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We thank you for your promise to restore the Bears Ears National Monument. Bears Ears—the region we call Honmuru, Shash Jáa, Kwiyagatu Nukavachi, Ansh An Lashokdiwe—is our homeland. It always has been and still is. The culture is everywhere. The canyons and forests hold many of our stories. Family gatherings, dances, and ceremonies are held at special places within Bears Ears. People go to Bears Ears to gather roots, berries, firewood, piñon nuts, weaving materials, and medicines. We go for healing. Our ancestors are buried there, and we can hear their songs and prayers on every mesa and in every canyon.

We are grateful for your Administration's sincere commitment to honoring our cultures, acknowledging our original place in this country that is now our shared home, as well as to preserving the environment and seeking justice.

We commend the administration's pledge to lead a new era of public lands management, where our traditional knowledge and enduring connections to the land, which have guided our stewardship over them since time immemorial, can be leveraged and acknowledged as a resource critical to the management of Bears Ears.

Our Tribes speak with one voice.

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Restore and expand Bears Ears National Monument.