

Bear Ears National Monument

It was interesting and admirable to see the knowledge and the passion that the speakers have about their respective subjects during the roundtable on Bears Ears at Utah Valley University on November 10, 2021. Bears Ears national monument is an interesting example about how the interpretation of and understanding of the state and federal government powers can affect us in our lives and the native American people that live in this land. I like how Dustin Jansen was given time to speak and kind of be a voice for the native American people. Because I really don't think that the government was thinking about how this is land for the native American people to pray in and have spiritual experiences in and even grow the plants necessary for medicine and other things.



Dustin Jansen speaks about Bear Ears importance for Native American communities

Over I learned that many issues like this have more than two sides that there are so many different factors that go into big decisions like this. Such as the geological effects of this, the

effect it has on the native American people and even who ends up in charge of the land. Also, it is so important to be mindful of everyone and really try to see problems from every angle. This is why I admired the constitutional convention so much because it was in private so people could change their minds and not be embarrassed about it and how they took the painstaking time to address all the problems, I know it wasn't perfect, but it is a good example of how government should be to help people not just govern them.

It is hard to say honestly what my opinion is but I do think that more discussions like this should take place on a government level.

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