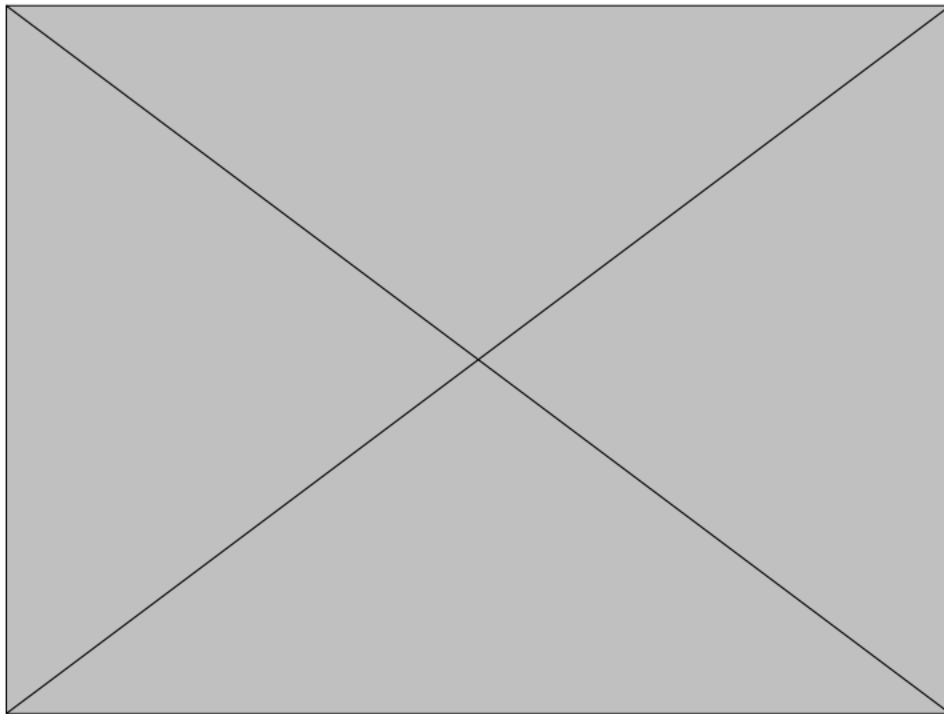


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**Executive Order attacking monuments coming this week. Standing together will be our key to winning.**



***Please join us on our call to learn how we fight to defend the  
National Conservation Lands...***

***Thursday April 27, 2017  
12:00 Noon, MT***

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**Dear Friends Grassroots Network and Partners:**

We just learned that President Trump plans to sign an order that would launch a process directing the Department of the Interior to review all National Monuments designated since 1996. This Order is a threat to the National Conservation Lands that millions of people love. It is an attack on rural economies. It is an attack on irreplaceable lands of the American West. We have an opportunity to communicate all they represent and we will demonstrate the vast public support we have on our side.

From Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument to Cesar Chavez National Monument to Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, recent monuments are in the crosshairs but we know that this is a threat to ALL public lands and parks across the nation. Places you have worked hard to designate and to protect.

This Thursday, on our monthly Friends Network Call, we will go over our plans to respond to this attack. You will leave the call with everything you need to know about how to respond, including media plans, events, talking points and social media guidance. We have included some talking points below. We will also send out any important updates before Thursday.

We know that an attack on one Monument is an attack on all.

**Agenda for Thursday's Call:**

- Executive Order on National Monuments: Response Plan
- CLF Staffing Update
- New Grants to the Friends Network
- FGN Organizing
- Updates from the field

Thank you for being part of this effort,

Ben Gabriel and Sam Goldman

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## Talking Points on Executive Order on National Monuments

**The executive order is a slow-motion attack on America's national parks, public lands and oceans.**

- National parks and public lands and waters **help define who we are as a nation**. Attempts to revoke or change the fabric of national monuments is an assault on our nation's historical, cultural and natural heritage.
- The Antiquities Act was signed by President Teddy Roosevelt in 1906 to safeguard and preserve federal lands and cultural and historical sites for all Americans to enjoy. **President Trump's action has the potential to undermine one of the nation's most important conservation tools.**

**Efforts to eliminate or shrink national monuments will hurt local economies.**

- National parks, public lands and waters are a **critical part of the nation's economy** - especially for rural and Western communities that benefit from the tourism, outdoor recreation and quality of life associated with healthy public lands.
- In 2016, Outdoor recreation generated \$64.6 billion and 6.1 million jobs. National Parks saw a record 331 million visits, contributing almost \$35 billion to the U.S. economy.

**This action is deeply unpopular - the public overwhelmingly opposes attacks on national parks, public lands and waters.**

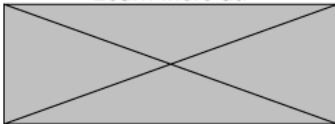
- In the 2017 Conservation in the West poll conducted by Colorado College, 80% of western voters supported keeping protections for existing monuments in place while only 13% of western voters supported removing protections for existing monuments.
- Other recent polls have shown strong support for national parks and monuments. A 2014 Hart Research poll conducted for the Center for American Progress showed that 90% of voters supported Presidential proposals to protect some public lands and waters as parks, wildlife refuges and wilderness.

**No President has attempted to revoke a national monument - for good reason.**

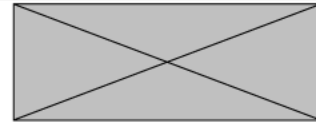
- There are over 150 monuments that protect America's cultural, historical, and natural heritage for future generations. Notably, **no president has attempted to revoke a predecessor's monument designation**, even where some public disagreement over the designation existed.
- Legal scholars are in agreement: **No president has the legal authority to eliminate**

or significantly alter a national park or national monument. See: [here](#) and [here](#).

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