



## COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** December 1, 2020

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kenneth Maryboy, Commission Chair

**TITLE:** CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR. MAKE IT A PRIORITY OF HIS NEW ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO RESTORE THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT. Kenneth Maryboy, Commission Chair

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Resolution

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### SUMMARY

The resolution reaffirms the Commission's support of the establishment of the Bears Ears National Monument, which contains important and sacred lands and resources valued by many native peoples and requests the Biden Administration to restore the Monument to its original size.

### HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The Board of San Juan County Commissioners approved Resolution 2019-05 recommending reversal of the actions of Donald Trump in reducing the Bears Ears National Monument and calling upon the United States to fully restore the Bears Ears National Monument to protect lands and cultural resources sacred and important to many native peoples, including Navajo, Ute, Hopi, and Zuni. The Commission subsequently approved Resolution 2019-21 supporting S. 367/H.R. 1050, the Antiquities Act of 2019. The Bears Ears National Monument has not been restored to its original size. The current Resolution supports restoring the Bears Ears National Monument to its original size.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable