

Timeline of Events in the Public Process

1936:

- Area proposed for protection by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

2010:

- Navajo Nation begins working on a proposal to protect the Bears Ears region.

2013:

- Navajo Nation officially releases a specific proposal to protect the Bears Ears landscape.
- **Feb 15, 2013:** Congressman Rob Bishop (later joined by Congressman Jason Chaffetz and Stewart) begins working on the Public Lands Initiative (PLI) for eastern Utah, engaging a large number of stakeholders. They send a first round of letters to 21 local stakeholders to solicit ideas for PLI.
- **April 16, 2013:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **June 3, 2013:** Congressman Bishop, Chaffetz and Stewart send a second round of letters to 60 organizations to gather input for PLI.
- **June 28, 2013:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **July 31, 2013:** Secretary Jewell meets with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **August 1, 2013:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Congressman Rob Bishop.

2014:

- **January 22, 2014:** Secretary Jewell meets with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **June 18, 2014:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressman Rob Bishop in Room 123 of the Cannon House Office Building, staffed by DOI Congressional staff.
- **May 9, 2014:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **July 22, 2014:** Secretary Jewell meets with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **July 29, 2014:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **November 19, 2014:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **December 10, 2014:** Sally Jewell has a courtesy meeting with Senator Orrin Hatch, staffed by DOI Congressional staff.
- **December 11, 2014:** Secretary Jewell has a meeting with Congressman Jason Chaffetz.

2015:

- **Early 2015:** Five tribes—the Hopi, Navajo, Zuni, Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian—officially come together to form the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.
- **April 28, 2015:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **May 29, 2015:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **June 17, 2015:** Secretary Jewell and senior DOI staff meet with Congressman Jason Chaffetz and Congressman Rob Bishop in the Secretary's office at DOI to discuss draft PLI legislation and efforts to protect the Bears Ears Region.
- **July 2015:** Senior representatives from DOI and USFS attend an Inter-Tribal Council meeting in Utah at the Bears Ears Buttes to engage in government-to-government dialogue and listen to the Coalition's requests.

- **July 16, 2015:** Senior White House officials meet with Rep. Bishop to discuss PLI and efforts to protect the Bears Ears region.
- **October 2015:** The Inter-Tribal Coalition publicly releases their protection proposal, building on the Navajo Nation's earlier proposal and developing a request for collaborative management in the form of a proposed Bears Ears Tribal Commission.
- **October 16, 2015:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **December 30, 2015:** The Tribes send a letter to the Utah Delegation stating, "'The promised draft (Public Lands Initiative) was never delivered," and ending further engagement with the delegation. At this point, the tribes focused on the Presidential action as the preferred, and possibly only, way to protect the Bears Ears landscape.

2016:

- **January 15, 2016:** Delegation informally shares maps with CEQ and DOI.
- **January 20, 2016:** The Congressmen release a discussion draft of the PLI which includes protections for over 1 million acres in the Bears Ears region.
- **February 29, 2016:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressmen Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz.
- **March 8, 2016:** Secretary Jewell meets with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **March 29, 2016:** The Congressmen initiate an oversight request related to designations between January 1, 2015 and March 29, 2016.
- **April 12:** CEQ sends a letter in response to the Congressmen's oversight request, committing itself to working with DOI in providing responsive documents.
- **April 29, 2016:** Senior Administration officials meet with the Utah delegation regarding the PLI draft, sharing areas of contention and agreement.
- **May 5, 2016:** Senior Administration officials meet with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal coalition.
- **May 13, 2016:** CEQ meets with Congressman Chaffetz's staff. DOI provides an initial document production in response to the oversight request.
- **May 17, 2016:** CEQ receives draft grazing language with a Technical Assistance Request.
- **May 18, 2016:** Congressman Chaffetz's staff sends initial draft language to the Administration.
- **May 24, 2016:** CEQ sends additional documents in response to the oversight request.
- **June 9-10, 2016:** Senior CEQ and DOI staff meet with staff from Congressman Chaffetz and Senator Hatch's offices to discuss technical assistance on the PLI.
- **June 17, 2016:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Senator Mike Lee.
- **June 23, 2016:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Congressman Jason Chaffetz.
- **July 14, 2016:** The PLI bill, H.R. 5780, is introduced in Congress.
- **July 16-18, 2016:** Secretary Jewell, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment Robert Bonnie, and other Administration officials and staff travel to the Bears Ears region of Utah to hear from stakeholders in the region and to conduct a public meeting.
 - **July 16, 2016:** A large public meeting is held in Bluff, Utah to solicit input from all interested parties about the various protection proposals for the region. An overflow crowd of 1,500 citizens attended to share their views. The majority of speakers encouraged permanent protection of the iconic landscape, as did the majority of almost 600 written comments.
 - Public Meeting Attendees: Secretary Jewell, USDA Under Secretary Bonnie, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts, BLM Director Neil Kornze,

National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, and staff from the offices of Governor Herbert, Congressman Chaffetz, Congressman Bishop, Senator Lee, and Senator Hatch.

- Secretary Jewell, Under Secretary Bonnie, and other Administration officials held smaller meetings with local stakeholders, including a meeting with the San Juan County Commission that was well-attended by local citizens.
- **July 18, 2016:** DOI provides another document production in response to the oversight request.
- **August 2016:** The Administration commits to providing the Utah delegation with written Technical Assistance to the PLI.
- **August 1, 2016:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **September 2, 2016:** The Administration provides Technical Assistance to the delegation on the PLI, also highlighting what provisions they would be unable to support and ways that could be addressed.
- **September 14, 2016:** BLM and USFS offer testimony at a PLI hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee (HNRC).
- **September 22, 2016:** HNRC passes the bill with minor changes. The House does not take further action after this point, and the Senate never introduces a bill.
- **October, 2016:** TBD
- **November, 2016:** TBD