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Fwd: Today's meeting the Bears Ears Coalition

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FYI only. Readout from the UT delegation meeting with the tribes.

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Today we met with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the Mountain Ute, and Zuni councilman [REDACTED].

Lee, Hatch, Chaffetz, and Bishop staff were present.

The conversation went well. Both sides were conciliatory and regretted the current state of affairs. Much of the meeting was necessarily spent atoning and promising to work towards our shared goal: protecting Bears Ears. To that end, we formally asked the tribes for co-management language. Their requests were more general in nature with a couple exceptions.

The tribal leaders will report back to the rest of the coalition and let us know how best to work through their concerns.

We didn't change the world today but we did rebuild a lot of trust. I know we are on the clock, but as long as both parties remain sincere, I think we still have a chance at a breakthrough.

I'm sure we'll discuss more later but I wanted to shoot you a note tonight.

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