

Conversation Contents

Fwd: Thank you!

"Buffa, Nicole" <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Buffa, Nicole" <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 18 2016 13:02:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@nps.gov>, [REDACTED]
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From: Gov. Herbert Staffer <[REDACTED]@utah.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 18, 2016 at 10:28 AM
Subject: Re: Thank you!
To: Nicole Buffa <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>

Nicky,

I have to compliment you on a wonderful trip. As I recently relayed to the Governor's Chief of Staff, your team orchestrated a comprehensive, balanced, well-run, and effective trip of southeast Utah. I also have to compliment you on the listening session on Saturday. We were worried it might get out of hand but it went off brilliantly. Kudos to you and your team!

I genuinely believe there is a window of opportunity for us to reach a fair and reasonable resolution for the Bears Ears region. Let's keep the dialogue going the next few weeks and commit to finding a solution that works for everyone. Governor Herbert is more than willing to engage in that effort and see it through to a positive and collaborative outcome.

It was great spending time with you this last week and hopefully it marks just the beginning of more frequent interactions.

Best,

Gov. Herbert Staffer

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Gov. Herbert Staffer
Policy Director
Governor Gary Herbert
[REDACTED]

On Sun, Jul 17, 2016 at 12:50 PM, Nicole Buffa <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Team - I wanted to send a brief thank you for all of your help with the trip and for your patience with us as we worked our way through the state.

I'm looking forward to many more conversations about Utah with each of you, but in far less pretty places.

Thanks again,
Nikki

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From: "Buffa, Nicole" <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>
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From: Buffa, Nicole <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>

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Date: Mon, Jul 18, 2016 at 3:40 PM
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To: Sally Jewell <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>

And more... Let me know if you would rather me not forward these all to you, I'm getting many nice notes from people.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@utemountain.org>
Date: Sun, Jul 17, 2016 at 11:52 AM
Subject: Re: Thank you!
To: Nicole Buffa <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>
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Nicole,

Thank you all for obliging the request and following through. I imagine it was hotter on the stage in the hot seat. It took some patience through the heat but what I reminded myself is, we have to practice self-discipline within our ceremonies. This was very reminiscent of that. Please extend our gratitude to Secretary Jewell, Undersecretary Bonnie and staff for their time and presence. It was a success, this is what we work hard for. This was one of our asks. The visit and listening venue for all to be heard. The gift we as tribal leaders lobbied for. As you stated, this a part of the necessary process. Please communicate our appreciation for the opportunity. We now look forward to our next steps in the process. Please stay in contact. I prayed for safe journeys home and that you all found things as you left them. It was our honor to host the group in our home. Blessings to each of you all and your families.

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Ute Mtn. Ute Tribal Councilwoman
Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition Co-Chair

> On Jul 16, 2016, at 5:56 PM, Nicole Buffa <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> Dear courageous Tribal leaders - I just wanted to send a very quick
> thank you for the tremendous amount of effort and heart you guys put
> into this weekend and this day.
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> I can't imagine how difficult it must have been to hear some of the
> things you heard today. But what happened in that meeting, was an
> important and necessary event. And so many important and good things
> were said too. So thank you!
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> And thank you for being such generous and gracious hosts yesterday.
> The Secretary (and all of us) had a wonderful visit with you guys.

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> I am looking forward to talking soon!
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> All my best,
> Nikki

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