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Gold Butte People's Hearing Comment Card

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Description of our People's Hearing: A year and half since its establishment, Gold Butte National Monument still doesn't have a management plan. The Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) need to listen to the public on how we want Gold Butte to be managed. Management plans are crucial to prevent mismanagement and protect irreplaceable cultural, historical, recreational, and biological resources. A successful plan would: manage visitation and travel at key sites; inventory important cultural, historic, and nature sites; manage invasive species; and define how specially designated places will actively be protected. We demand that the Department of the Interior and the BLM engage in a robust, open, and public planning process, one that considers input from Native American nations, recreational users, residents in surrounding communities, and Nevadans about Gold Butte.

What type of recreation uses do you think are appropriate in the Gold Butte National Monument and where should they occur? What safety or access conflicts have you seen between user groups? How could these conflicts be resolved (e.g., by changing locations of a use, how the use occurs, how and where motorized and non-motorized routes are designated, etc.)?

If the BLM were to invest in more developed recreation facilities in Gold Butte National Monument, what would you like to see and where (e.g. parking areas, campgrounds, picnic areas, restrooms)?

How can the BLM ensure that culturally significant places of Southern Paiute nations, and other

culturally affiliated Peoples are protected for future generations (e.g., the BLM should put up signage in a specific place about respecting cultural sites, the BLM should meet monthly with the Moapa Band of Paiutes to consult them, the BLM should appoint a member of the Paiute community to an advisory body, etc.)?

What can the BLM do to preserve and educate the public about the Areas of Environmental Critical Concern (ACEC's) and their attributes: critical habitat for Mojave Desert tortoise, sensitive botanical species, wildlife habitat, cultural resources, prehistoric sites, rock art, historical sites, and natural hazards? (Questions have been raised on whether to get rid of ACEC designations due to the new Monument status, but such a proposal risks losing locally specific management prescriptions.)

Are there specific areas in Gold Butte that should be designated as lands with wilderness characteristics (LWCs)? How should the BLM manage the LWCs in Gold Butte National Monument (e.g., LWCs should be managed to protect wilderness characteristics of naturalness, solitude, and primitive and unconfined recreation; travel in LWCs should be limited to existing, designated routes; new rights-of-way should be prohibited in LWCs, etc.)? How can the BLM better communicate the value of LWCs to visitors of Gold Butte?

Any Additional Comments:
