WESTERN LEADERS NETWORK STATEMENT ON BLM
ANNOUNCEMENT TO BEGIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESSES
FOR UTAH MONUMENTS

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“By moving forward with management planning processes for the reduced Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, the BLM risks a tremendous waste of taxpayer resources. Drafting resource management plans is a timely and costly endeavor, and proceeding before the federal courts have made a decision on the legality of President Trump’s monuments reduction is essentially gambling on taxpayers’ dime. Whether one supports or opposes President Trump’s proclamation to reduce the boundaries of the two Utah monuments, as a matter of common sense and good stewardship, we should be able to agree that it is ill-advised and presumptuous to begin an expensive planning process before decisive legal battles are resolved.”

– Gwen Lachelt, Executive Director