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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'íyáti Committee; Opposing the State of Utah's Petition to the United States Government Claiming Exemption from the United States Forest Service Roadless Rule Protections and Joining with the Utah Tribal Leaders Association in Their Objection to Utah's Petition**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0128-19

**DATE:** May 17, 2019

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'YATI COMMITTEE; OPPOSING THE STATE OF UTAH'S PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CLAIMING EXEMPTION FROM THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE ROADLESS RULE PROTECTIONS AND JOINING WITH THE UTAH TRIBAL LEADERS ASSOCIATION IN THEIR OBJECTION TO UTAH'S PETITION

**PURPOSE:** Opposing the State of Utah's petition claiming exemption from the U.S. Forest Service Roadless Rules Protections and supporting the Utah Tribal Leaders Association in their opposition to same.

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate review the proposed resolution in detail.**

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY



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**Section One. Authority**

A. The Naabik'iyati' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Among other duties and responsibilities, it "coordinate[s] all federal, county and state programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most efficient delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(4).

**Section Two. Findings**

- A. The Navajo Nation along with the Ute, Paiute, Shoshone and Goshute Tribes claim historic and ongoing ties to the lands, animals, plants and resources of the United States Forest Service administered Roadless Areas in the State of Utah.
- B. The State of Utah petitioned President Trump, in 2017, to shrink the Bears Ears National Monument asserting the Inventoried Roadless Areas inside the original boundary did not warrant protection under the 1906 Antiquities Act.

- 1 C. The State of Utah is proposing roadbuilding and logging inside of the former Bears  
2 Ears National Monument boundary, and is attempting to remove all protections on  
3 some Roadless lands (i.e. Boulder Mountain in Garfield County). See Exhibit A.
- 4 D. Governor's Executive Order No. 2014-5 requires tribal consultation on any state  
5 action that may have tribal implications.
- 6 E. The State of Utah's petition for a special Roadless Area Rule has not involved  
7 adequate consultation with affected Tribes even though these lands include  
8 countless cultural sites and resources that must be protected.
- 9 F. The Navajo Nation finds it to be in the best interest of the Navajo People and Peoples  
10 of all affected Tribes to oppose the State of Utah's effort for exemption from the  
11 United States Forest Service Roadless Rule and join the Utah Tribal Leaders  
12 Association in that opposition.

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14 **Section Threc. Approval**

15 The Navajo Nation hereby opposes the State of Utah's effort for exemption  
16 from the United States Forest Service Roadless Rule and joins in support of the  
17 Utah Tribal Leaders Association in their opposition to such an exemption.

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