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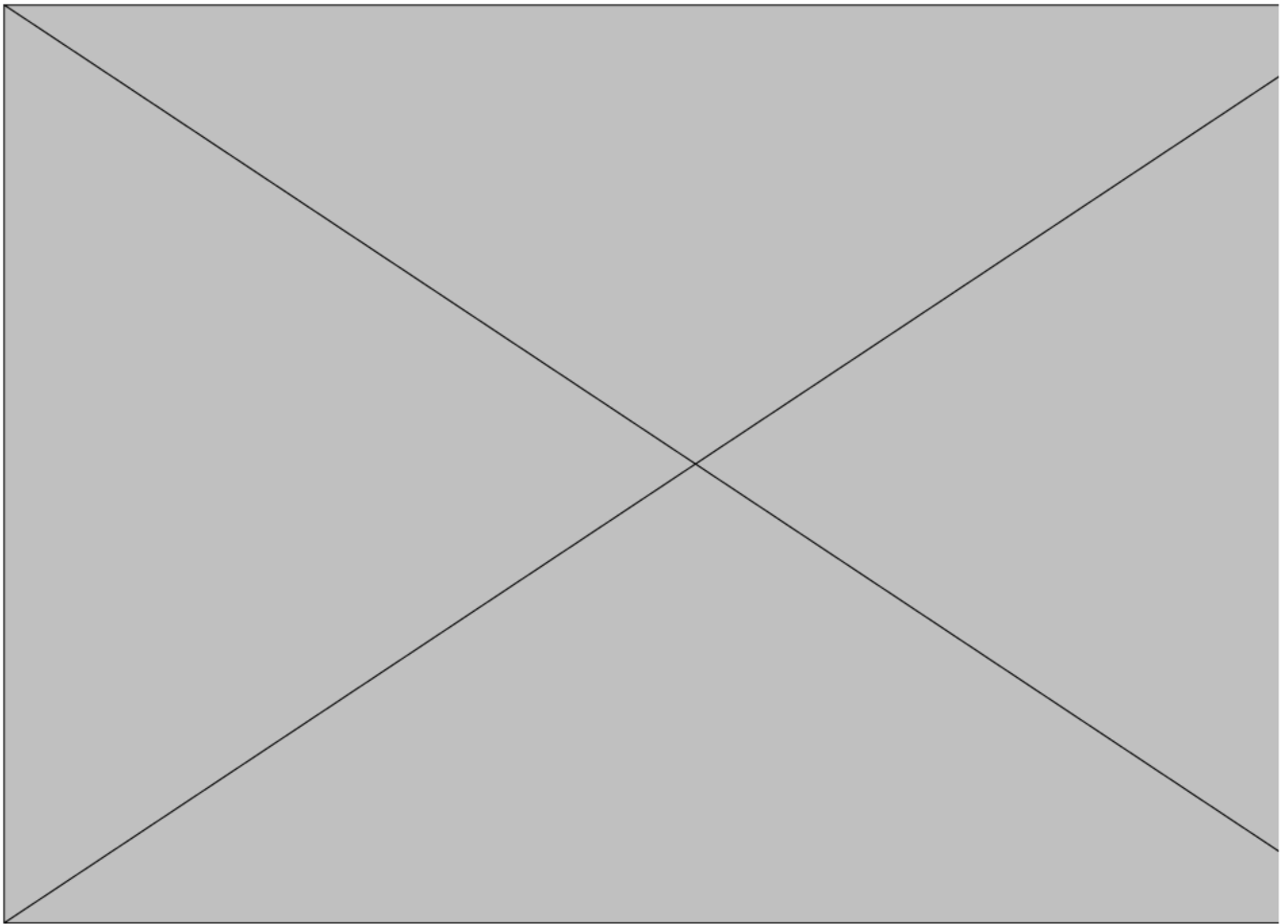
Monthly Update - June 30, 2017

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*Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in,
where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.*
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- John Muir

(July is National Parks and Recreation Month!)

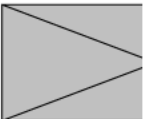


News from the National Conservation Lands and Friends Grassroots Network--more than 60 local groups working to protect, expand and restore these treasured public lands owned by all Americans. National Conservation Lands: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (above). Photo: Bob Wick / Bureau of Land Management

Around the National Conservation Lands:

Conservation Lands Foundation Opposes Recommendation to Strip Protections for

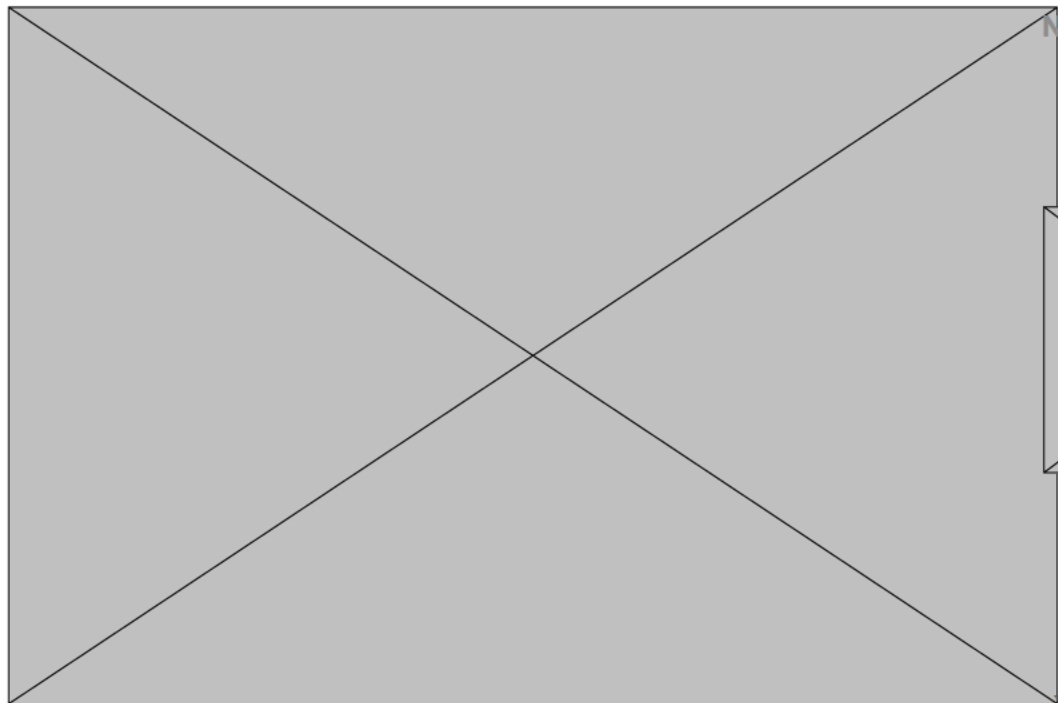
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On June 12, 2017, the Conservation Lands Foundation issued a press release opposing Interior Secretary Zinke's recommendation for a major rollback of conservation protections for Bears Ears National Monument in Southeastern Utah. In direct opposition to the overwhelming public support for the Monument, Sec. Zinke has proposed stripping protections for portions of the National Monument.

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"With this recommendation, Secretary Zinke is showing complete disregard for the law, science, sovereign Native American Tribes, and the will of the American people," said Brian Sybert, Executive Director of the Conservation Lands Foundation...
[Read the complete press release on CLF's site...](#)

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Monuments "Review" Comments Update

Thank you for your unwavering support of our shared goal of preserving our national monuments for the benefit of all Americans. Thanks to you, we

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have submitted more than 1.3 million comments in defense of our monuments. Now, we hope to reach 2 million comments before the final deadline of July 10th. What better way to celebrate our nation's birthday than by protecting her heritage.

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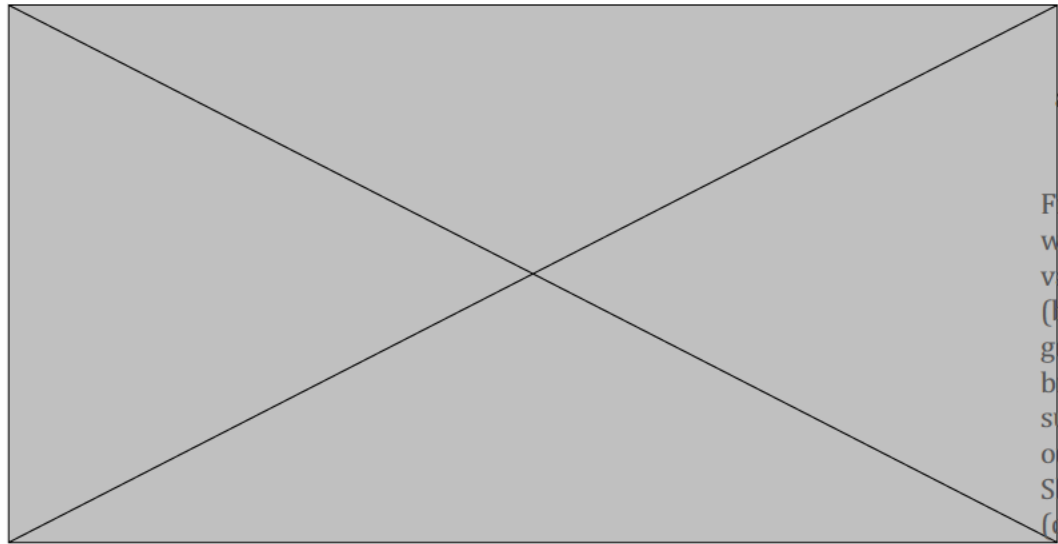
This is the final push to get more comments into Secretary Zinke that we want America's monuments to stay untouched! Thanks for all you have done and continue to do. Together we will stop this attack and preserve our heritage.

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June 1, 2017, from Greenwire / E&E News, by Jennifer Yachnin
"Communities surrounding some of the West's largest national monuments - many of which are now under review by the Trump administration - continue to report economic growth in the years since land was designated for protection, according to an analysis released today by the nonprofit Headwaters Economics.

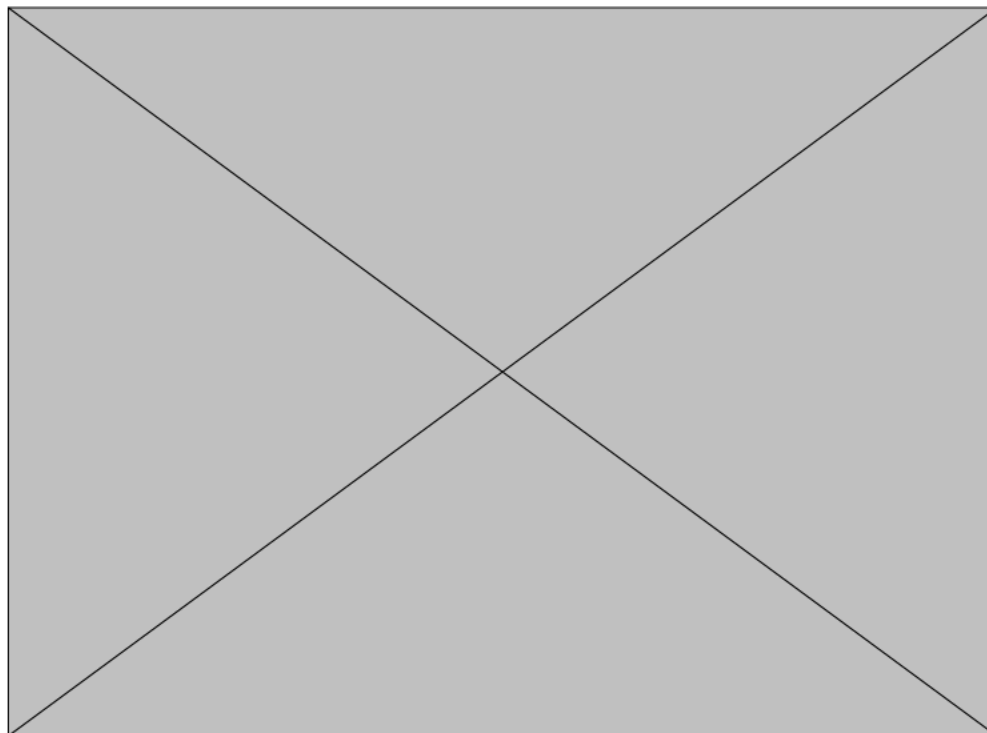
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'Trends in important economic indicators - population, employment, I am busy s

personal income and per-capita income growth - in each of the regions surrounding the national monuments generally grew following a new monument's creation,' said Headwaters Policy Director Chris Mehl. 'Overall, the updated analysis by Headwaters Economics again found no evidence that designating these national monuments prevented economic growth.'

[Read the complete article from Greenwire / E&E...](#)

In The News:



Salt Lake Tribune:
Op-ed: State politicians may not support our newest monument, but real Utahns do

June 2, 2017, by Angelo Baca, lifelong resident of San Juan County and cultural resources coordinator for Utah Diné Bikéyah

"Do the people of Utah want to rescind the Bears Ears National Monument?"

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The answer, according to the latest poll commissioned by Utah Diné Bikéyah and conducted by Public Opinion Strategies - a highly respected research firm with strong GOP ties - to see where voters stand on the monument, is no.

In fact, 64 percent of Utah's likely voters support keeping Bears Ears as a national monument, at its current size. Only 30 percent oppose the monument. Further, by a nearly two-to-one margin, voters believe that the monument designation has been a "good thing" for Utah.

As a lifelong resident of San Juan County, I grew up in Blanding listening to the stories of my grandmother who could trace her lineage to back her grandmother's time at Bears Ears..."

[Read the complete Salt Lake Tribune op-ed here...](#)

The Hill: **Trump's attack on national monuments reflects disregard for America's diversity**

June 9, 2017, by Maite Arce, president and CEO, Hispanic Access Foundation and Hillerie Patton, president of the Dignitas Agency and former employee of Nevada's Bureau of Land Management

"June 8 marks 111 years since President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act, opening the door for sixteen Presidents - eight Democrats and eight Republicans - to designate national monuments that reflect our nation's diversity.

National monuments like Bears Ears in Utah, Gold Butte in Nevada, and San Gabriel Mountains in California engage and pay homage to the cultures and communities that contribute to our country's great history.

This week we celebrate the anniversary of the Antiquities Act, as we continue to protest President Donald Trump's attempts to undermine it. The president recently launched an assault on the Antiquities Act through his April 26 Executive Order, showing dishonor for U.S. public lands and extreme contempt for one of the nation's most important conservation tools."

[Read the complete article in The Hill here...](#)

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The Albuquerque Journal:

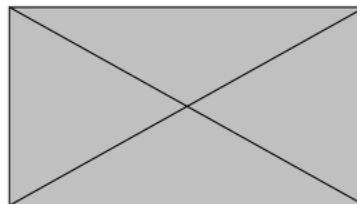
New Mexico must speak up again for its livelihood

Published June 14, 2017, by Ken Miyagishima, Mayor of Las Cruces, and co-signed by the mayors of Red River, Questa, Taos, Mesilla and Sunland Park, New Mexico

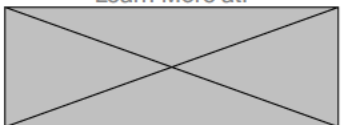
"We are excited to highlight New Mexico's national monuments and all that they offer our communities. As mayors from Las Cruces, Taos, Red River, Questa and Mesilla, we are acutely aware of what the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks and Río Grande del Norte national monuments bring our constituents and visitors in economic benefits, quality of life and natural assets...."

[Read the complete op-ed in the Albuquerque Journal...](#)

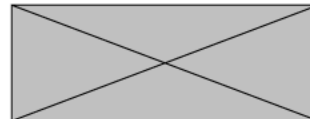
On behalf of all us at CLF, whether you are part of the Friends Grassroots Network, a donor or a supporter - thank you for all you do.



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