



## **Bears Ears National Monument Draft Monument Management Plans and Draft EIS Public Open House**

### **About the Draft Monument Management Plans and Draft EIS**

The purpose of the Monument Management Plans (MMPs) is to provide proper care and management of the “object[s] of antiquity” and “objects of historic or scientific interest” of the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) that were identified in Presidential Proclamation 9558, as modified by Presidential Proclamation 9681. The MMPs will also provide a comprehensive framework for the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service’s (USFS) allocation of resources and management of the public lands within the BENM pursuant to the multiple-use and sustained yield mandate of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Forest Management Act, and the specific direction in Presidential Proclamation 9558, as modified by Presidential Proclamation 9681.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes and analyzes four alternatives for managing the Bears Ears National Monument Shash Jaa and Indian Creek Units on approximately 201,876 acres of lands administered by the BLM and USFS.

### **About This Public Open House Meeting**

The purpose of this public open house is to solicit and obtain public feedback regarding the Draft MMPs and Draft EIS. Resource specialists from the BLM and USFS are available at the stations to answer your questions. At this open house, you will find the following information stations:

#### **Planning Process**

- The display and information at this station describe the BENM planning process and describe opportunities for public involvement.

#### **Recreation**

- This station provides information about proposed recreation management in the BENM under each alternative.

#### **Cultural Resources**

- This station provides information about the draft Cultural Resources Monitoring Framework and draft American Indian Tribal Collaboration Framework developed to support the MMPs, as well as traditional American Indian uses within the BENM and management of cultural resources within the BENM under each alternative.

#### **Livestock Grazing**

- This station provides information on livestock grazing management in the BENM under each alternative.

#### **Travel Management**

- This station provides information regarding travel management, including OHV use, in the BENM under each alternative.

#### **Lands with Wilderness Characteristics**

- This station provides information on management of lands with wilderness characteristics in the BENM under each alternative.

## **Lands and Realty**

- This station provides information regarding land use allocations, transportation and utility corridors, and film permitting under each alternative.

## **Written Comments**

- This station provides a seating area and materials for preparing written comments.

## **Verbal Comments**

- This station allows attendees to dictate oral comments directly to a court reporter for transcription.

## **How to Comment**

The comment period closes on November 15, 2018. All comments received during the comment period will be considered in the development of the Proposed MMPs and Final EIS.

- All comments will be considered equally in the development of the Proposed MMPs and Final EIS. Comments on the Draft MMPs and Draft EIS can be submitted in one of the following ways:
- By email: [blm\\_ut\\_montercello\\_monuments@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ut_montercello_monuments@blm.gov)
- By mail (hard copy): Attention: BENM Monument Management Plans, 82 East Dogwood Road Moab, Utah 84532
- By providing oral comments at the Verbal Comments station
- By providing written comments in the comment forms that are available at each station. The presentation viewing station has comment boxes in which you can place your completed comment form. You may also give your completed form to any BLM or USFS employee.

## **How the BLM and USFS will Review and Respond to Comments Received**

The BLM and USFS will read and review all comments submitted in the preparation of the Proposed MMPs and Final EIS. All substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS. Comments that will be most helpful to the BLM and USFS are those that:

- Provide new information or data for the BLM and USFS to consider in the development of the MMPs and analysis in the EIS,
- Address the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis,
- Identify new information or issues relevant to the analysis and decisions to be made, or
- Provide reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the EIS or suggest revisions to the alternatives presented in the EIS.

*Before including your address, telephone 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. Although you can 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. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.*