granted trust lands and created permanent endowments to support state institutions, including public schools, and state hospitals and colleges.

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SITLA RESPONSE TO PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNATION OF BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

SALT LAKE CITY – President Barack Obama today unilaterally designated the Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County.

The Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) estimates the new monument captures within its boundaries approximately 109,000 acres of state school trust lands, which are managed by SITLA to provide financial support for Utah’s K-12 public schools.

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SITLA is currently reviewing the monument proclamation and map, and will work with its Board of Trustees, Utah State Board of Education and other state leaders to determine the best path forward.

Past monument designations have resulted in the exchange of school trust lands out of monument boundaries for federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands elsewhere in Utah.

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President Obama’s proclamation today directs Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell to explore entering into a memorandum of understanding with the State that would set forth terms for a land exchange between SITLA and BLM to remove state trust lands from within the monument boundaries.

SITLA Director David Ure stated: “We are disappointed that this designation happened through unilateral action by the President, rather than through negotiation and compromise, but SITLA will work in good faith to determine if an exchange agreement with the Department of the Interior is possible and in the best interests of the school trust beneficiaries.”

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Thanks, and you all have happy holidays if we don't speak in the interim.

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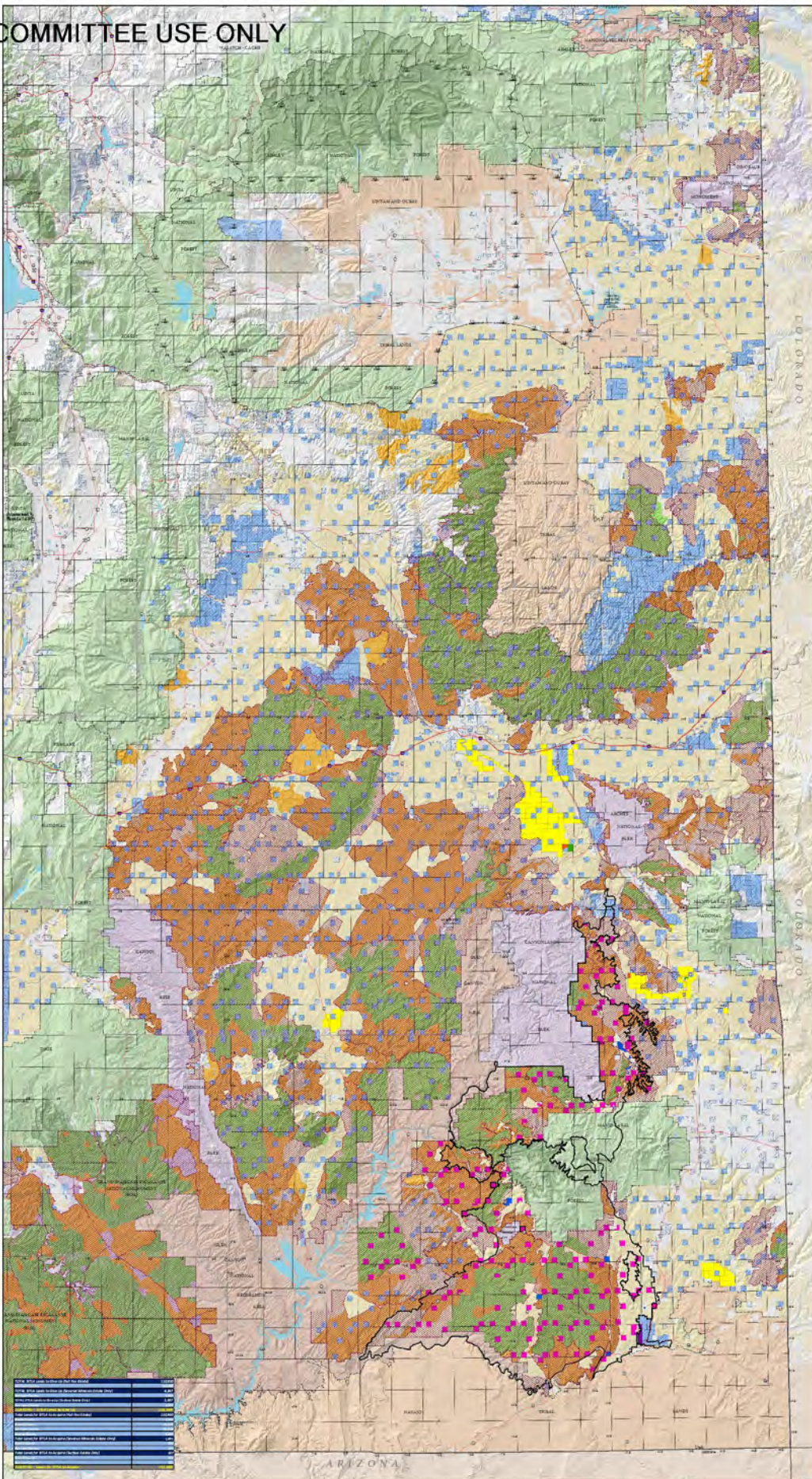
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December 19, 2016

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I write you today on behalf of the people of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to express our continuing support for the designation of a Bears Ears National Monument pursuant to the Antiquities Act of 1906. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has numerous important and sacred interests in the protection of natural and cultural resources within the Bears Ears cultural landscape. Our ancestors have occupied the region for generations and our people are intrinsically tied to the lands; our individual and collective well-being and prosperity depends upon the health of these lands.

Significant to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is the proper management of the area's natural resources, native plants and wildlife that are food, shelter, and medicine, and the cultural sites that are central to our spiritual practices. Few things are more important to us than the protection and preservation we can put in place today on these invaluable natural and cultural resources.

Our desire to secure a mineral withdrawal to prevent the future disturbance and mining of uranium within the Bears Ears region makes our renewed request for protection particularly urgent in the closing days of your administration. As residents of the nearest community to the nation's last remaining conventional uranium mill at White Mesa, Utah, our people continue to suffer under the toxic legacy of uranium mining, milling, and uranium waste processing. The White Mesa community, as part of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's reservation, is located only a few miles downgradient from the uranium mill. The Tribe and individual members also hold thousands of acres of trust allotments, lands that we request remain undisturbed along with their accompanying rights, within or near the Allen Canyon corridor in San Juan County, Utah. Paramount to the Tribe is our concern for the future of, and our rights to, our water, air, lands and the continuing effects of the mill on our people. We urge you to act now by designating a Bears Ears National Monument to withdraw uranium deposits from future mining in the Bears Ears region – the future health and well-being of our White Mesa community depends on it.

As you know, our Bears Ears National Monument proposal is the first national monument proposal submitted by sovereign Native American Tribes, and our formal agreement to work together to protect Bears Ears is truly historic. We have been chosen, not only by our people, but by our ancestors to protect the Bears Ears and all its natural and cultural resources. We must



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INFORMATION MEMO

TITLE: Cursory Review of the Mineral Potential/Occurrence within the Bears Ears NM

AUTHOR: Larry Garahana, Geologist (Certified Mineral Examiner 0147)

DATE: January 31, 2017

INTRODUCTION

The information within this memo gives an initial view through a series of maps showing mineral potential and occurrence within the newly designated Bears Ears National Monument, located within the Canyon Country District, Monticello Field Office, in San Juan County, Utah.

MEMO INFORMATION

The maps that were created for this memo are ones that show past or present mineral history, mineral potential or minerals that may be prospectively valuable within and around the new designation.

Some of the attached maps include information taken from the USGS Mineral Resource Data System (MRDS). MRDS describes metallic and nonmetallic mineral resources throughout the world. Included in the MRDS are deposit name, location, commodity, deposit description, geologic characteristics, production, reserves, resources, and references. Their interactive map (<https://mrdata.usgs.gov/mineral-resources/mrds-us.html>) has information on more than 180 commodities and this memo depicts a static representation of those commodities, past and present near and within the new designation. Although there was no prospect or production information near or within the monument for lithium, a lithium map was included for informational purposes due to the thousands of newly staked unpatented mining claims that were located north northeast of the monument. The information on the remaining maps was gathered from the most current BLM GIS data and it depicts potential and prospectively valuable mineral information on specific solid, fluid and leasable minerals within the subject area.

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Mineral Potential Classification System*

I. Level of Potential

- O. The geologic environment, the inferred geologic processes, and the lack of mineral occurrences do not indicate potential for accumulation of mineral resources.
- L. The geologic environment and the inferred geologic processes indicate low potential for accumulation of mineral resources.
- M. The geologic environment, the inferred geologic processes, and the reported mineral occurrences or valid geochemical/geophysical anomaly indicate moderate potential for accumulation of mineral resources.
- H. The geologic environment, the inferred geologic processes, the reported mineral occurrences and/or valid geochemical/geophysical anomaly, and the known mines or deposits indicate high potential for accumulation of mineral resources. The "known mines and deposits" do not have to be within the area that is being classified, but have to be within the same type of geologic environment.
- ND. Mineral(s) potential not determined due to lack of useful data. This notation does not require a level-of-certainty qualifier.

II. Level of Certainty

- A. The available data are insufficient and/or cannot be considered as direct or indirect evidence to support or refute the possible existence of mineral resources within the respective area.
- B. The available data provide indirect evidence to support or refute the possible existence of mineral resources.
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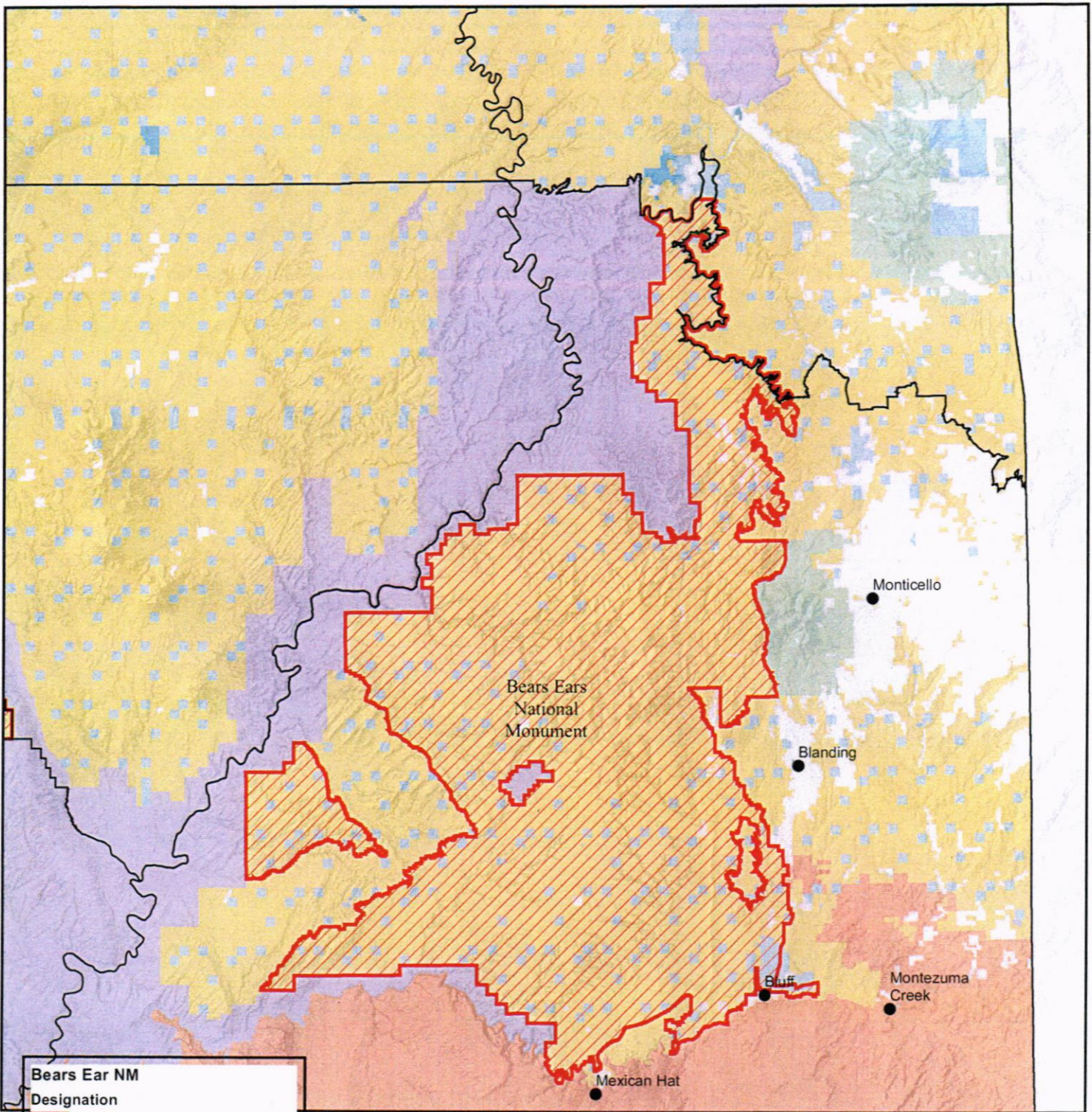
For the determination of No Potential use O/D. This class shall be seldom used, and when used it should be for a specific commodity only. For example, if the available data show that the surface and subsurface types of rock in the respective area is batholithic (igneous intrusive), one can conclude, with reasonable certainty, that the area does not have potential for coal.

* As used in this classification, potential refers to potential for the presence (occurrence) of a concentration of one or more energy and/or mineral resources. It does not refer to or imply potential for development and/or extraction of the mineral resource(s). It does not imply that the potential concentration is or may be economic, that is, ~~could~~ be extracted profitably.

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Land Status

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- Other Federal
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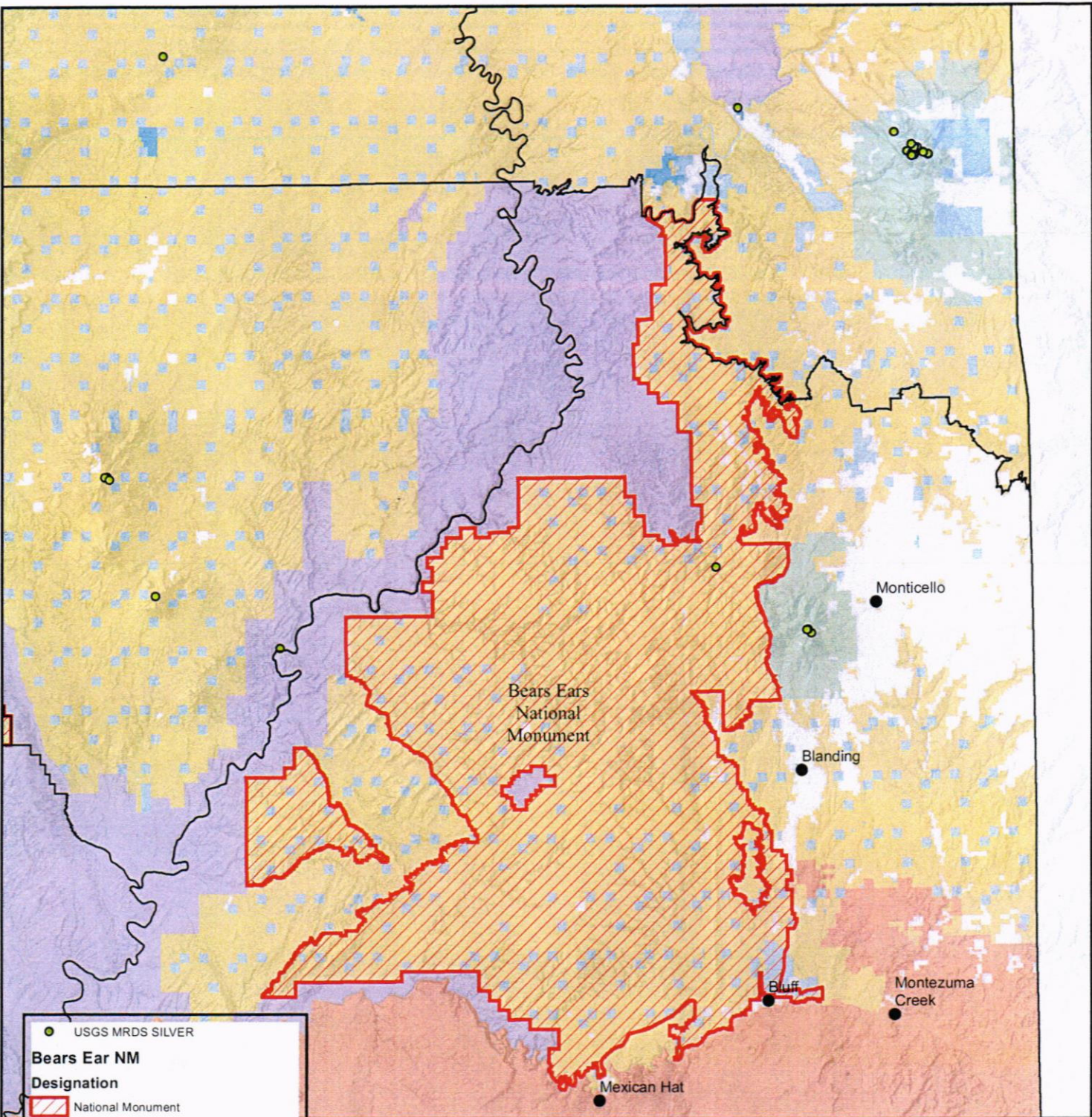
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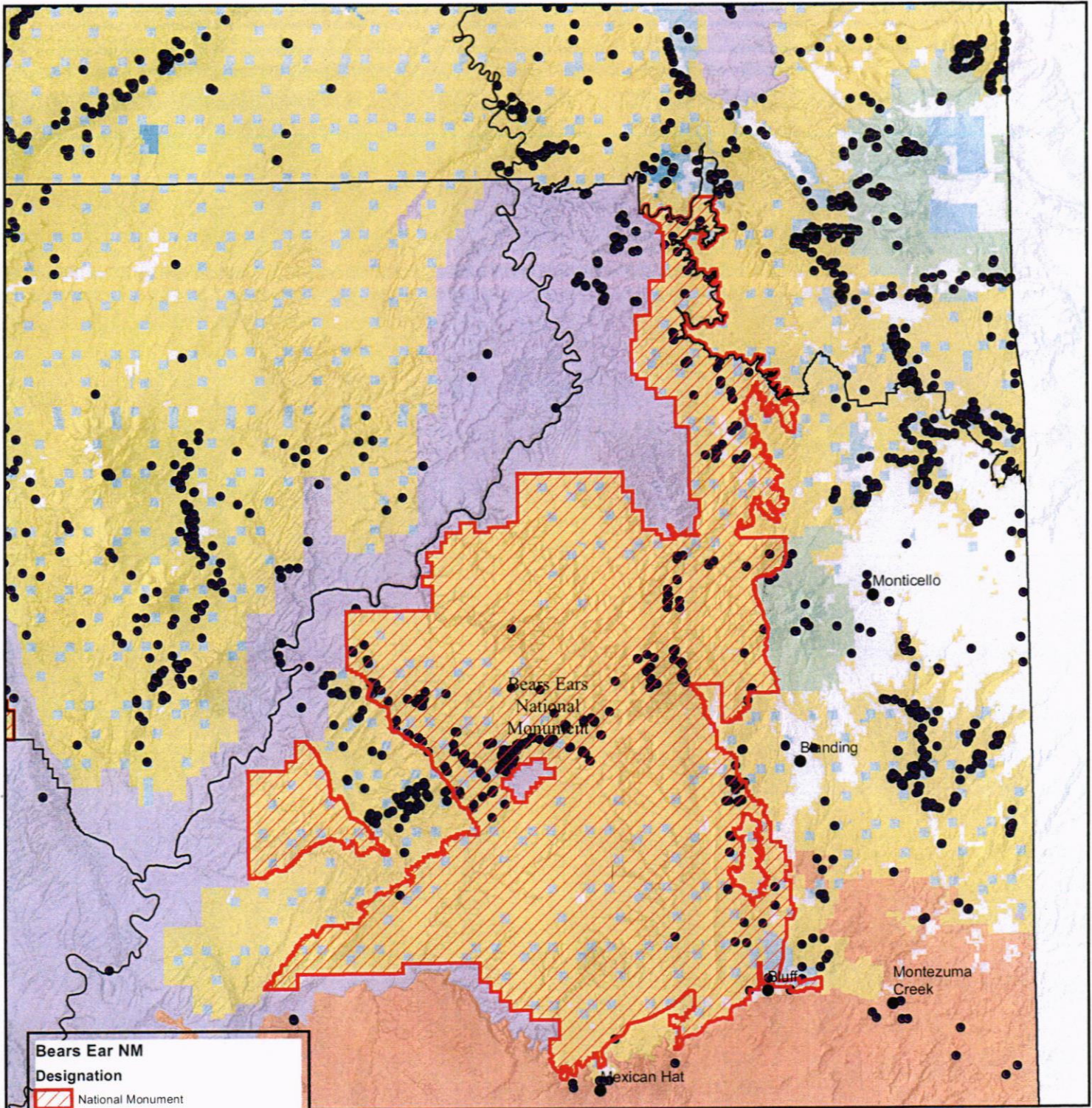
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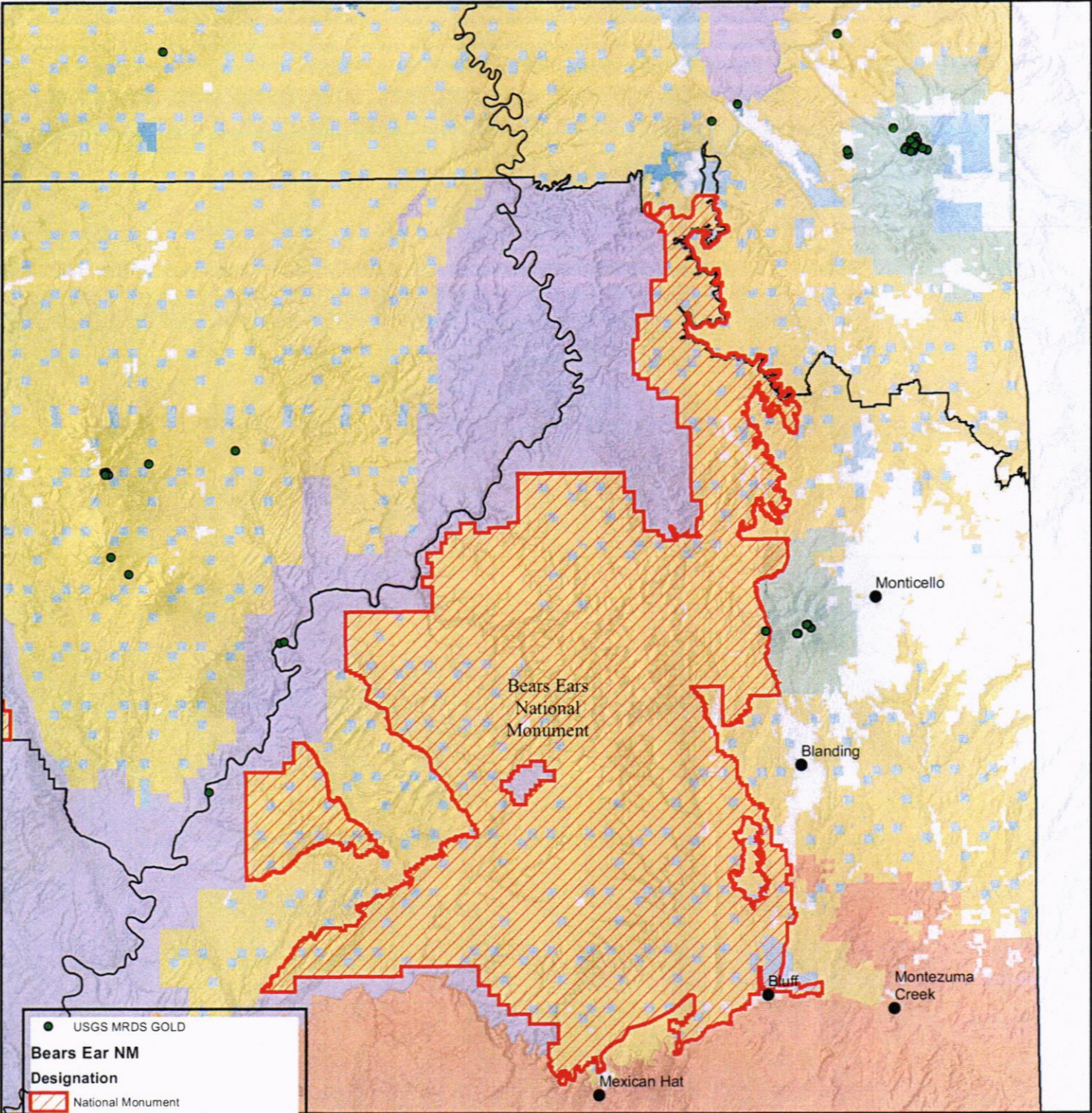
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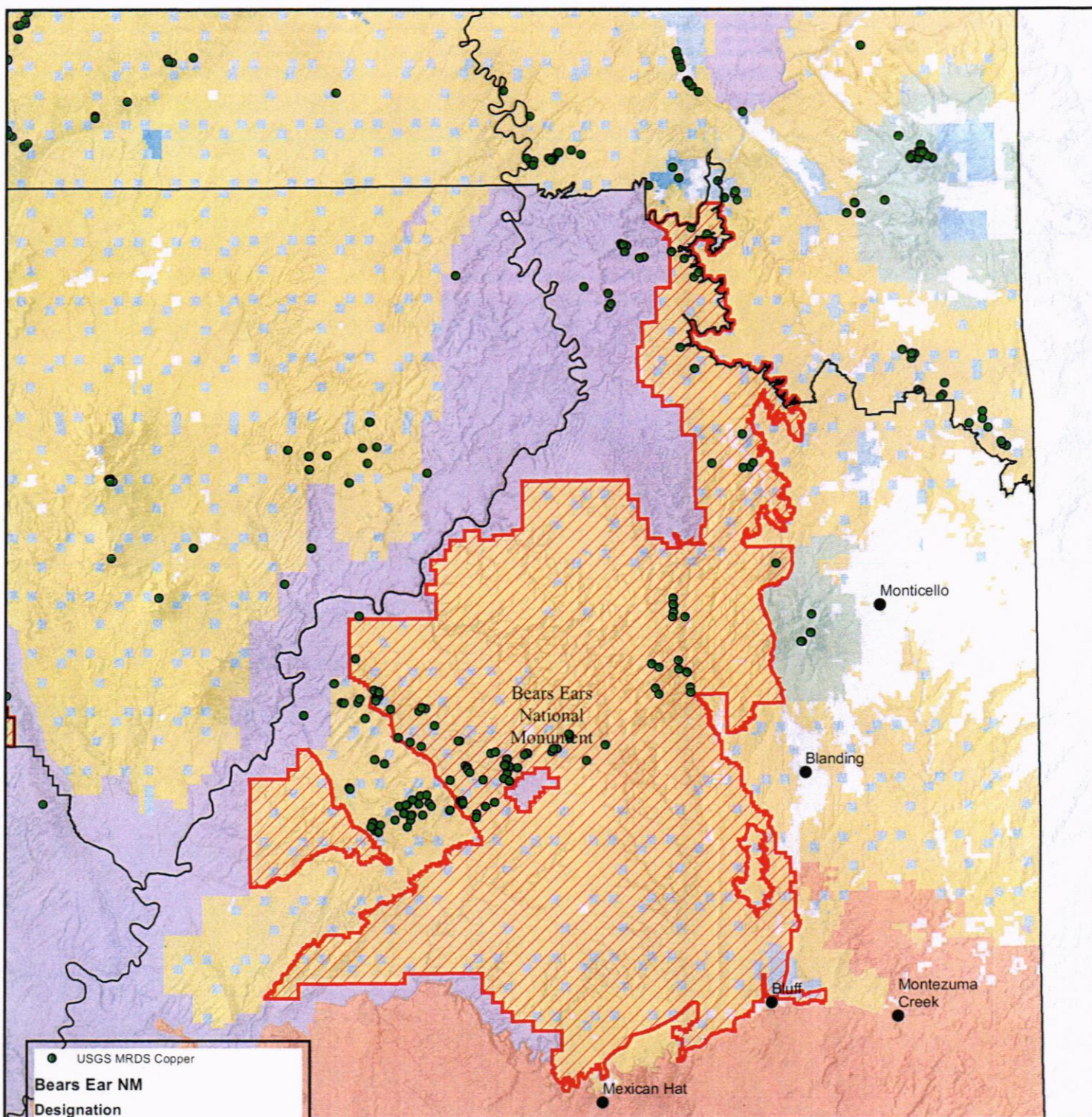
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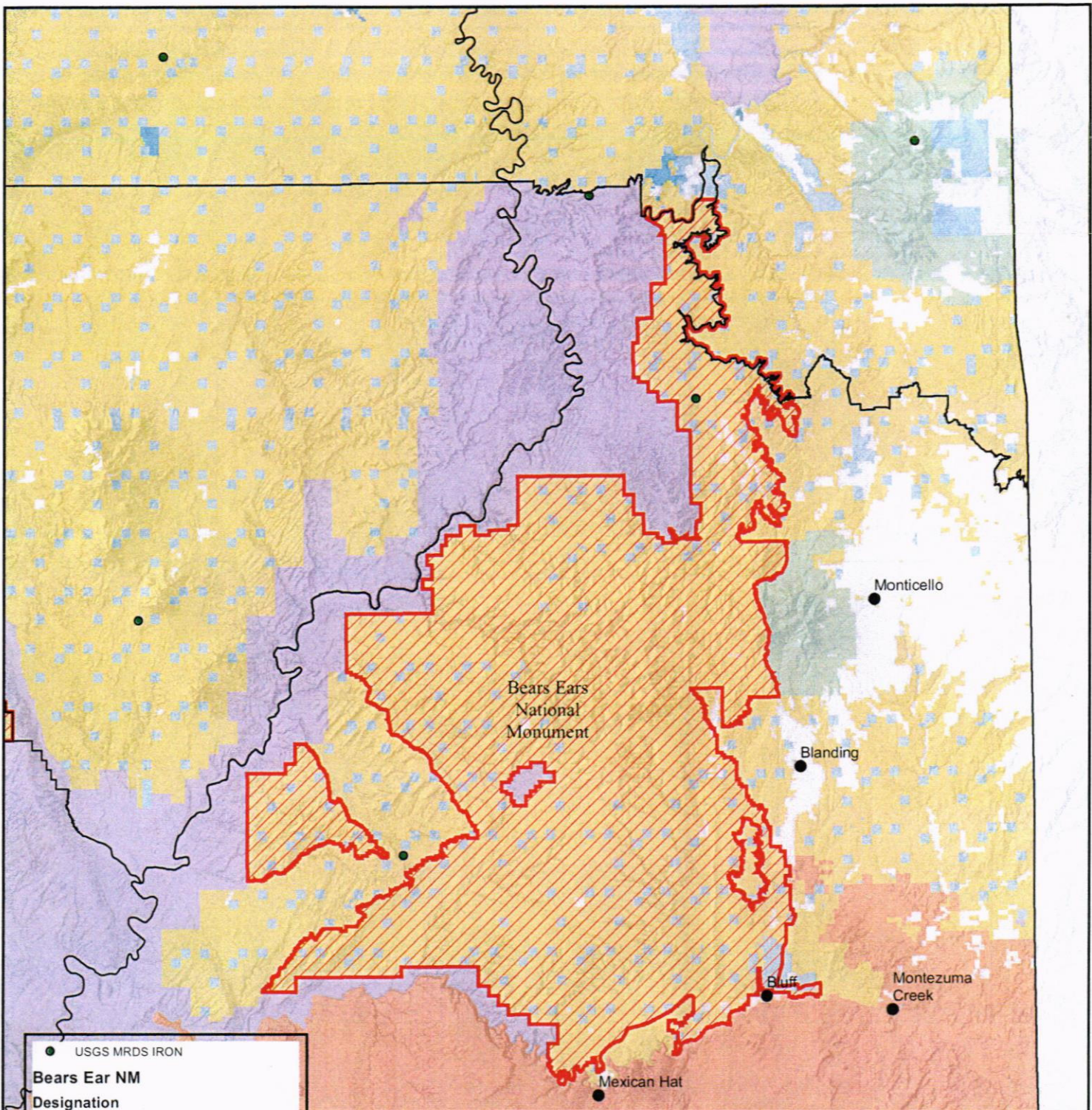
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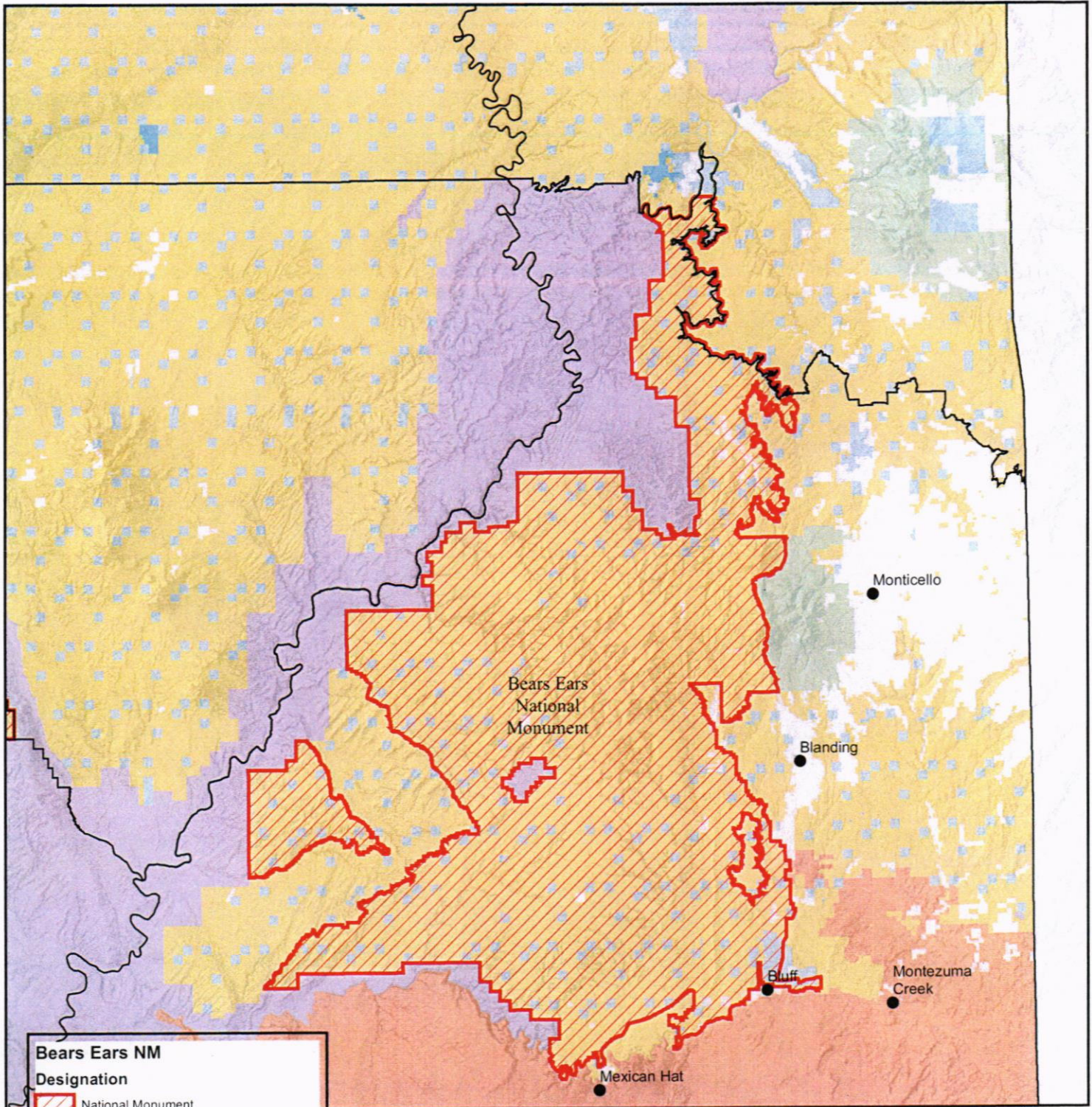
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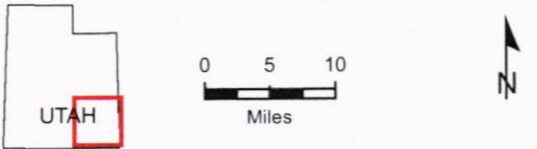
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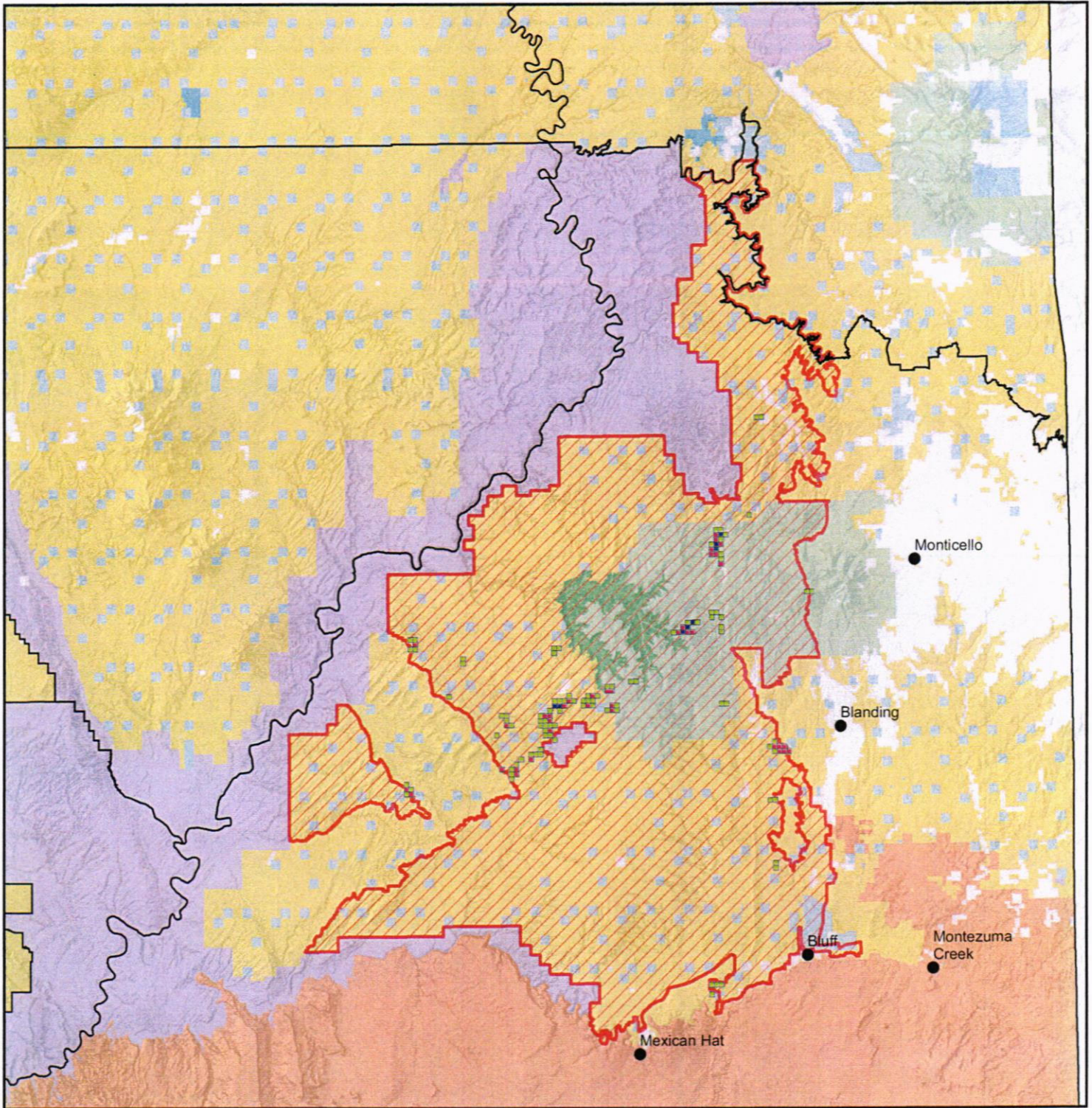
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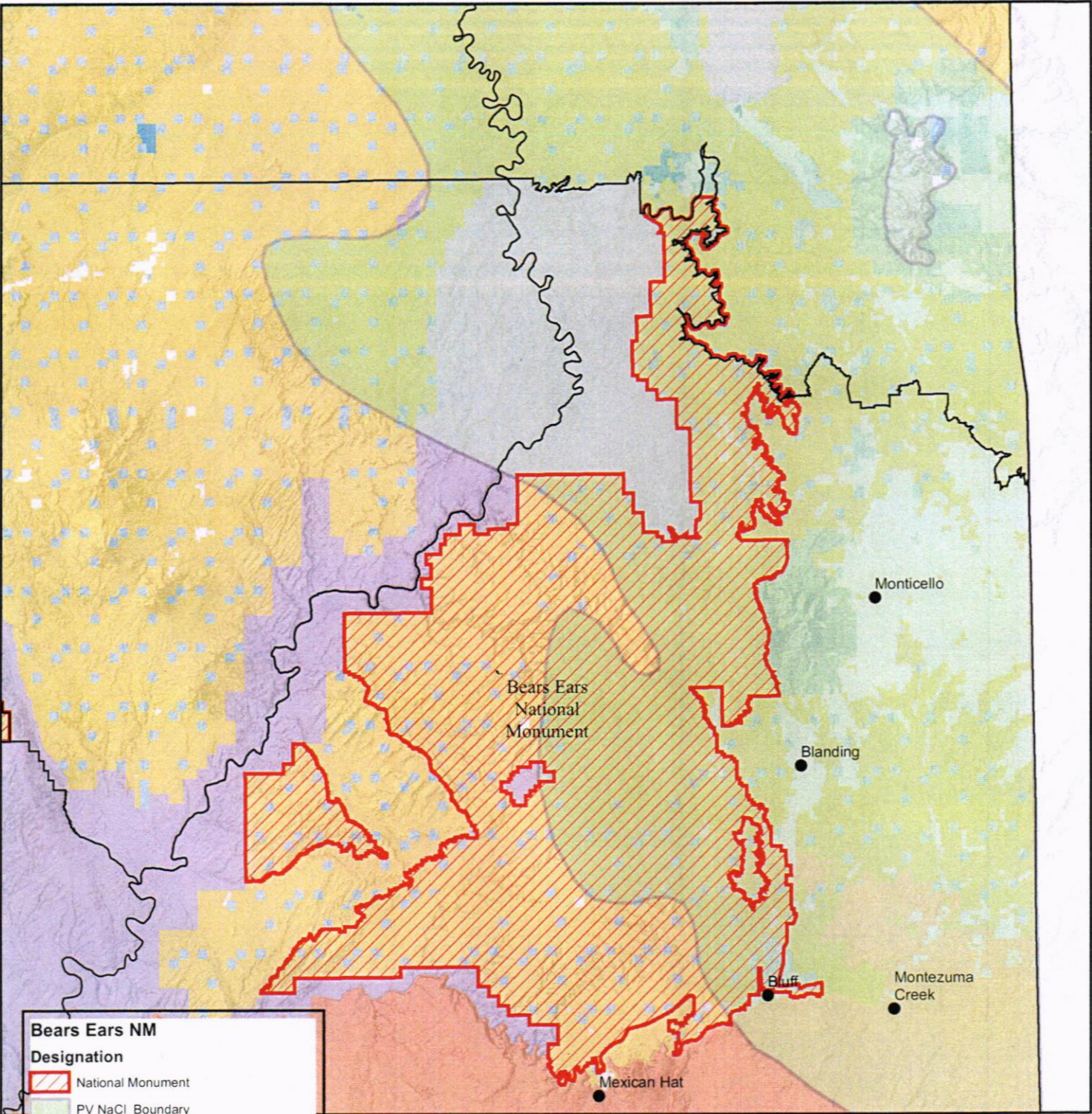
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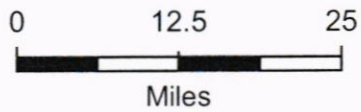
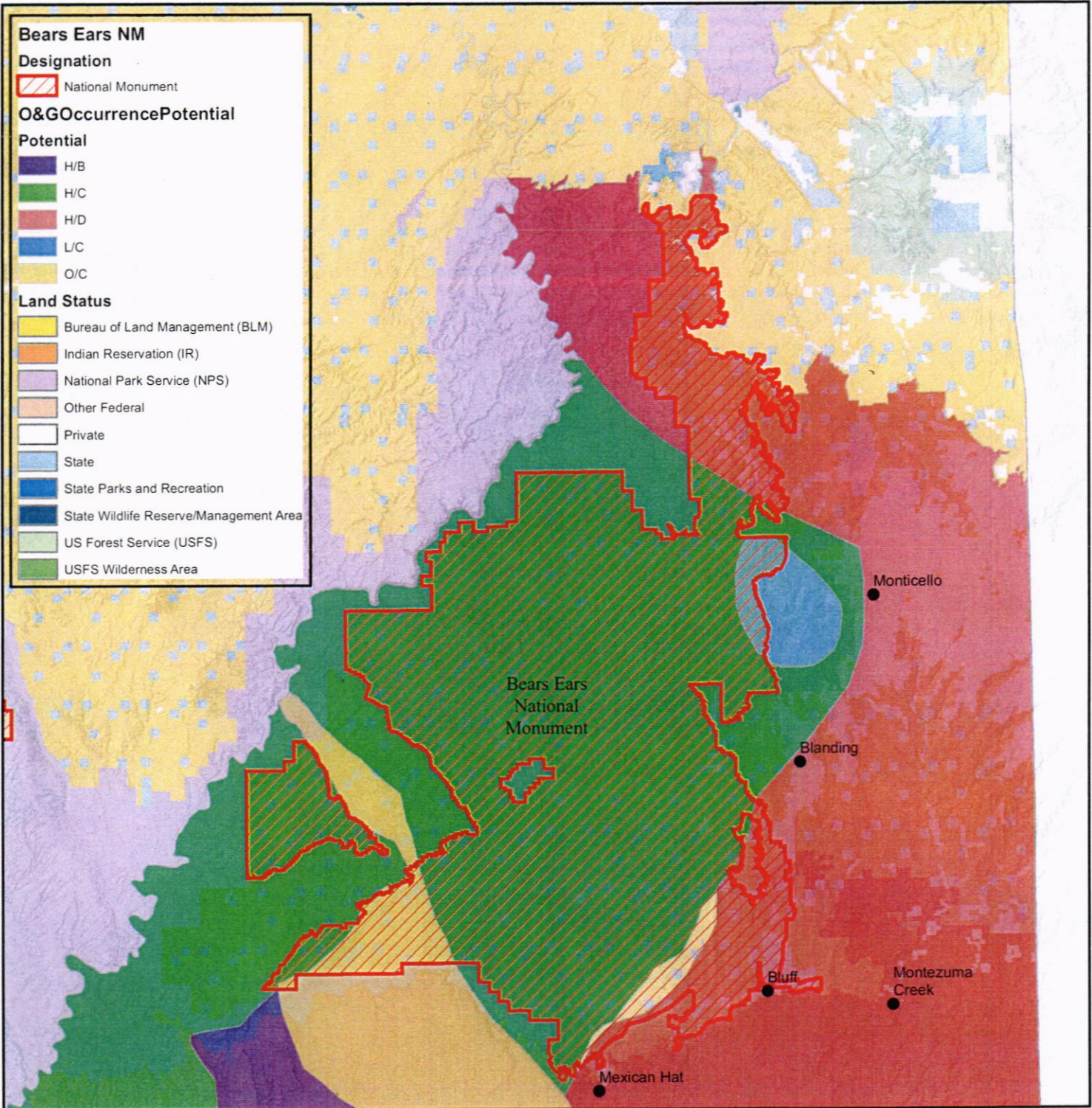
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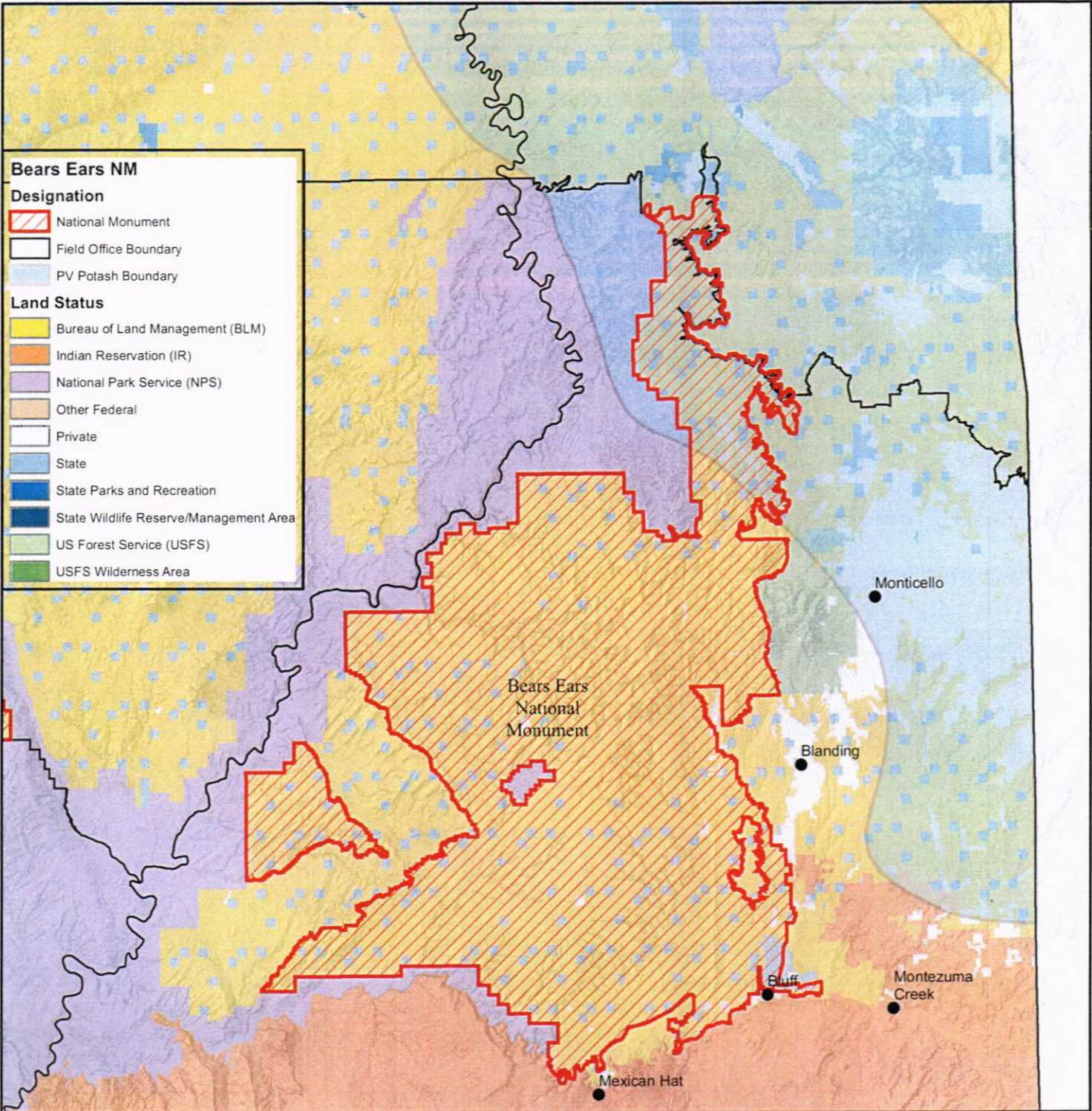
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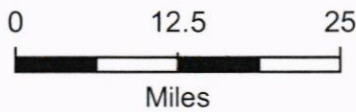
Bears Ears NM

Designation

- National Monument
- Field Office Boundary
- PV Potash Boundary

Land Status

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Indian Reservation (IR)
- National Park Service (NPS)
- Other Federal
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- State Parks and Recreation
- State Wildlife Reserve/Management Area
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- USFS Wilderness Area



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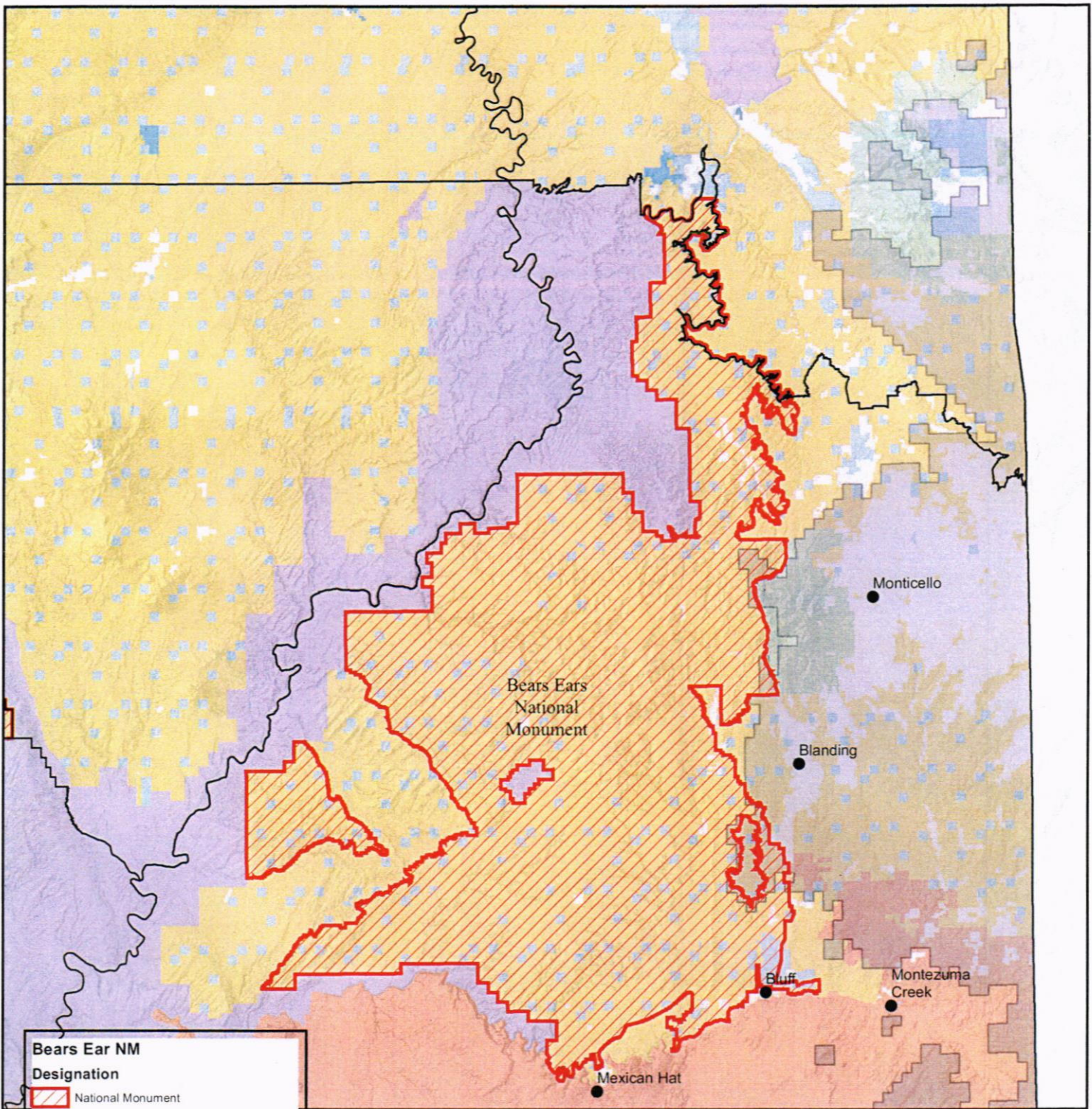
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Bears Ear NM

Designation

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- PV Coal Boundary

Land Status

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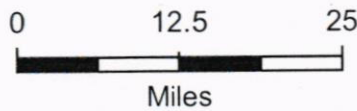
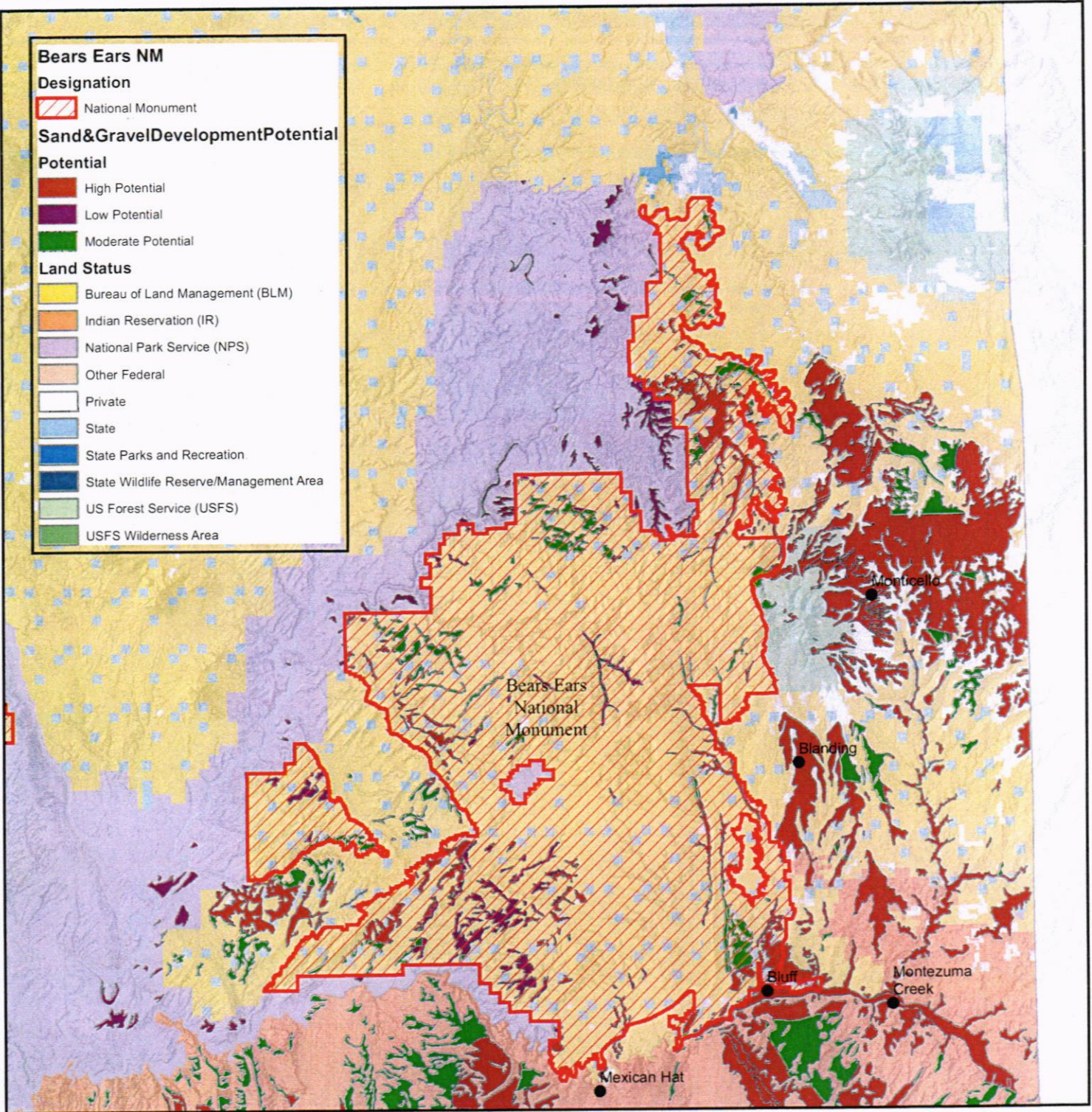
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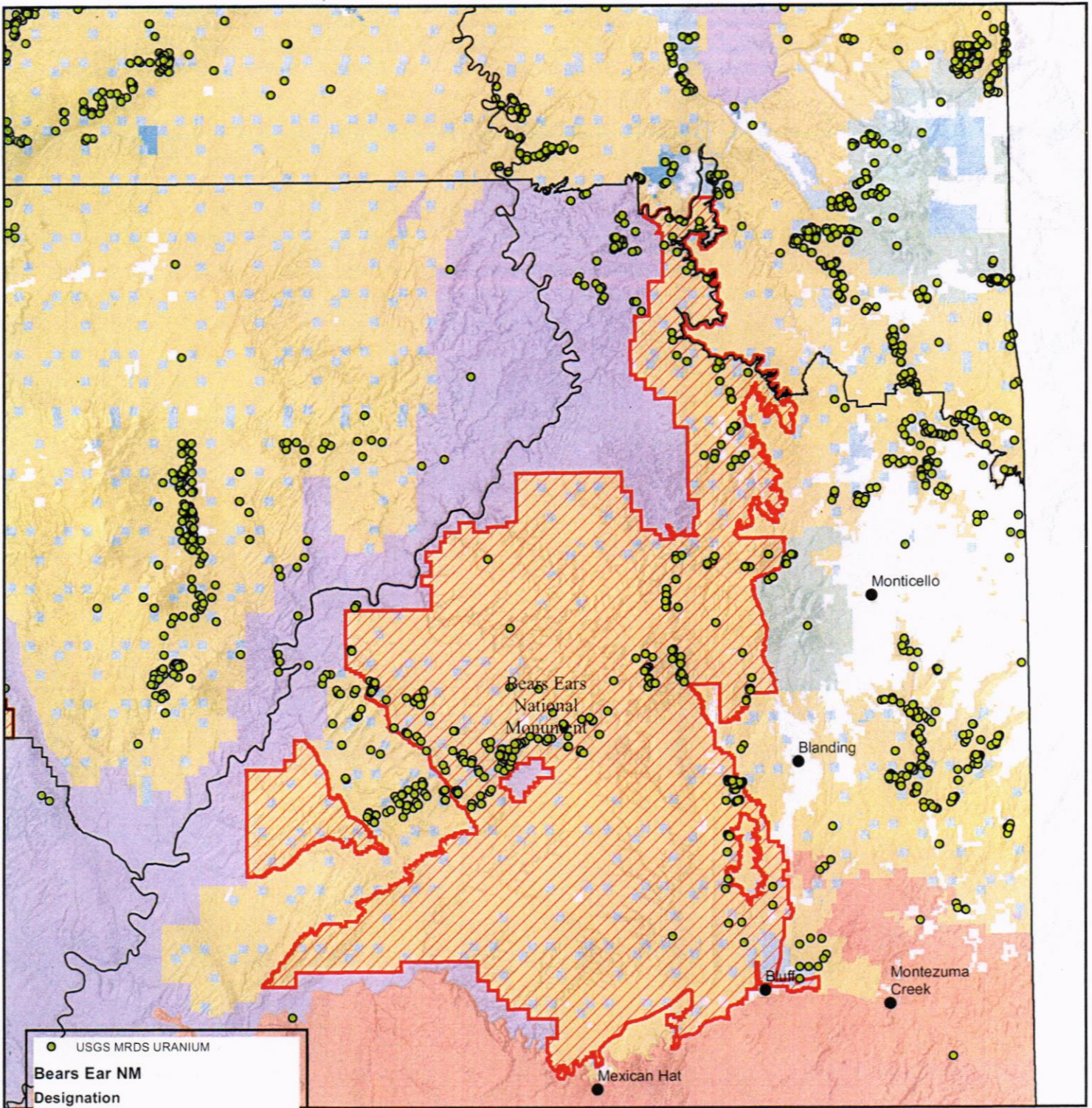
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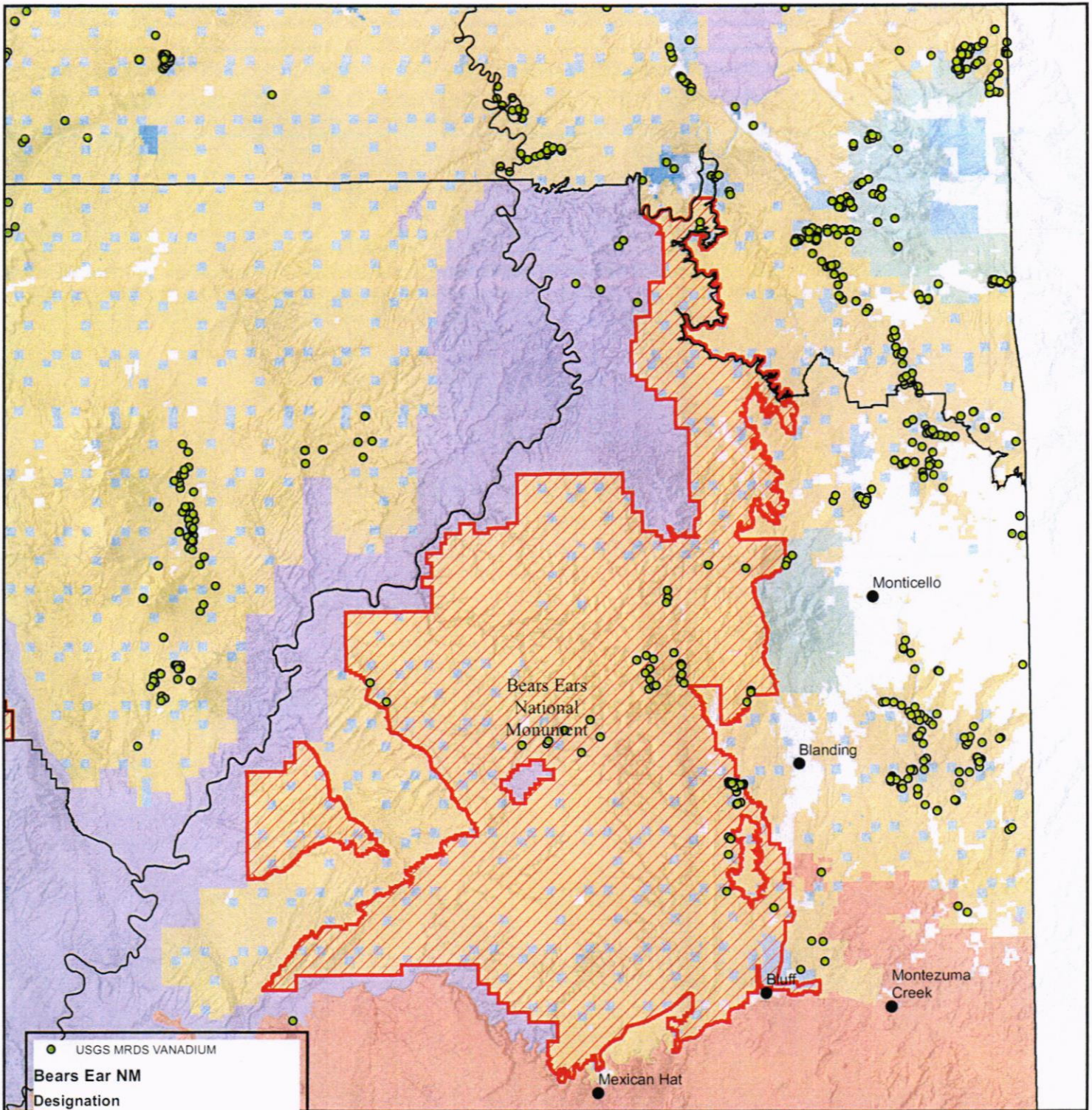
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Fwd: Patagonia/Google Bears Ears Videos

Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>

From: Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>
Sent: Sat Mar 11 2017 04:33:52 GMT-0700 (MST)
Kristin Bail <kbail@blm.gov>, Joshua Hanson <joshua.hanson@sol.doi.gov>, Aaron Moody <Aaron.Moody@sol.doi.gov>, Laura Brown <Laura.Brown@sol.doi.gov>, downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov, kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov
To:
Subject: Fwd: Patagonia/Google Bears Ears Videos

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<http://bears.earspatagonia.com/>

Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Sat Mar 11 2017 08:07:42 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>
Subject: Re: Patagonia/Google Bears Ears Videos

Hi what is your cell phone ed do you have very quick moment to talk today?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 11, 2017, at 6:33 AM, Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov> wrote:

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SITLA

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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 15 2017 12:10:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>
Subject: SITLA
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Ed,

Please see the attached maps which reflect the concerns of SITLA.

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"Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>

From: "Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 15 2017 12:50:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: SITLA

Downey,

I will need to have Brian open the GIS shape files so I can see the additional data they sent. I have asked him to do the same thing with the recreation data you got from Outdoor Alliance. We haven't put either on the BENM base maps but will if you like. Let me know if you have questions about the maps I sent COB yesterday. I have a call in to Josh to see if they provide the needed info.

I will have a GSENM map with proclamation attributes to send to you this afternoon. ed

On Wed, Mar 15, 2017 at 12:10 PM, Magallanes, Downey <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

wrote:

Ed,

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Website: <https://www.blm.gov/utah>

"Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>

From: "Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 17 2017 07:52:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: SITLA

Downey, I believe the SITLAs main concern is that the large block of State lands just north of Bluff is excluded from the boundary of the monument. They have an oil and gas unit there and would not want to trade those out with us. You could check back with them to see if that is their interest. Thx. ed

On Wed, Mar 15, 2017 at 12:10 PM, Magallanes, Downey <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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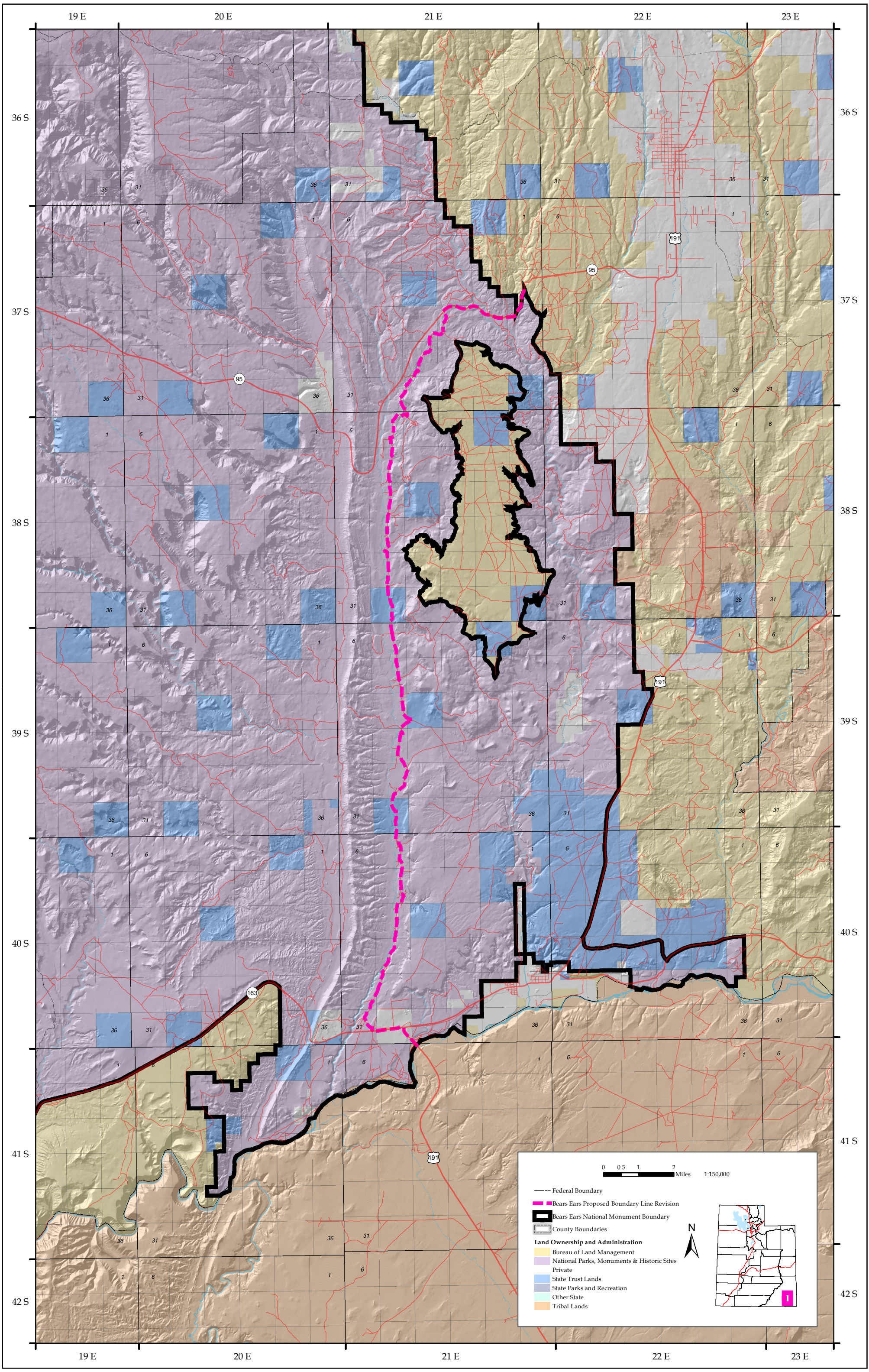
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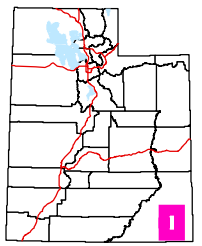
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FW: Bears Ears Monument maps

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/364. FW: Bears Ears Monument maps/1.2 Bears Ears Monument - whole County.pdf

"Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>

From: "Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 16 2017 15:55:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: FW: Bears Ears Monument maps
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From San Juan County. On 3/16/17, 5:52 PM, "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov> wrote: From San Juan Co. On 3/16/17, 5:17 PM, "Kelly Person" <kpehrson@sanjuancounty.org> wrote: >John, > >Per Commissioner Adams, here are the maps that San Juan County has put together >>>

San Juan County Bears Ears/Cedar Mesa National Monument Proposal

Bears Ears/Cedar Mesa National Monument
Total Acres: 422,600

Wilderness Study Areas within the Monument
Total Acres: 225,680

- Management Priorities
- Native American uses
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 - Access
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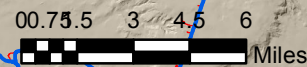
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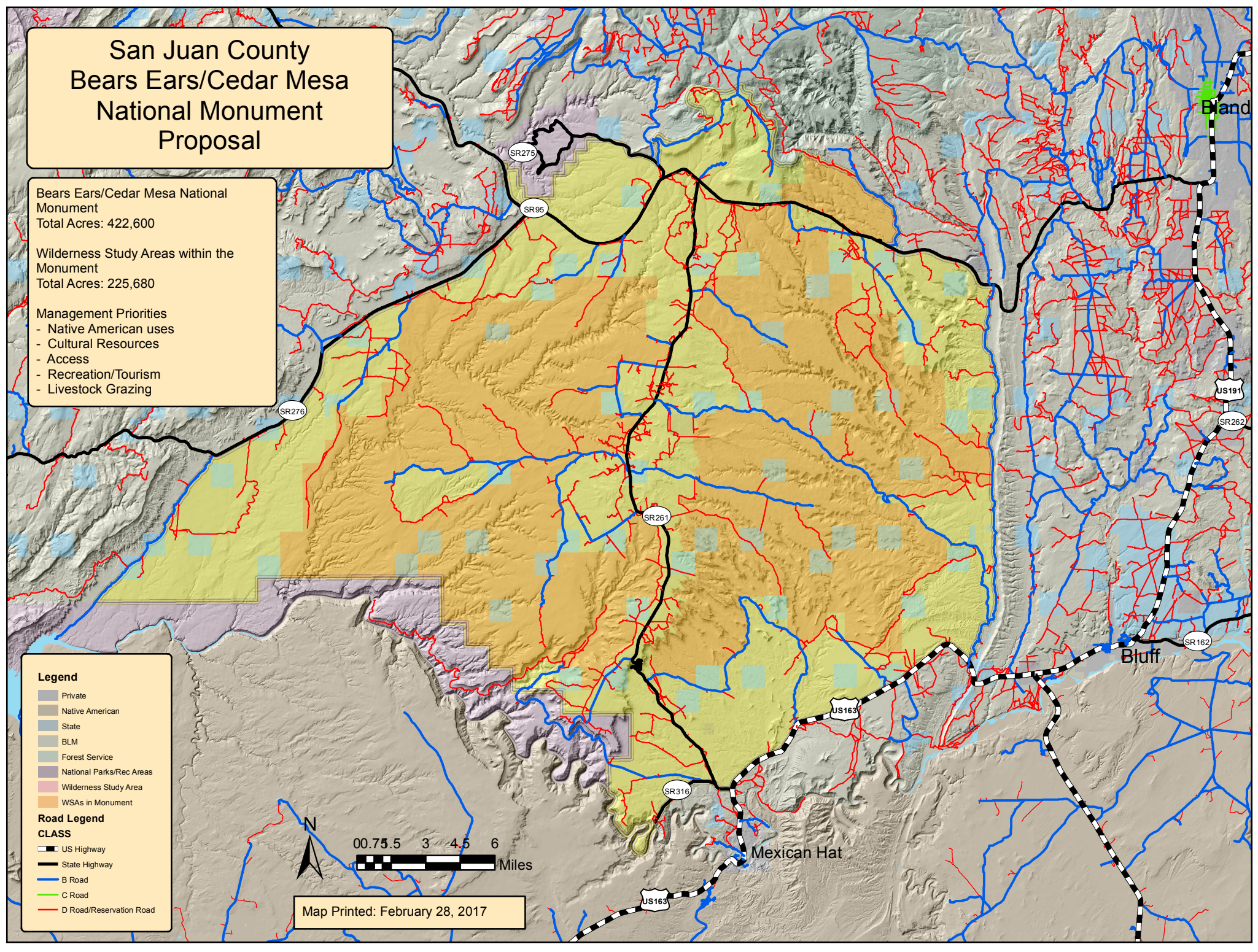
Road Legend

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- D Road/Reservation Road



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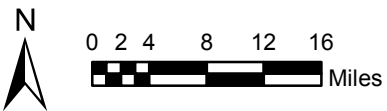
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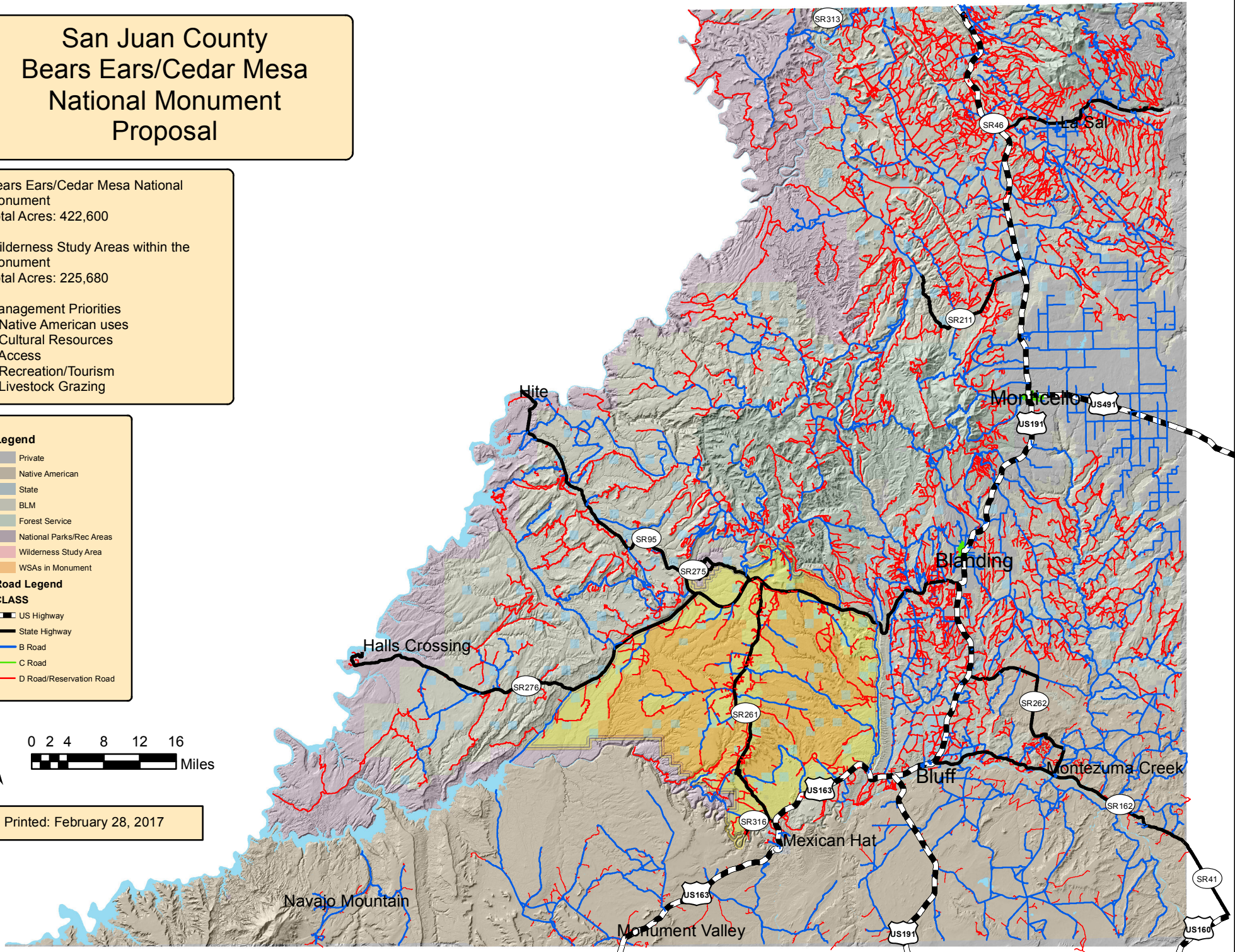
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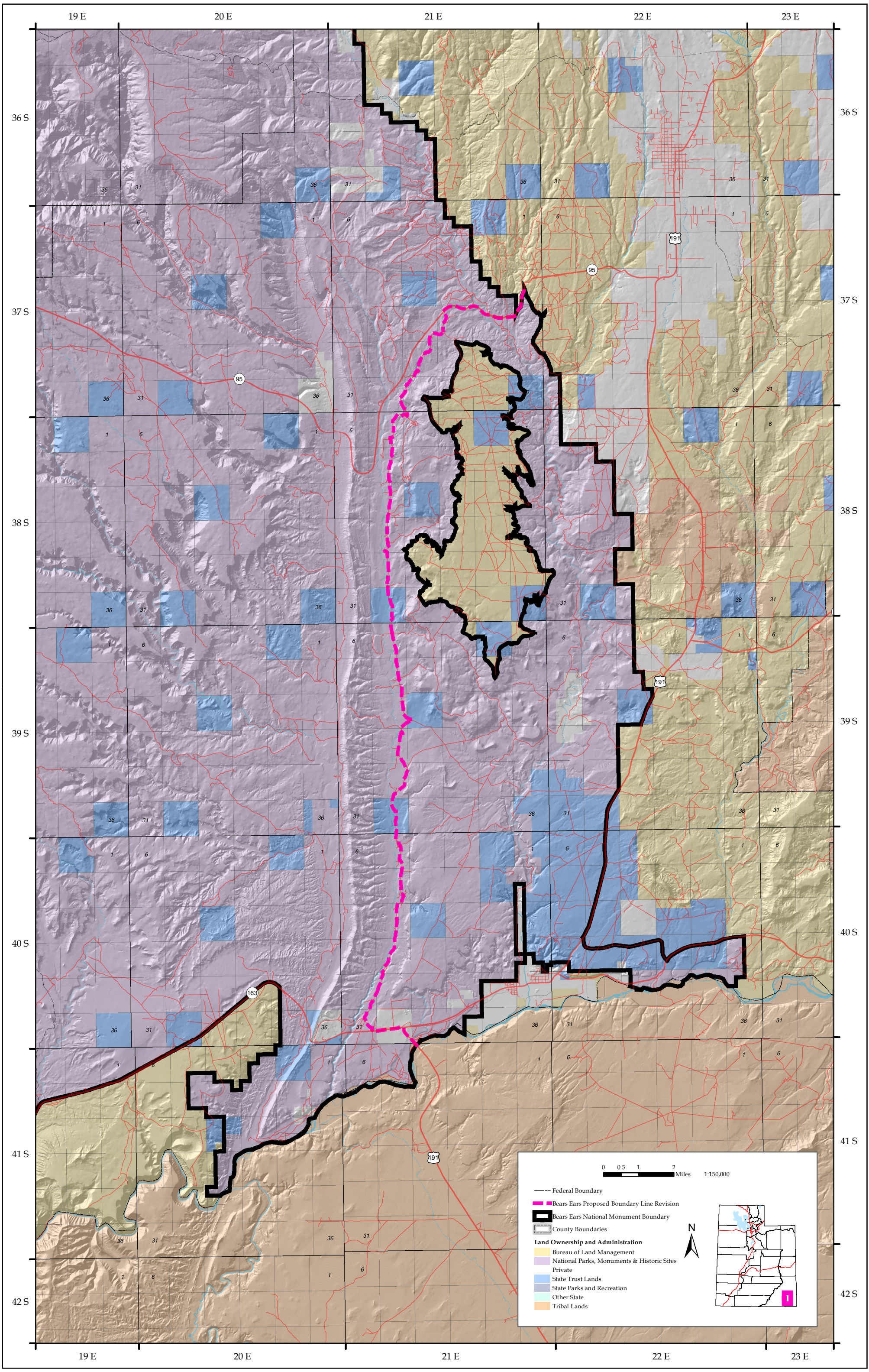
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"Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>

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Sent: Wed Mar 15 2017 09:57:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject: Bears Ears South East Boundary
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This new boundary depicted on the map would resolve all known mineral conflicts for SITLA within the Bears Ears.



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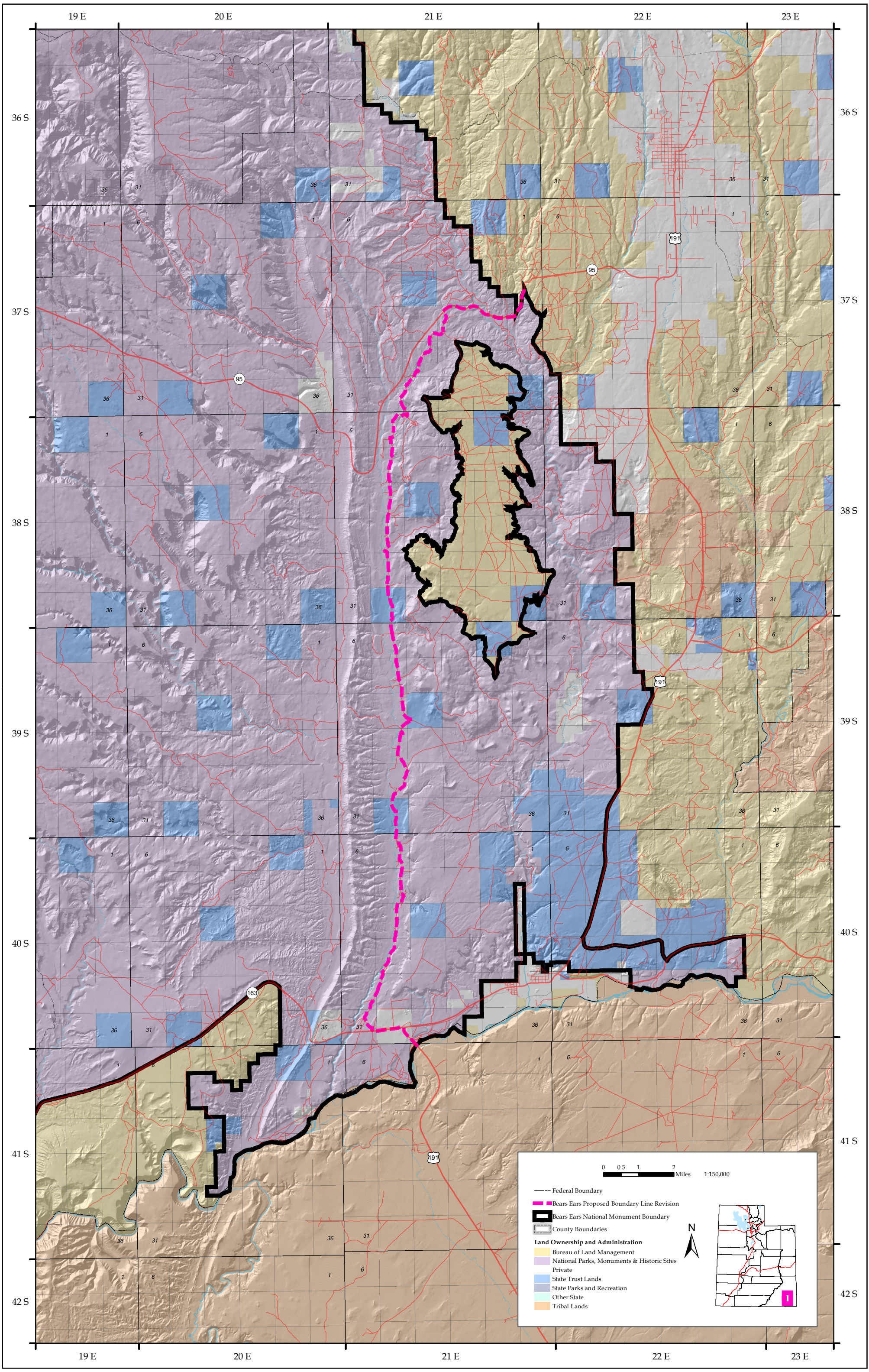
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Downey,

Please see attached for a shapefile and pdf of a map depicting a boundary change for the southeast portion of the Bears Ears monument.

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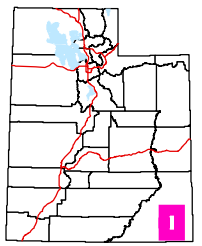
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Thanks, from KEEN

Kirsten Blackburn <kirsten.blackburn@keenfootwear.com>

From: Kirsten Blackburn <kirsten.blackburn@keenfootwear.com>
Sent: Mon Mar 13 2017 11:39:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, "timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Thanks, from KEEN

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Best,

Kirsten

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"Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 14 2017 07:02:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Kirsten Blackburn <kirsten.blackburn@keenfootwear.com>
CC: "downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Thanks, from KEEN

Sounds good.

Tim Williams

On Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 1:39 PM, Kirsten Blackburn <kirsten.blackburn@keenfootwear.com> wrote:

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Mineral Assessment

Attachments:

/368. Mineral Assessment/1.1 Cursory Review of the Mineral Potential Occurrence withing the Bears Ears NM.pdf

"Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>

From: "Roberson, Edwin" <eroberso@blm.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 13 2017 15:33:28 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Laura Brown <Laura.Brown@sol.doi.gov>, Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>, "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, "Hanson, Joshua" <joshua.hanson@sol.doi.gov>, "Moody, Aaron" <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>, Kristin Bail <kbail@blm.gov>
Subject: Mineral Assessment
Attachments: Cursory Review of the Mineral Potential Occurrence withing the Bears Ears NM.pdf

All,
Here is the cursory review of mineral potential in BENM which our minerals staff provided.

On Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 2:28 PM, Roberson, Edwin <eroberso@blm.gov> wrote:

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(UT-9223-LG)

INFORMATION MEMO

TITLE: Cursory Review of the Mineral Potential/Occurrence within the Bears Ears NM
AUTHOR: Larry Garahana, Geologist (Certified Mineral Examiner 0147)
DATE: January 31, 2017

INTRODUCTION

The information within this memo gives an initial view through a series of maps showing mineral potential and occurrence within the newly designated Bears Ears National Monument, located within the Canyon Country District, Monticello Field Office, in San Juan County, Utah.

MEMO INFORMATION

The maps that were created for this memo are ones that show past or present mineral history, mineral potential or minerals that may be prospectively valuable within and around the new designation.

Some of the attached maps include information taken from the USGS Mineral Resource Data System (MRDS). MRDS describes metallic and nonmetallic mineral resources throughout the world. Included in the MRDS are deposit name, location, commodity, deposit description, geologic characteristics, production, reserves, resources, and references. Their interactive map (<https://mrdata.usgs.gov/mineral-resources/mrds-us.html>) has information on more than 180 commodities and this memo depicts a static representation of those commodities, past and present near and within the new designation. Although there was no prospect or production information near or within the monument for lithium, a lithium map was included for informational purposes due to the thousands of newly staked unpatented mining claims that were located north northeast of the monument. The information on the remaining maps was gathered from the most current BLM GIS data and it depicts potential and prospectively valuable mineral information on specific solid, fluid and leasable minerals within the subject area.

3031 - ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

Mineral Potential Classification System*

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- O. The geologic environment, the inferred geologic processes, and the lack of mineral occurrences do not indicate potential for accumulation of mineral resources.
- L. The geologic environment and the inferred geologic processes indicate low potential for accumulation of mineral resources.
- M. The geologic environment, the inferred geologic processes, and the reported mineral occurrences or valid geochemical/geophysical anomaly indicate moderate potential for accumulation of mineral resources.
- H. The geologic environment, the inferred geologic processes, the reported mineral occurrences and/or valid geochemical/geophysical anomaly, and the known mines or deposits indicate high potential for accumulation of mineral resources. The "known mines and deposits" do not have to be within the area that is being classified, but have to be within the same type of geologic environment.
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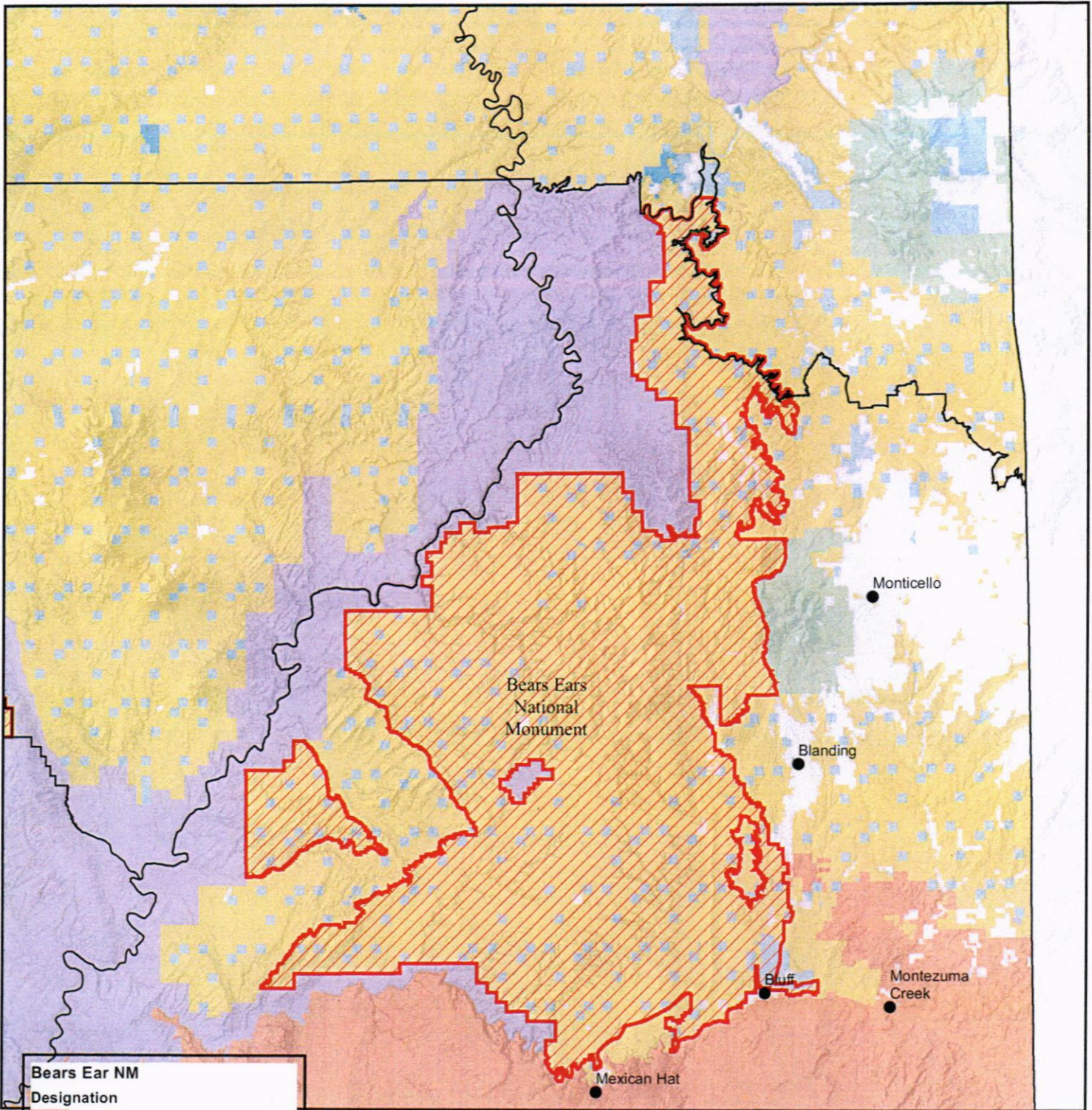
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* As used in this classification, potential refers to potential for the presence (occurrence) of a concentration of one or more energy and/or mineral resources. It does not refer to or imply potential for development and/or extraction of the mineral resource(s). It does not imply that the potential concentration is or may be economic, that is, ~~could~~ be extracted profitably.

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Bears Ear NM

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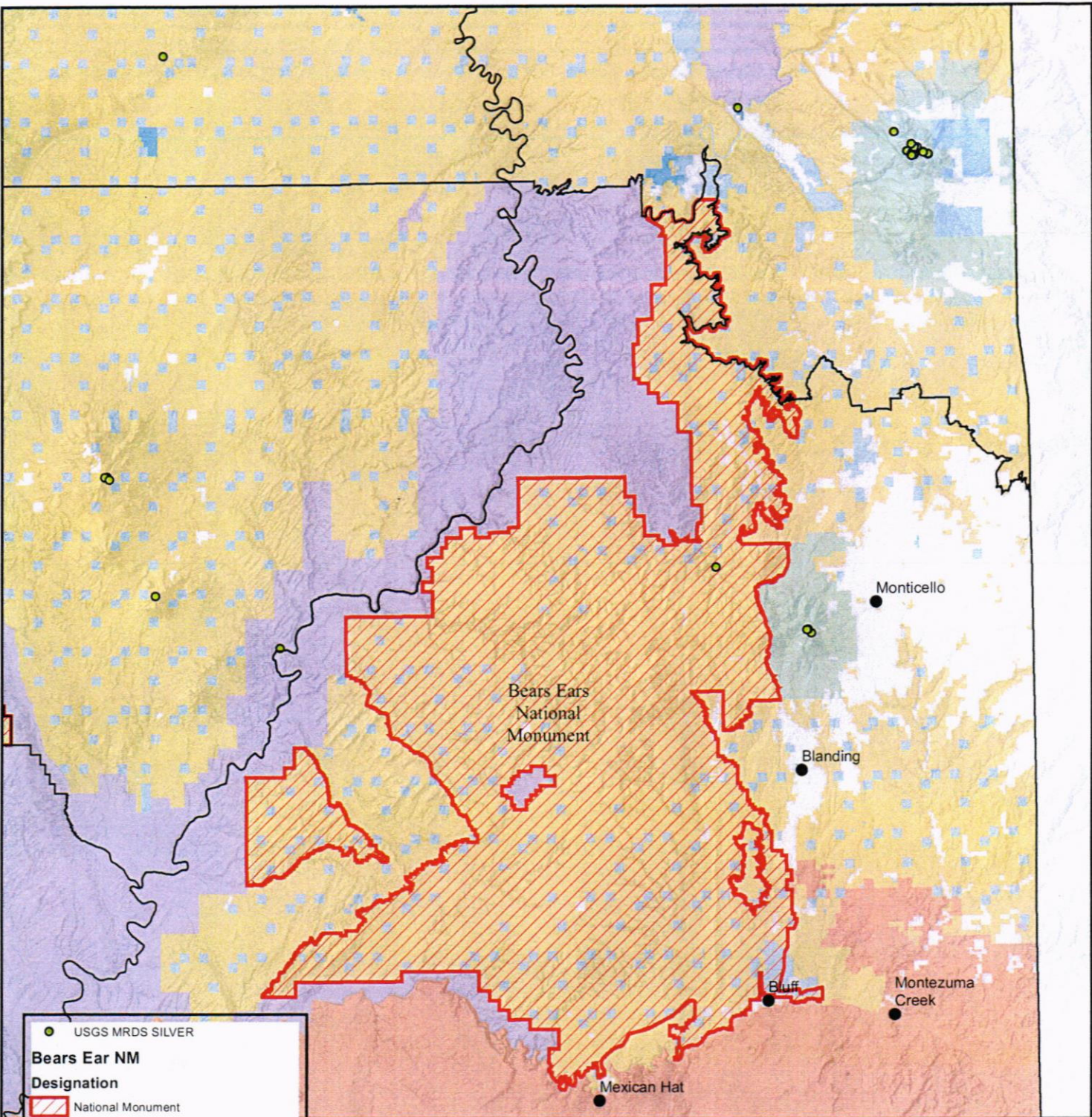
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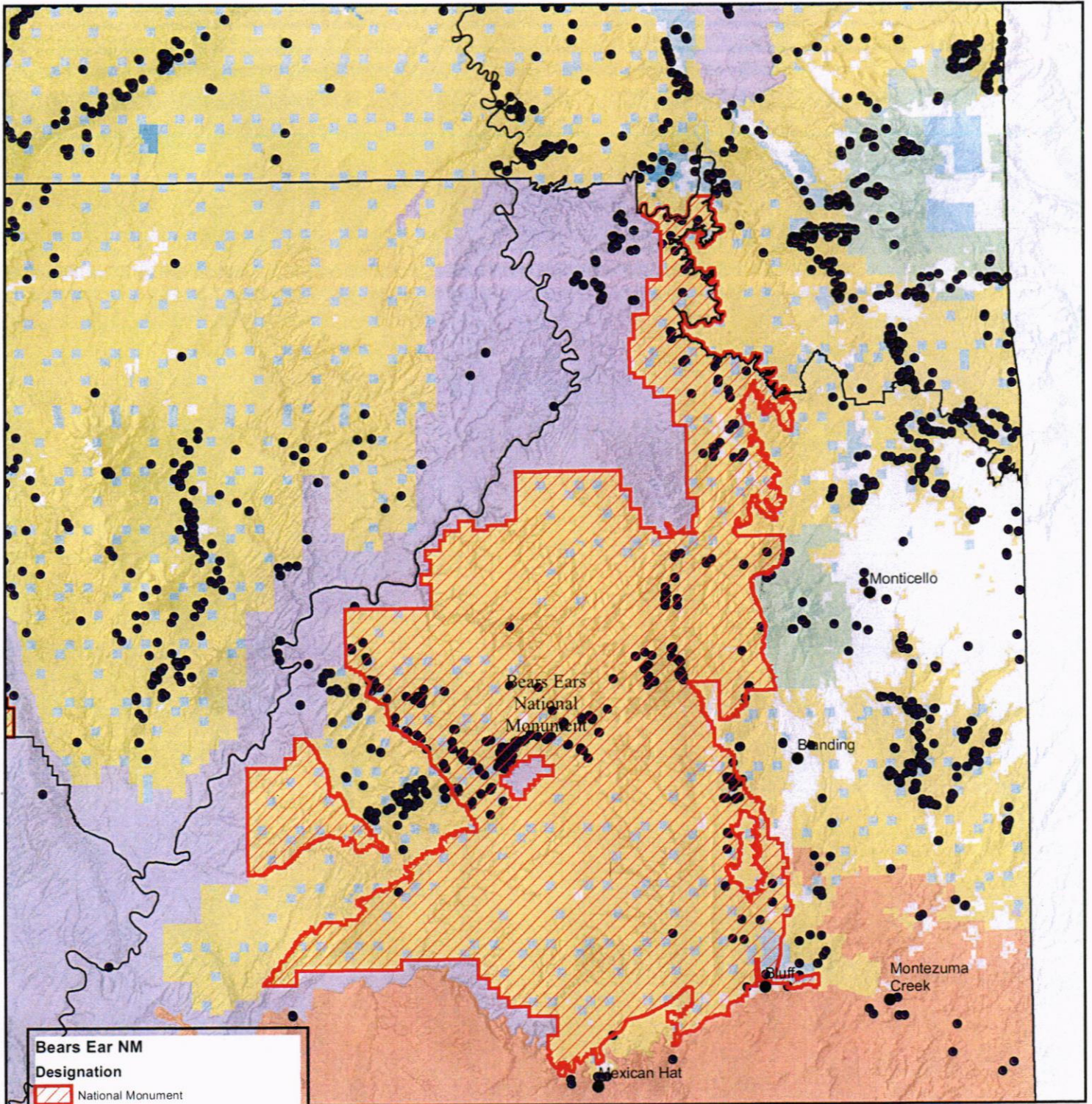
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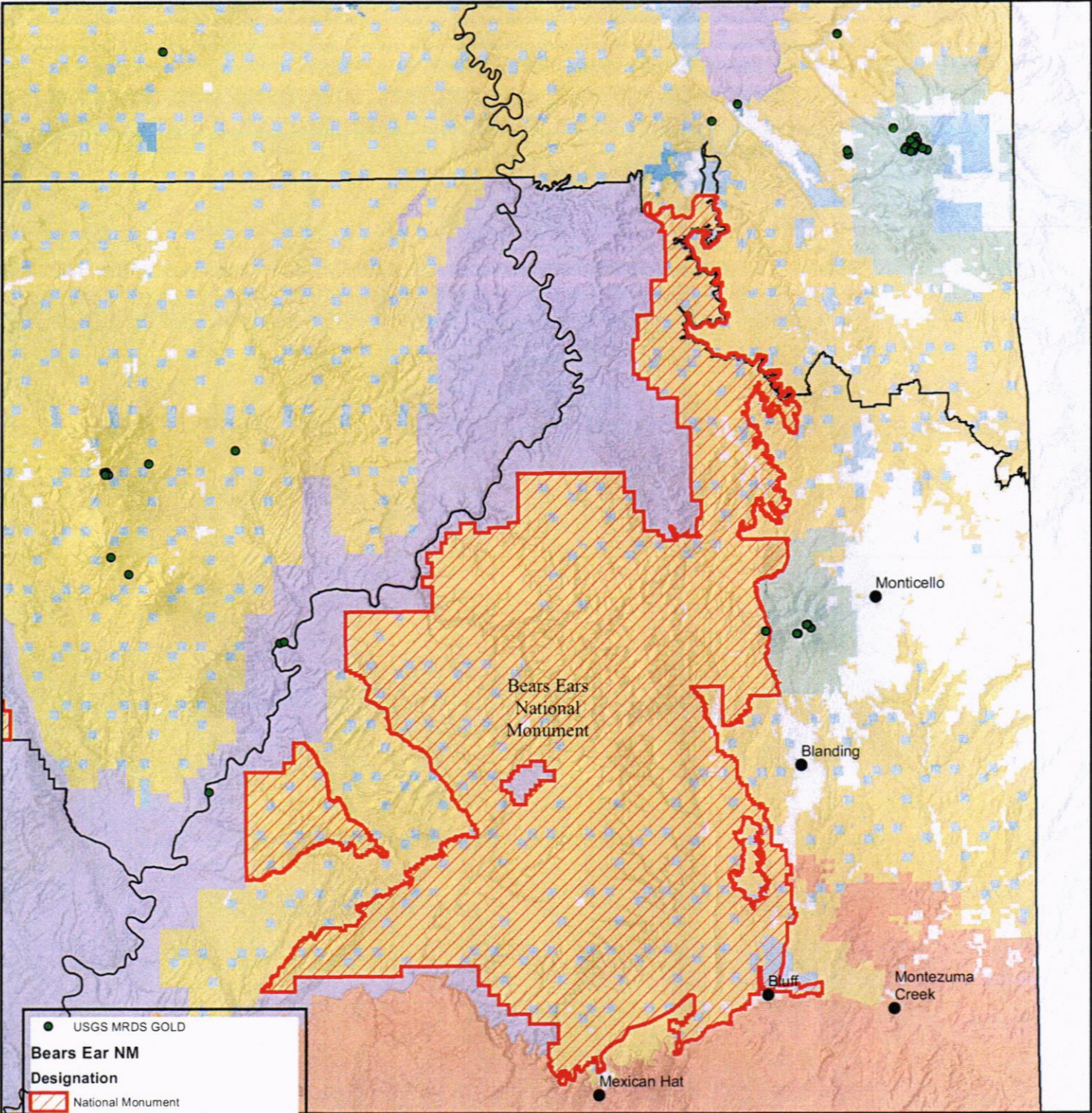
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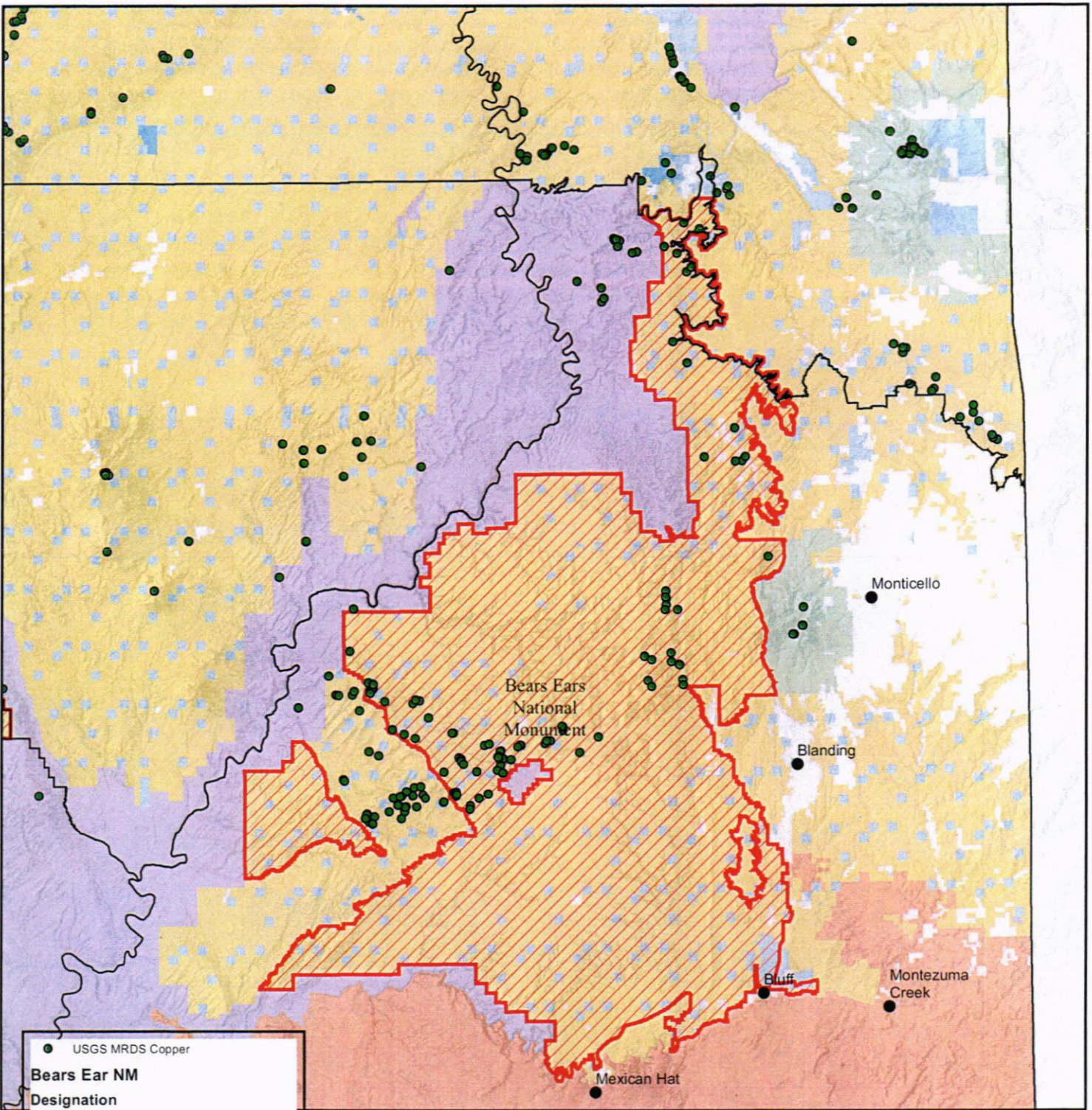
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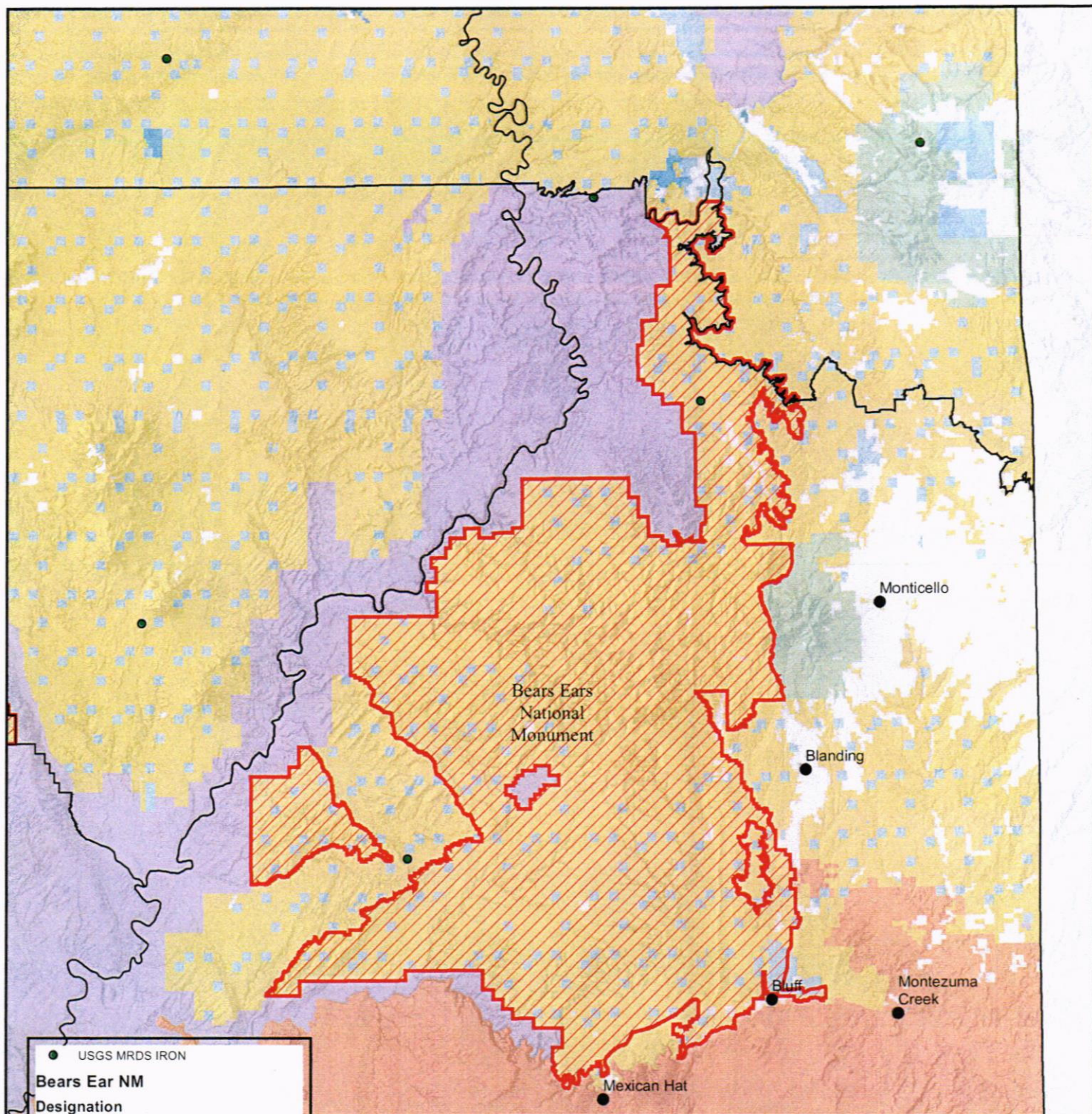
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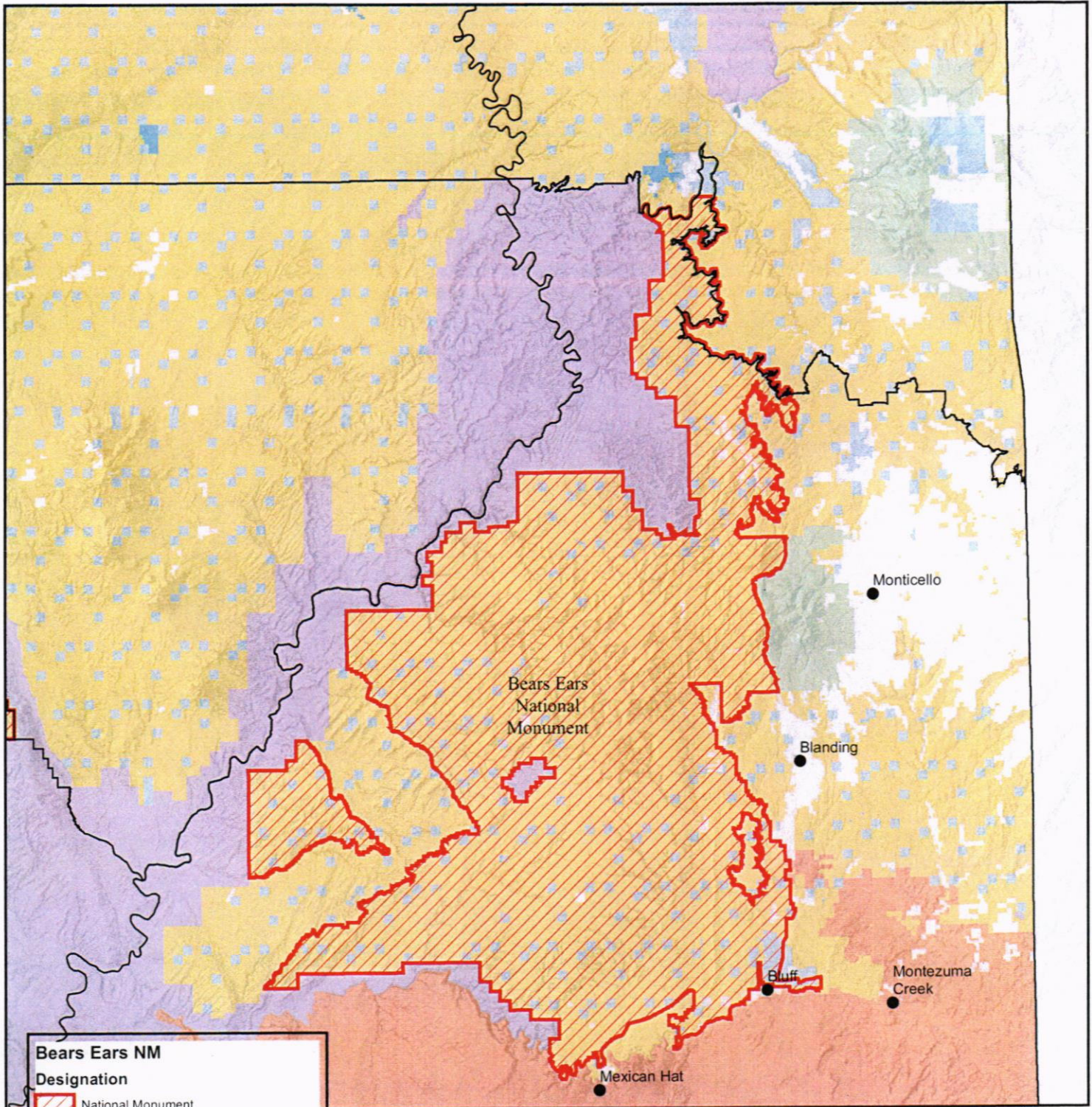
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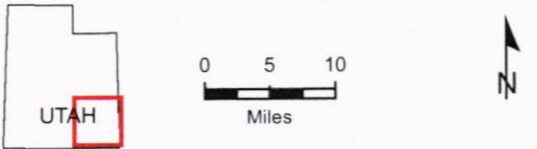
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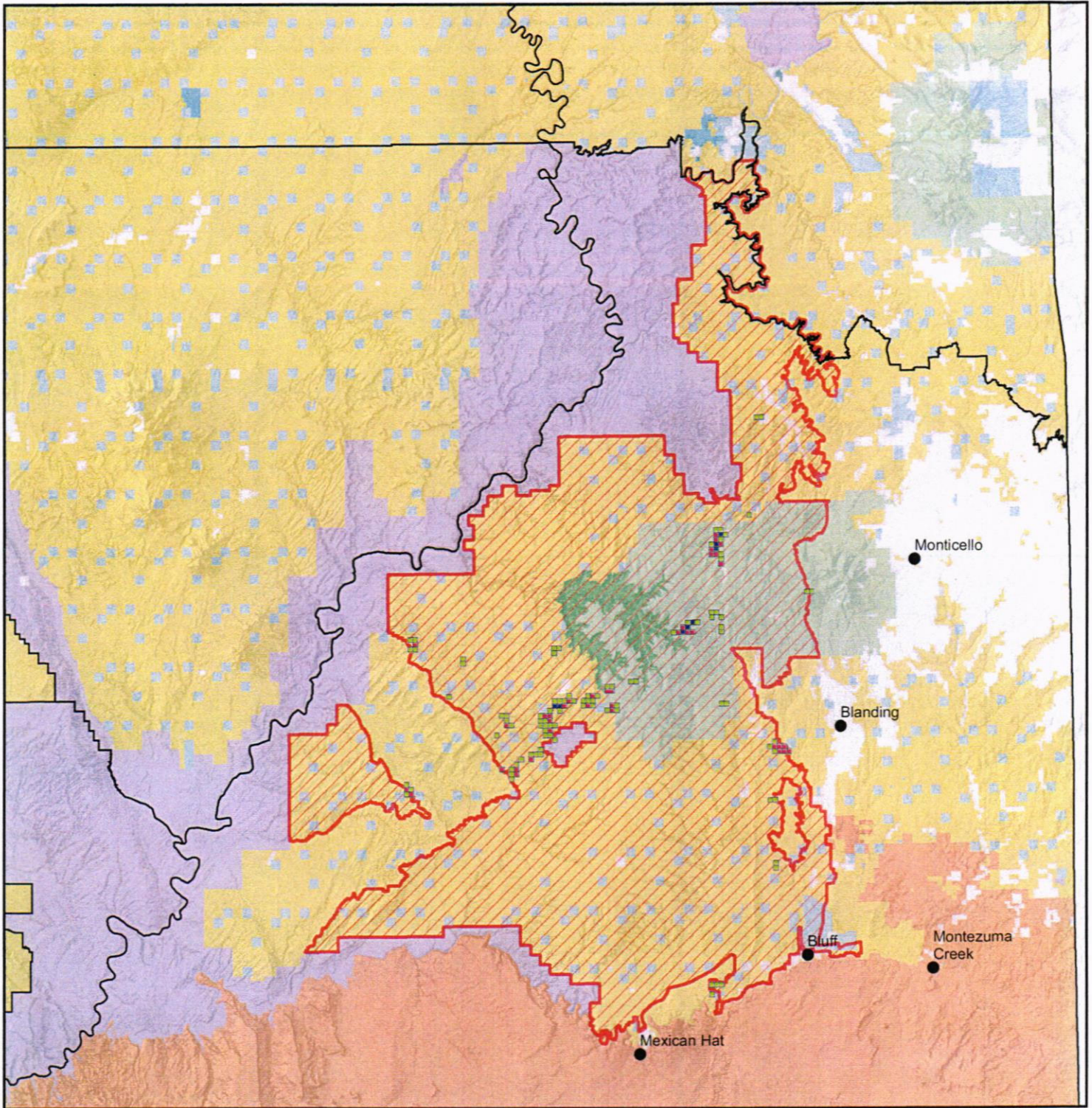
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MINING CLAIMS WITHIN THE BEARS EARS NM AS OF SEPTEMBER 2016

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March 17, 2017

Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Department of the Interior
1849 C. Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Honorable Michael Scuse
Acting Secretary of the Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Zinke and Acting Secretary Scuse,

This letter is to inform you that the Bears Ears Commission, which was established in President Obama's Bears Ears National Monument Proclamation, is now fully constituted. The elected Commissioners from the five sovereign Native American Tribes are : Alfred Lomahquahu - the Hopi Nation, Davis Filfred and James Adakai - the Navajo Nation, Terry Knight - the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Shaun Chappoose - the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, and Carleton Bowekaty - the Zuni Tribe. We urge you to meet with the Commission members as soon as possible, and there will be a good opportunity will when Secretary Zinke makes his first visit to Utah as Secretary. This letter sets forth the reasons that such meeting would be beneficial as soon as possible.

Our five Tribes were the driving force in the effort to create the Bears Ears National Monument. Our people were forcibly removed from the Bears Ears area in the mid-1800s but we have always continued to return to this cultural landscape for ceremonies, hunting, gathering of herbs and medicines, and other purposes. Then, beginning in 2010, we turned to formal protection. We conducted a tremendous amount of research into the scientific, historic, and cultural values of the region. Based on that research, we developed boundaries for a protected area. Then, in October 2015, we submitted a comprehensive, formal proposal for protection as a national monument or other designated area and took the lead in meetings with the Obama Administration and the Utah Delegation. This was the first time in history that American Indian Tribes had ever petitioned for a national monument or other such designation. Making the monument a reality required long and hard work by a large number of Indian people, especially our tribal leaders and traditional practitioners.

The purpose of the Proclamation is to honor the Tribes, both historic and contemporary, the land, and the relationship between the Tribes and the land. The proclamation, in many places, emphasizes the importance of incorporating tribal traditional knowledge into all aspects of monument management. To be certain that the Tribes are fully represented in managing the new monument, the Proclamation calls for a regime of collaborative management between the tribes and the federal agencies. Our Commission was established "to *ensure* that management decisions affecting the monument reflect tribal expertise and historical knowledge." (emphasis added).

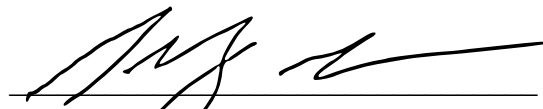
Among other provisions, your two agencies are directed to “partner” with the Commission, to “meaningfully engage” the Commission in monument management, to “carefully and fully consider” recommendations of the Commission, and to conduct “meaningful engagement” with the Commission. All of these provisions are now fully in force as federal law.

Now that our Commission has been fully constituted, we are most anxious to meet with agency officials in the field and, as mentioned, Secretary Zinke during his Utah visit. These will be opportunities to begin discussions on fulfilling the promise of this historic opportunity to create a unique and highly productive system of collaborative management.

We have heard reports that the Trump Administration may be considering actions to reduce the size of the monument or to eliminate it entirely. If that is correct, we would consider it essential that we are able to have full discussions with you about those possibilities. Of course, from our standpoint, any such actions would be absolute tragedies in terms of impacts on our people today and the eternal values and traditions of our many generations of ancestors. Needless to say, if such actions are not being considered, than the meetings would be extraordinarily productive in terms of starting to put in place a system of collaborative management that would make this monument one of the brightest stars in America's public land system.

We invite you to meet with the Commission when you visit Utah in March so that we may discuss the Bears Ears National Monument, its importance to our Nations, and our management priorities with you. Please contact Commission member Carleton Bowekaty at (505) 879-2826 or Carleton.Bowekaty@ashiwi.org to arrange this meeting.

Respectfully,



Alfred Lomahquahu

Bears Ears Commission Interim Co-Chair



Carleton Bowekaty

Bears Ears Commission Interim Co-Chair

Cc: Ed Roberson, State Director – Utah, Bureau of Land Management
Nora Rasure, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service
Tyler Ashcroft, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management
Michael Diem, Moab/Monticello District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service

Conversation Contents

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Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri May 12 2017 11:26:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Economic and Hunting Interest In Utah Monuments
Attachments: ZINKE.pages Henry Mountains bison.JPG Henry Mountains buck.JPG

I am sending you this guy's contact. You should connect with him.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
To: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: **FW: Economic and Hunting Interest In Utah Monuments**

Downey,

See below for the information that Don Peay, founder of [Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife](#), will bring up in his meeting with Secretary Zinke tomorrow when he meets with him privately at the dinner.

The attachments include: the economic impacts of hunting to the State of Utah and the areas in and around both national monuments; and photos of big game taken in the area.

Don will also mention his ties to Donald Trump Jr. He developed a relationship with Jr. during the campaign. They have been on several hunts together in Utah.

See you tomorrow.

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Soon, interior Secretary Zinke will be touring Utah Monuments - Bears Ears and Grand Staircase for a review per Executive Order from President Trump

These 3.2 Million acres, thanks to modern conservation funding are now home to thriving herds of Elk, Mule Deer, Desert Bighorn Sheep, antelope, cougar, black Bear and wild turkey

These areas are lands of the 235 plus inch mule deer, 400 inch elk, 170 inch Rams, and most importantly places where thousands of families have enjoyed world class hunting adventures on public lands. It is the place where many of our children have bagged their first turkey!

51,007 hunters apply for the permits in these areas - highly coveted opportunities! It generates at a Minimum \$29 Million in direct conservation funding, and economic activity. See attached.

The above data is supplied by Don Peay, Founder of Sportsmen for Fish And Wildlife, that has an MBA. It is the best data as supplied by the Utah DWR and knowledge of the hunting economies in these areas. See attached, any comments welcome. Very important to the American Sportsmen

Subject: Economic and Hunting Interest In Monuments

Just north of Lake Powell, a cross from the Bears Ears Border, lies the magnificent Henry Mountains, with mountain peaks reaching 10,000 plus feet

The mountain Range is home to the only free ranging, disease free Bison herd in North America. The Bison herd, and restoration of what now many consider the best mule deer herd in North America, are examples of Modern day Sportsmen and state agency Conservation efforts. More than \$1 Million of private sportsmen funds have been invested in the last ten years to grow and expand these herds. The Dept. of Interior recognized the Bison efforts last year.

There are opportunities to further expand these herds, and make this a Zinke and Interior Legacy project for elk, Mule Deer and Bison. Desert bighorn are scheduled to be added to the mountain as well.

This is a microcosm for the west. Massive habitat restoration, impacts of fires, finding win win solutions for conflicts between wildlife and domestic livestock, sportsmen funding, state wildlife agencies working cooperatively with Federal Agencies.

And in the end, healthy watersheds, local economic growth, and incredible hunting on Americas great public lands!

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Don Peay





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Many thanks to all of you, who helped make this meeting a reality.

Best regards,
Charles

Doug Domenech
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"Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov>

From: "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov>
Sent: Mon May 15 2017 14:09:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Domenech, Douglas" <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov>
CC: David Mihalic <david_mihalic@ios.doi.gov>, "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Tribal Report

That is about what I would expect from Charles. On another note, however, I've expressed concern about this Indian tribes becoming corporations, and even talking about that is a major faux pas, bad idea, etc. I have seen this proposed at least two other times and it never ends well. Tribes will beat up on BIA until you propose to do something different and all of a sudden it's "don't violate our trust relationship", "don't violate our government to government status". There is absolutely no way to win or even make this debate look decent. Bad idea.

Alan Mikkelsen
Deputy Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation
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On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 3:54 PM, Domenech, Douglas <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

From: Charles F Wilkinson <Charles.Wilkinson@colorado.edu>
Date: May 8, 2017 at 4:03:44 PM MDT
To: "Natasha K. Hale" <njohnson@grandcanyontrust.org>, Carleton Bowekaty <carleton.bowekaty@ashivi.org>, "HCuthair@utemountain.org" <HCuthair@utemountain.org>, Octavius Seowtewa <oct.seowtewa@gmail.com>, "Davis Filfred" <(b) (6) <[com](mailto:(b) (6)@utemountain.org)>, (b) (6) Rollie Wilson <RWilson@ndnlaw.com>, james adakai <(b) (6) <[utemountain.org](mailto:(b) (6)@utemountain.org)>, Leland Begay <lelandbegay@utemountain.org>, Tony Small <tonys@utetribes.com>, Jackson Brossy <jbrossy@nwo.org>, "Terry Knight" <tknight@utemountain.org>, Prislana Rabbit <prabbit@utemountain.org>, Elaine Cantsee <ECantsee@utemountain.org>, Nichol Shurack <NShurack@utemountain.org>, Ethel Branch <ebbranch@nndoj.org>, Peterson Zah

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Subject: RE: Thoughts from Sunday's meeting

Dear Colleagues;

Several people have asked for updates on Sunday's meeting of tribal leaders with Secretary Zinke, and this is my brief report.

The meeting was held in the BLM offices in SLC in quite a small room. The five federal representatives were facing the tribal team, and, while the tables were separate, they are just several feet away from each other. The tribal representatives were Carleton Bowekaty, Harold Cuthair, Davis Filfred, Shaun Chappoose, Jonathan Nez, and Ethel Branch. Leland and I were seated at the end of the tribal leaders' table.

Zinke started out and offered up a truly lame explanation about how people had misunderstood his remarks of last week about how some tribes probably would be interested in operating as corporations. It fell flat. The tribal leaders didn't show any reaction, but didn't say anything either.

Then, Chairman Cuthair made his opening statement and it really set the tone for the day. To a person, the tribal leaders were articulate, fair, passionate, and forceful. They talked at length about how important the monument was to them in its current form and how it should not be terminated or reduced. They talked about gathering, sacred sites, memories of ancestors, and their long familiarity with this landscape. They emphasized that Bears Ears was of great importance to them individually and, as well, to their tribal memberships.

Along the way, especially at the beginning, Zinke asked questions. He is ill-informed on the Antiquities Act and tribes, and his questions often displayed that, but—doubtless with words from Bishop and Hatch ringing in his ears—pressed ahead with questions that he thought could not be answered by the

tribes. But the tribal leaders explained that, yes, it really does make a difference to have a monument declared; no, there is nothing wrong with collaborative management; yes, this really is sacred land to the tribes; and so forth. The tribal leaders were firm in their answers and also respectful. The whole proceeding was actually quite tense in the sense that a lot was at stake but the discussion, due partly to the physical closeness of the two sides, was done in a low-key, polite way.

As the meeting went along, you could see Zinke being affected by the tribal leader's points. He asked fewer questions and they were no longer biting or aggressive. We realized he was probably thinking quite loudly to himself, "This sure is hell not what I expected from what the Utah delegation told me." By the end, it was pretty obvious that, although he resisted it, he had been presented with a great deal of impressive—and inconvenient—information. After the session with the tribal leaders, he held a press conference and was quoted by the Salt Lake City Tribune as saying of the tribal leaders that "I think they're smart, passionate, and have a deep sense of tie to their culture, and want to preserve it." I'm quite certain he had no such thoughts in his mind when the meeting began.

The tribal leaders did an extraordinary job and I think it made an inroad into Zinke's thinking. I think he sees it differently now. At the same time, this is in no sense a prediction as to what he will do in the future. He is under a lot of pressure from the White House and the Utah delegation. Still, it is hard to imagine how the tribal leaders could have done anything better on that particular day.

Many thanks to all of you, who helped make this meeting a reality.

Best regards,
Charles

Doug Domenech
Senior Advisor
US Department of the Interior



Boshell, Brandon <bboshell@blm.gov>

Fwd: Monument Review (IMPORTANT PLEASE READ)

1 message

Boshell, Brandon <bboshell@blm.gov>

Mon, May 22, 2017 at 4:17 PM

To: Rody Cox <r8cox@blm.gov>, Amanda Harrington <asharrin@blm.gov>, Shawanna Dao <sdao@blm.gov>, "Thomas, Kendra" <kithomas@blm.gov>

Attached is the executive order concerning the monument review with the initial data request. Highlighted in the word doc are the portions I need your help addressing. The primary work load is for Rody but there is something concerning "energy transmission infrastructure, etc". I know this is very short notice but would appreciate it if you could turn this around asap. I have to have it complete by Friday, but have RMP evals wed and thur.

Thanks
Brandon

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From: **Mahoney, Kenneth** <kmahoney@blm.gov>

Date: Mon, May 15, 2017 at 8:00 PM

Subject: Fwd: Monument Review (IMPORTANT PLEASE READ)

To: "Sheldon (Mark) Wimmer" <mwimmer@blm.gov>, Brandon Boshell <bboshell@blm.gov>, Wayne Monger <dmonger@blm.gov>, Claire Crow <ccrow@blm.gov>

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Monument Managers,

Please see the email from State Director Ray Suazo and also the forwarded email from AD-400 Chris McAlear regarding the subject of monument review.

The attached Word document file "Initial Data Request Related to Review of National Monuments" contains a list of items for which information needs to be gathered for your national monument. Please begin to compile the requested information. I will contact each of you on the afternoon of Tuesday May 23 for an interim check on the progress of the data collection. All data collection should be completed and submitted to me by Friday May 26. I will review and upload the data the following week to meet the June 2 due date for the data call.

I will also forward to you the direction from DSD-Communications Amber Cargile regarding media inquiries and public comments relating to Executive Order 13792. Please assure that staff are also aware of this direction.

Let me know of any questions about the monument review. Thank you for your assistance in responding to this information request.

Ken Mahoney <> Program Lead:
National Monuments <> National Conservation Areas
Wilderness <> Wild & Scenic Rivers
Arizona State Office <> Bureau of Land Management
602-417-9238 <> kmahoney@blm.gov

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From: **Suazo, Raymond** <rmsuazo@blm.gov>

Date: Fri, May 12, 2017 at 1:54 PM

Subject: Fwd: Monument Review (IMPORTANT PLEASE READ)

To: Kenneth Mahoney <kmahoney@blm.gov>, Roxie Trost <rtrost@blm.gov>, Karen Mckinley <kmckinley@blm.gov>, Deborah Rawhouser <drawhaus@blm.gov>

FYI, I will provide Ken's name as the lead who will coordinate for AZ. My preference is also that Ken be the person that loads the data in an effort to have thorough review and consistency. However, we can consider over the weekend and make a final determination on Monday.

Ray

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From: **McAlear, Christopher** <cmcalear@blm.gov>

Date: Fri, May 12, 2017 at 1:16 PM

Subject: Monument Review (IMPORTANT PLEASE READ)

To: Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>, "Bilbao, Anita" <abilbao@blm.gov>, Amy Lueders <alueders@blm.gov>, Aden Seidlitz <aseidlitz@blm.gov>, Jerome Perez <jperez@blm.gov>, Joseph Stout <j2stout@blm.gov>, "Suazo, Raymond" <rmsuazo@blm.gov>, Deb Rawhouser <drawhous@blm.gov>, Ruth Welch <rwelch@blm.gov>, Greg Shoop <gshoop@blm.gov>, Marci Todd <m1todd@blm.gov>, "Petersen, Paul" <ppeterse@blm.gov>, Jamie Connell <jconnell@blm.gov>, Theresa Hanley <thanley@blm.gov>, Timothy Murphy <t50murph@blm.gov>, Peter Ditton <pditton@blm.gov>

Cc: John Ruhs <jruhs@blm.gov>, Sally Butts <sbutts@blm.gov>, Peter Mali <pmali@blm.gov>, Nikki Moore <nmoore@blm.gov>, Timothy Fisher <tjfisher@blm.gov>

State Directors:

National Conservation Lands received a data call to respond to Executive Order 13792 of April 26, 2017 (82 FR 20429, May 1, 2017) directing the Secretary of Interior to review certain National Monument designations or expansions under the Antiquities Act of 1906, 54 U.S.C. 320301-320303 (Act) (see attached).

The timeline for this data call is a short turnaround for all monuments, due by June 2, 2017, with the exception for both Grand Staircase Escalate National Monument and Bears Ears National Monument with an expedited due date of May 17, 2017. WO-410 needs assistance with this data call through the National Conservation Lands State Leads and from the affected Monument Managers, or the State Directors' designee, to gather up the desired information. Please review the attached word document for list of needed information and the list of National Monuments under review. We are expected to provide available data and information but not to create data or information or speculate on responses.

A Google Drive document folder is being established to easily transfer electronic files for each of the National Monuments under review. The desire is to limit access to assure consistent data collection. WO-410 is asking each of the States to provide names needing access for each National Monument and the lead from your state to oversee/coordinate this data call.

The two Utah National Monuments will help us to streamline the process and provide more specific guidance for the other National Monuments and the work load associated with this request. A follow-up email will provide more direction for all other BLM National Monuments under review later next week.

Please provide Timothy Fisher (tjfisher@blm.gov) a list of contacts for each monument who will need access to the google drive folder **by COB Tuesday May 16, 2017.**

The National Conservation Lands program appreciates your support in assisting with this important data call

Thank you!

Chris m

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National Conservation Lands
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of the Secretary**

Docket No. DOI-2017-0002

Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996; Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior is conducting a review of certain National Monuments designated or expanded since 1996 under the Antiquities Act of 1906 in order to implement Executive Order 13792 of April 26, 2017. The Secretary of the Interior will use the review to determine whether each designation or expansion conforms to the policy stated in the Executive Order and to formulate recommendations for Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other appropriate actions to carry out that policy. This Notice identifies twenty-seven National Monuments under review and invites comments to inform the review.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments relating to the Bears Ears National Monument must be submitted before [INSERT DATE 15 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Written comments relating to all other National Monuments must be submitted before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments online at <http://www.regulations.gov> by entering “DOI-2017-0002” in the Search bar and clicking “Search,” or by mail to Monument Review, MS-1530, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randal Bowman, 202-208-1906,

RR_Bowman@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 13792 of April 26, 2017 (82 FR 20429, May 1, 2017), directs the Secretary of the Interior to review certain National Monuments designated or expanded under the Antiquities Act of 1906, 54 U.S.C. 320301-320303 (Act). Specifically, Section 2 of the Executive Order directs the Secretary to conduct a review of all Presidential designations or expansions of designations under the Antiquities Act made since January 1, 1996, where the designation covers more than 100,000 acres, where the designation after expansion covers more than 100,000 acres, or where the Secretary determines that the designation or expansion was made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders, to determine whether each designation or expansion conforms to the policy set forth in section 1 of the order. Among other provisions, Section 1 states that designations should reflect the Act’s “requirements and original objectives” and “appropriately balance the protection of landmarks, structures, and objects against the appropriate use of Federal lands and the effects on surrounding lands and communities.” 82 FR 20429 (May 1, 2017).

In making the requisite determinations, the Secretary is directed to consider:

- (i) the requirements and original objectives of the Act, including the Act’s requirement that reservations of land not exceed “the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected”;
- (ii) whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as “historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest”;

- (iii) the effects of a designation on the available uses of designated Federal lands, including consideration of the multiple-use policy of section 102(a)(7) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701(a)(7)), as well as the effects on the available uses of Federal lands beyond the monument boundaries;
- (iv) the effects of a designation on the use and enjoyment of non-Federal lands within or beyond monument boundaries;
- (v) concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities;
- (vi) the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas; and
- (vii) such other factors as the Secretary deems appropriate.

82 FR 20429-20430 (May 1, 2017).

The National Monuments being initially reviewed are listed in the following tables.

**NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING INITIALLY REVIEWED PURSUANT TO
CRITERIA IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13792**

Monument	Location	Year(s)	Acreage
Basin and Range	Nevada	2015	703,585
Bears Ears	Utah	2016	1,353,000
Berryessa Snow Mountain	California	2015	330,780
Canyons of the Ancients	Colorado	2000	175,160
Carrizo Plain	California	2001	204,107
Cascade Siskiyou	Oregon	2000/2017	100,000
Craters of the Moon	Idaho	1924/2000	737,525
Giant Sequoia	California	2000	327,760
Gold Butte	Nevada	2016	296,937
Grand Canyon-Parashant	Arizona	2000	1,014,000
Grand Staircase-Escalante	Utah	1996	1,700,000
Hanford Reach	Washington	2000	194,450.93
Ironwood Forest	Arizona	2000	128,917
Mojave Trails	California	2016	1,600,000
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks	New Mexico	2014	496,330
Rio Grande del Norte	New Mexico	2013	242,555
Sand to Snow	California	2016	154,000
San Gabriel Mountains	California	2014	346,177
Sonoran Desert	Arizona	2001	486,149
Upper Missouri River Breaks	Montana	2001	377,346
Vermilion Cliffs	Arizona	2000	279,568

NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DESIGNATION OR EXPANSION WAS MADE WITHOUT ADEQUATE PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Katahdin Woods and Waters	Maine	2016	87,563
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The Department of the Interior seeks public comments related to: (1) Whether national monuments in addition to those listed above should be reviewed because they were designated or expanded after January 1, 1996 “without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders;” and (2) the application of factors (i) through (vii) set forth above to the listed national monuments or to other Presidential designations or expansions of designations meeting the criteria of the Executive Order. With respect to factor (vii), comments should address other factors the Secretary might consider for this review.

In a separate but related process, certain Marine National Monuments will also be reviewed. As directed by section 4 of Executive Order 13795 of April 28, 2017, “Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy” (82 FR 20815, May 3, 2017), the Department of Commerce will lead the review of the Marine National Monuments in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior. To assist in that consultation, the Secretary will accept comments related to the application of factors (i) through (vii) in Executive Order 13792 as set forth above to the following Marine National Monuments:

MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING REVIEWED PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDERS 13795 AND 13792

Marianas Trench	CNMI/Pacific Ocean	2009	60,938,240
Northeast Canyons and Seamounts	Atlantic Ocean	2016	3,114,320
Pacific Remote Islands	Pacific Ocean	2009	55,608,320

Papahanaumokuakea	Hawaii	2006/2016	89,600,000
Rose Atoll	American Samoa	2009	8,609,045

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

AUTHORITY: E.O. 13792, 82 FR 20429 (May 1, 2017).

James Cason
Special Assistant
Delegated the Functions, Duties, and Responsibilities of the Deputy Secretary

Call for Data Related to Review of National Monuments under EO 13792 (April 26, 2017)

Please help us gather information about each of the items listed below, for each of the National Monuments listed below in Table 1.

1. Documents Requested
 - a. Resource Management Plans/Land Use Plans
 - b. Record of Decision
 - c. Public Scoping Documents
 - d. Presidential Proclamation
2. Information on activities permitted at the Monument, including annual levels of activity from the **date of designation to the present**
 - a. Recreation - annual visits to site
 - b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)
 - c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site
 - d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)
 - e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)
 - f. Subsistence - participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available
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2. Information on activities occurring during the **5 years prior to designation**
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Gold Butte	Nevada	BLM
Grand Canyon-Parashant	Arizona	BLM, NPS
Grand Staircase-Escalante	Utah	BLM
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Ironwood Forest	Arizona	BLM
Mojave Trails	California	BLM
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Rose Atoll	American Sāmoa/Pacific Ocean	FWS



Boshell, Brandon <bboshell@blm.gov>

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Mon, May 22, 2017 at 4:44 PM

To: Krissy Sherman <ksherman@blm.gov>, "Jasper, Jonathan" <jjasper@blm.gov>

Cc: Amanda Harrington <asharrin@blm.gov>

Krissy and Jon

I need you both to tag team this data call and need it done asap. I understand it is last minute but it is due by COB Friday and we have RMP evaluations scheduled this week as well.

Attached is GSENM's responses to this same data call. They submitted their info. last week as they were on a different schedule. It may be of some assistance. Please let me know how I can help.

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**New Information Requested on Executive Order on the Review
of Designations Under the Antiquities Act**

BLM Responses to Additional Questions for [Name] National Monument

- a) Any legislative language, including legislation in appropriations bills

[Identify if there is any related legislation regarding your monument]

- b) Alternative options available for protection of resources applicable at each monument, such as Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Paleontological Resources Preservation Act, Archaeological Resources Protection Act, Historic Preservation Act and agency-specific laws and regulations.

The following could provide some options to protect specific resources found in [Name] National Monument. Protection would likely occur on a site-by-site or resource-by-resource basis and also would take a significant amount of time to accomplish under these various laws. These laws may not provide a mechanism to protect all cultural or tribal resources in [Name] National Monument. [Provide any specific information or examples for your monument.]

National Historic Preservation Act, (NHPA)

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, (NAGPRA)

Paleontological Resources Preservation Act, (PRPA)

Archaeological Resources Protection Act, (ARPA)

American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA)

- c) Designated wilderness areas (name, acreage), Wilderness Study Areas (name if there is one, acreage, type), and/or areas managed to preserve wilderness or roadless characteristics that are not WSAs.

[Insert monument specific response]

- d) Outstanding R.S. 2477 claims within a monument – type of road claimed and history

[Insert monument specific response]

- e) Maps

[Insert monument specific response]

- f) Cultural or historical resources, particularly Tribal, located near a monument but not within the boundary that might benefit from inclusion in the monument

[Insert monument specific response]

- g) Other – general questions or comments

[Insert monument specific response regarding any other information that should be considered in the review of your monument]

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Meeting..

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Sent: Tue May 02 2017 15:41:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Meeting..

Tomorrow - do you have 15 minutes in the am to go over the briefings required for next week's trip? I would like to get them distributed on Wed and back on Friday.

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Sent: Tue May 02 2017 21:14:29 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject: Re: Meeting..

Hi there. This is not the full itinerary but includes events and meetings where briefings are needed. Note we need two different sets of talking points coordinated with Comms.

This list is very close hold please do not share or send out in its entirety to anyone.

You can go ahead and generate these documents and send out asap tomorrow. Note he leaves Friday around 3 so I would say these need to be in by COB tomorrow so we can assume they will all be late and we can bother them up until Friday morning early to adjust as necessary. I would send separate emails to flag for people besides the google documents. This is a big trip he needs lots of prep. Thanks.

BLM Contacts: Kathy Benedetto, Ed Roberson, Anita Balboa
NPS Contacts: Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster
FWS Contacts: Casey Hammond
Communications Contacts: Laura Rigas, Heather Swift

Sunday, May 7

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Meeting with State Historic Preservation Office and Utah Department of Heritage and Arts

The meeting will be to discuss cultural and historic objects at Bears Ears and Grand Staircase but also need background on general SHPO Utah activities from NPS and BLM.

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM: Meeting with Legislative Leadership and Utah AG, Sean Reyes

Need from BLM background on Bears Ears and Grand Staircase as well as any hot button Utah state issues from BLM, NPS, and FWS

2:45 PM- 3:15 PM: Meeting with Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)

The meeting will be to discuss Bears Ears and Grand Staircase but need also BLM background on hot button SITLA-BLM issues

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM: Bears Ears Tribal Commission

Need background on Tribe's views on monument from BLM

Need talking points from coordinated with Communications who should also coordinate these with BIA

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Dinner and Roundtable with federal and legislative representatives, the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation and the below industry representatives:

- Gary Heward, CEO, Liberty Mountain
- Bill Harmon, Goal Zero
- Joshua Bradley, Amer Sports
- Nazz Kurth, Petzl
- Amanda Covington, Vista Outdoors
- Ashley Kornblat, Western Spirit
- Don Peay, Utah Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

Need background on recreation viewpoints/and recreation activities in Utah especially as they relate to monuments from BLM and NPS

Need separate talking points coordinated with Communications as this is a round table

Monday, May 8

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: Lunch and Meet with San Juan County Commissioners

Need background on San Juan County viewpoints on Bears Ears and any hot button San Juan County BLM issues

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM: Visit with Friends of Cedar Mesa at Edge of Cedar Mesa Museum

Need from BLM background on Friends of Cedar Mesa viewpoints on Bears Ears and also general information about the Edge of Cedar Mesa State Park and the Cedar Mesa Museum.

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Visit the Nature Conservancy's (TNC) Dugout Ranch.

Need background from BLM on Nature Conservancy issues that will be raised and also Heidi Redd's (who lives on the ranch) role in the Resource Advisory Committee. Request additional background from FWS and NPS as needed once we know meeting topics from Caroline Boulton who is reaching out to TNC

Wednesday May 10

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Breakfast Briefing with Kane and Garfield County Commissions and Area Legislators (Mower) - Kane County Water Conservancy District
Need from BLM background on Grand Staircase, county viewpoints on Gthe monument, general county issues, and water conservancy district issues

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 5:41 PM, Bauserman, Christine <christine_bauserman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Wed May 03 2017 06:33:59 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Bauserman, Christine" <christine_bauserman@ios.doi.gov>, Russell Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting..

Hi there. Please send the TNC meeting for 5/9 briefing to the BLM contacts and Casey Hammond in FWS. They want to discuss LWCF.

Also I think having the deadline be 3:00 TOMORROW works. Not COB today (I was confused on which day it was last night).

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 11:14 PM, Magallanes, Downey <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi there. This is not the full itinerary but includes events and meetings where briefings are needed. Note we need two different sets of talking points coordinated with Comms.

This list is very close hold please do not share or send out in its entirety to anyone.

You can go ahead and generate these documents and send out asap tomorrow. Note he leaves Friday around 3 so I would say these need to be in by COB tomorrow so we can assume they will all be late and we can bother them up until Friday morning early to adjust as necessary. I would send separate emails to flag for people besides the google documents. This is a big trip he needs lots of prep. Thanks.

BLM Contacts: Kathy Benedetto, Ed Roberson, Anita Balboa
NPS Contacts: Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster
FWS Contacts: Casey Hammond
Communications Contacts: Laura Rigas, Heather Swift

Sunday, May 7

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Meeting with State Historic Preservation Office and Utah Department of Heritage and Arts

The meeting will be to discuss cultural and historic objects at Bears Ears and Grand Staircase but also need background on general SHPO Utah activities from NPS and BLM.

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM: Meeting with Legislative Leadership and Utah AG, Sean Reyes
Need from BLM background on Bears Ears and Grand Staircase as well as any hot button Utah state issues from BLM, NPS, and FWS

2:45 PM- 3:15 PM: Meeting with Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)

The meeting will be to discuss Bears Ears and Grand Staircase but need also BLM background on hot button SITLA-BLM issues

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM: Bears Ears Tribal Commission

Need background on Tribe's views on monument from BLM

Need talking points from coordinated with Communications who should also coordinate these with BIA

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Dinner and Roundtable with federal and legislative representatives, the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation and the below industry representatives:

- Gary Heward, CEO, Liberty Mountain
- Bill Harmon, Goal Zero
- Joshua Bradley, Amer Sports
- Nazz Kurth, Petzl
- Amanda Covington, Vista Outdoors
- Ashley Kornblat, Western Spirit
- Don Peay, Utah Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

Need background on recreation viewpoints/and recreation activities in Utah especially as they relate to monuments from BLM and NPS

Need separate talking points coordinated with Communications as this is a round table

Monday, May 8

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: Lunch and Meet with San Juan County Commissioners

Need background on San Juan County viewpoints on Bears Ears and any hot button San Juan County BLM issues

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM: Visit with Friends of Cedar Mesa at Edge of Cedar Mesa Museum
Need from BLM background on Friends of Cedar Mesa viewpoints on Bears Ears and also general information about the Edge of Cedar Mesa State Park and the Cedar Mesa Museum.

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Visit the Nature Conservancy's (TNC) Dugout Ranch.
Need background from BLM on Nature Conservancy issues that will be raised and also Heidi Redd's (who lives on the ranch) role in the Resource Advisory Committee. Request additional background from FWS and NPS as needed once we know meeting topics from Caroline Boulton who is reaching out to TNC

Wednesday May 10

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Breakfast Briefing with Kane and Garfield County Commissions and Area Legislators (Mower) - Kane County Water Conservancy District
Need from BLM background on Grand Staircase, county viewpoints on Gthe monument, general county issues, and water conservancy district issues

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 5:41 PM, Bauserman, Christine <christine_bauserman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Tomorrow - do you have 15 minutes in the am to go over the briefings required for next week's trip? I would like to get them distributed on Wed and back on Friday.

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DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 5/10/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Status of the Secretary

The Secretary is traveling in Utah having meetings on the President's EO on National Monuments.

TODAY: The Secretary will:

Hold a breakfast Meeting with Kane and Garfield County Commissioners and Area Legislators

Have a driving Tour of Portions of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Take a State Helicopter Tour of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

HOLD: Media Access

Wheels Up Kanab, UT (KKNB) en route Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Salt Lake City-Airport East

Upcoming SCHEDULE:

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Travel to California. Travel paid by RNC.

Attend the Spring RNC meeting.

Meet with American Samoan fishing interests concerning Monuments.

Attend a Pacific Islander Reception.

POLITICAL EVENT: Keynote Remarks at the RNC Spring Meeting Dinner

Friday, May 12, 2017

Wheels down Billings, MT

VPOTUS lands at 1:00pm MDT

Arrive at Westmoreland Coal Company Tour of Westmoreland Coal Company Property on Horseback

Roundtable with Tribal Leaders & Absaloka Mine Energy Producers

POLITICAL EVENT: Rally for Greg Gianforte, Candidate for MT-AL

VPOTUS remarks at 6:35PM

Long Range: 5/25-5/28. The Secretary will participate in a CODEL sponsored by Senator Murkowski. Arctic Council. Norway, Greenland, Alaska. The Secretary is set to keynote the Alaska Oil & Gas Association meeting in Anchorage 5/31.

Upcoming Media

TODAY: Interior released a final Statement by Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals, on U.S. Senate Vote on the Venting and Flaring Rule

"As part of President Trump's America-First Energy Strategy and executive order, the Department has reviewed and flagged the Waste Prevention rule as one we will suspend, revise or rescind given its significant regulatory burden that encumbers American energy production, economic growth and job creation.

"The rule is expected to have real and harmful impacts on onshore energy development and could impact state and local jobs and revenue. Small independent oil and gas producers in states like North Dakota, Colorado and New Mexico, which account for a substantial portion of our nation's energy wealth, could be hit the hardest.

"The vote today in the Senate doesn't impact the Administration's commitment to spurring investment in responsible energy development and ensuring smart regulatory protections."

TODAY: Secretary Zinke's Visit to Bears Ears National Monument

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Secretary meets with Nature Conservancy, land owners and ranchers KANAB, Utah – Yesterday, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke wrapped-up day three of a four-day listening tour regarding Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, both of which are under review under President Trump's Executive Order 13792, issued April 26, 2017. The day kicked-off with a morning listening session and hike with the Nature Conservancy and the Redd family at the historic Dugout Ranch, the largest private landowners inside Bears Ears National Monument. After making slight schedule adjustments due to weather, the Secretary joined local ranchers for a three-hour afternoon horseback ride through rain, snow, sleet and hail. [More]

TODAY: (This release was postponed until today. NOTE: WH Comms has info and TP's for Press Brief.)

Interior Department Advances America-First Offshore Energy Strategy

Supports Offshore Seismic Science; Resumes Processing Applications for G&G Survey Permits in Atlantic
WASHINGTON – In accordance with Secretarial Order 3350, which implements President Trump's America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, the Department of the Interior today announced it will resume its evaluation of applications from six companies seeking permits to conduct geological and geophysical (G&G) activities in the Atlantic Ocean. [More]

TODAY: Glaciers Rapidly Shrinking and Disappearing: 50 Years of Glacier Change in Montana

The warming climate has dramatically reduced the size of 39 glaciers in Montana since 1966, some by as much as 85 percent, according to data released by the U.S. Geological Survey and Portland State University. On average, the glaciers have reduced by 39 percent and only 26 glaciers are now larger than 25 acres, which is used as a guideline for deciding if bodies of ice are large enough to be considered glaciers. The data include scientific information for the 37 named glaciers in Glacier National Park and two glaciers on U.S. Forest Service land. The retreat of glaciers is significant in Montana because of the impact shrinking glaciers can have on tourism, as well as being a visual indicator of mountain ecosystem change in the northern Rocky Mountains.

Speaking Invitations

Accepted

5/16 DOI Annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony (DC)

5/31 Alaska Oil and Gas Association Conference remarks in Anchorage

Regretted

5/10 Association of California Water Agencies 2017 Spring Conference (Monterey, CA)

5/11 Ball on the Mall (DC) (I forgot to add this one last week)

5/11 Safari Club International Lobby Day (Crystal City, VA)

5/12 Heritage Foundation's Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies' 2017 Spring Legal Strategy Forum (Colorado Springs, CO)

5/16 Western Growers' Board of Directors Meeting (DC)

5/16 BLM's Agent of the Year and Ranger of the Year Award Ceremony (DC)

5/19 Montana Logging Association Annual Meeting (Bozeman, MT)

5/20 Zoar Maifest National Historic Landmark Designation (Zoar, OH)

5/23 7th Annual Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Dinner (Boston, MA)

6/3 Ducks Unlimited National Convention (San Antonio, TX)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

5/23 Southwest Border Forum (Phoenix, AZ)

5/24 Virginia Chamber of Commerce Energy Conference

5/24 National Wildlife Refuge Association (DC)

5/25 US Oil & Gas Association Board of Directors Meeting (DC)

6/5 Society of American Indian Government Employees Annual Training Program (Scottsdale, AZ)

6/6 Recreation Vehicle Industry Association Joint Committee Lunch (DC)

Emergency Management

In Missouri, the National Park Service (NPS) Midwest Region Incident Management Team (IMT) and more than 120 NPS employees are working to assess conditions, plan next steps, stabilize facilities, and protect resources at Ozark National Scenic Riverways after widespread flooding caused unprecedented damage in the area. The park is closed to visitors, and facility assessments are ongoing.

A tour group enroute to the B Reactor site at the Manhattan Project National Historical Landmark yesterday was instructed to shelter in place at the B Reactor site in response to a nearby hazardous materials tunnel collapse at the Hanford Site, Washington state. Much of the Hanford Site is storage for radioactive and other hazardous waste. The tunnel collapse produced no evidence of hazardous release, according to the Department of Energy, and the tour group was cleared to complete the tour following consultation with the Emergency Operations Center.

In Idaho, USGS has installed three Rapid Deployment Gages (RDGs) to monitor flooding at bridge locations along the Boise River in the vicinity of the most threatened bridges, levies, and property. Flooding in the area is largely attributed to record snowpack and subsequent melting.

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has burned 140,409 (+6,662) acres. The fire is 12 (no change)-percent contained and managed by a Type-1 IMT with 725 (+34) personnel assigned, including 100 (+1) DOI personnel. There are 800 (+298) residences and 7 (no change) commercial structures threatened. There have been 4 (no change) responder injuries to date. The containment date remains November 1. The Southern Area Red Team is coordinating with Florida and Georgia emergency management personnel on structure protection and evacuation needs for the southeastern portion of the fire. The Southern Area Red Team is also supporting the Joint Information Coordination Center, which is being managed by the State of Georgia.

Media of Interest

Secretary Zinke Continues Tour Of National Monuments In Utah.

The AP (5/9, Price) reports that on Tuesday afternoon, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and “other government officials took a horseback ride out to twin buttes that give the Bears Ears National Monument its name. Zinke “visited a conservation area and ranch in the monument. Although Zinke later told reporters “he hasn’t made up his mind about whether the 1.3 million acre (5,300 square kilometers) area should remain a monument,” he “did point out that despite the contentious debate in Utah, all sides agree that at least some of the land needs protection.”

Comment Period Announced On Review Of National Monuments.

The Talane (ASM) (5/5) reports that the Interior Department will “shortly publish a notice in the Federal Register officially opening the public comment period for review of the Monument designations under the Antiquities Act of 1906.” The department will “begin accepting comments on line after May 12.”

Outdoor Recreational Company Forceful In Criticism Of Trump Policies.

The Hill (5/9, Cama) reports that the outdoor recreation “is getting bold in fighting President Trump’s environmental agenda.” While corporations usually stay away from political issues to avoid alienating customers, companies such as Patagonia, REI and The North Face are “forcefully criticizing Trump for trying to roll back former President Obama’s actions on protecting public land and fighting climate change.” It seems the outdoor industry, “which has a customer and employee base that skews liberals,” calculated that the “need to protect the environment outweighs the potential risks.”

Sen. Gardner, Rep. Tipton Want BLM Headquarters Moved Out West.

The Santa Fe New Mexican (5/9, Oxford) reports that “two Colorado congressmen say the U.S. Bureau of Land Management should move its headquarters from Washington, D.C., to the Western United States, where most of the 248 million acres that BLM manages is located.” Sen. Cory Gardner and Rep. Scott Tipton, “both Republicans, filed legislation last week calling on the Department of the Interior to develop a plan for moving BLM’s headquarters with an eye toward saving tax dollars.” They claimed “the move would make the agency more responsive to the communities where it manages land.”

Plaquemines Parish Announces \$45 Million Settlement With BP Over Oil Spill.

The AP (5/9, McGill) reports Plaquemines Parish announced a \$45 million settlement with BP over damages from the 2010 oil spill. The spill fouled sections of the parish’s coastline. The parish was one of the few local governments that decided not to take part in a \$20 billion settlement between BP and the state, federal and local governments.

Gerard: Offshore Development Vital For Energy Security.

Jack Gerard, the president and CEO of the API, writes in the Canada Free Press (5/8, Gerard) that developing offshore resources is “a win for American job creation and security.” He says that President Trump’s order to lift the restrictions on offshore acreage “could lead to production gains of more than a million barrels of oil equivalent per day and generate hundreds of thousands of well-paying jobs.” In addition to the revenue and jobs, the order will also help energy security, because a failure to develop the Arctic or the Atlantic, could lead to a “retreat back to an era of energy scarcity and dependence.”

Attorneys General Sue Over Decision To Restart Coal Leases.

The AP (5/9, Volz) reports the attorneys general from California, New Mexico, New York and Washington filed a lawsuit in US District Court in Montana, challenging the Trump Administration’s decision to restart coal leases on federal lands. They say the Interior Department’s decision to reverse the moratorium was done without a review on whether it would be good for the environment or taxpayers. The Obama Administration blocked the leases in 2016 to study whether coal companies should pay higher royalties and if the program was contributing to climate change.

Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Says Bill To Ease Energy Development On Tribal Lands Likely.

Reuters (5/9, Volcovici) reports that, “A bill to ease restrictions on energy development on U.S. tribal lands has a good chance of passing the Republican-controlled Congress this year, after several failed attempts since 2013, the chair of the Senate Indian affairs committee said.” Reuters adds that, “many Republican lawmakers, along with President Donald Trump, have expressed support for more oil drilling,

coal mining and other energy projects on Native American reservations, which are overseen by the federal government.”

White House Communications Report

No report was sent Tuesday.

Federal Register Listings

There were no items cleared for the FR yesterday.

REG0006968 FWS Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations. This is the final rule for the 2017-18 hunting seasons for certain migratory game birds. States will use this rule to select their migratory game bird hunting seasons within the frameworks provided by the rule. OIRA has determined this action is not subject to EO 13771 because it is issued with respect to routine hunting the fishing activities. Final Rule 05/09/2017.

REG0006983 FWS Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska--2018-19 and 2019-20 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations. This proposed rule would establish regulations for hunting and trapping seasons, harvest limits, and methods and means related to taking of wildlife for subsistence uses during the 2018-19 and 2019-20 regulatory years. OIRA has determined this action is not subject to EO 13771 because it is issued with respect to routine hunting and fishing activities. Proposed Rule 05/09/2017.



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Fwd: Additional Potential Questions for Monument Review

1 message

Mahoney, Kenneth <kmahoney@blm.gov>

Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 12:31 PM

To: "Sheldon (Mark) Wimmer" <mwimmer@blm.gov>, Brandon Boshell <bboshell@blm.gov>, Wayne Monger <dmonger@blm.gov>, Claire Crow <ccrow@blm.gov>

I think I will only need to consult with Claire regarding the question and related data being requested in the email from Tim Fisher. If I'm wrong about that, let me know. Claire, I call you soon. Thanks,

Ken

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From: **Fisher, Timothy** <tjfisher@blm.gov>

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 7:00 AM

Subject: Additional Potential Questions for Monument Review

To: "Magee, Gerald J" <gmagee@blm.gov>, Chad Schneckenburger <cschneckenburger@blm.gov>, Jaime Tompkins <jtompkins@blm.gov>, Robin Fehlau <rfehlau@blm.gov>, Barbara Keleher <bkeleher@blm.gov>, Kenneth Mahoney <kmahoney@blm.gov>, McKinney Briske <mbriske@blm.gov>, Mark Conley <mconley@blm.gov>

Additional Potential Questions

Sorry about this, but this came from DOI late yesterday. You may have already addressed in your monument review, but if not can you look over these questions and address for the appropriate monuments under review.

Are there mines or processing facilities near or adjacent to a National Monument?

If it is a mine or mineral processing facility, they would like some information on:

1. the extent to which activities on the monument (pre and post designation) affected the facility;
2. the type of minerals processed;
3. the permitting entity;
4. and scale of activity.

Again sorry for these broad scale questions so quickly after the deadline, but as I mentioned on the phone there were a number of follow-up questions from the Utah NM Review, but most were specific to those monuments. Then we get some general questions and some they want more information on and others not.

My apologies for adding on to a heavy lift but if you can address in a **word document** and add to the folders I am much appreciative.

Thanks,

Timothy J Fisher, Program Lead

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Call for Data Related to Review of National Monuments under EO 13792 (April 26, 2017)

1. Documents Requested

a. Resource Management Plans/Land Use Plans

i. The Monument Management Plan (MMP) and Record of Decision (ROD) is located within this Drive

folder (1.GSENM_mgmt_plan.pdf).

ii. The entire GSENM RMP (DEIS/FEIS/ROD) can be accessed here:

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=94418>

iii. The Livestock Grazing EIS/Plan Amendment has been initiated. The DEIS has been reviewed by the BLM Utah State Office and BLM Washington Office and is nearing public release: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=100826>

iv. The MMP has also been amended for Greater Sage Grouse habitat conservation (2015), for an electrical transmission line Right-of-Way to support local communities (2011), and for an update to fire management (2005).

b. Record of Decision

i. The 1999 MMP and ROD is located within this Drive folder (1.GSENM_mgmt_plan.pdf).

c. Public Scoping Documents

i. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument's (GSENM) Management Plan included substantial outreach, public scoping and comment periods according to land use planning regulations and policies. See Federal Register Notices in Drive folder (1.c.Federal Register, Volume 64 Issue 145 (Thursday, July 29, 1999).pdf).

ii. Public Comments and Responses for the MMP FEIS are located within this Drive folder (1.c.GSENM_FEIS_Comments.pdf).

iii. See also Scoping Report for Livestock Grazing EIS (1.c.GSENM_GrazingEISScopingRpt_Final.pdf) and at:

https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/69026/89803/107384/2014.05.21_GSENM_ScopingRpt_Final_508.pdf.

iv. GSENM worked with multiple agencies, tribes and communities and individuals

and responded to more than 6,800 letters commenting on the 2000 MMP. Nearly all site-specific NEPA analyses include public comment periods. Additionally, GSENM has offered multiple opportunities for public engagement in the Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment/EIS including:

- Development of a Situation Assessment by National Riparian Service Team
- Hosted 12 public scoping meetings and/or workshops
- Hosted 3 Socio-economic workshops
- Five newsletters developed along with a “Fact Sheet Series”
- Press releases published in five Utah newspapers
- Maintained Project website with project updates
- Hosted a Biological Soil Crust Forum
- Public Release of Draft Alternatives
- The inclusion of two Action Alternatives in the PDEIS that were derived from external sources
- Hosted 27 Cooperating Agency Meetings; 12 Forage Team Meetings
- Outreach to local tribes
- Monument Advisory Committee Input
- Joint BLM/NPS Programmatic Agreement for Cultural Resources
- Broad Consulting Party Process
- Other meetings: County Coordination, State of Utah, Earthfest

GSENM demonstrates a commitment to continued public engagement in land use planning processes.

d. Presidential Proclamation

- i. Proclamation 6920 of September 18, 1996 is in this folder (1.d.Presidential_Proclamation_6920.pdf).

2. Information on activities permitted at the Monument, including annual levels of activity from the **date of designation to the present**

Designation date for GSENM is September 18, 1996.

- a. Recreation - annual visits to site

- i. To protect Monument resources and objects and to provide economic opportunities in the local communities, major facilities including the four visitor centers are located in the gateway towns of Kanab, Cannonville, Escalante, and Bigwater.
 - ii. GSENM provides a large variety of multiple-use recreation opportunities including traditional hiking and camping, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, mountain biking, as well as motorized activities for off-highway vehicles.
 - iii. Commercial recreation activities (Outfitter and Guides) have risen since Monument designation (2.a._GSENM Commercial_SRP.pdf).
 - iv. In 2016, 926,235 million visitors came to GSENM. GSENM uses the Recreation Management Information System (RMIS) to report visitor use, which is calculated using data from multiple traffic counters, permits and visitor counts in the four Visitor Centers. BLM's Recreation Management Information System (RMIS) is generally accepted as the agency's official record, however, RMIS was not available until 1999. Prior to 1999, GSENM aggregated data from the Kanab and Escalante offices. (See: 2.a.GSENM_RecreationData_Excel.xls and 3.a.GSENM_Recreation_MMP_DEIS_Tables.pdf)
- b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)
- i. All Valid Existing Rights for leasable minerals including coal, and oil and gas are continued.
 - ii. No new leases have been issued since designation. GSENM has no commercial renewable energy.
 - iii. The annual production of oil and gas in the GSENM is currently limited to lands in or adjacent to the Upper Valley Unit (UVU) in the north-central area of the GSENM (Attachments: 2.b.Upper Valley Unit Map.pdf; 2.b.Upper Valley GSE Production.pdf; 2.b.Upper Valley Wells in GSENM.xls; and 2.b.UDOGM_O&Gprod_data_Upper Valley.pdf). GSENM shares the Upper Valley Oil Field with the Dixie National Forest; this field accounts for all oil and gas production in GSENM. Attached documents disclose production for the Upper Valley Field. Four wells within the GSENM are currently producing oil and a small amount of gas. The UVU was approved in 1962 and production from the wells peaked in 1972 at 183,133 barrels. In the last 20 years (1997-2016) production

has slowly declined from about 65,828 barrels of oil and no gas annually to 45,538 barrels of oil and 2,357 thousand cubic feet (mcf) of gas. There is no other oil and gas production in GSENM, or Kane and Garfield Counties.

- iv. No coal lands have been explored or coal produced within the GSENM since the September 18, 1996 designation. Existing coal leases were voluntarily exchanged for Federal payments totaling \$19.5 million (not adjusted for inflation) (2.b.GSENM Coal Lease Cancellation Payments.pdf)
- v. 34 oil and gas leases (45,894 acres) are in suspension while a Combined Hydrocarbon Lease (CHL) conversion application is processed.
- vi. Information related to energy transmission infrastructure and lands and realty actions is included in the table below:

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Existing Rights-of-Way/Permits/Authorized 09/25/1996 – 05/15/2017	
Existing Withdrawals: PSR, PWR, Bureau of Reclamation, Forest Service Wilderness, Power Site, National Park Service, In Trust for Indians	17
Road ROWs	19
Misc. Roads and Associated Uses - Sec 107 Federal Aid Hwy, Revised Statute 2477, Mineral Material Sites	0
Power Transmission Lines and Power Facilities	20
Communication Sites – Telephone, Telegraph, Radio Transmission, Global Positioning Systems	15
Water ROWs, Irrigation Facilities	14
Oil and Gas Pipelines, Oil and Gas Facilities	5

Other FLPMA ROWs, Perpetual Easements, Federal Facilities	2
Airport	0
Permit - 302 FLPMA – Misc.	0
Permits Film - 302 FLPMA (popular location (closed))	54

c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site

i. Mineral materials

- No new Free Use, commercial, or over-the-counter permits have been issued since Monument designation.
- Valid existing permits, including those in Title 23 (3 Federal Highway Rights of Way), continue to be recognized until permit expiration.
- Significant quantities of gravel and riprap from existing pits continue to be provided for Federal Highways projects, primarily to Utah Department of Transportation.
- According to UGS Circular 93, January 1997, “A Preliminary Assessment of Energy and Mineral Resources within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument” (2.c.UGS Circular 93 GS Energy and Mineral Resources.pdf) there were five small mining operations on unpatented mining claims, four of which were active alabaster quarries and one, a suspended operation for petrified wood. Annual production of the alabaster was about 300 tons worth \$500 per ton (\$150,000/yr). These claimants failed to pay the required annual filings and therefore, the claims were terminated. The BLM’s decision to close the claims was upheld by IBLA in March 2008. Since that time, there have been no mining law operations within the monument.

ii. Locatable Minerals

- No new mining claims were issued after Monument designation, however existing claims and active mines were allowed to continue. (List of active mines in MMP DEIS located within this Drive folder 2.c. MMP_DEIS Table 3.10_Locatables.pdf).

- d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)
 - i. No commercial timber production pre/post Monument designation.
 - ii. GSENM does allow continued firewood cutting in two forestry product areas.
- e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs active and billed)
 - i. Grazing on the Monument Fact Sheet (2.e_GSENM Grazing EIS Fact Sheet 05-08-2017.pdf).
 - ii. Grazing AUMs/ Active and billed (2.e._GSENM Grazing AUMs).
 - iii. When the Monument was designated, there were 106,645 total AUMs, with 77,400 of these active. Today, there are 106,202 total AUMs and 76,957 are active. In 1999, an adjustment in AUM levels was made to resolve riparian resources issues and address recreation conflicts. In the current Livestock Grazing EIS/Plan Amendment process the current preferred alternative will have a slight reduction with 105,765 AUM but an increase of total acres for grazing within the monument.
- f. Subsistence - participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. **Subsistence activities** are those that provide the bare essentials for living: food, water, and shelter. The Federal Subsistence Management Program provides opportunities for subsistence way of life in Alaska on federal public lands and waters. There are no formal subsistence programs outside of Alaska. There are no known true subsistence activities occurring on GSENM or prior to its designation. GSENM does provide for the collection of certain natural materials by Native American Indians, under BLM permit. RMIS data provides the number of permitted/guided and recreational hunting activities, fishing activities and gathering activities (See: 2.a.GSENM_RecreationData_Excel.xls). These numbers do not reflect the actual number of licensed hunters/fishermen. That data is available from the State of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. Outside of developed recreation sites, the entire GSENM is open for hunting and fishing, which is regulated by the State of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.
- g. Cultural - list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. Archeological/cultural data is provided in the following Utah Division of State History Maps in the google drive (2.g.1_GSENM_SiteDensity,

- 2.g.2_GSENM_Inventories, 2.g.3_GSENM_ArchSites, 2.g.4_GSENM_ArchNumofSites).
- ii. Archaeological surveys carried out to date, show extensive use of places within the monument by ancient Native American cultures and a contact point for Anasazi and Fremont cultures. The cultural resources discovered so far in the monument are outstanding in their variety of cultural affiliation, type and distribution. Hundreds of recorded sites include rock art panels, occupation sites, campsites and granaries. Cultural sites include historic and prehistoric sites, Traditional Cultural Properties, Native American Sacred Sites and cultural landscapes.
 - iii. According to the Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), as of March 6, 2017, there are 3,985 recorded archaeological sites within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM)(2.g.4_GSENM_ArchNumofSites). However, the GSENM staff estimates that there are more likely around 6,000 recorded archaeological sites within the GSENM, due to a records backlog. This is with only five to seven percent of the Monument surveyed.
 - iv. Cultural Values (Tribal): Prehistoric archaeological sites in the GSENM include pottery and stone tool (lithic) scatters, the remains of cooking features (hearths), storage features such as adobe granaries and subsurface stone lined granaries, prehistoric roads, petroglyphs, pictographs and cliff dwellings. Historic sites include historic debris scatters, roads, trails, fences, inscriptions, and structures. Following the designation of GSENM, consultations were initiated with the Native American tribes associated with the GSENM area, including the Hopi, the Kaibab Paiute, the San Juan Paiute, the Paiute Indian Tribes of Utah, the Zuni, and the Ute, and the Navajo. Over the past 20 years, the Hopi and the Kaibab Paiute have been most closely associated with the Monument and most responsive to continued consultations, as the GSENM area is central to the historic and prehistoric territories of these two tribes. All tribes considered the Monument area to be culturally important; the Hopi (as the modern descendants of the Ancestral Puebloans), for example, can trace the migrations of at least twelve clans through what is today GSENM (Bernardini 2005). The tribal connections to this land are probably best described by an example from the Kaibab Paiute, as related to ethnographers from the University of Arizona, as follows (Stoffle et al 2001): *“The Southern Paiute people continue to maintain a*

strong attachment to the holy lands of their ethnic group as well as to their own local territory. These attachments continued even though Paiute sovereignty has been lost over portions of these lands due to Navajo ethnic group expansion, encroachment by Euro Americans, and Federal government legislation. Despite the loss of Paiute sovereignty over most traditional lands, Southern Paiute people continue to affiliate themselves with these places as symbols of their common ethnic identity. Additionally, all Southern Paiute people continue to perform traditional ceremonies along with the menarche and first childbirth rites of passage rituals. The locations at which these ceremonies and rituals have been or are currently performed become transformed from secular "sites" to highly sacred locations or places. By virtue of the transformation of locations into sacred places, Southern Paiute people reaffirm their ties to traditional lands because they have carried out their sacred responsibilities as given to them by the Creator."

- v. **Cultural values (Ranching)** Local ranching began in the 1860s, and became a major focus of area livelihood and increased settlement in the 1870s. Ranching was initially small scale and for local subsistence, but the herds quickly grew so that by the late 1800s the raising of cattle, sheep, and goats was of major economic importance. Ranching and subsistence farming was historically the backbone of the local economies, and this is still reflected in the views of the modern communities surrounding GSENM. In modern times the economic importance of ranching has somewhat diminished, but the culture of, and past history of, livestock grazing and ranching is one of the important "glues" that binds local communities and families in the GSENM area.

3. Information on activities occurring during the **five years prior to designation**

a. Recreation - annual visits to site

- i. The BLM transitioned to RMIS in 1999. Data prior to 1999 is not available in the same reporting mechanism as from 1999-Present. GSENM did report visitor use beginning in FY97. (See: 2.a.GSENM_RecreationData_Excel.xls and 3.a.GSENM_Recreation_MMP_DEIS_Tables.pdf).

Overall visitation increased prior to designation and the projecting trends based on the historical information would see a continued rise of visitors seeking recreational opportunities. Just prior to designation Escalante Canyon received

373,200 visitors in 1994, 384,800 visitors in 1995 and 456,400 in 1996.

- b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)
- i. The Upper Valley Oil Field was in production prior to designation; no other oil and gas production existed in Kane and Garfield Counties. From 1992 until 1996, 336,313 barrels of oil were produced in the GSENM. No natural gas was produced during that time. (2.b.Upper Valley GSE Production.pdf).
 - ii. No coal was produced from the GSENM in the five years preceding designation. A regional analysis/FEIS for mining was completed in 1979 (3.b.FINAL EIS - Dev of Coal Resources in Southern Utah Title Pages.pdf). Exploration activities and planning for mining operations continued from the 1980's until the monument designation.
 - 64 coal leases (~168,000 acres) were committed and a plan was submitted for Andalex Resources' Smoky Hollow Mine. The plan proposed mining on 23,799 acres of the area leased in GSENM. In the mid-1990's an EIS was initiated (3.b.4.b.Warm Springs Smoky Hollow PDEIS December 1995_Coveronly.pdf).
 - 600+ exploration drill holes were completed prior to GSENM designation to defined the coal geology to plan for underground mines (See 3.b.BLM 1996-1997 Kaiparowits Coal Report - DRAFT.pdf and <https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/1996/OF96-539>)
 - iii. Information related to energy transmission infrastructure and lands and realty actions is included in the table below:

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
Existing Rights-of-Way/Permits/All Dispositions
Authorized/Closed/Relinquished/Withdrawn/Expired/Terminated/Cancelled/Pending/
Rejected/Void
01/01/1991 – 09/24/1996
*(In March 1999, BLM added Case Recordation components to
the LR2000 Database System; therefore, some of the
pre-LR2000 data may remain in the Status Database)*

Existing Withdrawals: PSR, PWR, Bureau of Reclamation, Forest Service Wilderness, Power Site, National Park Service, In Trust for Indians	1
Roads ROWs	8
Misc. Roads - Sec 107 Federal Aid Hwy, RS2477, Mineral Material Sites	1
Power Transmission Lines & Power Facilities	1
Communication Sites – Telephone, Telegraph, Radio Transmission, Global Positioning Systems	1
Water ROWs, Irrigation Facilities	0
Oil & Gas Pipelines, Oil & Gas Facilities	2
Other FLPMA ROWs, Perpetual Easements, Federal Facilities	6
Airport	0
Permit - 302 FLPMA – Misc.	25
Permits Film - 302 FLPMA (popular location (closed))	0

- c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site
 - i. The alabaster quarries were the only authorized locatable minerals operation (dating to 06/30/1986) in the area prior to designation.
 - ii. Mineral materials, primarily sand and gravel and riprap, were extracted from developed pits by counties and commercial entities for local use. There were eight Mineral Material Cases in the monument at designation, and most were Free Use Permits granted to the county.
- d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)
 - i. No commercial timber production pre/post Monument designation.
 - ii. Prior to designation, the Kanab and Escalante Resource Areas were open to firewood cutting.
- e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs active and billed)
 - i. Grazing on the Monument Fact Sheet (2.e_GSENM Grazing EIS Fact Sheet 05-08-2017.pdf).
 - ii. Grazing AUMs/ Active and billed (2.e._GSENM Grazing AUMs)
 - iii. When the Monument was designated, there were 106,645 total AUMs, with 77,400 of these active. Today, there are 106,202 total AUMs and 76,957 are active. In 1999, an adjustment in AUM levels was made to resolve riparian resources issues and address recreation conflicts. The current Livestock Grazing EIS/Plan Amendment process the current preferred alternative will have a slight reduction with 105,765 AUM but an increase of total acres for grazing within the monument.
- f. Subsistence - participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. There are no known true subsistence activities occurring on GSENM or prior to its designation. Recreational fishing, hunting and gathering data from RMIS is not available prior to designation.
- g. Cultural - list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. In the five year period prior to designation of GSENM, a total of approximately 358 cultural resource sites were documented in what was to become GSENM, or about 72 sites/year. Following designation, approximately 3,219 sites were documented, or about 161 sites/year. This increase reflects the increased

- funding and greater research opportunities following GSENM designation.
- ii. In the five year period prior to designation of GSENM, a total of approximately 3991 acres of new cultural resource surveys were conducted in what was to become GSENM, or about 798 acres/year. Following designation, approximately 41,024 acres of new cultural resource surveys were conducted, or about 2051 acres/year. This increase reflects the increased funding and greater research opportunities following GSENM designation, as well as substantial habitat improvement projects.

4. Information on activities that likely would have occurred annually from the date of designation to the present **if the Monument had not been designated**

The answers to this question are speculative. The question is best answered with qualitative (rather than quantitative) data. As GSENM was designated 20 years ago, the factors affecting such projections are subject to a wide range of variables (many of which are outside of BLM's purview, such as market prices).

- a. Recreation - annual visits to site
 - i. Research by external parties (e.g., Headwaters Economics and Pew Trust reports) indicate that protected landscapes are a draw for visitors and do result in increased visitation to a region. Thus, it is reasonable to conclude that visitation would be less if the lands had not been designated as a monument.
- b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)

Commercial speculation depends on the price of commodities.

- i. Except for the Upper Valley Field, there have been no oil and gas discoveries within the GSENM. Forty-seven exploratory wells have been drilled; exploration activities were relatively sparse and cover an average of 57 square miles per well (2.c.UGS Circular 93 GS Energy and Mineral Resources.pdf, page iv).
- ii. An Application for a Permit to Drill (APD) was submitted for valid existing leases within the Circle Cliffs Unit. The APD was neither approved nor rejected and the lessee allowed the leases to terminate.
- iii. Four wildcat oil and gas wells have been drilled on GSENM since designation (1997-1999); none went into production.
- iv. Since there have been no discoveries upon which to base production numbers, estimates of the value of production vary widely. The Utah Geological Survey (UGS) projected 2.6 to 10.5 trillion cubic feet (2.6 to 10.5 billion mcf) of coal-bed

methane may be contained in the GSENM. The UGS also projected “...550 million barrels of oil might be contained within tar sands of the monument.” In January 1997, it was speculated that total value of coalbed natural gas and petroleum within the GSENM ranged between \$2.02 and \$18.6 billion (2.c.UGS Circular 93 GS Energy and Mineral Resources.pdf).

- v. It is reasonable to conclude absent a national monument designation, the opportunities for additional oil and gas exploration, discovery and development would be based on the viability of development and the economic value and access to distribution.
- vi. The Kaiparowits plateau, located within the monument, contains one of the largest coal deposits in the United States. The USGS projected “an original resource” of 62 billion tons of coal with a geologic and mining technology adjusted resource of 30 billion tons (<https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/1996/OF96-539>). The DEIS for the Smoky Hollow Mine (3.b.4.b.Warm Springs Smoky Hollow PDEIS December 1995_Coveronly.pdf) and the Alton coal mine producing from adjacent private lands provide an example of the development potential.
- vii. Andalex coal leases were voluntary sold to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at market value. At the time of designation, the Warm Springs Smoky Hollow DEIS was in progress to analyze the proposed mine. Andalex Resources may or may not have actually decided to develop the coal resources based on varying economic projections for the project, particularly the cost of transporting the coal.
- viii. The Utah Geological Service projected 11.36 billion tons are “technologically recoverable” (including 870 million tons in what was previously State of Utah School and Institutional Trust lands (SITLA)(2.c.UGS Circular 93 GS Energy and Mineral Resources.pdf). Recent advances in underground coal mining techniques would likely result in the development of additional large areas of Kaiparowits coal resources not considered minable in the 1990’s.
- ix. The School Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) lands were exchanged for cash payments and federal coal and oil and gas properties outside the monument. Absent a monument designation, the federal/SITLA land exchange would likely not have occurred.
- x. Applications for rights of way and other energy transmission infrastructure may have continue to occur within the current monument boundaries including

opportunities for mineral development.

- c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site
 - i. Absent monument designation, it is likely relinquished alabaster claims may have been relocated and additional alabaster mining claims may have been filed. For the alabaster quarries, “Over a 30-year period, the quarries should generate \$4.5 million in production.” (2.c.UGS Circular 93 GS Energy and Mineral Resources.pdf)
 - ii. The Utah Geological Survey mineral report stated, “Various types of metallic-mineral deposits are known to be present in the monument (figure 14). Most of these are small and low-grade with uncertain likelihood of significant development.” The report addressed specific minerals with known or potential deposits within the monument, but they determined at that time they were probably not commercial quality due to low, often subeconomic grades and limited tonnage. Thus, it is unlikely that metallic mining would have occurred. (2.c.UGS Circular 93 GS Energy and Mineral Resources.pdf)
 - iii. There would most likely be additional mineral material sites for sand and gravel and the existing Free Use Permits granted to Kane County most likely still be in use.
- d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)
 - i. There is little harvestable lumber on the Monument (a little more than 1,000 acres of ponderosa). The mill harvested trees from the surrounding Dixie National Forest. The closure of the mill in Escalante was not connected to timber harvest on BLM lands.
- e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs Active and billed)
 - i. Grazing/ AUMs active and billed would likely have remained the same.
 - ii. Grazing is and was managed by applicable laws and regulations. As stated in the Proclamation; “Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to affect existing permits or leases for, or levels of, livestock grazing on Federal lands within the monument; existing grazing uses shall continue to be governed by applicable laws and regulations other than this proclamation.”
 - iii. Although grazing use levels have varied considerably from year to year due to factors like drought, no reductions in permitted livestock grazing use have been made as a result of the Monument designation.

- f. Subsistence - participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. No likely changes or statistically significant differences from the reported RMIS data.
- g. Cultural - list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. Less inventory would have likely occurred without the Monument designation. The Resource Areas averaged about 72 sites/year inventoried. After designation, the average was about 161 sites/year.
 - ii. More vandalism would have likely occurred without Monument designation. After designation, research, inventory and educational and interpretive outreach programs increased. Between 1996 and 2006, GSENM presented more than 500 talks, classroom visits, field trips and other educational events relating to cultural resources and archeology. Education, increased presence of staff and researchers and improved management likely led to the reduction in numbers of sites looted and rock art panels defaced.
 - iii. Less archeological research would have occurred without the Monument Designation. Early GSENM efforts included initiating large, landscape surveys which recorded and documented hundreds of sites.

5. Changes to boundaries - dates and changes in size

- i. Monument Designation September 18, 1996 (1,878,465 acres).
- ii. H.R.3910, Automobile National Heritage Area Act, Public Law 105-355, Nov. 6, 1998, 112 Stat. 3253. 1,884,011 acres, net gain of approximately 5,546 acres (See 5.a.H.R.3910_Automobile National Heritage Area Act Synopsis)
- iii. H.R.377, Public Law 111-11, 2009, Boundary change and purchase for Turnabout Ranch, approximately 25 acres removed from GSENM (See 5.c.GSENM_Boundary_SaleHR3777_PL111-11_Turnabout.pdf)
- iv. Utah Schools and Land Exchange Act 1998: State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration lands within the boundaries of GSENM were exchanged. The Federal government received all State inholdings in GSENM (176,699 acres) while the State Received \$50 million plus \$13 million in unleased coal and approx 139,000 acres including mineral resources. The Federal Government received additional State holdings within other National

Park Service and US Forest Service units. (See 5.1998_Utah school Land Exchange_PL105-335.pdf)

- v. Small acquisitions of inholdings, private land located within the Monument boundary, have occurred since designation. The acquisitions have not resulted in boundary adjustments, but have increased total Federal land ownership. More information is available upon request.

6. Public Outreach prior to Designation - outreach activities conducted and opportunities for public comment

- i. No public outreach documents specifically related to the designation of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument are available. However, the area in southern Utah had long been considered, discussed and evaluated for the possibility of providing greater recognition of and legal protection for its resources. As early as 1936, the National Park Service (NPS) considered making a recommendation to President Roosevelt to designate a 6,968 square mile “Escalante National Monument.”

7. Terms of Designation

- i. Refer to Proclamation for the terms of designation.
- ii. GSENM has additional data describing terms of the designation
 - Presidential remarks announcing the designation of GSENM (7.1_Remarks Announcing GSENM_pg1782-2).
 - Secretary of the Interior Memo to the President describing the objects and providing a listing of Monument Objects and a bibliography of Monument object data (7.2_8-15-96 Secretarial_Memo).
 - Secretary of the Interior Memo to the BLM Director describing Interim Management Direction for GSENM (7.3_11-6-96 Secretarial_Memo).

Call for Data Related to Review of National Monuments under EO 13792 (April 26, 2017)

1. Documents Requested

a. Resource Management Plans/Land Use Plans

- i. Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) has not yet initiated a Monument Management Plan (MMP). The 2008 Monticello RMP will be followed in the interim. The entire Monticello RMP (DEIS/FEIS/ROD) can be accessed here: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=68097&dctmId=0b0003e880befb7c>. A copy of the 5-year RMP Evaluation is also in this folder (1.a.Monticello_RMP_Evaluation_September_2015.pdf).

b. Record of Decision

- i. BENM has not yet initiated a Monument Management Plan. The 2008 Monticello RMP will be followed in the interim. The ROD is in this folder (1.b.Monticello_Final_Plan_ROD.pdf) and can be accessed here: https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/68097/85493/102694/Monticello_Final_Plan.pdf. Approximately 1,000 acres of BENM is within the Moab Field Office. The Moab RMP is located here: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=66098&dctmId=0b0003e880bf5947>

c. Public Scoping Documents

- i. Public scoping has not yet been initiated for a BENM MMP. The first public comment period post- designation associated with BENM is the DOI Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment.

d. Presidential Proclamation

- i. Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016 is in this folder (1.d.Bears Ears Presidential Proclamation.pdf).

2. Information on activities permitted at the Monument, including annual levels of activity from the **date of designation to the present (Designation date for BENM is December 28, 2016 - information is not yet available for most of FY17)**

a. Recreation - annual visits to site

- i. The BLM uses the Recreation Management Information System (RMIS) to report visitor use. Full reporting for annual visitation 2017 will not be available until the end of September.
- ii. Specific visitation information to the BENM is not available at this time. The

Monticello Field Office confirms that:

- Requests for overnight reservations in the Cedar Mesa area and day use permits for the Mcloyd Canyon/Moonhouse area, which are both popular recreation spots within the BENM, have increased since monument designation.
- Campgrounds in the Moab and Monticello Field Offices have remained full through much of this spring season, even on non-weekend days, and the number of overnight visitors is higher compared to this same time last year.

Detailed visitor data for the Monticello Field Office is available in this folder (2.a.RMISData_SelectInfo_2012_2016.pdf).

iv. The number of recorded visitors to the Kane Gulch ranger station during the months of March and April was higher than in previous years. Included below are visitor numbers from the Kane Gulch ranger station.

- 2013 - 3,484 visitors
- 2014 - 3,730 visitors
- 2015 - 4,344 visitors
- 2016 - 4,848 visitors
- 2017 - 6,535 visitors

b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)

- i. There are no producing oil and gas wells and no coal developments in BENM. While public lands in the monument are now withdrawn from mineral leasing, valid existing rights were protected under the proclamation. Therefore, development on existing leases could occur.
- ii. There are 25 authorized federal oil and gas leases (29,416 acres) that are partially or wholly contained within the area that is now the BENM. The effective date on these leases ranges from 1972-2012. There are no authorized or pending APDs associated with these leases.
- iii. Since 1920, 250 wells have been drilled in the BENM. The last wells were drilled in 1993. Of the 250 wells drilled, three wells have produced economical quantities of oil and gas. The last producing well was drilled in 1984.
- iv. Since designation of the BENM, there has been no new construction of energy transmission infrastructure.

c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site

- i. There are no active mining operations in the BENM. There is one commercial mineral materials site. The permit for this site was renewed on March 13, 2016,

for a 10-year period. Production over the next 10 years is limited to 200,000 cubic yards (cu yds) at a rate of \$1.08 per cu yd. Due to the short timeframe since designation (five months), it is not possible to calculate the annual mineral production since designation.

- d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)
 - Timber production in the BENM is limited to non-commercial Christmas tree cutting permits, and permits for the collection of wood products (i.e., posts and firewood). Due to the short timeframe since designation (five months), it is not possible to calculate the annual timber production since designation. Collection of forest products, and firewood for personal noncommercial use is allowed under the monument proclamation.
- e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)
 - i. There are 20 allotments wholly or partially contained within BENM. These allotments include 50,469 permitted Animal Unit Months (AUMs). Allotment boundaries do not coincide with the BENM boundary, and therefore it is not possible to calculate the number of AUMs currently permitted within the monument. Due to the short timeframe since designation (five months), it is not possible to calculate the annual AUMs sold.
- f. Subsistence - participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. Subsistence activities are those that provide the bare essentials for living: food, water, and shelter. The Federal Subsistence Management Program provides opportunities for subsistence way of life in Alaska on federal public lands and waters. There are no formal subsistence programs outside of Alaska. BENM does provide for the collection of certain natural materials, including firewood by Native American Indians, under BLM permit. Information regarding firewood collection is included under the discussion of timber production.
 - ii. RMIS data provides the number of permitted/guided and recreational hunting activities and fishing activities (BENM_5YearRecreationData). These numbers do not reflect the actual number of licensed hunters/fishermen. That data is available from the State of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. The entire BENM is open for hunting and fishing, which is regulated by the State of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.
- g. Cultural - list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available

- i. The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition requested designation of the BENM. The Inter-Tribal Coalition, which includes the Hopi, Zuni Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute, and Northern Ute, have stated that the entire 1.35 million-acre BENM includes important cultural values. The importance of these values, which was recognized in the monument proclamation, are discussed in the Inter-Tribal Coalitions monument proposal. (2.g.Bears-Ears-Inter-Tribal-Coalition-Proposal.pdf), which was submitted to the department on Oct. 15, 2015. The cultural values of the area are also explained in the proclamation.
- ii. Tribes use the BENM for ceremonies and to visit sacred sites. Traditions of hunting, fishing, gathering, and wood cutting are still practiced by tribal members, as is collection of medicinal and ceremonial plants, edible herbs, and materials for crafting items like baskets and footwear. The BLM issues free use permits for collection of materials for ceremonial purposes.
- iii. According to the Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), as of Feb. 6, 2017, there are 8,480 recorded archaeological sites and four archaeological districts within BENM. According to the National Register Bulletin 36: Guidelines for Evaluating and Registering Archeological Properties, a “district” is a grouping of sites, buildings, structures, or objects that are linked historically by function, theme, or physical development or aesthetically by plan. The following archaeological districts are either completely within or partially within the BENM: Butler Wash, Grand Gulch, Natural Bridges, and the Salt Creek Archaeological District.
- iv. More than 70 percent of these sites are prehistoric (pre-dating the 1800s). These prehistoric sites include pottery and stone tool (lithic) scatters, the remains of cooking features (hearths), storage features such as adobe granaries and subsurface stone lined granaries, prehistoric roads, petroglyphs, pictographs and cliff dwellings. Historic sites include historic debris scatters, roads, fences, uranium and vanadium mines from World War II and the Cold War.
- v. The BLM has not completely surveyed the monument. The total percentage of the BENM that has been surveyed for cultural resources is 9.2 percent.

3. Information on activities occurring during the **5 years prior to designation**

- a. Recreation - annual visits to site
 - i. The BLM uses the RMIS to report visitor use. BENM is a subset of the Monticello Field Office. RMIS data for the Monticello Field Office is included in the folder (2.a.RMISData_SelectInfo_2012_2016.pdf).
- b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)

- i. There was no energy production from coal, oil, gas, or renewables during the five years prior to designation (2012-2016). The last producing oil and gas well was drilled in 1984. The last well was drilled in 1993.
 - ii. No energy transmission infrastructure was constructed within the BENM during the five years prior to designation. There are 13 existing power transmission lines that intersect the BENM. These lines were constructed from 1969-1984. There are four oil and gas pipelines or related facilities that were constructed in 1963. Additional information on energy transmission infrastructure and other lands and realty actions is attached (3.b.Lands_and_Realty.pdf).
- c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site
 - i. During the five years prior to designation, mineral production was limited to one mineral material site. The permit for this site was renewed on March 13, 2016, for 10 years. Production over the next 10 years is limited to 200,000 cubic yards (cu yds) at a rate of \$1.08 per cu yd. Production numbers for the past five years are included below. This production occurred at a rate of .90 cents per cu yd.
 - 2011- 16,000 cu yds
 - 2012- 12,000 cu yds
 - 2013- 31,622 cu yds
 - 2014- 44,444 cu yds
 - 2015-2,914 cu yds
- d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)
 - i. During the five years prior to designation, timber production in the BENM was limited to non-commercial Christmas tree permits, and permits for the collection of wood products (i.e., posts and firewood). Production information for the site can be found the folder (3.d.Timber_Production_2012_2016). Information provided is for the entire field office and is not limited to the area that now part of the BENM. The BLM does collect location information.
- e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)
 - i. There are 20 allotments wholly or partially contained within BENM. These allotments include 50,469 permitted AUMs. Allotment boundaries do not coincide with the BENM boundary, and therefore it is not possible to calculate the number of AUMs currently permitted within the monument boundary. AUMs sold during the past five years are included below.
 - 2012- 27,836 AUMs
 - 2013- 29,175 AUMs
 - 2014- 32,193 AUMs
 - 2015- 32,129 AUMs

- 2016- 36,402 AUMs

- f. Subsistence - participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. As previously mentioned, subsistence activities are those that provide the bare essentials for living: food, water, and shelter. The Federal Subsistence Management Program provides opportunities for subsistence way of life in Alaska on federal public lands and waters. There are no formal subsistence programs outside of Alaska. BENM does provide for the collection of certain natural materials, including firewood by Native American Indians, under BLM permit. Permits issued to American Indians for collection are accounted for in the annual timber production numbers.
- g. Cultural - list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. See response to 2.g.

4. Information on activities that likely would have occurred annually from the date of designation to the present **if the Monument had not been designated**

The answer to this question would be highly speculative. The question is best answered with qualitative (rather than quantitative) data. As BENM was designated less than five months ago, there has been very little change in the management of activities since the date of designation.

- a. Recreation - annual visits to site
 - i. Visitation numbers collected by the Monticello Field Office indicate that visitation in the area that is now designated as Bears Ears National Monument (2.a.RMISData_SelectInfo_2012_2016.pdf) has been steadily increasing. This is consistent with visitation increases also seen in Natural Bridges National Monument and the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park, which can only be accessed by traveling through the BENM.
 - ii. The BLM uses the RMIS to report visitor use. Full reporting for annual visitation 2017 will not be available until the end of September.
- b. Energy - annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)
 - i. Due to the short timeframe since designation, it is unlikely that any activities resulting in production of coal, oil, gas, or renewable energies would have occurred from the date of designation to present.
 - ii. A cursory review of mineral potential is included in the Drive folder (4.c.d.Cursory Review of the Mineral Potential Occurrence within the Bears Ears

- NM_BLM and 4.c.d.EnergyDevMap_BENM_UDSH).
- iii. There are 25 authorized federal oil and gas leases (29,416 acres) that are partially or wholly contained within the area that is now the BENM. The effective date on these leases ranges from 1972-2012. There are no authorized or pending Applications for a Permit to Drill (APDs) associated with these leases.
 - iv. According to BLM GIS data, there have been approximately 63,657 acres nominated for leasing in the BENM area since 2014. The BLM does not have GIS data for nominations prior to this date. In addition, expressions of interest were considered confidential prior to Jan. 1, 2014. Prior to designation, these leases were deferred because of existing land use plan decisions, cultural resource concerns, or at the State Director's discretion. All nominated parcels that were deferred were within the planning area for the proposed San Juan Master Leasing Plan.
 - v. Due to the short timeframe since designation, it is unlikely that any activities resulting in development of new energy transmission infrastructure would have occurred from the date of designation to present. Prior to designation, there were no pending applications for construction of new energy transmission infrastructure or proposed energy developments.
- c. Minerals - annual mineral production on site
- i. Due to the short timeframe since designation, it is unlikely that any additional mineral production would have occurred from the date of designation to present because there were no pending applications or permits.
 - ii. A cursory review of mineral potential is included in the Drive folder (4.c.d.Cursory Review of the Mineral Potential Occurrence within the Bears Ears NM_BLM and 4.c.d.EnergyDevMap_BENM_UDSH).
 - iii. Portions of the BENM have potash development potential and historically there have been potash prospecting applications in the area. However, land use planning decisions made prior to the designation of BENM preclude processing of those applications.
- d. Timber - annual timber production on site (in board-feet, CCF, or similar measure)
- i. The BLM does not have sufficient information to determine how designation of the BENM has impacted timber production (i.e., Christmas tree cutting, wood post cutting, or firewood collection). However, under the monument proclamation these uses are allowed to continue. Therefore, it is unlikely that designation of the monument has impacted timber production.
- e. Grazing - annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)
- i. Designation of the monument has not changed the number of permitted AUMs.

The BLM does not have sufficient information to determine how designation of the BENM has impacted the number of AUMs sold. However, under the monument proclamation, grazing is allowed to continue, subject to laws, regulations, and policies followed by U.S. Forest Service (USFS) or the BLM in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases.

- f. Subsistence - participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. The BLM does not have sufficient information to predict how designation of the monument has impacted participation rates in subsistence activities.
- g. Cultural - list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available
 - i. The BLM does not have sufficient information to predict how designation of the monument has impacted cultural uses of the monument. However, the monument proclamation requires that the BLM and USFS provide access by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites).

5. Changes to boundaries - dates and changes in size

- i. There have been no changes to boundaries.

6. Public Outreach prior to Designation - outreach activities conducted and opportunities for public comment

- i. The public process preceding BENM designation is outlined in the document 6.Bears Ears Fact Facts QA.pdf (released with the DOI/USDA joint press release on 12/28/16) in this folder. Secretary Jewell held a public meeting in Bluff, Utah in July 2016. See also: <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-jewell-under-secretary-bonnie-join-utah-local-leaders-public-meeting-hear>.

7. Terms of Designation

- i. Refer to Proclamation for the terms of designation. No additional background (e.g., legislated land exchanges or Congressional budget provisions, etc.).



Wimmer, Sheldon (Mark) <mwimmer@blm.gov>

Re: Monument Review Data Call

1 message

Mahoney, Kenneth <kmahoney@blm.gov>
To: "Wimmer, Sheldon (Mark)" <mwimmer@blm.gov>
Cc: Brandon Boshell <bboshell@blm.gov>

Mon, May 22, 2017 at 2:17 PM

Ok, let me know of any questions as they come up. I'll be in the office most of this week. I won't move up the due date because WO did. But I will need your data uploaded no later than end of the week as originally requested. Earlier would be even better so that I can review and work with you as needed for the final information to go to WO by COB Wed 5/31. Mark, you will see that several documents have already been uploaded to the GC-PNM folder by Sarah Gamble of NPS when you receive the permission by email from Ann Miller to open the Google drive folder. Thanks for your work on this data call.

Ken

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 1:05 PM, Wimmer, Sheldon (Mark) <mwimmer@blm.gov> wrote:

Ken,

Brandon and I will be in meetings until around 5 pm today (Utah time, 4 pm AZ), but will do our best to fulfill the data call with the time we have.

-Mark

Mark Wimmer
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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 1:58 PM, Mahoney, Kenneth <kmahoney@blm.gov> wrote:

If any of you would like to get on the phone this afternoon to go over the data call and what we've just heard on the phone, I'm available. We could do a conference call at 1:15 (2:15 in St. George), or suggest another time. Let me know.

Ken

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June 22, 2017

Monument Review Data Call

3:00 PM Eastern/ 1:00 PM Mountain/ 12:00 Noon Pacific

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Please review the agenda and attached documents for the call today.

Agenda

1. Executive Order 13792
2. Review Process of Monuments
3. Google Doc Access?
4. Data Call
 - a. Initial Data Call information gathering
 - b. Additional Questionnaire
 - c. Executive Summary
5. Utah Example
6. Grazing Information
 - a. Lynnda Jackson, I50jacks@blm.gov / 303-236-8012
7. Public Comment / Federal Register Notice:

a. Send by mail if possible to:

Monument Review, MS-1530, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240

b. Electronically if time is short to:

<https://www.regulations.gov/> DOI-2017-0002

8. Other Questions

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CPANP Letter of Opposition to Executive Order 13792

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From: "amy_gilbert protectnps.org" <amy_gilbert@protectnps.org>
Sent: Wed Jun 07 2017 07:18:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: CPANP Letter of Opposition to Executive Order 13792
Attachments: Antiquities Act Sign-On Letter_PDF.pdf

Dear Downey,

Please find attached a letter to Secretary Zinke from the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks. This letter was signed by 260 former and current employees of the National Park Service in opposition to Executive Order 13792. These Park Service professionals came together to advocate for the importance of protecting parks and public lands, and to emphasize the role that the Antiquities Act has played in building that legacy.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We're happy to discuss this further.

Best,

Amy Gilbert

Executive Director

Coalition to Protect America's National Parks

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The Coalition To Protect America's National Parks

Voices of Experience

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

As former employees of the National Park Service, we appreciate the support you have expressed for our National Park System in your first weeks at the helm of the Interior Department. Today we respectfully request that you help preserve and protect the National Park System, which as you know includes many of our country's national monuments established by Presidents under the Antiquities Act.

The Coalition to Protect America's National Parks has already announced its strong objection to Executive Order 13792 issued by President Trump on April 26, 2017, directing you to review Presidential designations and expansions of national monuments since January 1, 1996. The national monuments subject to review protect exceptional natural and cultural resources owned by the American people, and they have already undergone public review and received strong public support. These national monuments also help to tell the rich and diverse story of America, and are key components of the natural and cultural legacy that this generation protects for future generations.

The larger National Park Service monuments that you have listed for initial review, including Grand Canyon-Parashant, Craters of the Moon, and Katahdin Woods and Waters, help to protect nationally significant geology, wildlife and plants, human history, and other natural and cultural resources already determined by the National Park Service to merit inclusion in the National Park System. The Coalition is committed to assuring that these special places stay in the Park System intact, and firmly believes that the President lacks authority to remove them from the Park System. For these and more reasons, this national monument review is a poor use of time and money for everyone, especially when there are many important issues facing our national park units and other public lands.

In addition to the monuments managed by the National Park Service, the national monuments managed by other land management agencies must not be compromised or diminished. Given the short period provided for comment on Bears Ears National Monument, please know that the Coalition joins with many others who are extremely

concerned about the Trump Administration's apparent interest in removing protections for the remarkable landscape and features of this sacred treasure in southern Utah, with its awe-inspiring views of sandstone canyons, desert mesas, and meadow mountaintops. Believing that you value Native American history, the Coalition expects that you will appreciate deeply the extraordinary quantity and quality of Native American relics, cultural sites, and sacred burial grounds located there. These and other cultural resources, coupled with the monument's exceptional natural resources, eliminate any question as to whether Bears Ears National Monument meets the requirements of the Antiquities Act.

President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act into law and used it to protect places large and small for future generations. He well understood that waiting for Congressional action could lead to exploitation of extraordinary resources for private gain and irreversible damage to special places that should be protected for all Americans. The Antiquities Act today remains an important tool for protecting resources of value to the entire nation.

Please work with President Trump and all interested parties, including Native Americans and so many others wishing to preserve these special places, to ensure that the national monuments managed by the National Park Service and other agencies are protected for current and future generations by leaving protections in place and allocating adequate resources to land managers on the ground to protect this incredible national legacy.

The Coalition is committed to protecting and preserving these special places. Now is not the time to retreat. As the National Park Service begins its second century, let's instead work together to strengthen the long-term foundation of our national parks and public lands.

Sincerely,

The Coalition to Protect America's National Parks Executive Council:

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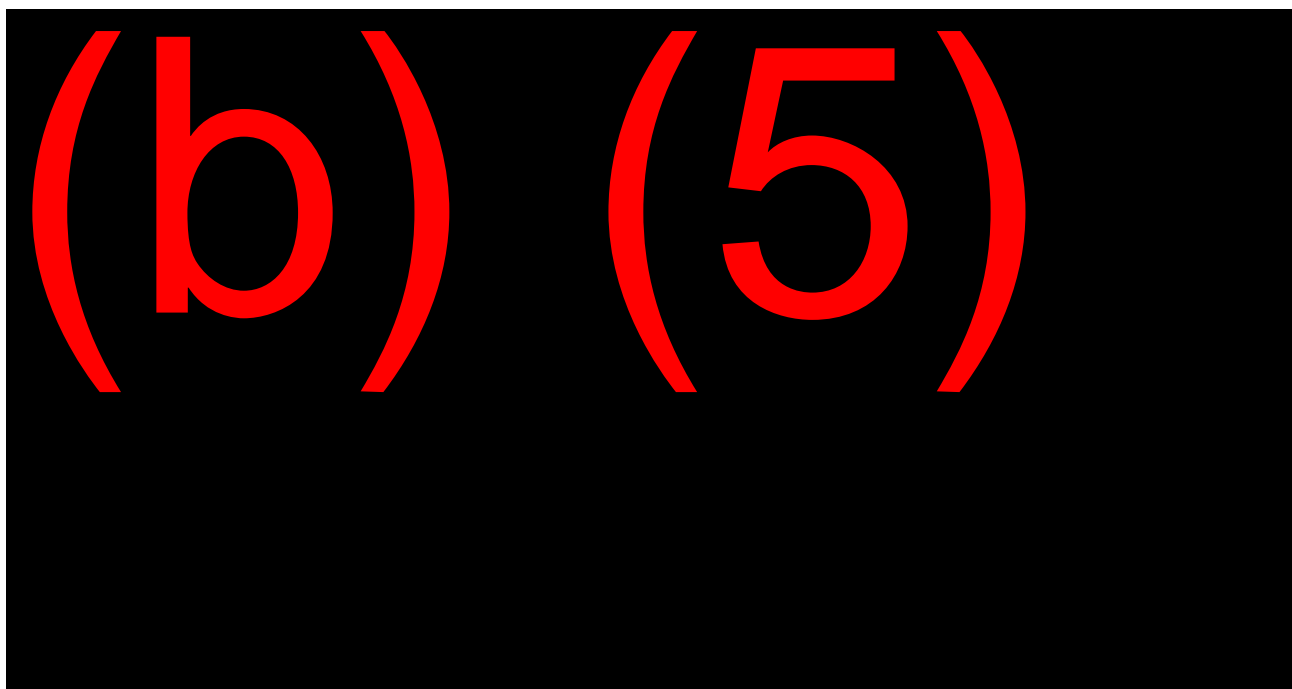
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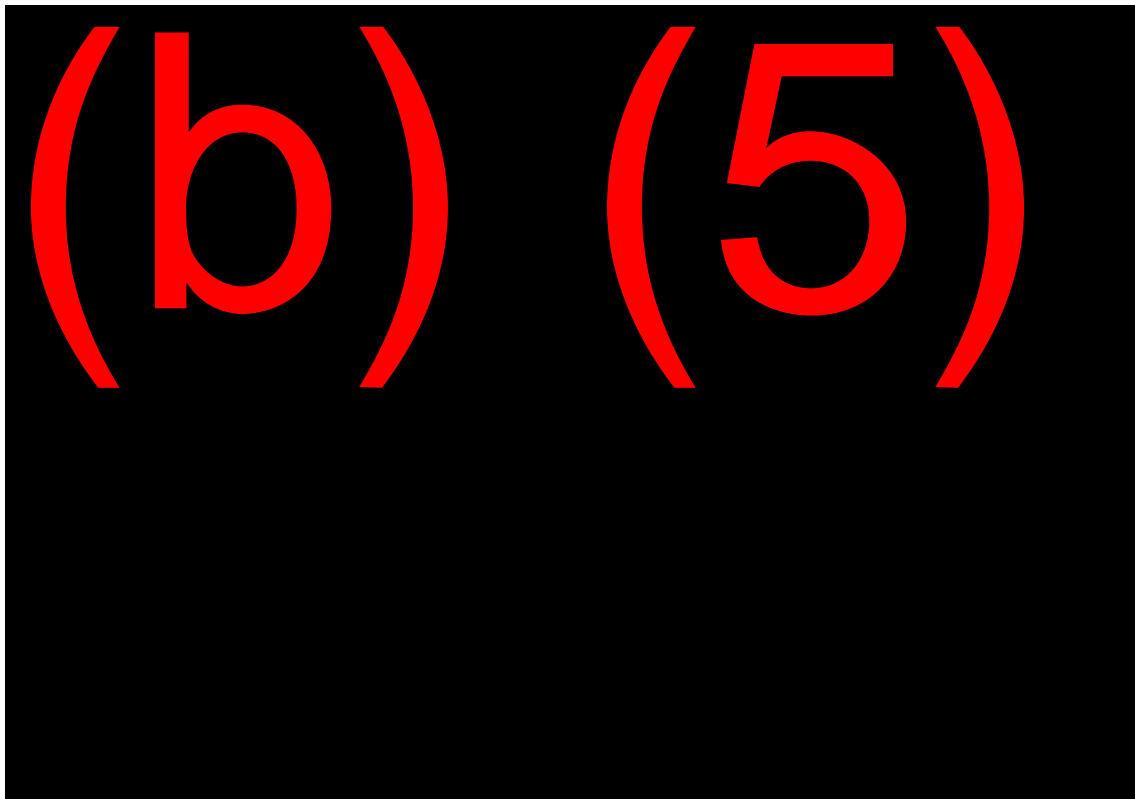
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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

JUN 10 2017

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RYAN K. ZINKE

SUBJECT: Interim Report Pursuant to Executive Order 13792

I. SUMMARY

In the final weeks of his second term, President Obama exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act (Act) to designate the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) in Utah. The external boundary of BENM encompasses almost 1.5 million acres of land. The lands within BENM consist of Federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the Department of the Interior (Department) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) within the Department of Agriculture; the external boundary also encompasses sections of State land and smaller private parcels, one of which is owned by The Nature Conservancy. While there are designated wilderness and wilderness study areas (WSAs) within BENM, much of the land is compatible with multiple-use practices, including recreation; grazing; timber harvest; mining; and traditional activities such as gathering of medicinal herbs and plants, hunting, fishing, and wood-gathering.

The BENM contains unique geologic features and objects of historic or scientific interest deemed culturally important to Native American tribes, including artifacts, rock art, archeological sites, dwellings, and areas used for traditional rituals, gatherings, and tribal practices. Selected Native tribes have a formal advisory role under Proclamation No. 9558, but are not authorized a formal management role under existing law.

The Act authorizes the President to designate objects of scientific or historic interest on Federal lands for protection as a monument as defined in the establishing proclamation, but the authority to reserve lands as part of a monument is limited to an area that is “the smallest area compatible” with the proper care and management of those objects. The protection of qualifying objects within the monument can be identified and reasonably segregated to reflect the “smallest area compatible” intent and to concentrate preservation resources.

Therefore, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) recommends that (1) the existing boundary of the BENM be modified to be consistent with the intent of the Act; (2) Congress authorize tribal co-management of designated cultural areas; (3) Congress designate selected areas within the existing BENM as national recreation areas or national conservation areas, as defined by law; and (4) Congress clarify the intent of the management practices of wilderness or WSAs within a monument.

II. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Executive Order 13792, “Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act,” dated April 26, 2017 (Order), directs the Secretary to conduct a review of certain Presidential designations made under the Act, to determine if the designations conform to the policies set forth in the Order. The Order further directs the Secretary to provide two reports summarizing his review:

- (1) an Interim Report under section 2(d), due within 45 days, addressing the Bears Ears National Monument established by Proclamation No. 9558, dated December 28, 2016, and “other such designations as the Secretary determines to be appropriate for inclusion”; and
- (2) a Final Report under section 2(e), due within 120 days, summarizing the findings of the review for all other monument designations covered by the Order.

The Order directs the Secretary to include recommendations in both reports for “Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions consistent with law” to conform designations to the policy set forth in the Order.

This memorandum constitutes the Interim Report under section 2(d) of the Order and addresses the findings of the Secretary’s review of BENM.

III. BACKGROUND

A. *The Antiquities Act*

Passed in 1906, the Act, now codified at 54 U.S.C. 320301-320303, authorizes the President to: “declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated on land owned or controlled by the Federal Government to be national monuments.” 54 U.S.C. 320301(a). The Act also authorizes the President to reserve parcels of Federal land as part of such monuments, but limits those reservations to “*the smallest area compatible* [emphasis added] with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.” 54 U.S.C. 320301(b).

Shortly after passage of the Act, President Theodore Roosevelt first utilized the Act’s authority to designate the 1200-acre Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming. In addition to President Roosevelt, 15 other Presidents have exercised the authority to designate monuments more than 150 times.

Although there are many instances of the use of the Act for the proper stewardship of objects of historic or scientific interest, concerns have been raised regarding (1) the use of the Act to designate “landscape” monuments that reserve large areas of Federal lands for the purposes of restricting public access and traditional uses; (2) the use of monument designations to prevent or restrict land use rather than to “protect” and preserve objects of significance; (3) the process by which Presidents have exercised such authority, including whether it included proper public outreach and coordination with state, tribal, and local officials; and (4) the potential losses of economic opportunity and jobs as a result of a monument designation.

B. Executive Order 13792

The President signed Executive Order 13792 on April 27, 2017. Echoing the concerns noted above, section 1 of the Order states:

Designations of national monuments under the [Antiquities Act], have a substantial impact on the management of Federal lands and the use and enjoyment of neighboring lands. Such designations are a means of stewarding America's natural resources, protecting America's natural beauty, and preserving America's historic places. Monument designations that result from a lack of public outreach and proper coordination with State, tribal, and local officials and other relevant stakeholders may also create barriers to achieving energy independence, restrict public access to and use of Federal lands, burden State, tribal, and local governments, and otherwise curtail economic growth. Designations should be made in accordance with the requirements and original objectives of the Act and appropriately balance the protection of landmarks, structures, and objects against the appropriate use of Federal lands and the effects on surrounding lands and communities.

The Order directs the Secretary to review all designations or expansions resulting in a designation covering more than 100,000 acres or any other designations that the Secretary determines were “made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders” to determine whether it conforms to the policy set forth in section 1. The Order listed several factors for the Secretary to consider when making that determination:

- (1) the requirements and original objectives of the Act, including the Act's requirement that reservations of land “...be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected”;
- (2) whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest;
- (3) the effects of a designation on the available uses of designated Federal lands, including consideration of the multiple-use policy of section 102(a)(7) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701(a)(7)), as well as the effects on the available uses of Federal lands beyond the BENM boundaries;
- (4) the effects of a designation on the use and enjoyment of non-Federal lands within or beyond the BENM boundaries;
- (5) concerns of state, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected states, tribes, and localities;
- (6) the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas; and
- (7) such other factors as the Secretary deems appropriate.

As noted above, section 2 of the Order directs the Secretary to provide, within 45 days of the date of the Order, an Interim Report regarding the BENM, including the results of the review and any resulting recommendations.

C. Bears Ears National Monument

The BENM was established by Proclamation No. 9558, dated December 28, 2016. It consists of 1,351,849 acres of Federal land in San Juan County, Utah, and is jointly managed by BLM (1.063 million acres) and USFS (290,000 acres). When accounting for State land and private land within the boundaries of BENM, the total area encompassed is close to 1,500,000 acres. This is four times larger than Canyonlands—the largest national park in Utah, which is almost 340,000 acres.

Within BENM, there are areas that contain numerous cultural and archeological sites, unique geologic features, and areas important to the practicing of tribal cultural traditions and ceremonies to include the collection of medicinal and ceremonial plants. Portions of the area are also home to significant recreational opportunities, including hiking, backpacking, canyoneering, mountain biking, and rock climbing.

Also within and adjacent to the BENM boundaries, numerous management authorities and plans govern the patchwork of Federal, State, and private lands. Directly adjacent to the BENM is Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, which is managed by the National Park Service (NPS), as well as Natural Bridges National Monument. National recreation areas, which can be managed by BLM, USFS, or NPS, are generally designated by Congress with the purpose of promoting recreation potential of national significance. The BENM also overlaps 11 BLM WSAs aggregating approximately 381,000 acres, which BLM is required to manage so as not to impair their suitability for preservation as wilderness by Congress until Congress determines otherwise. The BENM also overlaps the 46,353-acre Dark Canyon Wilderness on USFS lands, which is required to manage so as to preserve its wilderness characteristics under the Wilderness Act of 1964. Further, much of the area was subject to special management to protect natural, cultural, and historic resources under BLM and USFS management plans in existence prior to designation of the BENM.

The Proclamation No. 9558 (1) retains the existing management responsibility for the lands in the respective Agencies; (2) establishes a local advisory committee consisting of interested stakeholders including State and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners; and (3) establishes the Bears Ears Commission consisting of representatives of the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, and Zuni Tribe. The Commission does not include the Native American San Juan County Commissioner elected by the majority-Native American voting district in that County.

D. Review Process

The Department issued a press release on May 5, 2017, announcing the impending publication of a notice in the Federal Register seeking public comment on the review. Public comments are being received by the Department both online at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and by mail. Comments on BENM were due at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) on or before May 26, 2017, or by mail postmarked on or before May 26, 2017.

The Department received approximately 76,500 comments on BENM, the majority of which also commented on the overall review. These include comments from Members of Congress, governors, state and tribal leaders, and the public. Comments expressed a variety of views on

the BENM; however Federal and State elected officials from Utah strongly oppose the current BENM boundary.

IV. RESULTS OF THE INTERIM REVIEW

The BENM contain some objects that are appropriate for protection under the Act. This includes rock art, dwellings, ceremonial sites, granaries, and other cultural resources that reflect its long historical and cultural significance to Native Americans. There are also areas that may not include objects but are of importance to tribes for traditional cultural practices. However, having conducted the review set forth in section 2 of the Order, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and based on information to date, I find that the designation of the BENM does not fully conform with the policies set forth in section 1 of the Order.

Specifically, the review shows that rather than designating an area encompassing almost 1.5 million acres as a national monument, it would have been more appropriate to identify and separate the areas that have significant objects to be protected to meet the purposes of the Act, including that the area reserved be limited to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects. Additionally, many of the lands reserved as part of BENM are already congressionally or administratively protected – in some cases, such as designated wilderness or WSA, which may provide a higher level of protection – such that designation under the Act was unnecessary. Moreover, other lands within the BENM are more appropriately set aside under another type of special designation, such as a national recreation area. For those areas that should remain protected under the Act, some management prescriptions appear to be too restrictive, and tribal interests have not been granted an adequate role in management of BENM given the unique significance of the area to tribes and their traditional knowledge, expertise, and use.

V. INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS

As a result of the review, and in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, I make the following interim recommendations. I recommend that:

- the BENM boundary be revised through the use of appropriate authority, including lawful exercise of the President's authority granted by the Act;
- the President request congressional authority to enable tribal co-management of designated cultural areas within the revised BENM boundaries;
- Congress make more appropriate conservation designations within the current BENM such as national recreation areas or national conservation areas, as defined by law; and
- Congress clarify the intent of the management practices of wilderness or WSAs within a monument.

I further recommend that the Department of the Interior conclude the full review under section 2(d) of the Order before more specific recommendations are made regarding the Bears Ears National Monument.

cc: Director, Office of Management and Budget
Assistant to the President for Economic Policy
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality

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National Wildlife Federation president and CEO Collin O'Mara, who participated in a signing ceremony at Zinke's office during his first day on the job, said in a statement that the administration solicited public input on the matter and heard "more than a million hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts from Utah and the entire country loudly proclaiming Bears Ears deserves protection. For the Administration to then ignore that broad showing of support and recommend reducing the boundaries of Bears Ears is both disappointing and baffling."

Doug Domenech
Senior Advisor
US Department of the Interior

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Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 6/13/17

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DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 6/13/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

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OF NOTE: Yesterday Interior released the Secretary's memo to the President providing an interim recommendation of his review of the Bears Ears National Monument as directed by the President's Executive Order.

Key Recommendations are:

- The existing boundary of Bears Ears be modified to be consistent with the intent of the Act- which is that monuments are to be confined to the "smallest area compatible" to protect the objects
- That Congress authorize tribal co-management of designated cultural areas.
- That Congress designate selected areas within the existing Bears Ears as national recreation areas or national conservation areas.

- That Congress clarify the intent of the management practices of wilderness or wilderness study areas (WSA) within a monument.

The Department should conclude the full review under the order before more specific recommendations are made regarding Bears Ears.

What they are saying:

DESERET NEWS: "Zinke's preliminary recommendations on the designation were uniformly praised by Utah's top leaders and excoriated by environmental organizations and tribal advocacy groups. The three members of the San Juan County Commission issued a statement Monday afternoon in reaction to the preliminary recommendations, praising Zinke for listening to "all sides" on the issue. Zinke said his office has been talking to Native American tribes and is working with them for input on co-management language in a bill he said will be critical not only to the Bears Ears Monument but other monuments up for review."

NPR: "Zinke is calling on Congress to give Native American tribes formal co-management authority once the boundaries of the monument are redrawn. Under the original Obama proclamation, tribes had only an advisory role in managing Bears Ears. With the GOP in control of both chambers and the White House, Zinke added that the administration has enormous respect for tribes and their "sovereignty, respect and self-determination.""

CBS: "Zinke said the recommendation in this interim report is to revise the existing boundaries of Bears Ears. Zinke said there are some antiquities within the monument that he believes deserve to be respected, but he thinks those drawings, archeological sites, etc. can be "reasonably separated" from the rest of the monument area. Instead of the monument designation, which prevents a range of development, Zinke said some of the sprawling, 1.3 million acre site should be designated for conservation or recreation. He called on Congress to approve a land-management bill for Bears Ears and other federal lands."

Gov. Gary Herbert of Utah: "This interim report is an important first step toward re-establishing sound land management practices for one of the most special areas in the world. Throughout this process Secretary Zinke has demonstrated the utmost respect for local and tribal input. I encourage the president to take this recommendation seriously, and I applaud the secretary for his balanced and responsible proposal."

Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah): "I commend Secretary Zinke for producing a balanced and factual report that should be seen by both sides as genuine progress towards a consensus solution to land use issues in San Juan County. The report confirms that President Obama abused the Antiquities Act by not limiting his monument designation to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of cultural artifacts and areas of importance. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to come up with a legislative solution that addresses the concerns raised by Secretary Zinke."

Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah): "This is positive news for the state of Utah and local communities affected by the Bears Ears Monument designation. Anyone with honest intentions recognizes that local input should matter when the federal executive makes a decision of this magnitude."

Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah): "I join my rural Utah constituents in celebrating today's recommendation. This is an important first step in reversing President Obama's gross abuse of the Antiquities Act. Secretary Zinke's exemplary effort to engage with local Utahns is to be commended. A locally-driven, legislative approach is the best way to strike a balance among the people who love and use the vast acreage surrounding the Bears Ears. Now it is up to Congress to find a win-win solution that will create a balance between conservation and use."

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Status of the Secretary

The Secretary will be in DC Monday and then on travel the balance of the week.

TODAY TUESDAY: The Secretary will:

Travel to Connecticut.

Speak at the National Congress of American Indians at the Mohegan Sun Casino Resort in Uncasville, Connecticut.

Travel to New Hampshire.

The Secretary will announce \$1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire.

Meeting with NH Governor Chris Sununu.

Travel to Maine.

Dinner with ME Governor LePage.

TOMORROW WEDNESDAY:

June: 14: Review of the Katahdin National Monument. Driving and canoeing tour.

THURSDAY:

June 15: More on Katahdin Monument review. Meet with the Penobscot Indian Tribe.

Breakfast Meeting with Katahdin Chamber of Commerce & Local Councilmen.

Roundtable with Maine Woods Coalition.

Meeting with L.L. Bean.

FRIDAY:

June 16: Boston, MA discussions reviewing the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument.

Fishermen Roundtable.

CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS

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APPROPRIATIONS HEARINGS:

June 20: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Hearing

June 21: Senate Interior Appropriations Hearing

June 22: House Natural Resources Committee Hearing

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OTHER CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

This week:

6/14/17: SENR Rescheduled Water and Power Subcommittee Legislative Hearing on S.440, S.677, S.685, S.930, S.1012, S.1029, S.1030 in 366 Dirksen at 2:30 PM; Witness: Scott Cameron, Acting Assistant Secretary, Water and Science.

Media Today

COMING: Press Release on \$1.1 Billion Hunting and Fishing Grants to States through the Pittman-Robertson Program.

(Released yesterday) **Interior Department Releases \$7.8M To Help American Samoa.**

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser (6/12) reports that the Interior Department has “released the remaining \$7.8 million in operational funds to support the daily operations of the American Samoa government, the LBJ Tropical Medical Center, the American Samoa Community College and the High Court of American Samoa.” The Interior Department “said the money is what remained of \$22.75 million released by the Office of Insular Affairs in the current fiscal year.” Interior Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula said in a statement, “These funds are critical for government operations in the territory of American Samoa. We are pleased to transmit the remaining funds on behalf of the administration.”

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Speaking Invitations

Accepted

6/13 National Conference of American Indians (Mohegan Sun, CT)

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Regretted

6/13 National Marine Sanctuary Foundations' Ocean Awards Gala (DC)

6/14 Western Farm Bureaus Meeting (Coeur d'Alene, ID)

6/16 Corps Day of Service (DC)

6/20 Conservation Fund's National Summit on Infrastructure and the Environment (DC)

6/21 Independent Petroleum Association of America (Laguna Niguel, CA)

6/21 Energy Exposition (Loveland, CO)

6/21 Congressional Travel & Tourism Summit (DC)

6/23 US Conference of Mayors (Miami, FL)

6/24 Outdoor Writers Association of America Annual Conference (Duluth, MN)

6/24 Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture Anniversary (Huntley, MT)

6/26 Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute Conference and Annual Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)

6/28 Aspen Ideas Festival for Climate (Aspen, CO)

6/28 Intertribal Timber Council's 41st Annual National Indian Timber Symposium (Yakima, WA)

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Outstanding Invitations in Process

6/26 American Indian Higher Education Coalition Board of Directors Meeting (DC)

6/27 6th Annual Bipartisan Tribute to Veterans and Veterans in Congress (DC)

6/27 National American Housing Council (Nashville, TN)

7/5 Crans Montana Forum Annual Session (Barcelona, Spain)

7/11 Blue Dog Coalition Dinner (DC)

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Emergency Management

In Arizona, the Freeze 2 Fire in San Carlos (BIA) has burned 2,829 (+723) acres and is 35 (+10) percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 Incident Management Team with 344 (+7) personnel assigned, including 123 (+3) DOI personnel. The containment date is June 19. Recreation permits for San Carlos and Fort Apache have been temporarily suspended due to visitor safety concerns.

Also in Arizona, the Lizard Fire, which began on June 7, has burned 15,131 acres and is 40-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-1 IMT with 601 personnel assigned, 143 of which are DOI personnel. There are 55 structures threatened and 50 evacuations as of this reporting period. There has been 1 responder injury. The containment date has been set for July 7.

The Bogoslof Volcano in AK began erupting on last night at 9:47 p.m. EDT. The eruption sequence was characterized by a series of explosive events lasting from 10 to 30 minutes, producing ash clouds that rose to a maximum height of 25,000 feet above sea level. The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Special Weather Statement for the possibility of trace amounts of ash fallout in the Unalaska and Dutch Harbor areas. The majority of the ash fallout was expected to remain over open waters.

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Outside Media of Interest

Interior Report Recommends That Trump Downsize Bears Ears Monument.

USA Today (6/12, Korte) reports Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “recommended Monday that President Trump vastly reduce the size of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, and seek congressional authorization to turn over the remaining landmarks to be co-managed with Native American tribes.” Zinke’s plan “would be the largest reversal of public land protections in the 111-year history of the Antiquities Act.” The AP (6/12, Daly) reports “Zinke did not specify how much of the 1.3 million acres should be trimmed, but said he has no doubt the monument must be ‘right-sized’ significantly.”

Sununu Meeting With Members Of Trump Administration.

The AP (6/12) reports that on Tuesday, New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu is scheduled to meet with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. The Bedford (NH) Bulletin (6/12, Landrigan) reports that Zinke is “coming to Bass Pro Shops on Tuesday to formally announce the release of \$1 billion from two federal trust funds that support fish and wildlife preservation across the country.” Sununu is “expected to be at the event along with New Hampshire legislative leaders, the president of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and fish and hunting regulators from Arizona and other states.”

Maine AG Vows To Challenge Any Attempt To Undo Katahdin-Area Monument.

The Portland (ME) Press Herald (6/12, Miller) reports that Maine Attorney General Janet Mills called the Trump Administration’s “review of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument ‘fundamentally flawed’ and vowed Monday to ‘challenge any unlawful executive branch action’ regarding the monument’s designation.” The article notes that “the Democratic attorney general’s statements supporting the 87,500-acre monument also puts her squarely at odds with Republican Gov. Paul LePage.” Mills wrote in comments submitted to the Interior Department as part of the review: “We are prepared to challenge any unlawful executive branch action that purports to abolish or reduce the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. DOI should instead terminate its review of Katahdin Woods and Waters and reaffirm the agency’s commitment to making the monument work well for all people, particularly the residents of the Katahdin region who are now counting on it for their economic future.”

Hundreds Of Unused Oil And Gas Wells Dot Alaska. The State Wants Many Closed.

Alaska Dispatch News (6/12, DeMarban) reports Cathy Foerster, chairwoman of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, said that state inspectors are starting to require companies to properly close hundreds of unused wells that stopped producing a long time ago, some dating back to the 1960s. Foerster said that the agency has paid insufficient attention to properly closing wells, but the state is launching a two part initiative that should lead to a permanent shutdown for many wells, while ensuring there are sufficient surety bonds to protect the state if wells are not properly plugged. Companies in the state have struggled to plug wells amid market difficulties, and many have entered bankruptcy in recent years. The “state effort is separate from the federal Bureau of Land Management’s ongoing work to clean up ‘legacy’ wells dotting the 23-million-acre National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.”

Offshore Energy Exploration Is Safe, Has Been Going On For 81 Years.

In an op-ed for the Sunshine State (FL) News (6/12, Bishop), Barney Bishop III, president & CEO, Barney Bishop Consulting, writes that “the first step to exploring future offshore development opportunities is information gathering, which allows scientists to pinpoint our energy resources.” He argues that “one safe way to do so is through seismic testing, a proven and efficient means to determine energy potential in the ocean.” Bishop notes that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has “stated there is no documented scientific evidence that seismic testing causes harm to marine animals, since its inception 80 years ago.” Bishop encourages the voting public “to support opportunities to explore our offshore energy resources.”

Federal Register Listings

One item was cleared for the FR on Monday.

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Sent: Thu Jun 29 2017 14:06:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject: Outside Magazine on monuments

Not a bad piece.

[Comments About the National Monument Review Are Flooding In. What Now?](#)

More than 396,000 people have spoken up so far about the Trump administration's desire to shrink or abolish the national monuments. Will the White House really read all of them?

Just 64 days after newly minted Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke rode a horse to the White House for his first day on the job, the Department of the Interior announced it would conduct a thorough review of 27 national monuments. By early June, Zinke had already released a report that recommended downsizing Utah's Bears Ears National Monument.

If Zinke's proposal to reduce the size of Bears Ears—and the monument review itself—was unprecedented, so is the massive invitation to the American public that came with the review. The DOI opened Regulations.gov, telling people to speak their minds about the monuments under question and the effects of the Antiquities Act, which the president may wield without consulting the public.

By the morning of June 27, with two weeks remaining until the deadline, more than 396,000 comments had been submitted. "Must we destroy everything? Can't we simply have beautiful, natural spaces that everyone can enjoy at any time during their life?" wrote one commenter. "I support Rescinding Bears Ears National Monument," wrote Ryan Erik Benally, a Native American resident of Montezuma Creek, Utah. He expanded in an email to Outside: "We would like to enjoy living the way we've always have, without the need of an oppressive BLM-run national monument which would be no different than our questionable relationship with the government's Bureau of Indian Affairs."

As of publication, comments are still flooding into Regulations.gov in tidal waves of several thousand per day, and the DOI is also accepting snail-mail comments. But what exactly happens to all that feedback?

The first step: Someone will read every comment. It's reasonable to wonder if Zinke has enough staff to do so. As of this publication, of the 558 key governmental positions in the executive branch, 409 had yet to have someone nominated to fill them. According to the Washington Post, in the DOI alone, the director of the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey had no nominees.

No additional people were hired to sift through comments, says Heather Swift, press secretary for the DOI. She says that “a team of approximately 20 existing employees from various bureaus” will read them. If the commenting continues at a steady pace of 5,000 per day until commenting closes on July 10, there will be more than 400,000 comments to read. That means each of those 20 employees will have to read 15,000 comments before the final report is released on August 24.

“We fully expect—and they are on pace—to go through all of the comments in time for the Secretary to have all the information before he makes his final decisions,” Swift says. “Each comment counts equally.” So comments like “undo everything obama did !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!” and “Please be strong and resist those liberals” will carry the same weight as the pleas for preservation and conservation.

Then, each comment will likely be tallied depending on whether it’s a vote for or against the review. “Many of the comments are general and say something along the lines of ‘I like monuments’ or ‘I don’t like monuments,’” Swift says. “Those will be counted, of course,” but the DOI will also note the comments that come in for each specific monument.

Swift can’t yet say how the final tally will be presented—if officials will simply get a final count of “for” and “against” comments, or if they will see particularly poignant comments as well. Because Zinke has discretion when making his decision, it’s not necessarily just a popularity vote. Many are putting strategy into making their comment stand out and resonate with him. Hundreds of commenters are invoking the spirit and policies of Theodore Roosevelt, who created the Antiquities Act 111 years ago. “These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents—of both parties—have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands,” wrote one commenter. “I urge you to uphold Roosevelt’s legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.”

Joel Webster, director of western lands at the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, sees this as perhaps the best appeal. “Zinke sees Theodore Roosevelt as a figure in American history he looks up to. I think it’s important to draw that connection,” he says. “He’s got a picture of Theodore Roosevelt in his office that he brings from office to office.” In fact, Zinke has been called a “Roosevelt fanboy” after hashtagging his Twitter bio with “#TeddyRoosevelt & #PublicLands fan.”

Conservation organizations have also encouraged members to share deeply personal stories rather than hollow letters of support. Citizens have flooded Zinke’s office with postcards donning photographs of the Grand Staircase-Escalante monument and the Giant Sequoias of Northern California. On one, a child’s scrawled handwriting begged Zinke to leave the monuments as is. “We do not want oil,” wrote a six-year-old girl. “We need good plants.” People shared memories of family vacations and honeymoons, of vision quests and adventures, of being children and feeding chipmunks. They told Zinke that, as Americans, there is a need for quiet and sanctuary in a world where “there is so much unrest and ugliness.”

Even with the volume and fervor of responses, public comments are just one factor weighing Zinke’s final decision. He’ll also consider information gathered during on-the-ground monument tours and meetings with tribal representatives, local officials, historic preservation experts, and other stakeholders. The DOI, too, is holding its own meetings. In May, Swift says the acting deputy secretary “held a four-hour meeting with tribal officials on Bears Ears and other monuments,” setting up a “specialized channel for tribal input via monument listening sessions.”

John Gale, conservation director at Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, says the whole premise of this review process is flawed: Each of the monuments under review already underwent robust approval processes, including public listening sessions and garnering support of locals, congressmen, and senators. “The argument that they didn’t get an opportunity to be vetted publicly is really a false claim,” Gale says. “It’s just an excuse for trying to unravel what has

already become a really fantastic contribution to our national legacy.”

Or as one commenter wrote, destroying that legacy “is unconscionable...like cutting off some stars from the American flag.”

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With DOI:

- Downey Magallanes, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
- Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy

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Subject: Fwd: Energy Fuels Meeting Request

Hi Downey. I believe it was determined that you and Vincent DeVito would take this meeting for the Secretary, if possible. I know you have that red-eye flight that arrives at 7am on Monday. Could you please let me know if you're planning on coming in to the office that day? If so, would you prefer to schedule meetings in the morning or the afternoon? We're moving today's scheduling review meeting (1pm) to Monday, and I was told that you need to be in it. Thank you.

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Sounds good > On Jul 13, 2017, at 11:50 AM, Devito, Vincent <vincent_devito@ios.doi.gov> wrote: > > Yes, thanks. > > On Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 11:35 AM, SIO, Scheduling > <scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov> wrote: >> Hello sir. Could you please let me know if you're willing to take this >> meeting for the Secretary? We hope to have Downey Magallanes in the meeting, >> as well. In a separate email they stated that they "would greatly appreciate >> the opportunity to meet with the Secretary to discuss the Bears Ears >> National Monument in Utah and its impact on Energy Fuels' White Mesa Mill >> and Daneros uranium facilities." >> >> Thank you. >> >> Tim Nigborowicz >> Office of Scheduling and Advance >> 202-208-7551 >> >> >> ----- Forwarded message ----- >> From: Griffith, Gabrielle M. <Gabrielle.Griffith@faegrebd.com> >> Date: Thu, Jun 29, 2017 at 11:35 AM >> Subject: Energy Fuels Meeting Request >> To: "caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov> >> Cc: "Bono, Mary" <Mary.Bono@faegrebd.com>, "Wheeler, Andrew R." >> <Andrew.Wheeler@faegrebd.com> >> >> >> Hi Caroline, >> >> >> >> On behalf of Energy Fuels Resources (USA) Inc., the Honorable Mary Bono is >> requesting a brief meeting with Secretary Zinke or his Chief of Staff, Scott >> Hommel on July 17th. Mary Bono, Andrew Wheeler of Faegre Baker Daniels >> Consulting and Paul Goranson of Energy Fuels would like to discuss the Bear >> Ears National Monument and Monticello Field Office. >> >> >> >> Please let me know if either Secretary Zinke or Mr. Hommel are available. >> >> >> >> Regards, >> >> Gabrielle >> >> >> >> Gabrielle M. Griffith >> gabrielle.griffith@FaegreBD.com
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Interior Secretary Zinke Says He'll Tour Nevada National Monuments In July.

The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (6/26, Brean) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "didn't stop at any national monuments during his first official visit to Nevada, but he promised to return for a tour of Gold Butte and Basin and Range before the end of July." During an event in Pahrump on Monday, Zinke "said he wants to see the two Nevada monuments from the ground and talk to stakeholders before he decides whether the designations should be reduced or rescinded." Zinke "said he doesn't have any 'preconceived ideas' about Gold Butte or Basin and Range, though he indicated that his recent recommendations on Bears Ears National Monument in Utah provide a blueprint for what might happen here."

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July 10, 2017

Monument Review, MS-1530
U.S. Department of the Interior
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Re: Supplemental Comments Addressing The Secretary Of Interior's Interim Report On Bears Ears National Monument And Related Statements

Dear Secretary Zinke:

The Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Tribe of Indians, and Zuni Pueblo submit these comments in response to your Interim Report Pursuant to Executive Order 13792 of June 10, 2017 (“Interim Report”). Each of our Nations has historic and prehistoric ties to the land that is now protected as the Bears Ears National Monument (the “Monument”), and we have each formally selected elected or appointed officials of our respective governments to the Bears Ears Commission. Previously, through the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (the “Coalition”), our Nations worked tirelessly with the Obama administration to identify the lands and management structure for, and eventually to establish, the Monument. Our five Nations previously submitted comments in support of the Monument (see attached) pursuant to the request for comments set forth in 82 Fed. Reg. 22016 (May 11, 2017). We stand by those comments, which call for preserving the Monument in the form described in Proclamation 9558 (the “Proclamation”). Some of us supplemented our collective comments with comments specific to our individual Nations, copies of which are also attached here. We now feel it necessary to provide additional supplemental comments because our Nations take issue with the recommendations you propose regarding the Monument in your Interim Report, and we have great concerns with several of the statements you have made to Congress about our Nations’ attitudes and interests regarding the Monument.

1. We Are Not “Happy” With The Interim Report, And Any Diminishment Will Be A Slap In The Face To Our Nations

In your June 20, 2017 testimony before the United States Senate, you stated that our Nations are “happy” with your Interim Report. None of our five Nations – the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Tribe of Indians, and Zuni Pueblo – are happy with

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your Interim Report, or any advances towards reduction or revocation of the Monument that we worked so hard to establish in its current, compromise form. Extinguishing or diminishing the Monument would indeed, as Senator Franken noted, be “a slap in the face” to our Nations as well as all Indian Nations in this country. *See National Monuments Review, Comments of the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, and Zuni Pueblo* at 2, (May 25, 2017) (“The radical idea of breaking up Bears Ears National Monument would be a slap in the face to the members of our Tribes and an affront to Indian people all across the country.”). Our position has not changed.

2. The Monument Cannot Be Diminished Without Imperiling The Objects, Structures, and Other Objects of Historic And Scientific Interest Protected By Monument Designation

The nonprofit, grassroots Utah Navajo organization Utah Diné Bikéyah (“UDB”), which did much of the on-the-ground work for the Coalition, conducted an extensive ethnographic study documenting a vast array of “historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic and scientific interest” that have special significance to our Nations and our ancestors within the Monument. That study, which serves as one of the bases for the Monument boundary, showed that 1.9 million acres within southern Utah was the “smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected,” and required protection under the Antiquities Act. The previous Administration utilized that study, among others, to identify the boundaries for what became the 1.35 million acre Monument. The methods used and objects inventoried are described in great detail in our May 25 comments. The current boundaries were selected specifically to encompass hundreds of thousands of cultural, historic, and spiritual sites and features. There are no unimportant areas here; in fact, Bears Ears is so rich, and the resources there so densely situated, that one cannot go more than one-eighth of a mile without encountering the next site or “object.” Our Nations contributed significant resources, time, and support to the UDB study, and continue to stand by the importance of maintaining the existing boundary of the Monument in order to protect the precious and copious resources contained therein. If you remove *any part* of Bears Ears from protection, it will necessarily damage cultural, spiritual, archaeological and/or paleontological sites of paramount significance.

3. We Are Happy With The Collaborative Management Regime Made Law By The Monument Proclamation

You indicated in both your report and subsequent testimony that our Nations are unhappy with the collaborative management approach established through the Proclamation, and

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would prefer a different model. Quite to the contrary, we are quite pleased with the deep involvement in monument management the collaborative management model provides for our Nations. Indeed, we played a significant role in advocating for and developing the collaborative management model described in the Proclamation, and our Nations are determined to engage in collaborative management of this Monument in close cooperation with the federal agencies. To that end, our five Nations have appointed Commissioners, who have now met many times, to move forward collaborative management as expeditiously as possible. The designation of the Monument has contributed to an increased volume of visitors to Monument lands, and the need to protect the resources sought to be preserved under the Proclamation has become even more urgent. Accordingly, our Commission has been working closely with our federal partners to put in place a management plan suitable to ensure that the Monument will be managed in a manner respectful of our histories and cultures, and protective of our cultural, historic, and spiritual patrimony in a manner beneficial to all citizens of this country and of the world. The Monument Proclamation is law, and we are thankful for the protections it gives us in moving forward with collaborative management. In the event Congress were to pass legislation authorizing an even more robust regime for tribal management than collaborative management, we would certainly support that, but no such model exists and no such discussions are occurring. Meanwhile, the collaborative management system established in the Proclamation is greatly needed, is excellent, and recognizes our Nations' role in Monument management.

4. The Only Officials Representative Of Indian Nations Are Those Elected Or Appointed By Our Nations And Our Enrolled Membership

Finally, in both your report and your testimony, you have criticized the Commission because it does not include any representation from Rebecca Benally or other representatives of San Juan County. The Bears Ears Commission, with representatives from each of our five Nations, was formed in order to further the government-to-government and special trust relationship that exists between the United States and our federally-recognized sovereign Nations. State and local government representatives elected by San Juan County residents at large, even in majority-Navajo or Native American districts, do not represent the sovereign Navajo Nation government, or any other Indian Nation's government. The Navajo Nation, and all of the Coalition Tribes, are pre-constitutional sovereigns with electoral systems and government processes that serve and further the sovereign activities of our Nations irrespective of State and local government processes and political boundaries. To suggest that a representative of a State or local government should have a seat on the Commission or any other entity that represents the interests of a sovereign Indian Nation is an affront to Tribal sovereignty. Only elected and appointed officials of our Nations may speak on our behalf, not just any Native person with whom you speak.

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We submit these comments with the hope that you will hear the voices of our Nations, and work to protect Bears Ears National Monument in its current form. We will continue to stand in defense of the Monument to the fullest extent, and to voice our clear opposition to any contemplated diminishment of the Monument's protections or boundaries.

spectfully.



Alfred Lomahquahu, Vice Chairman
Hopi Tribe



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July 10th, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We greatly appreciate your suggestion to scale back the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument so that it is tailored to the archaeological objects of outstanding significance, so it is consistent with the intent of the Antiquities Act, and so it provides a practical scale for Native Americans to take on an even more meaningful role in preserving the cultural resources of their ancestors.

Most of our members are motorcyclists who prioritize motorized singletrack such as those found in the Abajo Mountains. Primarily they are in the Monticello District of the Manti-La Sal National Forest, but a few of them extend one mile down into BLM-administered lands of the Monticello Field Office. While the 1.3 million-acre Bears Ears NM boundary left alone some of these trails (e.g. Abajo Peak, Spring Creek, Robertson Pasture, Red Ledges, and Aspen Flat), it currently covers four others (see map at bottom). In the photo's below, the first page is of Indian Creek (021) plus one of Shay Mesa (449), the second page is of Shay Mountain (098), and the third page is of Vega Creek (164).

As the photo's illustrate, these singletracks are beautiful lines across the landscape that motorcyclists enjoy responsibly. They are generally located in a steep forest setting with low potential for archaeological sites. Where impacts do arise, we would be happy to mitigate them through trail tread hardening, realignments, etc. Ride with Respect has maintained these trails' condition, and we greatly hope to maintain access. Doing so would be difficult under national-monument designation, as well-funded wilderness-expansion groups would use the monument status as another lever to prohibit motorized and even mechanized use of any kind.

San Juan County includes areas that are appropriate for national-monument designation, but the Abajo Mountains is not one of them. Please keep this in mind as you carefully refine the boundaries of Bears Ears, and feel free to contact us for details. Thanks for your leadership and evenhandedness on this issue.

Sincerely,

Clif Koontz
Executive Director

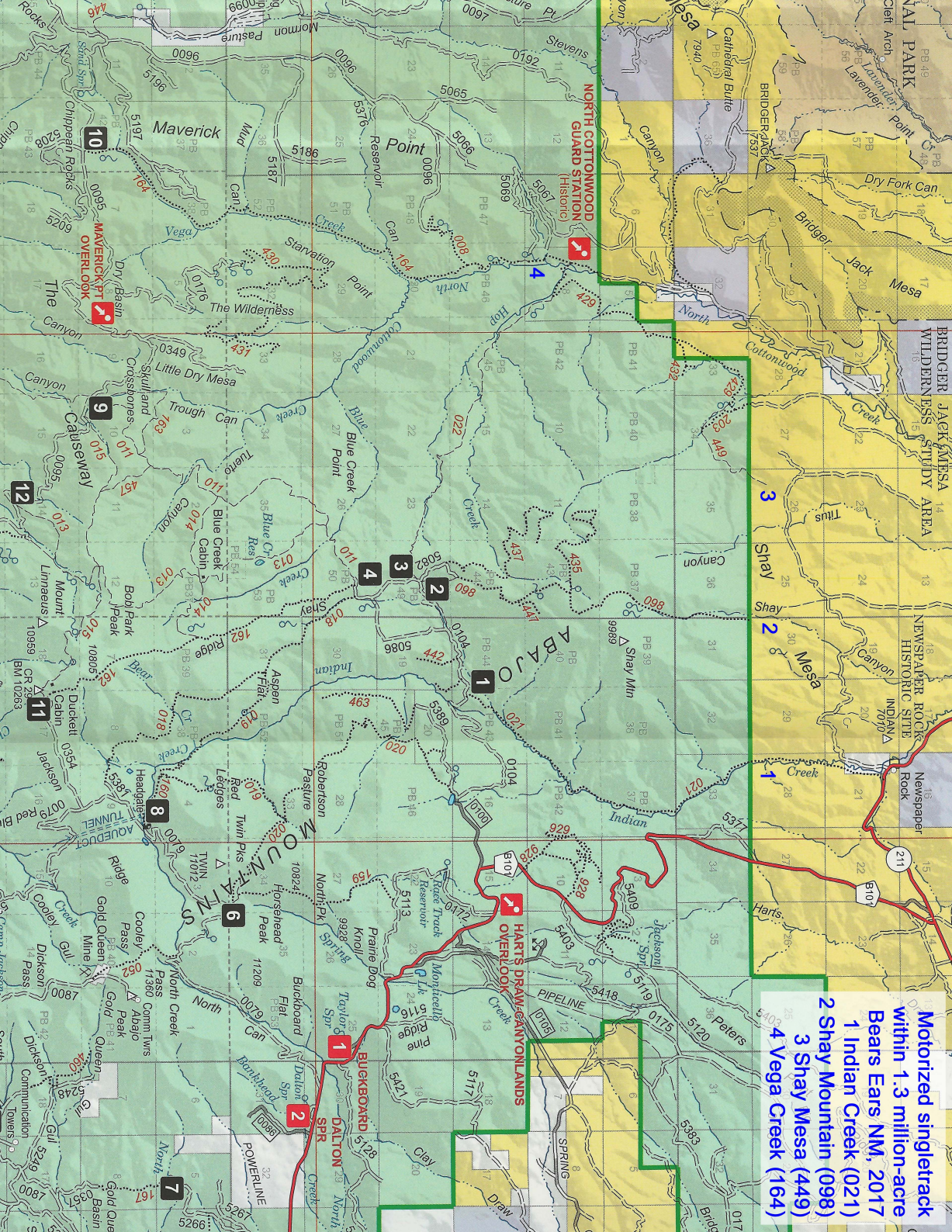


Trail 449 from Shay Mesa
to North Cottonwood Creek









Motorized singletrack
 within 1.3 million-acre
 Bears Ears NM, 2017

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Ken,

Usually, when a monument is designated, the lands are withdrawn from mineral entry, but leasing (oil & gas) could be an exemption written into the language that designates the monument. So check that to see if that is the case. To my knowledge, there are no oil and gas or coal resources within the monument, but it would be worth an email to Rody Cox at the Strip to confirm this.

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