



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 5, 2024

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Ratification of Bears Ears Proposed Management Plan Protest, Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and Sign Protest Letter

SUMMARY

The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have released a final EIS and Proposed Management Plan for the Bears Ears Monument. These documents are subject to a protest period which ends November 4, 2024. The proposed plan is inconsistent with certain parts of the County Resource Management Plan. Some of these inconsistencies for which the County may have recourse for remedy are included as protest points in the County's protest letter before you. Following resolution of protests, the agencies will issue a Record of Decision and approved Resource Management Plans..

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

San Juan County has participated as a Cooperating Agency throughout this planning process and contributed comments at various stages of the planning effort.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown at this time