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## **Secretary Zinke Sends National Monuments Report to the White House**

(WASHINGTON) Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke sent a final report to the president which included his findings and recommendations on national monuments that were under review as a result of the April 26, 2017 **executive order**. The report summary can be read [here](#).

Please contact the White House lower press office for questions regarding the report.

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Here's the press release.

## **Secretary Zinke Recommends No Rescission of National Monuments in Final Report**

(WASHINGTON) Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke sent a final report to the president which included his findings and recommendations on national monuments that were under review as a result of the April 26, 2017 [executive order](#). The Secretary recommended no rescission of national monuments. The report summary can be read [here](#).

The Secretary determined that of the 27 national monuments under review that none should be rescinded, however that some require modification to the proclamation or boundaries in order to restore access to the land, traditional land uses, and private property owner rights.

“No President should use the authority under the Antiquities Act to restrict public access, prevent hunting and fishing, burden private land, or eliminate traditional land uses, unless such action is needed to protect the object,” **said Secretary Zinke**. “The recommendations I sent to the president on national monuments will maintain federal ownership of all federal land and protect the land under federal environmental regulations, and also provide a much needed change for the local communities who border and rely on these lands for hunting and fishing, economic development, traditional uses, and recreation.”

The review was implemented by President Trump in order to restore trust in the multiple-use mission of the Department and to give rural communities a voice in federal land management decisions. In order to make the process transparent and give local residents and stakeholders a voice, the Secretary [announced](#) on May 5, 2017 the opening up of a formal comment period for the review, as the President directed. This was the first time ever that a formal comment period was open on [regulations.gov](#) for national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act.

Over the 120-day review, Secretary Zinke visited eight national monument sites in six states.

- Bears Ears (UT)
- Grand Staircase Escalante (UT)
- Katahdin Woods and Waters (ME)
- Northeast Canyons and Seamounts
- Cascade Siskiyou (OR & CA)

- Organ Peaks (NM)
- Basin and Range (NV)
- Gold Butte (NV)

The extensive 120-day review included more than 60 meetings with hundreds of advocates and opponents of monument designations (partial list below), tours of monuments conducted over air, foot, car, and horseback (including a virtual tour of a marine monument), and a thorough review of more than 2.4 million public comments submitted to the Department on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Additionally, countless more meetings and conversations between senior Interior officials and local, state, Tribal, and non-government stakeholders including multiple Tribal listening sessions.

While traveling across the country, Secretary Zinke met with hundreds of local stakeholders and heard concerns about some national monuments negatively impacting things like local revenue from federal lands, agriculture, private property rights, public access to land, traditional Tribal uses of the land, and timber harvesting.

#### **Partial List of Meetings the Secretary Personally took with local stakeholders**

##### **DC**

5/2/17 (DC)	Meeting with San Juan County Commissioners
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##### **UTAH**

5/7/17 Salt Lake City, UT)	Meeting with Utah Senators and Governor (Salt Lake City, UT)
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5/7/17	Meeting with Utah State Historic Preservation Office & Utah Department of Heritage and Arts (Salt Lake City, UT)
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5/7/17 Meeting with Utah State Legislative Leadership & Utah Attorney General

5/7/17 Meeting with Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) (Salt Lake City, UT)

5/7/17 Meeting with Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (Salt Lake City, UT)

5/7/17 Dinner with the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation, Utah State Leadership, and Sportsmen (Salt Lake City, UT)

5/8/17 Meeting with Utah Federal Delegation (Salt Lake City, UT)

5/8/17 Helicopter Tour with Federal Delegation, State Leadership, San Juan County Commissioners (Bears Ears NM)

5/8/17 Hike with Federal Delegation, State Leadership, and San Juan County Commissioners (Bears Ears NM)

5/8/17 Meeting with Friends of Cedar Mesa (Blanding, UT)

5/8/17 Dinner hosted by San Juan County Commissioners (Blanding, UT)

5/9/17 Meeting/Tour with the Nature Conservancy (Monticello, UT)

5/9/17 Horseback Tour with San Juan County Commissioners (Bears Ears NM)

5/10/17 Breakfast Meeting with Kane and Garfield County Commissioners and Area Legislators (Kanab, UT)

5/10/17 Driving Tour of Grand Staircase-Escalante NM with Kane and Garfield County Commissioners (Grand Staircase NM)

5/10/17 Helicopter Tour of Grand Staircase-Escalante with State Officials

DC

5/17/17 Meeting with Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (DC)

5/18/17 Call with Senator King (DC) re: Katahdin  
Call with Senator Collins (DC) re: Katahdin

5/19/17 Call with Rep. Walden (DC) re: monument designations

5/22/17 Meeting with Senator Cortez Masto (DC) re:  
monument designations

6/5/17 Call with Governor Hickenlooper re: his position  
on monuments

6/7/17 Meeting with Ted Roosevelt IV and Jamie  
Williams of the Wilderness Society

## MAINE & MASSACHUSETTS

6/13/17 Dinner with Governor LePage & Stakeholders  
(Augusta, ME)

6/14/17 Driving Tour of Katahdin Woods and Waters NM  
with NPS, Lucas St. Clair (Katahdin NM)

6/14/17 Canoe Trip with NPS, Lucas St. Clair, Penobscot  
Nation Members (Katahdin NM)

6/14/17 Dinner with Local Maine Stakeholders (Katahdin  
NM)

6/15/17 Meeting with Katahdin Chamber of Commerce &  
Local Councilmen (Millinocket, ME)

6/15/17 Meeting with Penobscot Nation (Indian Island, ME)

6/15/17 Meeting with Maine Woods Coalition (Augusta,  
ME)

6/16/17 Meeting with New England Aquarium & Woods  
Hole Oceanographic Institution (Boston, MA)

6/16/17 Meeting with Fishermen (Boston, MA)

6/16/17 Meeting with State Secretary Matt Beaton & MA Lt.  
Governor Polito (Boston, MA)

DC

7/12/17	Call with Senator Cantwell re: monuments
7/12/17 Siskiyou	Call with Senator Merkley & Wyden re: Cascade
7/12/17	Call with Senator Murray re: monuments

## OREGON

7/15/17	Meeting/Hike with BLM (Medford, OR)
7/15/17	Tour of Cascade Siskiyou NM with Rep. Walden (Cascade-Siskiyou NM)
7/15/17 Siskiyou NM)	Meeting with Timber Stakeholders (Cascade-
7/15/17	Meeting with Ranchers (Cascade-Siskiyou NM)
7/15/17 Siskiyou NM)	Meeting with Recreation Stakeholders (Cascade-
7/16/17	Meeting with Timber Stakeholders & County Commissioners (Medford, OR)
7/16/17	Meeting with Governor Brown (Medford, OR)
7/16/17	Meeting with Klamath Tribes (Medford, OR)
7/16/17 (Medford, OR)	Meeting with Soda Mountain Wilderness Council

## NEW MEXICO

7/27/17 TX)	Meeting/Tour with Fort Bliss Personnel (El Paso,
7/27/17	Meeting with Ranchers & Local Stakeholders (including County Commissioners) (Las Cruces, NM)
7/27/17	Meeting on Border Security with Former Border Security Chiefs (Las Cruces, NM)
7/27/17	Meeting with Northern Ranchers on Rio Grande Del Norte (Las Cruces, NM)
7/27/17	Driving Tour with BLM Staff

7/28/17 Meeting/Hike with Vet Voice Foundation,  
Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Wilderness Society (Organ  
Mountains-Desert Peaks NM)

7/28/17 Meeting with Fort Sill Apache (Las Cruces, NM)

7/28/17 Meeting with Mescalero Apache (Las Cruces, NM)

7/28/17 Meeting with All Pueblo Council of Governors (Las  
Cruces, NM)

7/28/17 Meeting with Mayors and County Commissioners  
(Las Cruces, NM)

7/28/17 Meeting with Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert  
Peaks (Las Cruces, NM)

#### NEVADA

7/29/17 Meeting with BLM Staff, Local Officials, Local  
Stakeholders (Gold Butte NM)

7/29/17 Helicopter tour with BLM Staff (Gold Butte NM)

7/29/17 Meeting with NV AG Laxalt (Basin and Range NM)

7/29/17 Meeting with LA County Museum of Art at City  
(Basin and Range NM)

7/29/17 Meeting with Friends of Gold Butte & Stakeholders  
(Basin and Range NM)

7/29/17 Meeting with Senator Heller (Las Vegas, NV)

#### DC

7/31/17 Call with the Moapa Band of Paiutes re: NV  
Monuments

8/1/17 Meeting with Senators Merkley & Wyden re:  
Monuments

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He is needs to get on the phone with Kelly. They were not on board  
with the plan we just discussed

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