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BETTY T. YEE
California State Controller

August 14, 2017

The Honorable Ryan K. Zinke, Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

SUBJECT: Preservation of Protections on California National Monuments

Dear Secretary Zinke:

I write to strongly oppose any attempt by President Trump to revoke or weaken the existing national monument protections, which would jeopardize good-paying jobs in tourism and outdoor recreation economies, and have negative impacts on both rural and urban communities.

I serve as a member of the State Lands Commission, which manages over four million acres of sovereign lands in California. The Commission has the responsibility to manage and protect these lands and resources in a balanced way that ensures sustained public access to these lands.

I firmly believe the six monument designations in California (Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, Berryessa Snow Mountain, San Gabriel Mountains, Carrizo Plain, and Giant Sequoia) fall well within the scope and purpose of the Antiquities Act, which enables the President to "declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interests." These iconic landscapes and landmarks were designated by President Trump's predecessors in recognition of their historic or scientific interest to the nation and special meaning for the state. I urge you to preserve their present boundaries and ensure these special places remain for generations to come.

The presidentially designated national monuments also have significant positive economic impacts, particularly for rural development in communities across California. Many of California's federal land units, including our national monuments, enjoyed record-breaking attendance last year. According to a study by the Outdoor Industry Association, more than 59 percent of Californians participate in outdoor recreation each year. In 2016, this directly supported an estimated 732,000 jobs, and generated approximately \$85.4 billion in consumer spending and \$6.7 billion in state and local tax revenue.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this issue further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BETTY T. YEE