



## Minerals Information

Under Proclamation 9681, signed on December 4, 2017, all Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the Indian Creek Unit and Shash Jáa Unit of the Bears Ears National Monument are appropriated and withdrawn from

- all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws;
- location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing.

Lands may be exchanged where such action furthers the protective purposes of the monument.

### Current Situation

- The Indian Creek Unit has no active mining claims and no oil, gas, or potash leases.
- The Shash Jáa Unit contains six active mining claims and no oil and gas leases. The mining claims are grouped in two areas, one in the north and one in the south.
- Existing mining claims are subject to valid and existing rights. Before mining could be authorized, the Bureau of Land Management must approve a mining Plan of Operations, which in turn requires a validity exam and environmental analysis.
- Both units have potential Abandoned Mine Lands, which the Bureau of Land Management inventories, stabilizes, and reclaims as funding becomes available.

