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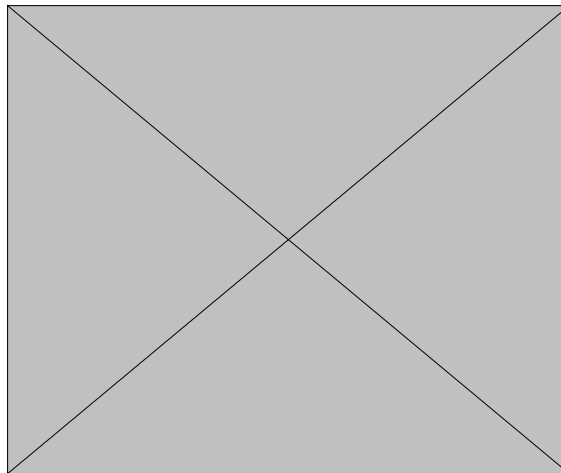
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### Details emerge on proposed monument cutbacks

Interior Secretary Zinke says he will recommend reductions to some monuments, but not eliminations.

For more context on three monuments likely to see reductions, see our stories below.



Bears Ears National Monument

Bears Ears a go — but here's where Obama drew the line  
The designation's concessions are unlikely to appease ardent opponents.

The bid for Bears Ears

The tribal push for a Bears Ears monument raises thorny questions of homeland

and sovereignty.

Zinke went to Bears Ears to listen, but supporters felt unheard  
The Interior Secretary's monument review is off to a complicated start.

#### Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Grand Staircase-Escalante was set up to fail  
How budget cuts, a divided staff and state politics hamstrung Utah's biggest monument.

Change comes slowly to Escalante country  
In the BLM's showcase monument, local grudges and national politics create a nasty quagmire.

Utah's Grand Staircase turns 5  
Locals still wondering if the monument will provide an economic step up.

#### Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

Oregon's monuments need protection from logging  
Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument shouldn't be managed for timber interests.

On a new national monument, has an agency been cowed?  
Funding for studying grazing impacts in Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument has been cut, while grazing continues unabated.

Babbitt's monument tour blazes on  
Al Gore announces four new national monuments, while Republicans fight back.

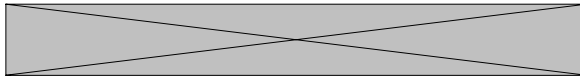
#### Background

Legal scholars dispute whether monuments are permanent  
Courts likely will decide the fate of designations threatened by Trump's review.

Fact-checking Trump's Antiquities Act order  
Trump and his supporters rely on dubious claims to attack national monuments.

[More on national monuments >>](#)

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