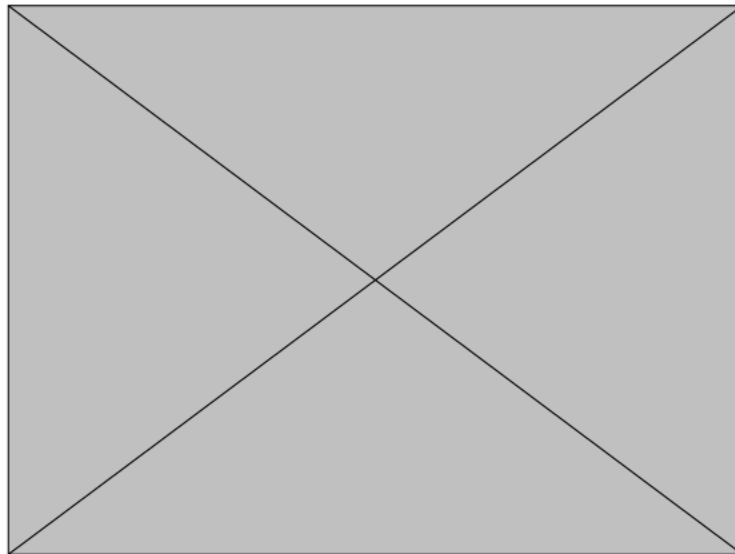
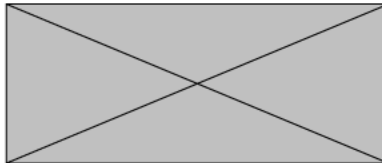


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An attack on one is an attack on all

Join us in fighting back!



Dear Friends Grassroots Network and Supporters,

Last night we learned in [news stories](#) of a [leaked report](#) that outlines the Trump Administration's attempt to sell out vast portions of our National Conservation Lands and other special places and waters to allow for mining, drilling, and logging. We knew this day would come and we are now digging through to learn the details. Despite this being the the largest reduction in land protection in U.S. history, our Friends Network is geared up for this fight. We have legal support, a network of trained advocates, and your important voice to fight back.

Here is what we know:

- As more and more details emerge - including through Secretary Zinke's secret report to the President - it is clear that the Trump Administration is preparing an unprecedented attack on protected lands in the United States; never before has the United States eliminated, at such a large scale, permanent protections for national parks, wilderness areas, or national monuments.
- Secretary Zinke's proposal means that an area several times the size of Yosemite National Park could soon be lost to mining, drilling, and logging. Native American sacred sites, natural wonders, and places that are currently open for hunting, fishing, hiking and outdoor recreation are at risk of being permanently lost to energy extraction, mining, and private development.
- Only Congress - not the President - has the authority to take the actions that Secretary Zinke is proposing. If the White House attempts to implement these recommendations, their actions will be challenged in court and overturned.
- The report dismisses the overwhelming public support for monuments, discounting most of the 2.8 million comments as "form letters" generated by NGOs. It's a slap in the face to everyone who spent time submitting their own personal perspectives on why monuments are important to them.

Here are the actions Secretary Zinke's report is recommending:

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2. Cascade Siskiyou National Monument, Oregon: Eliminate the national monument and allow 'traditional' uses like mining, logging and drilling in protected areas.
3. Gold Butte National Monument, Nevada: Eliminate the national monument and allow 'traditional' uses like mining, logging and drilling in protected areas.
4. Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, New Mexico: Allow 'traditional' uses like mining, logging and drilling in protected areas; leaves open the possibility of stripping protections for the monument.
5. Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, New Mexico: Allow 'traditional' uses like mining, logging and drilling in protected areas; leaves open the possibility of stripping protections for the monument.
6. Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, Maine - Specifies that logging should be allowed in the national monument; leaves open the possibility of stripping protections for the monument.
7. Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Atlantic Ocean - Allow industrial-scale commercial fishing in the national monument; leaves open the possibility of stripping protections for the monument.
8. Pacific Remote Islands National Monument, Pacific Ocean - allow industrial-scale

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9. Rose Atoll National Monument - allow industrial-scale commercial fishing in the national monument; leaves open the possibility of stripping protections for the monument.

Getting rid of vast portions of America's national monuments will result in the loss of prized wildlife habitat, reduced public access for hunting and fishing, the destruction of priceless archaeological sites, and lost jobs in local communities.

- While we are prepared with a top notch legal team and a network of trained advocates, it is critical that we mobilize all our members and supporters to condemn this attack on the National Conservation Lands.
- The elimination of vast portions of America's national monuments will deal a major blow to local economies and the multi-billion outdoor recreation economy that America's public lands and waters support.
- The Administration's decision to sell-out these national monuments to drilling, mining, logging, and other special interests will result in the loss of millions of acres of hunting and fishing opportunities.
- The Administration's efforts, if they are not stopped, will result in the destruction and desecration of some of our nation's most important archaeological sites, including sites that are sacred to Native American communities.
- Industrial-scale commercial fishing simply does not belong in the marine national monuments that Secretary Zinke is targeting - the Atlantic Canyons and Seamounts and the Pacific Remote Islands should remain protected for the whales, rare sharks, turtles and marine life that they hold.

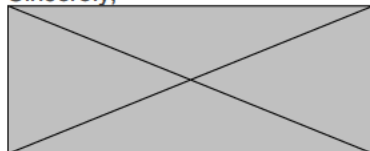
The lands we value for conservation, for clean air, water and places to play have been proposed to be ripped to shreds by the President who called for the sham monuments review in the first place.

That is why, if President Trump takes these actions that are being recommended to him, we will see him in court.

As we learn more and have additional information to share, you will be the first to know and please be on the lookout for upcoming Friends Grassroots Network conference calls and trainings.

We will defend these places and keep them open for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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