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- a non-profit supporting Native Tribes working together to **Protect Bears Ears** -

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Governor & Utah's Tribes Meet at Utah American Indian Caucus Day on Monday

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Twice a year, Governor Gary Herbert meets with the sovereign leaders of Utah's 8 Tribes for government to government dialogue and planning. On Monday, February 4, Utah Tribal Leaders, will describe needs, share priorities including for San Juan County and other regions of Utah with Gov. Herbert and Utah's legislators during [American Indian Caucus Day](#). When it comes to San Juan County, issues that will be raised with Gov. Herbert include:

- **Bears Ears** – Utah Diné Bikéyah (UDB) is asking the Governor to listen to local San Juan County residents and support restoration of the Bears Ears National Monument to its originally proposed boundaries—1.9 million acres—through the [Bears Ears Expansion and Respect for Sovereignty Act of 2019](#).
- We need the Governor to **provide leadership to overcome ongoing racial challenges in San Juan County**, where incidents of bullying and intimidation against Native American citizens, such as what San Juan County Commissioner Willie Grayeyes is currently going through are happening daily. This is the third consecutive year local officials have asked for the governor to intervene on this issue, and the recent election of a majority Native American Commission has made things worse. Need examples? Ask UDB.
- **Support Native American leaders in implementing sustainable economic development and job creation opportunities** around the traditional arts, education & research, and heritage tourism.

When: February 4, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Utah State Capitol Complex - State Office Building Auditorium

Speakers: Officials from Utah's 8 Federally recognized Tribes, San Juan County Commissioners, Utah Navajo Commissioners, Governor Herbert, and others. See attached.

Speaker Availability: Throughout the event, there will be an opportunity for media interviews with tribal leaders, speakers and UDB representatives.

To learn more about this event, please visit [Facebook](#), where portions of the panel will be live-streamed (if possible).

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