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Here are the summaries of the Secretary's monument visits and announcements.

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This was sent to Downey

### **Monument Review Read Out -- Chronological**

Of the hundreds of national monuments across the country, 27 were put under review. On April 26, 2017 [Secretary Zinke Weighed in on President Trump's Executive Order Directing Interior to Review of 20 Years of Monuments](#).

In an effort to make the process transparent and give people a voice in the process, the secretary announced on [May 5, 2017 the opening up of a formal comment period for the review](#). This is the first time ever that a formal comment period was open on [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) for national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act.

Since May, Secretary Zinke has personally visited eight national monument sites in six states. He's held dozens of meetings with Tribal, local and state government officials, local stakeholders, and advocates from conservation, agriculture, tourism, and historic preservation organizations. The Secretary meets with people and organizations who represent all sides of the issue.

On May 7, 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced that [he will visit Utah and launch a four-day listening tour regarding the Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument](#).

On May 10, 2017 Secretary Zinke [wrapped up day 3 of his four day trip to Utah, visiting locals to talk about Bears Ears National Monument](#). A video of Zinke's entire trip to Utah can be found [here](#).

On June 10, 2017 [Secretary Zinke submitted an interim report on Bears Ears National Monument and extended the public comment period](#).

On June 14th [Secretary Zinke Visited Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument](#), taking a listening tour on the second day of his New England trip. On June 15th [Secretary](#)

[Zinke Met with a Variety of Stakeholders in Maine](#) during the third day of his trip through New England. On June 16th, [Secretary Zinke spent the final day of his trip working throughout New England](#). Secretary Zinke met with officials from USFWS and the New England Aquarium, took a virtual tour of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine Monument, attended a roundtable discussion with local fisherman, and toured Boston Harbour and Boston National Historic Park with his team from NPS and the Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Matthew Beaton.

On July 10th, [the formal public comment period closed for the review of national monuments](#). During this period, over 1.2 million comments were received on [regulations.gov](#) and thousands more were received via traditional mail

On July 13, 2017 [Secretary Zinke Announced Recommendation on Idaho's Craters of the Moon and Washington's Hanford Reach National Monuments](#).

On July 21, 2017 [Secretary Zinke Recommended No Modifications to Canyons of the Ancients](#).

On July 27th, started day one of his four day trip to the western U.S. [Secretary Zinke met with ranchers and local stakeholders in New Mexico](#) to discuss Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument and Rio Grande del Norte National Monument. On July 28th, [Secretary Zinke hiked with veterans, Tribal leaders and local stakeholders in regards to Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument](#).

On August 2, 2017 [Secretary Zinke Recommended No Modifications to Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument](#).

On August 4, 2017 [Secretary Zinke Recommended No Changes to Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument](#).

So far, five monuments have been removed from the review process and the Secretary recommended that no size modifications be made to those removed.

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On Mon, Aug 21, 2017 at 11:03 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I came by your office earlier, but you were out - how are the summaries of the press releases on his monument visits coming?