## SAN JUAN COUNTY UTAH RESOLUTION NO 2019- 0\

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) AND FOREST SERVICE'S CONTINUED PROTECTIONS AGAINST MINERAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEASING IN AREAS THAT WERE TAKEN OUT OF BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT.

WHEREAS, The BLM Issued the Bears Ears National Monument Plan on February 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County served as cooperators in the planning efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the County continues to recognize that the Bears Ears National Monument Plan needs to provide the appropriate protections to these protected lands and resources sacred to Tribes and Citizens of San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, the County by resolution encourages the BLM and Forest Service to continue to restrict mineral development and leasing within the borders of the National Monument, but also to provide appropriate protections and restrictions of mineral leasing in areas that were taken out of the Bears Ears National Monument in an effort to continue with the necessary added protections and restrictions needed to maintain the sacred nature of this area; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that there are still multiple lawsuits contesting the actual size and boundaries therefore the plans and actions of the BLM and U.S. Forest Service should reflect the possibility that it could be returned to the original size.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of San Juan County Commissioners requests that the BLM and U.S. Forest Service continue to provide protective management and restrict mineral development and leasing in areas removed from the Bears Ears National Monument.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this  $18^{\rm th}$  day of February, 2020, by the following vote:

Those voting aye: Those voting nay:

Those absent or abstaining:

**BØARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** 

Kenneth Maryboy, Chair

ATTEST:

John David Nielson, Clerk/Auditor

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