

All Pueblo Council of Governors

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Governor *E. Paul Torres, Chairman*

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Acoma

June 16, 2015

Cochiti

Isleta

RE: All Pueblo Council of Governors Support Efforts to Protect Bears Ears Cultural Landscape

Jemez

Dear Mr. President and Members of Congress:

Laguna

Nambe

The All Pueblo Council of Governors, which represents the nineteen Pueblos of New Mexico and one in Texas, has engaged in multiple discussions over the past three years about the need to protect important landscapes and cultural sites in southeast Utah. These lands contain the homes of our ancestors, including thousands of sacred sites and many cultural resources significant to Pueblo people.

Ohkay

Owingeh

Picuris

To make official our collective interest in and concern for this area, we passed a resolution (No. APCG 2014-07) in November of 2014 supporting the protection of the greater Cedar Mesa area via a “permanent protection mechanism, such as a National Conservation Area or a National Monument.”

Pojoaque

Sandia

When we passed that resolution, several proposals had been put forward by different groups interested in the region. At the time, we did not favor one proposal or geographic boundary over another. Now, the various groups working to protect the area have unified behind a single proposal and boundary that has been called the “Bears Ears” cultural landscape. This proposal would protect the sacred sites and cultural resources described in our November resolution. Through this letter, we extend our support to the efforts to protect the Bears Ears cultural landscape and confirm our intention for Pueblo people to be actively engaged in future protective and management efforts in the area.

San

Felipe

San

Ildefonso

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Sincerely,
ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Santo

Domingo



Taos

Governor E. Paul Torres
Chairman

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

Zuni