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Office of the Secretary

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Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996; Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior is conducting a review of certain National Monuments designated or expanded since 1996 under the Antiquities Act of 1906 in order to implement Executive Order 13792 of April 26, 2017. The Secretary of the Interior will use the review to determine whether each designation or expansion conforms to the policy stated in the Executive Order and to formulate recommendations for Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other appropriate actions to carry out that policy. This Notice identifies twenty-seven National Monuments under review and invites comments to inform the review.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments relating to the Bears Ears National Monument must be submitted before May 26, 2017. Written comments relating to all other National Monuments must be submitted before July 8, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by mail to Monument Review, MS-1530, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, or online to [Insert Regs.gov info].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 13792, issued of April 26, 2017 (82 FR 20429, May 1, 2017), directs the Secretary of the Interior to review certain National Monuments designated or expanded under the Antiquities Act of 1906, 54 U.S.C. §§ 320301–320303 (Act). Specifically, Section 2 of the Executive Order directs the Secretary to conduct a review of all Presidential designations or expansions of designations under the Antiquities Act made since January 1, 1996, where the designation covers more than 100,000 acres, where the designation after expansion covers more than 100,000 acres, or where the Secretary determines that the designation or expansion was made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders, to determine whether each designation or expansion conforms to the policy set forth in section 1 of the order. Section 1 states that designations should reflect the Act’s “requirements and original objectives” and “appropriately balance the protection of landmarks, structures, and objects against the appropriate use of Federal lands and the effects on surrounding lands and communities.” 82 FR 20429 (May 1, 2017).

In making ~~those~~ the requisite determinations, the Secretary is directed to consider:

- (i) the requirements and original objectives of the Act, including the Act’s requirement that reservations of land not exceed “the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected”;
- (ii) whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as “historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest”;

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- (iii) the effects of a designation on the available uses of designated Federal lands, including consideration of the multiple-use policy of section 102(a)(7) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701(a)(7)), as well as the effects on the available uses of Federal lands beyond the monument boundaries;
- (iv) the effects of a designation on the use and enjoyment of non-Federal lands within or beyond monument boundaries;
- (v) concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities;
- (vi) the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas; and
- (vii) such other factors as the Secretary deems appropriate.

82 FR 20429-20430 (May 1, 2017).

The National Monuments under review are listed in the following two tables.

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**NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING INITIALLY REVIEWED PURSUANT TO
CRITERIA IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13792**

<u>Monument</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
<u>Basin and Range</u>	<u>Nevada</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>703,585</u>
<u>Bears Ears</u>	<u>Utah</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>1,353,000</u>
<u>Berryessa Snow Mountain</u>	<u>California</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>330,780</u>
<u>Canyons of the Ancients</u>	<u>Colorado</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>175,160</u>
<u>Carrizo Plain</u>	<u>California</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>204,107</u>
<u>Cascade Siskiyou</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>2000/2017</u>	<u>100,000</u>
<u>Craters of the Moon</u>	<u>Idaho</u>	<u>1924/2000</u>	<u>737,525</u>
<u>Giant Sequoia</u>	<u>California</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>327,760</u>
<u>Gold Butte</u>	<u>Nevada</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>296,937</u>
<u>Grand Canyon-Parashant</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1,014,000</u>
<u>Grand Staircase-Escalante</u>	<u>Utah</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1,700,000</u>
<u>Hanford Reach</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>194,450.93</u>
<u>Ironwood Forest</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>128,917</u>
<u>Marianas Trench</u>	<u>CNMI/Pacific Ocean</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>60,938,240</u>
<u>Mojave Trails</u>	<u>California</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>1,600,000</u>
<u>Northeast Canyons and Seamounts</u>	<u>Atlantic Ocean</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>3,114,320</u>
<u>Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks</u>	<u>New Mexico</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>496,330</u>
<u>Pacific Remote Islands</u>	<u>Pacific Ocean</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>55,608,320</u>
<u>Papahānaumokuākea</u>	<u>Hawaii</u>	<u>2006/2016</u>	<u>89,600,000</u>
<u>Rio Grande del Norte</u>	<u>New Mexico</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>242,555</u>
<u>Rose Atoll</u>	<u>American Samoa</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>8,609,045</u>

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<u>Sand to Snow</u>	<u>California</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>154,000</u>
<u>San Gabriel Mountains</u>	<u>California</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>346,177</u>
<u>Sonoran Desert</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>486,149</u>
<u>Upper Missouri River Breaks</u>	<u>Montana</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>377,346</u>
<u>Vermilion Cliffs</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>279,568</u>

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NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DESIGNATION OR EXPANSION WAS MADE WITHOUT ADEQUATE PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

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<u>Katahdin Woods and Waters</u>	<u>Maine</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>87,563</u>
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The Department of the Interior seeks public comments related to: (1) Presidential designations or expansions of designations made since January 1, 1996 –“made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders” and (2) the application of factors (i) through (vii) in the executive order set forth above to Presidential designations or expansions of designations covered by the Order. With respect to factor (vii), comments should address other factors the Secretary might consider for this review.

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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