Bears Ears Tribal Land Management Plan

Cultural Resources

**Viewsheds and Soundscapes**
Any disruption to the natural world would negatively affect the viewshed. Tribal Nations consider Bears Ears to be a spiritual place and thus value the need for peace and quiet, free from excessive noise and vibrations.

**Plants and Woodlands**
For generations, Native people have used plants for food, medicine, tools, and ritual purposes. Materials from certain places embody the spiritual power of those places.

**Archaeological**
Tribal Nations consider all ancestral places as integral in understanding the broader picture of Tribal history.

**Wildlife**
Wildlife resources are vital to the spiritual, cultural, and economic welfare of Native people.

**Air Quality**
Clean air is part of an overarching earth stewardship that is part of Native traditions.

**Sky**
The night sky in open spaces should be protected in order to preserve Ancestral connections.

**Water**
Water is respected as a living entity that is essential to life, which must be protected in all of its forms for the benefits of all living creatures.

**Paleontological**
There are many traditional stories about animals that are not around today, and it is understood that these beings existed before humans and should be acknowledged and respected.

**Geological**
Landforms can be geologically or topographically prominent features on the landscape that are culturally important.