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Senators To Trump: Hands Off America's National Monuments

The Capitol rally comes a day after the close of a 60-day public comment period Interior held for its monuments review. More than 1.4 million comments were submitted, according to Regulations.gov. The League of Conservation Voters said more than 2.7 million comments voiced opposition to the review.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said last month in launching the review that “there is no predetermined outcome on any monument.”

Many are skeptical. Trump signed the executive order in the presence of Utah Gov. Gary Herbert (R) and the state's two senators, Orrin Hatch (R) and Mike Lee (R) — staunch opponents of the Bears Ears monument. Trump said Bears Ears was designated “over the profound objections of the citizens of Utah” and “should never have happened.”

Heinrich, Udall On Support For National Monuments

“Erasing America's national monuments from the map would devastate our thriving outdoor recreation economy, which generates 68,000 jobs and \$6.1 billion of annual economic activity in New Mexico alone. And it could easily lead us down a slippery slope toward the selloff of our public lands to the highest bidder and massive giveaways of public resources to special interests,” said Heinrich...

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