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This is the background they are sending to reporters today:

The Antiquities Act of 1906 authorizes the president to declare federal lands of historic or scientific value to be "National Monuments" and thereby restrict the types of uses to which those lands can be put. Past administrations have overused this power and designated large swaths of land well beyond the areas in need of protection. The Antiquities Act Executive Order directs the Department of the Interior to review prior monument designations and suggest legislative changes or modifications to the monument proclamations.

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