

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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To the Co-Chairmen and Members of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition,

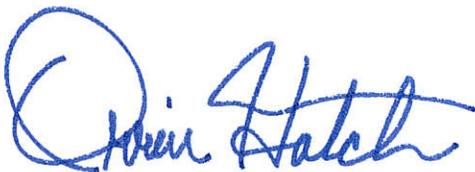
The November 2, 2016 meeting involving the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and our offices was very productive. We were grateful for the time of the Coalition members who were able to attend. We look forward to continued dialogue as proposals are put forward concerning the Bears Ears region of Utah.

Following up on the conversations we had during our meeting, we are writing to formally request draft legislative language that would implement an equitable co-management system for the Bears Ears region. It has been widely reported that co-management cannot be achieved through an Antiquities Act designation. We believe the congressional process can craft a meaningful co-management plan in which the Tribes are made equal to other participants.

We are committed to finding legislative solutions to the various land designation and management challenges facing the Bears Ears region of San Juan County, Utah. Open dialogue and communication will ensure that all points of view, options, and solutions are considered.

We look forward to hearing from you and stand ready to work together.

Sincerely,



Orrin Hatch
United States Senator



Rob Bishop
United States Representative



Mike Lee
United States Senator



Jason Chaffetz
United States Representative