

**From:** Shulman, Stu  
**To:** [Bowman, Randal](#); [Cash, Marcia](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Number of comments disparity - Regs.gov lower than Bears Ears DiscoverText  
**Date:** Monday, June 05, 2017 12:29:24 PM  
**Attachments:** [report-Exact Duplicate Group Seeds - opposing.rtf](#)  
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You have to match the coding report up with the actual duplicate groups. I'm not clear why you would do that for all 422 groups, which includes many groups of 2.

Probably the Secretary needs to hear about the top 10-20 groups, at most.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:07 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I need to know how many individual comments those groups represent, so we can report how many comments we received for and against the review/changes to Bears Ears - i.e. how many comments do the 367 groups against the review consist of?.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:01 PM, Shulman, Stu <[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:

All coding is at the unit level. This is result of your coding the 422 seeds of duplicate groups.

| Code                               | Count | Pct.    |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| <a href="#">No New Information</a> | 412   | 49.82 % |
| <a href="#">Opposing Review</a>    | 367   | 44.38 % |
| <a href="#">Supporting Review</a>  | 46    | 5.56 %  |
| <a href="#">New Information</a>    | 2     | 0.24 %  |

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 12:10 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

However, the reporting is by units, not clear if that means number of comments within each unit or just number of units.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 12:06 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Ignore this - I see that after all (4%)

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 12:04 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Also, some of the exact duplicates are coded as supporting the review, but I do not know how to find those numbers. the summary for the 422 groups does not show "supporting the review", but I have just looked at the coding for some groups and confirmed there are form letters supporting the review, along with the vast majority

that does not.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:41 AM, Shulman, Stu <[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:  
 Sorry no; you are misreading the data representation.

422 total groups and 33803 single items which gives you 34225 items to be reviewed after deduplication.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:38 AM, Bowman, Randal  
<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Another apparent problem - 34,825 exact duplicate comments and 33,803 single comments is far more than the 59,559 comments we register overall

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:32 AM, Shulman, Stu <[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:  
 These are the counts of exact duplicates in a group. You originally coded 422 Bears Ears groups. These are the numbers.

Inline image 1



On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:29 AM, Bowman, Randal  
<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

just want to be absolutely clear - "deduplicated" is the number of individual comments in the exact duplicate files?

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:23 AM, Shulman, Stu <[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:

### For Bears Ears:

<http://doi.discovertext.com/Project/ArchiveDetails/000000040000002B00000000000000000000000000000000>

Inline image 1

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:20 AM, Bowman, Randal  
<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

How do we get the numbers of individual comments in the exact duplicate seed units?

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:53 AM, Shulman, Stu <[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:

I assume the totals are 100% opposed and no new information for all the datasets you bulk coded. If that is the case, you just need to add up the totals of the datasets you coded off the list view.

If that is not the case, you need to go into the Dataset Details and select Coding Report and then expand the results to get what I copied on the 5000 item set.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:49 AM, Bowman, Randal  
<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, but I need the totals for all of the Bears Ears comments - how many were opposed and how many supported. And you should have access to the account.

Stu, can you tell me how I find this myself - I must be overlooking something.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:46 AM, Cash, Marcia  
<[marcia\\_cash@fws.gov](mailto:marcia_cash@fws.gov)> wrote:

Got this from Stu:

Those numbers were for Dataset Name: uncoded singles 5462

Marcia Cash

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From: **Shulman, Stu** <[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)>

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Subject: Re: Number of comments disparity - Regs.gov lower  
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To: "Cash, Marcia" <[marcia\\_cash@fws.gov](mailto:marcia_cash@fws.gov)>

| Code               | Count | Pct.    |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| No New Information | 5390  | 49.60 % |
| Opposes Review     | 4523  | 41.63 % |
| Supports Review    | 892   | 8.21 %  |
| Uncodable          | 48    | 0.44 %  |
| New Information    | 13    | 0.12 %  |

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:26 AM, Cash, Marcia

<[marcia\\_cash@fws.gov](mailto:marcia_cash@fws.gov)> wrote:

Randy just asked me this:

How do I show the totals for Bears Ears coded comments - for and against the review? Last week I kept seeing circular bar codes with partial numbers, but now can't find or generate them.

Since I don't have access to their account, I can't help.

Can you give me some instructions to help him find this?

**Marcia Cash**

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On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:22 AM, Shulman, Stu

<[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:

yes

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:08 AM, Cash, Marcia

<[marcia\\_cash@fws.gov](mailto:marcia_cash@fws.gov)> wrote:

Stu - can you please filter those comments for Randy. I

think it would give him peace of mind.

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On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:03 AM, Stu Shulman

<[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:

We can do that anytime using filters Randy. Creating a new bucket of uncoded items is something you already know how to do.

You can separate sets of comments 100 different ways. The key is to use advanced filters to get the set you want.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 3:57 PM Bowman, Randal

<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Much of this probably comes from my unfamiliarity with the system. but what I would like - and what I presumed would have happened already - is for the coded Bears Ears comments to be segregated in some fashion from all of the other current and future comments, so neither I nor anyone else at DOI can inadvertently search or sort any of them into any of the future work on the other monuments.

If that needs to wait until after we run the Secretary's new project, that's fine. The new search is a one-time effort, to find which of the monuments under review have the fewest or no comments to date. After that, there will be a pause for several days while we finalize the Bears Ears recommendations, consider lessons learned etc etc., during which time the coded Bears Ears comments could be set aside as per above.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 9:31 AM, Shulman, Stu

<[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:

Randy,

I'm not sure what you mean by "general" pile. We have the ability to deduplicate and filter out coded items across all piles. We create a Bear's Ears project

and I assumed we would have a new project for all the rest.

However, given the timeline you indicated, the shortest possible time length to get fully updated is to keep loading documents into the original project and then use the deduplication, search, and filtering features to update the Secretary.

Stu

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 9:21 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

That should then be 176-177,000 not 172.  
However, putting that aside, why are the Bears Ears comments still in the general pile? We don't want to count them twice, as many mention more than just Bears Ears.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 9:08 AM, Shulman, Stu <[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:

Randy,

The 59,559 Bears Ears are pulled out of the 117,000. That means 59,559 documents are in the project twice.

Stu

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 9:01 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

While 117,000 and 18,000 = 135,000, the number in regs.gov, I don't see where 172,000 comes from - that is 37,000 comments above what it should be as far as I can tell

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 8:58 AM, Shulman, Stu <[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:

Those numbers make sense Randall. I think you have to think through the steps that got us to this point. When we loaded the comments last time, there were 117,000 and since then another 18,000 have come in.

59000 of the 117,000 had the phrase Bears Ears after deduplication.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 8:54 AM, Bowman,

Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)>  
wrote:

The Bears Ears folder shows 172,+++ files,  
but there are only 135,+++ comments  
displayed on the docket at [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). My  
initial thought was that Bears Ears coded  
comments were being duplicated, but the  
different is 37,000+, which does not match  
any the Bears Ears coded numbers.

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Created by: Stu Shulman on 5/28/2017 2:58 PM



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Group Id                | Items | Snippet   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <a href="#">Group 1</a> | 15701 | As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monument  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <a href="#">Group 2</a> | 1466  | Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it hurts one  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <a href="#">Group 3</a> | 1120  | Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all f     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <a href="#">Group 4</a> | 987   | Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming tog     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <a href="#">Group 5</a> | 869   | Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it only hurts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <a href="#">Group 6</a> | 867   | Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monu  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <a href="#">Group 7</a> | 605   | Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story c    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <a href="#">Group 8</a> | 502   | Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it hurts one  |



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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and ask it remain intact. As an avid outdoor recreationist and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that the future of this worthy National Monument is under scrutiny. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act—a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt—to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. Bears Ears is exactly the kind of place the Antiquities Act intended to protect. It is rich in cultural history and archaeological sites, which inspired a historic coalition of tribes to band together to push for its designation, and its world-class recreation opportunities are endless. The process that led to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument was thorough and transparent. For more than 80 years, decision makers from all sides presented proposals seeking permanent protection of all or part of this incredible landscape. Boundaries from both the multi-year Public Lands Initiative and the Bears Ears Tribal Coalition were drawn to include, not exceed, the acreage necessary to preserve the rich cultural heritage, ecological values, and important to me, the many opportunities to play outside. Thank you for reviewing the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Bears Ears speaks for itself, and if you've visited it, I am certain your experiences will help lead you to recommend that President Trump leave the Bears Ears National Monument fully intact.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-0103

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should REMAIN a National Monument. Last year I spent the month of May exploring the area that is now titled Bears Ears National Monument. It is a special place and should be protected from development—especially development by the oil and gas industry. It is mind boggling that this area, and all other National Monuments designated since 1996, are even under consideration to have their designations rescinded.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

In the U.S. by the time a National Monument has been established, public input and governmental and private review has occurred for many years. Meanwhile, the oil and gas exploration and production that consumes millions of acres throughout our nation is under far less review, with little public input. Specifically, the Bears Ears National Monument in SE Utah is an incredible area and it was established with the intention of ensuring tribal expertise and knowledge is preserved with its preservation. The tribal people of this country are owed much more than this, but this is a start. In the state of Utah, we are experiencing record numbers of tourism with billions of dollars spent as people come to visit the National Parks or recreate throughout our beautiful landscape. And yet, our elected officials in Utah ignore the wishes of their constituents and fail to "connect the dots" in terms of what landscape protection, monuments, and tourism mean for our economy and instead focus on providing favors and decreasing regulations for the oil and gas industry. We must create more National Monuments, keep the ones we have designated, and focus on protecting and healing the open land that remains.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-0123

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I support Rescinding Bears Ears National Monument. I feel that President Trump's Executive Order, a Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996, is absolutely necessary for the Bears Ears National Monument designation. The requirements and original objectives of the Antiquities Act was always meant to protect lands. Lands designated over 100,000 acres, is truly a violation of the original intent of the Act, meant to not "exceed the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Native Americans, Local Residents and many people across our great nation have a clear majority in support of Rescinding Bears Ears National Monument. I ask that President Trump listen to the people. Please reverse the designation of the Bears Ears National Monument for its undemocratic and unjust process. I request that no more National Monument designations be established in the State of Utah.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

A prominent American Indian scholar—the late Vine Deloria Jr.—pointed out that there are locations that should remain undeveloped by virtue of their traditional uses but also because, as sacred, they have a right simply to exist undisturbed. It is absolutely repulsive that the Secretary was escorted around Bears Ears primarily by non-Native latecomers to the region whose only interest is economic development with all the ugliness and

intrusiveness that industry will bring. Indigenous people who have lived in the area for millennia should determine its fate. Oil derricks, for example, are pretty much anyplace, anytime but Bears Ears is unique and, once spoiled, will be lost not only to indigenous peoples but to all of humanity.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

It is in my opinion that Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, and Vermilion Cliffs, conform to section 1 of The Executive Order 13792 as every monument designation reflects The Antiquities 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." Therefore, it is imperative that all national monuments being reviewed pursuant to criteria in executive order 13792 remain protected as each was originally given adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders before designation. In regards to the requisite determination factors the Secretary is to consider, I would like to voice my support that all of the monuments listed meet: Criteria (i), none exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Criteria (ii), all monuments are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest." Criteria (vi), there is currently the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas. In reference to criteria (vii), it is important to understand that no president has ever moved to rescind a designation made by a previous president. This precedent should stay intact. Furthermore, the revenue that these monuments generate as tourist attractions will far exceed the short term gains that could otherwise be generated through extraction-related industries. Finally, these monuments are national treasures, to rescind any sort of protections for the implied intent of private use and development is nothing short of treason.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I would like to urge Secretary Zinke not to make any changes to established national monuments. There is so little land that is NOT already under development, or being used for resource extraction already. And I know when you look at the American West, it is easy to think the opposite is true. But think of it more this way: the American West is all that remains of wilderness. The entire United States used to be that way. It's not an environmentalist thing or part of a liberal agenda. This is a bipartisan point of view. Nobody wants America's beautiful backcountry turned into smokestacks and oil rigs. Especially somewhere as special as Bears Ears or Escalante - some of the most unique land I've seen anywhere in the world. It's just too emotionally charged, and for what? A dying industry? The outdoor industry creates three times as many jobs as the fossil fuels industry. We all know that sacrificing the outdoor recreation potential in Bears Ears, Escalante, or most of these other national monuments in exchange for resource extraction is a losing investment in the long run... not even in a very long run at all. And, of course, speaking of Bears Ears specifically, do we really want to hit Native Americans with just another in a seemingly endless procession of slaps to the face? For the first time, native peoples were consulted and central to the planning of a national monument. That's a step forward toward reparations for past atrocities, and respect for native peoples. Do we really want to simply undo that giant step in the right direction for the sole purpose of putting more money in the pockets of the Koch brothers? The writing is on the wall. More and more, the word is getting out, and people see through the ruse. The motives behind this are transparent, and unacceptable. You know it, I know it, everyone knows it. And of course, the lens of history is more transparent still. Think about your legacy. Think of what you will be known for 50 years down the road. Think of your children, and their children, and how they will want to remember the Zinke name. Think about what it might mean to set this precedent of rescinding or restructuring national monuments (something no previous president has ever done, from either party). Think about what we stand to gain by doing so. And then, think about what we stand to lose.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I support the designation of all 27 monuments under review and ask that all boundaries remain unchanged. These special places, including but not limited to Bears Ears National Monument and Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument are incredibly rich in plant and animal diversity. The plant and animal communities cannot speak for themselves, but they are worthy of the highest protection and conservation agendas through the US Department of Interior. Each monument that is under review is worthy of such a status because of unique ecological assemblages and/or cultural heritage present. In many cases it was after public hearings and outcries of public support, that acting presidents subsequently designated these 27 special places as monuments. This level of protection ensures these valuable cultural and ecological assets can thrive. Thank you for allowing public comment once again to highlight the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of each of these monuments. We as a nation are lucky to have set aside such amazing landscapes for the public, both present and future to enjoy.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

The President's Executive Order calling for a review of all national monuments designated through use of the Antiquities Act since 1996 has me extremely concerned. Each of the monuments listed were created with overwhelming public support and must remain undisturbed. When Teddy Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act in 1906 his intention was to safeguard and preserve federal lands and cultural and historical sites for all people to enjoy. Since then, 16 presidents from both parties have used this authority to protect stunning landscapes, including the Grand Canyon, Acadia, Zion

and Olympic National Parks. More recently, the Act has also been used to protect places like Bears Ears -- spanning 1.35 million acres in southeastern Utah and home to centuries worth of cultural artifacts including cliff dwellings, hogans, and pictographs, in addition to being revered land for several Native tribes. There is no need for a review to demonstrate what my family knows and appreciates-- national monuments provide tangible health, natural, and economic benefits. Protected outdoor spaces drive the outdoor recreation economy which supports 7.6 million jobs and generates \$887 billion in consumer spending each year. National monuments and public lands are vital both for the history they preserve and the future they offer. Our public lands help define who we are as a nation. Instead of asking which parts of our history and heritage we could eliminate, please ask how we can make our land more protected.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument, Utah Bears Ears National Monument should be permanently maintained in its entirety as a National Monument due to its significant cultural, archeological, and economic value to local Native American tribes, the state of Utah, and the United States. Despite its recent designation, the establishment of a National Monument surrounding Bears Ears is far from a new concept, as its public value has been recognized for nearly a century. The area has been the object of National Monument designation since the 1930s attempt to create an Escalante National Monument three times the current size of Bears Ears National Monument. More recently, Native American tribes in the Four Corners area have sought the protection of Bears Ears for nearly a decade prior to President Obama's executive order creating Bears Ears National Monument. The Bears Ears buttes and surrounding land are spiritually important to multiple Native American tribes in the area. Among other antiquities, Bears Ears holds the burial grounds of the Navajo leader Manuelito, which are sacred to the Navajo people. The president of the Navajo Nation has stated on the record that the tribe has "always looked to Bears Ears as a place of refuge, as a place where we can gather herbs and medicinal plants, and a place of prayer and sacredness," while a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has stated that the monument is important to him "because these are ancestral lands...there are sacred sites and stories of our lives." Bears Ears is home to a number of such antiquities, including architecturally significant ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings that date to 1500 BC. In total, the National Monument contains an estimated 100,000 archeological sites, many of which have previously been victim to, and need protection from, looting and vandalism. Executive Order #13792 directs Secretary Zinke to review Monuments in part based on "concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation," as well as "whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic and scientific interest." Clearly, Bears Ears possesses significant value in both categories, given the extensive archeological relevance of the area as well as its spiritual and ancestral importance to Native peoples who have called it home for many generations. It would be deeply irresponsible to ignore these factors, each of which align Bears Ears National Monument with the very essence of the Antiquities Act, to shortsightedly pursue profit from destructive industrial use of this land. Notably, Bears Ears National Monument borders Canyonlands National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and Natural Bridges National Monument, demonstrating that its surrounding region has previously and separately been deemed to carry notable value to the American public. Furthermore, it is important to note that a large portion of the land for which an intertribal coalition requested protection in Bears Ears National Monument was not included in the Monument's eventual borders. Given the Secretary's instructions to consider "that reservations of land not exceed the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management..." it is evident that the borders of Bears Ears National Monument were already drawn with an eye towards omitting unnecessary lands. The economic value of Bears Ears National Monument is also not to be understated. Beyond its importance to local Native tribes, Bears Ears is prized by the outdoor industry. Secretary Zinke is also instructed to consider the effects of the National Monument on "the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities." It is notable that Outdoor Retailer Market, with a cumulative economic impact of an estimated \$45 million each year, withdrew indefinitely from the state of Utah in protest of the Utah government's opposition to Bears Ears, with the weight of major companies such as Patagonia, REI, and The North Face behind this decision. Although a remote area for much other economic activity, Southeast Utah is a hub for the outdoor industry and a major destination for adventure and outdoor tourism in large part due to its protected lands such as Bears Ears. According to NPS, nearby national parks such as Zion and Arches generated about \$850 million in annual visitor spending and created 14,000 jobs - overall, Utah receives a \$1.3 billion economic boost annually from parks and monuments. In light of all of the above considerations, it is unsurprising that in a recent poll, 71% of Utah residents supported the continued protected status of Bears Ears. Given the major archeological, spiritual, cultural, and economic importance of Bears Ears National Monument, I strongly support its continued preservation in the entirety of its current dimensions.

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Please protect these places for future generations. Recreation in these areas also supports local economies. I would be very disappointed to see anything happen to these monuments, especially Bears Ears, which protects an area that has rich cultural history and delicate natural areas. Thank you for reading.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As an avid outdoor person and a citizen who appreciates, enjoys and values our public lands, I am very concerned that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes are at risk of being rolled back. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act, a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt, to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented, possibly even illegal, attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a reasonable supplement to the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review. While President Trump is free to exercise his discretion in the designation of new National Monuments according to his administration's priorities, that discretion does not extend to undoing the considered judgment of his predecessors. Thank you for giving this matter your thoughtful consideration.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep national monuments protected. Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review," is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and incredible outdoor recreation spots, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honor the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As an avid outdoor recreationist and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes could be rolled back through this current National Monument review process. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a meaningful supplement--or means to supplant--the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review. My generation and those that follow us, benefit greatly from spending time in our beautiful outdoors. America is unique in its vast beauty and natural lands. Many of us find strength and solace in places like Bears Ears. Please protect this wonderful area for all Americans. Our National Parks and Monuments are the envy of the world, and a legacy for future generations. Enjoying the outdoors keeps us healthy, happy, reduces stress in these fast-paced times and enriches our lives.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As an avid outdoor recreationist, who spends thousands of dollars a year contributing to the local economies near our priceless national monuments, I want to fully endorse the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review. These monuments are good for the local jobs and growth, our national tourism draw and for the future generations who will not forgive us if we do not protect their legacy. Thank you for listening and protecting our public lands. May Reed MD

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am writing you today to ask you to support the government's designation of the Bears Ears National Monument and honor the participation of five Native American tribes in managing the monument. This proclamation marks the first time in the 110-year history of the Antiquities Act that Native American tribes united to ask the president to designate a national monument. The weathered sandstone, deep canyons, forests, ancient cliff dwelling and sacred rock art also offer world-class opportunities for exploration, solitude, and recreation. The Bears Ears National monument is a place all Americans can enjoy now and for future generations.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Keep Bears Ears National Monument!

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**Unit Codes:**

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**Unit Classifications:**

I support keeping the designation of Bears Ears as a national monument and oppose opening it up to any type of development or to mining or drilling operations. The buttes and surroundings have long been held as sacred or significant by a number of the region's Native American tribes. Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings dated to more than 3,500 years ago have been discovered in the region, just some of the estimated 100,000 archaeological sites protected within the monument. This area should continue to be protected for its historical and archaeological value, as well as its significance to Native American tribes.

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**Unit Classifications:**

These special places belong to ALL of us, and it is simply appalling that there is an effort to deauthorize them. The Antiquities Act has historically protected such beloved places as Grand Canyon, Grand Teton NP and more. These areas now under review deserve continued protection as National Monuments, they were designated because they were special and in need of a higher level of protection. I believe that many people do not understand that the Antiquities Act can only be used for land already under federal ownership and that it is NOT a "land grab". Bears Ears in particular is also sacred to several Native American Tribes. Katahdin Woods and Waters was donated by a private citizen specifically so the area could be protected. Research is absolutely clear that National Parks and Monuments generate enormous revenue for neighboring communities, this should be considered. These places also provide a much needed respite for the public. When we protect these areas, we invest in the health and well being of our population, with places to recreate, exercise, heal, and seek spiritual renewal. Many of these Monuments preserve an important part of our nation's story and history. For their intrinsic value, for their importance in our national story, for the economic benefits of neighboring communities, for health and well being of the public, and because these special places truly belong to ALL of us, please do not deauthorize them.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Rescinding or altering the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument would be an attack on public lands, public voices, and Native American sovereignty. I urge you to recommend NO CHANGE to Bears Ears National Monument.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I urge you to recommend no change to Bears Ears National Monument.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

The Bears Ears National Monument designation was the only viable option for protecting this threatened landscape from resource extraction, looting and unmanaged recreation after the 114th Congress adjourned without passing long-promised legislation to protect the area. Utah legislators have recently been pressuring President Trump to rescind Bears Ears National Monument, as well as the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. The previous administration spent years conducting a thorough assessment of the Bears Ears region that included a wide spectrum of stakeholders including Access Fund and American Alpine Club and this process resulted in a well-substantiated national monument boundary that protects threatened cultural resources and recreation areas. President Trump has signed a new executive order asking you to suggest national monuments created over the last two decades that he can abolish. This move is diametrically opposed to the purpose of the Antiquities Act of 1906, which empowers presidents to preserve federal land at risk of degradation by human activity, and was created by President Teddy Roosevelt, whom you claim to admire. Abolishing these protected lands threatens the legacy of your purported hero, as well as valuable ecosystems, historical landmarks, and cultural heritage of Native Americans, and must not be allowed. While Republican lawmakers have declared war on this act, the truth is that 90 percent of the public supports protecting public lands, including many conservatives who value their ability to hunt, fish, and hike on land untainted by human activity. The real beneficiaries of this new order are oil and gas companies, which stand to benefit greatly from lands being opened to drilling and development and whose lobbying efforts have spurred the Republican animosity towards protection of public lands. The decisions you make regarding these national monuments have important ramifications for our country and its future. If you truly respect the will and actions of former President Roosevelt, you will put a stop to President Trump's agenda of tearing down conservation regulations, and use your power to ensure past and future presidential monuments stay preserved for posterity to revere.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I stand in support of Bears Ears National Monument and all of the other 26 National Monuments under review after the overreaching Executive Order 13792. These lands are our shared national heritage and are steeped in cultural significance. I stand for our public lands, for our wild places, for intact healthy ecosystems that provide refugia for life, both wild and human. These are the places we hike, bike, hunt, and fish. Places one can experience solitude and connection with the natural world. Many National Monuments have later become our greatest National Parks. Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Bryce, Zion, Acadia, Olympic, and many others started out as National Monuments before becoming National Parks. The forefathers of the Antiquities Act had great foresight in allowing for the proclamation of Monuments. No where in the Act does it allow a President to revoke a previous President's proclamation. And Executive Order 13792 also arbitrarily chooses 100,000 acres as qualifying for review. In the case of the Grand Canyon, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the Grand Canyon was indeed "an object of historic or scientific interest" and could be protected by presidential proclamation setting a precedent for the use of the Antiquities Act to preserve large areas of land. This precedent exists to this day. The courts have rejected every challenge to the President's use of the Antiquities Act, consistently ruling that the law gives the president exclusive discretion over the determination of the size and nature of the objects protected. Bears Ears National Monument was proclaimed a monument after over 5 years of work by a coalition of Southwestern Native American tribes, local community members, and politicians both locally and nationally. After conceding nearly 600,000 acres in the final designation for timber, mining, OHV, and other high intensive uses, it appears Rep. Rob Bishop and the other Utah politicians were negotiating in bad faith. This monument still allows traditional use and was already federally owned public lands so to describe it as a land grab is absurd. Bears Ears is an incredibly gorgeous place of spiritual significance to many. It is filled with the history of many people. Cliff dwellings dot the deep sandstone cliffs. Granaries and other ruins filled with pottery sherds and old corn cobs echo of a time long ago. The mesas, meadows, and canyon systems of Bears Ears National Monument are filled with ruins, petroglyphs, pictographs, and cliff dwellings. This place is beautiful and incredibly important. I am very thankful for the years of hard work that were put in and the foresight in protecting Bears Ears as a National Monument.

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I am writing in support of all National Monuments, and specifically in support of preserving our most recent monuments, such as Bears Ears. Bears Ears preserves a beautiful area, cultural resources and ancient history, as well as very popular recreation areas. It is no accident that an unprecedented combination of interest groups came together and agreed on the Bears Ears Monument. The monument will allow Americans to enjoy the mostly unaltered landscape of the area and to learn about ancient history, to recreate and vacation. It allows tribal groups to continue to live their heritage, to preserve sacred sites and landscapes that are the foundation of their societies. It also reflects the inherent value that Americans attribute to the natural and cultural resources of their country. In addition, the preservation of new monuments provides long-term and predictable economic development opportunities for the municipalities in the area. Tourism, in particular national tourism, brings jobs, user fees, and possibilities for local businesses to expand and thrive. The local communities, tribes, and Americans alike benefit from these protections. The destruction or careless use of these areas brings no positive value; short-term gains will lead to long-term, permanent losses. I would like to suggest no changes to the current size or status of the monument. In the end it would be good to continue with the 10 year plan to make Bears Ears a National Park and forever preserve its beauty.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As a life-long hiker and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that protection for some of our country's most valuable landscapes could be rolled back through the current National Monument review process. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. These places are not a partisan issue, but a way to protect our most treasured natural resources. To roll back these protections would be a serious mistake. Our country is beautiful because we protect each other's freedom and the environment. We cannot compromise when it comes to protecting the land that makes our country a place to wander, raise families, and learn about our history. Rolling back these protections is a huge disservice to all our future generations as well as those that came before us. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. They deserve our respect and protection for the animals, landscapes and history they house. It is our responsibility to protect these wild places for our future generations. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should remain as it has been designated. In response to what the Secretary is "directed to consider"...(i) It absolutely needs to be AT LEAST this size, for "the objects to be protected". The incredible archeological sites--ruins and petroglyphs--are THROUGHOUT and need this protection. (ii) "appropriately classified as historic/prehistoric/scientific interest"? ABSOLUTELY. It is hard to imagine another place of this wealth of history...and to be able to see it in all its remoteness without drilling and other interferences is incredibly, incredibly valuable. (iii) This is desert. It is fragile, and extractive industries, "multiple uses", do not make economic sense here. The greatest wealth will come from this remaining a monument and the tourism dollars it will bring. (iv) As for "the effect of the designation on non-federal lands outside the boundary": the local population has benefited greatly economically and will continue to do so more and more in coming years as more and more people seek out the solace and beauty of this place. (v) "The tribes came together to MAKE Bears Ears a National Monument! Enough said. (vi) Whether here is "availability of Federal resources to manage" is completely a backwards argument. We all know how underfunded all land management agencies have always been, and thank goodness that hasn't stopped President's from designating, or we would have nothing to show of landscapes we are proud of as Americans. (vii)

Here is a "factor" that is "appropriate": FEDERAL LANDS BELONG TO ALL OF US, AND VOICE ABOUT THEIR DESIGNATION BELONGS TO ALL OF US. Locals that will not acknowledge the advantages of tourism for their communities, and simply insist on being angry at the Federal government are not people's opinions that should be given special weight.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Thank you for this opportunity to share my written comments with you on CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS NATIONAL MONUMENT, established by proclamation under The Antiquities Act of 1906, and currently under review as directed by Executive Order 13792. I am a citizen of the United States and Colorado, and a frequent visitor to Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. I support Canyons of the Ancients National Monument as it stands, and respond to your request for comments. There's no question that Canyons of the Ancients is well-qualified to have been proclaimed a national monument. With over 6,000 archaeological sites within its boundaries, the area is one of the richest in the nation in historical significance. I've wandered Canyons of the Ancients, and it seems that every few hundred yards, I encounter house mounds and middens; potsherds and tools; Mesa-Verde style dwelling and kiva remains, all still waiting to be explored and understood. So the question is not the irreplaceable value to the historical record contained within the boundaries of Canyons of the Ancients. The question is, why are these precious treasures within this monument not better protected? At the time the monument was established, the original proclamation sought to balance the interests of preservation with the interests of the local energy industry by honoring existing oil and gas leases, which - together with ranching leases - included over 85% of monument lands. At that time, the Dept. of the Interior was charged with managing future development "so as not to create new impacts that interfere with the proper care and management of the objects protected by the proclamation." The experiment of mixing oil and gas interests with the conservation of archaeological sites and wildlife habitats has been - to put it mildly - less than successful. Oil and gas interests continue to cut new roads, churning up the fragile landscape and making access to remote and as-yet unstudied archaeological sites easier for looters and vandals to destroy; and "thumpers," pounding the earth in search of oil, shoot dangerous tremors through fragile archaeological caches beneath the surface. At Canyons of the Ancients, the oil and gas industries have appeared either unwilling or unable to self-monitor their activities, and have carried on their operations with inadequate consideration to the preservation objectives of the monument. When I hear propositions that the model of Canyons of the Ancients should be allowed at other sites (such as the now-discredited PLI proposal for Bears Ears, or activities such as coal-mining in Grand Staircase-Escalante or oil drilling within the Grand Canyon watershed be allowed), I wonder why any educated person could think this would be a good idea. The experiment to mix the oil and gas industries with the preservation objectives of Canyons of the Ancients is failing; why would we repeat this same mistake elsewhere? Rather than throw away this national monument because the original plan didn't work, I urge you to consider developing a new management strategy for Canyons of the Ancients, with a view to strengthening preservation objectives at the site, and enforcing better controls over the lessees within the monument. There is no place on earth like Canyons of the Ancients. If we destroy it through careless management, it will be gone forever.

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**Unit Classifications:**

All of our national monuments should maintain their national monument status. In particular, the following monuments need to maintain their status and current size, as they are part of our national heritage and a source of pride of our great nation: Bears Ears - Utah Basin and Range - Nevada Berryessa Snow Mountain - California Canyons of the Ancients - Colorado Carrizo Plains - California Cascade Siskiyou - Washington Craters of the Moon - Idaho Giant Sequoia - California Gold Butte - Nevada Grand Canyon-Parashant - Arizona Grand Staircase-Escalante - Utah Hanford Reach - Washington Ironwood Forrest - Arizona Mojave Trails - California Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks - New Mexico Rio Grande Del Norte - New Mexico Sand to Snow - California San Gabriel Mountains - California Sonoran Desert - Arizona Upper Missouri River Breaks - Arizona Vermillion Cliffs - Arizona Katahdin Woods and Waters - Maine Marianas Trench - Pacific Ocean Northeast Canyons and Seamounts - Atlantic Ocean Pacific Remote Islands - Pacific Ocean Papahānaumokuākea - Hawaii Rose Atoll - American Samoa These national monuments are part of the U.S. National Heritage and not only are a part of American pride and history, but will provide tourism, small business opportunities, and working class jobs for generations to come. Private industry, in particular mining, drilling, and over-fishing, will destroy these jobs for generations and will destroy our national heritage and pride. The designation of these areas as national monuments maintains our American heritage of protecting our beautiful country for our fellow citizens and future generations. We must continue these traditions and add to our public lands, sea shores, and maritime wildlife/health. Our beautiful, accessible public lands and coast lines make America great and keep our country beautiful, wild, and free. Privatization and the commercial use of these national monuments will hinder the local economies and hurt our national heritage.

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Since the Antiquities Act of 1906 was passed, 16 Presidents have designated 157 different National Monuments. Some have become National Parks, some have been merged into other parks, and some have been donated to states as parks or just reincorporated into National Forests. The status of recently designated monuments and any Marine National Monuments being reviewed pursuant to Executive Orders 13795 and 13792 should be upheld. Efforts to expand extractive industries for private profit on these lands must be stopped! Any and all designated parks, forests, lakes, waters, or monuments with fossil fuels below them must be protected! Parks like Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and the Canyon of the Ancients need to be preserved for the benefit of all people. They should not be monopolized for the enrichment of the few. The importance of leaving these lands untouched for future generations is paramount. Conservation is a great moral issue. It involves the patriotic duty of insuring the safety and continuance of our nation.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am very disappointed and concerned that this Executive Order threatens the Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah and dishonors Tribes. Bears Ears was exactly the landscape the Antiquities Act - a law that has been used by 16 Presidents of both parties to safeguard our national treasures - was enacted to protect. I support the Bears Ears National Monument and strongly urge you to uphold the monument's current boundaries.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As a person who believes in the transformative power of nature and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes could be rolled back through this current National Monument review process. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a meaningful supplement--or means to supplant--the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1) Randal Bowman**  
**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears National Monument, and all others, intact.

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All of our National Monuments need to be saved, but this comment refers specifically to saving Bear Ears. I am addressing the concern of "adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders." The designation of Bear Ears has been in the making for decades and the people of San Juan County and nearby have had time to make their case for or against the designation. The original 1.9 million acres designation has been scaled down to 1.35 million acres to exclude land used for mining, oil and gas development, grazing, recreation and firewood gathering. That should satisfy the opponents, whom I believe are the minority. The majority believe that protecting thousands of archaeological sites from further destruction, including the pilfering and black market sale of antiquities, is a worthy endeavor and our duty as stewards of the earth. I hope to visit Bear Ears in the near future, but the time is short to make this comment. I only hope it is still there for me and my family to marvel at for generations to come.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am outraged about President Trump's executive order that aims to roll back the Antiquities Act and strip protections from the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and at least 26 other national monuments, including Grand Staircase-Escalante, also in Utah, and the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts off of Cape Cod. This move will open them up to oil and gas drilling, uranium and coal mining, tar sands extraction, fishing and other industrial dangers. I ask that you fulfill the mission of your agency by protecting America's public lands and maintaining the integrity of these monuments and of the Antiquities Act itself. The value of national monuments like Bear Ears cannot be defined by potential dollars earned after irreversibly damaging drilling and harvesting of non-renewable energy sources. The cultural value of the monument to the Native American tribes who have historical ties to the area cannot be quantified. Neither can we put a dollar value on the legacy we will leave for future generation by preserving the natural resources of the area. The protection and preservation of historically and culturally significant sites are essential in helping to enrich current and future generations and spread knowledge of our great country through tangible experiences. Likewise, it is essential that we continue to protect monuments of future scientific discovery, such as the Marianas Trench and Papahānaumokuākea, which are biologically rich and diverse areas that we are only beginning to scratch the surface of understanding. Our oceans and wild lands are fading as a result of overharvesting, pollution, and human encroachment, and protecting the areas we can will allow us to further explore and gain understanding as to how we can better protect our planet from irreversible destruction. I cannot understate the importance of preserving our natural legacy for current and future generations to learn from and enjoy just as we do and our ancestors have before us. National parks and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation. Attempts to dismantle national monuments are an attack on our nation's historical, cultural and natural heritage. Please stand strong against President Trump's anti-environment assault and defend national monument protections for Bears Ears and all of our threatened national monuments. Thank you.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please maintain the protections and status for all of the National Monuments on this "Review List" relating to EO 13792. Our National Monuments and National Parks are fundamental in helping to preserve these crucial areas for all future generations. It seems the intention of EO 13792 is purely political and does not support the greater good. As one who has been fortunate to visit many of our National Monuments (and National Parks), I am extremely grateful that all these areas are "owned" by the people, not by big business or corporations. This should continue and the principles of The Antiquities Act should be upheld. Although I support all the National Monuments on the review list, I wish to make a special plea to keep "Bears Ears National Monument" our newest National Monument. This area holds possibly the world's greatest wealth of archaeological sites with about 100,000 ancient ruins and 1,500 year old petroglyphs. All of this set in striking undeveloped landscape loved and visited by families and outdoor enthusiasts.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

President Trump's executive order directing the Interior Department to review 22 national monuments undermines a great American tradition of designating public lands, a tradition that has resulted in public access to a collection of America's greatest landscapes that are the envy of the world. The Antiquities Act of 1906 was signed into law by one of America's great conservationists, Theodore Roosevelt, and has been used by 16 presidents, 8 Democrats and 8 Republicans, to designate 157 national monuments. Teddy Roosevelt once said, Of all the questions which can come before the nation, short of the actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in importance with leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us. According to the Conservation in the West Poll, a survey that explores bi-partisan opinions in the Rocky Mountain West, 80 percent of western voters support keeping national monument designations in place, a sentiment consistent across partisan and ideological lines. Regarding the management of public lands, 94 percent of westerners support repairing infrastructure in national parks and other outdoor destinations and 68 percent support ensuring we protect sources of clean water, air quality, wildlife habitat, in conjunction with providing outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands, while only 22 percent support ensuring we produce more domestic energy by increasing the amount of public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining. I support the Bears Ears National Monument boundaries designated by President Obama in December 2016. Public Opinion Strategies, a national polling firm, recently found that 71 percent of voters in Utah support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Clearly, voters in Utah value public lands where Americans can camp, fish, hike, hunt, climb and ride, in addition to appreciating the revenue generated by the outdoor recreation industry. Utah voters from a wide range of backgrounds support Bears Ears National Monument, 77 percent of women, 65 percent of men, 75 percent of voters in the Salt Lake area, 71 percent of voters on the Wasatch front, 67 percent of voters from the rest of the state, 92 percent of Democrats, 73 percent of independents, 63 percent of GOP voters, 65 percent of sportsmen and 68 percent of those indicating their religion as LatterDay Saints/Mormon. While I do not live in Utah, I enjoy visiting this area to take advantage of Utah's exceptional recreation opportunities. I also support protecting Bears Ears numerous historic, cultural and natural resources, in line with the great American tradition of conserving our great landscapes for future generations.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

It is in my opinion that Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, and Vermilion Cliffs, conform to section 1 of The Executive Order 13792 as every monument designation reflects The Antiquities 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." Therefore, it is imperative that all national monuments being reviewed pursuant to criteria in executive order 13792 remain protected as each was originally given adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders before designation. In regards to the requisite determination factors the Secretary is to consider, I would like to voice my support that all of the monuments listed meet: Criteria (i), none exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Criteria (ii), all monuments are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest." Criteria (vi), there is currently the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas. In reference to criteria (vii), it is important to understand that no president has ever moved to rescind a designation made by a previous president. This precedent should stay intact. Furthermore, the revenue that these monuments generate as tourist attractions will far exceed the short term gains that could otherwise be generated through extraction-related industries. Finally, these monuments are national treasures, to rescind any sort of protections for the implied intent of private use and development is nothing short of treason.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I ask that you stop the assault on our National Monuments. As a citizen owner of our public lands and a taxpayer, I urge you to keep our National Monuments intact. I have traveled to Bears Ears National Monument more than a dozen times to climb, hike and mountain bike. I have also visited dozens of our National Monuments around the west. I support responsible recreation and I oppose harmful development and reckless resource extraction. Please do not roll back any protections to OUR National Monuments.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-2937

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears National Monument as it is.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-12051

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

It is an outrage that you are even thinking about de authorizing Bears Ears. Our public lands are precious to all Americans. We demand that you protect and conserve them for us, our children, and all future generations. Once they are gone, we will never get them back and if they are returned they will be waste lands. We will be watching and waiting to see what action you take to preserve our beloved public lands.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-12289

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

PROTECT OUR NATIONAL MONUMENTS! Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Grand Canyon-Parashant, Ironwood Forest, Vermilion Cliffs and Sonoran Desert national monuments in Arizona are truly some of the treasures of our state. The unique geology and undisturbed starry skies of Grand Canyon-Parashant, the incredible scenery of Vermilion Cliffs, the unique ecosystem and species of the Ironwood Forest and the saguaro cactus forests of the Sonoran Desert National Monument are all unrivaled and deserve the highest protections. Not only are these monuments incredibly worthy, they bring enormous benefits to our state by providing opportunities for recreation and driving the outdoor recreation economy. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review," is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as national monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites the monument honors the voices of five tribes who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history, culture, and natural treasures are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Grand Canyon-Parashant or Vermilion Cliffs in Arizona, or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for national monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-12394

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

As you review Bears Ears National Monument in light of President Trump's April 26, 2017 Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act, I urge you to recommend to President Trump that Bears Ears National Monument be upheld and the boundaries remain intact as designated in Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016 (Establishment of the Bears Ears National Monument). Bears Ears National Monument represents a historic compromise; it protects not only historic sites from LDS pioneer history, but the ancestral homelands of Native Americans including thousands of archeological sites from ancient road systems to cliff dwellings to burial grounds, and preserves the stunning geography, geology, and paleontology of southeastern Utah for all Americans to enjoy, in perpetuity. Please honor the values and resources that the Bears Ears National Monument protects by leaving the monument as it is. The previous administration consulted and coordinated closely with Utah's congressional delegation, governor, and officials in San Juan County to determine the best road to protection for the Bears Ears region, and designated Bears Ears National Monument only after Congress failed to act on Utah Representative Rob Bishop's Public Lands Initiative (PLI) legislation (H.R. 5780, 114th Congress). As a result, Bears Ears National Monument's 1.35 million acre footprint hews closely to the total acreage recommended for protection under the PLI. Bears Ears National Monument reflects a political middle ground, deferring to the state of Utah on Bears Ears boundaries and on monument management with the proclamation's establishment of a federal advisory committee composed of a "fair and balanced representation of interested stakeholders, including State and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners." I urge you to honor the contributions of all stakeholders, including the tribes of the Bears Ears Tribal Commission, by upholding the monument without modification. Finally, I urge you to honor the Native American tribes who have worked for years to protect Bears Ears National Monument by meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and with the five sovereign nations the coalition represents to learn about their deep connection to and long work to protect Bears Ears. Bears Ears National Monument contains among the highest density of cultural sites in the United States (higher, even, than Mesa Verde National Park), and objective review will find that the monument is "the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." As secretary of the interior, you are in a unique position to stand up for the protection of Bears Ears National Monument, and for the history from Native American civilizations to LDS pioneers, archaeology, paleontology, geology, and unmatched scenic beauty it contains. I urge you to recommend that we protect and preserve Bears Ears, and leave it as it is.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-12570

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Leave Bears Ears National Monument alone!!!!!!!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-12778

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I am writing to oppose any changes to Bears Ears National Monument that may result from your misguided "review." Bears Ears is a national and international treasure whose continued protection under the Antiquities Act is imperative. It's exactly the kind of landscape that the 111-year-old Act was designed to protect. With evidence of human history dating back 13,000 years, Bears Ears is one of the richest cultural landscapes in North America. It's a sacred place with more than 100,000 American Indian cultural sites. As you know, five tribes (Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, Ute and Zuni) originally proposed the monument, and resolutions supporting its protection have been passed by 30 tribes in all. The monument's vast canyons, mesas, mountains and rivers also form one of the most iconic and ecologically intact landscapes in the American West, and they deserve protection. They're also home to endangered species like Mexican spotted owls and regionally endemic species like alcove columbine and cave primrose. This monument has been subject to incredible scrutiny and years of public debate and discussion. Every inch of Bears Ears is necessary to preserve its irreplaceable archaeological sites and scientific wonders. Bears Ears must never be shrunk or repealed -- and, if anything, the monument isn't big enough. The tribes had requested almost 600,000 additional acres for protection; their whole proposal should have been granted. For all these reasons, I urge you to keep Bears Ears National Monument as it now stands -- to forever safeguard the values and objects of historic and scientific interest for which Bears Ears was protected and which are well articulated in the monument's proclamation.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I stand with Bears Ears.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-18304

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I grew up being able to see bears ears from my house. I also grew up in a culture of pot hunters that destroyed indescribable number of Indian ruins. I have seen the damage that is been done by some of the locals and believe we need monument status to protect the Bears Ears.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I oppose the elimination or diminishing of Bear Ears National Monument and any other National Monuments across the country. These monuments safeguard many important archeological sites and are sacred ground for many native tribes. This land belongs to all Americans and should be protected by all Americans as our cultural and natural heritage. Thank you for taking a stand for our national monuments.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-28419

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

On your trip to Utah regarding Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monuments you were surrounded by moneyed interests who only look to how they can exploit the land and its mineral resources. These lands are loved and revered by many more Utahans than you were allowed to see. We were at the State Capital and the BLM building but you were not allowed to see the outpouring of support for these wonderful National Monuments. You say you think of yourself as a Teddy Roosevelt type of public official. If that is true, you must know that Teddy was a huge champion of protecting public lands for all citizens. Those who seek only their own self interest will exploit any piece of nature they can. YOU can keep the protections in place that were placed there by those with the foresight to know that these lands are for ALL the citizens of the United States. For now and for the future. YOU can do the right thing!!!! Sincerely, Barbara Rufenacht

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-18646

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-18778

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Preserve Bears Ears National Monument!!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-19018

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

During his visit to Utah last week, Secretary Zinke said, "The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah." This is false. Even after meeting with tribal leaders, Secretary Zinke still does not understand the importance of, and support behind, Bears Ears National Monument. Rescinding or altering the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument would be an attack on public lands, public voices, and Native American sovereignty.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-23866

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Our National Monuments are national treasures and belong to the people, not corporations and private interests. I oppose any effort to shrink, abolish, or weaken their protections. These National Monuments offer great benefits to the American public, providing recreation, historic ruins and rock art, wildlife habitats and natural landscapes that are priceless in value. Limiting commercial use that is damaging to the land is necessary and desired. Once destroyed, we can never have these treasures back. These are public lands belonging to all Americans, and as one of the landowners I insist that the public interest must come first, and private profits should not be pursued on my lands where they conflict with the public interest. The National Monuments that are subject to this review - Bears Ears, Basin and Range, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, and Vermilion Cliffs National Monuments, and the Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, and the Rose Atoll National Marine Monuments - all contain important cultural artifacts, important habitats, unparalleled beauty and fragile landscapes, making them a priceless heritage that we must pass down unspoiled to our grandchildren. The Antiquities Act was signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt, who in 1910 proclaimed, "Special business interests too often control and corrupt the men and methods of government for their own profit." Today, I see the Trump administration trying to undermine President Roosevelt's proud legacy and steal from the American people protections for the land and its cultural sites. Stop attacking Theodore Roosevelt's conservation legacy. These National Monuments afford great benefits for the Americans who visit and enjoy them, and their economic value to surrounding communities is far greater protected than despoiled. I urge you to respect the public interest in protecting these special places, and leave these National Monuments in place in an undiminished state.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-28978

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Our national monuments should not be for sale. Recreation, exploration, and the right to explore wild lands that are protected from greed-motivated destruction is what makes America great. My job, and the economy of my region, relies on having healthy forests, healthy wilderness, and tracts of land that are protected from irreparable damage done for short sighted gains for a few people. A decision to take away protections for any national monument, or any protected land, is a decision to do permanent damage to the culture, economy, and psyche of the American people—for the profit of just a few for a very short term. Protect Bears Ears, and stand up for other natural places. Represent your constituency as you swore.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-24194

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

All National Monuments Being Initially Reviewed Pursuant to Criteria in Executive Order 13792, including: Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade, Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs, should be preserved in their current condition and should retain all of their current protections as National Monuments. Each must maintain its individual National Monument status, and none of them should be reduced in geographic size.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Our future generations need these public lands to enjoy. Bears Ears is an irreplaceable piece of Native American history & culture. Without your protection, this historical gem could be lost- which would be a tremendous loss for future generations, for Native Americans & all people. Please save Bears Ears!! Thank you for your time.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-33932

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

I understand that you are considering changing the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. This would be a grave mistake. Bears Ears is one of the most incredible landscapes in our country. It has both geologic and cultural significance, tying us at once to our present and our past, to the skies and to the land. It has tremendous cultural significance to Native Americans, and failure to protect this site would be yet another disrespectful act towards the native peoples of this country. Our public lands are vital to our collective national legacy, which belongs not only to us, but to the generations to come. Through tourism, and protection, these national monuments also provide significant income to the local communities, and to strengthen small towns is to strengthen our nation as a whole. Please do the right thing and protect Bears Ears National Monument as the treasure that it is.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-24212

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Please do not rescind or reduce our National Monuments in Utah: Escalante Grand Staircase and Bears Ears. These lands are beautiful for all, and sacred for the Native Americans who call the area home. When you visited the Monument areas recently, you spent a majority of your time with Monument opponents, telling the rest who requested time with you, "That's the breaks." Because of this, you are not qualified to make a decision about our National Monuments. Do the right thing by leaving Bears Ears and Grand Staircase intact; or come back to Utah to do your due diligence and hold public meetings. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration, Amy Reeder

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Secretary Zinke, I moved to Utah and have stayed here because of the public lands in the southern part of the state. Protect the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments, and those in other states. Utah is a state full of start-ups and innovation, and I will be moving to Saint George this fall to train people going into the biotechnology field. Lots of talented people move to Utah and stay because of the outdoor spaces like those at under review, and these people have helped change Utah from an agriculture and mining state to a leader in technology. Aside from the economic benefits brought in by these lands, the ecological and cultural value is immeasurable. Conserving lands is always a backward-stepping battle. Hold the ground we have for the American people and our children. Geoff Smith

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-19462

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

- The national monuments under review, specifically Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante and several others were designated after extensive local input and review. - The national monuments under review have provided numerous benefits to the surrounding communities, including economic benefits associated with outdoor recreation, travel and tourism. - Net job loss due to monument designations is demonstrably false. In fact, monument designations have clearly resulted in net job gains in local communities. - Protection of America's public lands, including the national monuments under review, are critical to supporting 7.6 million American jobs that drive an \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy. - Revisions to already designated national monuments is a direct threat to the surrounding local economies and to the vitality of those communities.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-19522

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Please preserve the new Bears Ears National Monument, and all other national monuments.

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**Unit Metadata:**



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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

National Parks and Monuments and Historic Sites, etc., have meant so much to me and not just because I worked for the National Park Service for 30 years before retiring. In this time of burgeoning human population and the resultant global climate change, these places of beauty, wildness, history, recreation, and culture provide much-needed rest and relaxation and a feeling of continuity through the ages. They give "we the people" places to reflect and renew ourselves. I have dealt with depression throughout adulthood and, had I not lived near Parks and Monuments to visit in times of darkness, I might not be here today. Great Sand Dunes Nat'l. Monument (now, years later, a Nat'l. Park and Preserve) was 40 miles from my college in Alamosa, CO. I went there often for solace and to be reminded of the incredible world in which we live. At Timpanogos Cave Nat'l. Monument in Utah, I began my career in "gray and green" and found a "calling," if you will, in interpreting these unique places...I found a career and a purpose to my life. In Dinosaur Nat'l. Monument, I became both a permanent employee for the NPS and met my husband-to-be...he and I were together 33 years before he died of lymphoma and leukemia. Some of his ashes are spread on property I own just south of the entrance to Dinosaur along the entry road. The Antiquities Act is so important and the Monuments established since President Roosevelt began by using this act need to be celebrated and kept whole. Bears Ears, in particular, a Monument I haven't visited yet, calls to me not for its beauty alone, but for its history, prehistory, and the unprecedented cooperation of the Inter-tribal Council in its management. Please listen to these people and hear them. Traditional uses will continue, now protected for this and future generations. And extend this lasting protection to ALL the Monuments under consideration. You hold their delicate future in your hands.

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**Unit Metadata:**

document id DOI-2017-0002-24341

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Save Bears Ears! Protect and preserve the wilderness. Leave fossil fuels in the ground.

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**Unit Metadata:**

document id DOI-2017-0002-19815

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I ask that you respect the years of work that had already been invested by your department when President Obama designated Bears Ears National Monument on December 28, 2016. Interior staff carefully researched and documented the rich natural, archeological, and cultural history of the Bears Ears region in order to determine the smallest area compatible with the proper care, management and protection of the Monument's resources. Overturning or overwriting the comprehensive efforts of your colleagues would be placing short-sighted political goals before your foremost duty to protect and manage the nation's natural resources and cultural heritage. It would also be renouncing the commitment the nation made to the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, and Ute Indian Tribe. They hold the Bears Ears as a sacred place, and thousands of years' worth of archeological evidence supports their conviction. The Bears Ears designation, for the first time, gave Native Americans a principal role in managing their cultural resources. Revoking or reducing the size of Bears Ears after a cursory 45-day review would disrespect the native people who consider Bears Ears sacred, and negotiated, in good faith, their role in preserving it. It is ironic that the administration has made claims that Bears Ears National Monument was designated without sufficient public input, given that you are now deciding the fate of Bears Ears in just 45 days and have stated you will not consider the tens of thousands of valid comments regarding Bears Ears National Monument that were submitted prior to May 11. Many of the crown jewels of the National Park System you oversee, including Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Olympic, Bryce Canyon and Zion, were first protected not as parks but as National Monuments. Today no one, not even the most rabid critics of the Antiquities Act, would call for rescinding or shrinking the size of these landmarks. You have said you look to Teddy Roosevelt as a role model. Please consider whether he would have chosen to rescind Bears Ears National Monument when presented the choice.

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**Unit Metadata:**

document id DOI-2017-0002-24349

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I respectfully submit these comments as a professional archaeologist, as an anthropology professor at Tulane University, and as a member of the Society for American Archaeology, in support of the Bear's Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act was passed in 1906 to protect cultural and historical landscapes, archaeological sites, and cultural resources across the U.S. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bear's Ears Monument--that I am writing. The Bear's Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still

giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bear's Ears National Monument continues.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-24386

**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

The Bears Ears National Monument was a huge Federal land grab, out of place in the 21st century. Why don't politicians ever take land away from their own home states? Or lock up land in their own back yards so that they themselves can no longer control it? Please reverse this atrocity. Please give control of land back to the states.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-24420

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I moved to Southern Utah about 5 years ago. My move was prompted in large measure because of public lands designated as National Monuments and Parks. Grand Staircase Escalante and now Bears Ears are very important to me and to the millions of visitors who add to the economy of the area.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-24453

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I am commenting on the specific designation of Bears Ears National Monument. The review process of Bears Ears National Monument is a waste of taxpayer's money as it was the people across the country who have supported its existence to begin with. There has already been a thorough public access comment period prior to the time of its establishment. As a visitor to southern Utah many times over, I would be a future visitor again to this land if it were protected. It has more value to the American people in the justification of its beauty and due to its cultural and historical significance than anything proposed by those objecting to this action. I strongly urge the Interior Department to protect the integrity of the Antiquities Act, which has been used by Presidents of both parties for over 100 years. Utah should feel blessed that it has these beautiful and scenic lands instead of trying to figure out how to exploit them. These lands belong to the people, not special interest.

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I appreciate that Secretary Zinke is taking the time to come out to Utah and review the public lands unlike President Obama did when he designated Bears Ears without even visiting the site and people impacted, not to mention publishing images that were not even from Bears Ears when they made the announcement. It is refreshing to have this consideration and I hope that the Secretary will take the opinions of all parties into account. I am tired of large corporations telling its members what they should and should not think about this issue. It has been disappointing that many companies have decided to cease doing business within the state of Utah because many of the population is against the continued land grab that has taken place by the federal government in the name of "preservation". It is more economical and fair to allow states to have a say in how the land is managed in order to preserve access to recreational activities while balancing protection and use of the natural resources that are available.

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Since the Antiquities Act of 1906 was signed into law by President Teddy Roosevelt, it has been enacted over 150 times to unequivocally protect lands federally. No president in history has ever attempted to reverse a monument designation. Mr. Zinke has a single course of noble, decent action, which is to protect Bears Ears and the entire list of monuments. President Roosevelt's visionary spirit protected lands that define the U. S. more than the skyscrapers of any city. I urge, without equivocation or qualification, that all monuments be preserved. I am 100% opposed to the use of any national monument for the purpose of financial gain to any governmental or private entity whatsoever.

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Situated in the midst of a bustling metropolis, is a sanctuary created and protected by the NPS - Valley Forge National Historical Park. It is my backyard, my playground, my home. My children catch crayfish in its creeks, collect flowers in its meadows, and animal bones along its paths. Preserved buildings remind me of my nation's past and the independence it barely won. It is the place I always turn to when feeling down or

disconnected from myself. It is the place I turn to when I want to feel awestruck and alive. If ever this place faced closure or development, as those now under threat in the west - San Gabriel Mountains in California, Craters of the Moon in Idaho, and Bears Ears in Utah, it would be a devastating loss not only to myself and family, but the millions of others transformed by it. I am not a religious person, but I find God when I stand in the presence of wonder at Arches, Yosemite, Sequoia. How small I feel juxtaposed with these natural forces, how inconsequential. These sacred places have been around far longer than we ever laid claim to them as a nation. It is our moral duty to protect them all. For if one is lost, there is no certainty about the rest. In the words of Stephen T. Mather, NPS Director, 1917-1929: "Who will gainsay that the parks contain the highest potentialities of national pride, national contentment, and national health? A visit inspires love of country; begets contentment; engenders pride of possession; contains the antidote for national restlessness.... He is a better citizen with a keener appreciation of the privilege of living here who has toured the national parks."

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Please listen to all parties involved and not just the loud Utah politicians who are trying to overturn the designation of Bears Ears and shrink Escalante. The people of Utah and of this country overwhelmingly support National parks and monuments. Please don't listen to the loud minority that only have their special business interests in mind. Please leave an honorable legacy for yourself and leave the monuments alone!

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Honorable Sec. Zinke, The Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument is a family favorite; do not reduce it in any way. We bicycle its roads, hike its slot canyons, and fish for native cutthroat trout in its streams. Perhaps adding to the monument boundaries or encouraging Congress to bump it to National Park Status would be most appropriate. We are sixth and seventh generation Utahns. With tourism bringing over \$8 billion that remains in the Utah versus \$2.5 billion for fossil fuels that mostly leaves the state, I see all monuments, parks, and natural areas as the greatest gain for this great state of Utah. The gains are in both the economy and in quality of life for all. I saw in the news that you visited very small sections of Bears Ears NM and none of the Grand Staircase Escalante NM. You should return and visit the monument. Only this time visit with the regular Utahns, not the oil, gas, and coal industry supported politicians who repeatedly fail to see that Utah citizens are who they should be representing, not the extraction industries. Please increase the size and/or status of Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument! Kirk Nichols, Professor, Health, Kinesiology, and Recreation

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Save Bears Ears!

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I stand in support of Bears Ears National Monument and all of the other 26 National Monuments under review after the overreaching Executive Order 13792. These lands are our shared national heritage and are steeped in cultural significance. I stand for our public lands, for our wild places, for intact healthy ecosystems that provide refugia for life, both wild and human. These are the places we hike, bike, hunt, and fish. Places one can experience solitude and connection with the natural world. Many National Monuments have later become our greatest National Parks. Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Bryce, Zion, Acadia, Olympic, and many others started out as National Monuments before becoming National Parks. The forefathers of the Antiquities Act had great foresight in allowing for the proclamation of Monuments. No where in the Act does it allow a President to revoke a previous President's proclamation. And Executive Order 13792 also arbitrarily chooses 100,000 acres as qualifying for review. In the case of the Grand Canyon, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the Grand Canyon was indeed "an object of historic or scientific interest" and could be protected by presidential proclamation setting a precedent for the use of the Antiquities Act to preserve large areas of land. This precedent exists to this day. The courts have rejected every challenge to the President's use of the Antiquities Act, consistently ruling that the law gives the president exclusive discretion over the determination of the size and nature of the objects protected. Bears Ears National Monument was proclaimed a monument after over 5 years of work by a coalition of Southwestern Native American tribes, local community members, and politicians both locally and nationally. After conceding nearly 600,000 acres in the final designation for timber, mining, OHV, and other high intensive uses, it appears Rep. Rob Bishop and the other Utah politicians were negotiating in bad faith. This monument still allows traditional use and was already federally owned public lands so to describe it as a land grab is absurd. Bears Ears is an incredibly gorgeous place of spiritual significance to many. It is filled with the history of many people. Cliff dwellings dot the deep sandstone cliffs. Granaries and other ruins filled with pottery sherds and old corn cobs echo of a time long ago. The mesas, meadows, and canyon systems of Bears Ears National Monument are filled with ruins, petroglyphs, pictographs, and cliff dwellings. This place is beautiful and incredibly important. I am very thankful for the years of hard work that was put in and the foresight in protecting Bears Ears as a National Monument.

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Dear Secretary Ryan Zinke, Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact

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Thank you for reading the many comments which must be pouring in regarding the importance of our National Monuments. I have enjoyed our public lands as a place for recreation since I was a child. Growing up in New Mexico, I was surrounded by National Forests, Monuments and other types of public lands. I have also enjoyed employment that was dependent on our public lands as an outdoor guide. During club sponsored road trips in college, I was introduced to the Indian Creek area which is now part of the Bears Ears National Monument. Ever since that first visit which was a decade ago, I have made dozens of return trips. The area is magical in a way that few places are. I have had the privilege to travel to many destinations, both national and international, and visit many of the natural and cultural treasures of our world. Yet I return to that southeastern corner of Utah time and time again, sometimes driving 12 hours or more for a short weekend visit. I have seen it change significantly in the past 10 years. In order to retain its unique character, which has developed over millennia, we must do our small part during our short lives to protect it. Please do the right thing and protect that which cannot be rebuilt or restored. Protect public lands across our naturally rich country.

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Our public lands, including our national monuments, are an important part of our shared culture, heritage, and experience. I am writing to voice my strong opposition any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments, specifically Bear Ears National Monument in Utah. This monument protects one of the most significant cultural landscapes in the United States, with thousands of sacred cultural sites and important areas of spiritual significance. Along with its cultural and historical significance, Bear Ears protects valuable ecological resources and recreational opportunities. We can learn a lot from the broad coalition of tribes, conservationists, recreationalists, hunters, ranchers, and community members who worked for decades for this designation. In fact, 71% of Utah residents support the monument, seeing the value in it. National monuments just like Bear Ears have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. I support leaving permanent protection for Bear Ears as a national monument in place.

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Nature is a rare gift, I am writing asking you to keep all the beautiful National Monuments. Americans need a place to go outdoors and see what an incredible place they live in. My husband and I have visited many of the 129 National Monuments in the nation. Carrillo, Castle Mts, Carrizo Plains, Muir Woods, Fort Ord, Devils Tower, Casa Grande, Cedar Breaks, Point Reyes and the newest NM Bears Ears. Bears Ears is a sacred place. Please honor these places for all Americans, we need protection for them.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation.

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Hi there, I'm the son of a retired Grand Teton National Park ranger and I grew up in the park amongst rangers devoted to protecting and serving our country. My father taught me the importance of service and I am writing you because I believe that it is my duty to voice my opinion and protect public lands so that others and myself can continue to use and enjoy these remarkable places. I'm an avid rock climber and I visit Indian Creek (part of Bears Ears National Monument) twice a year to camp, climb, hike, and enjoy the breathtaking views of open space and red rock. Every year when I visit this special place I encounter people from all over the world who have traveled to recreate in the Bears Ears and every year I witness more and more people returning. These people are contributing to the local and national economy and enjoying the best crack climbing in the whole world. This place promotes a growing tourist economy enjoyed by thousands. I strongly urge the Interior to protect the integrity of the Antiquities Act, which has been used by Presidents of both parties for over 100 years.

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I stand with BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT. As a citizen of the United States and Colorado, and a frequent visitor to Bears Ears, I support Bears Ears National Monument as established by proclamation under The Antiquities Act of 1906. The Antiquities Act of 1906 requires that reservations of land not exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care...." The Native American proposal for Bears Ears encompassed 1.91 million acres of land; the PLI proposal encompassed 1.28 million acres. The final designation of 1.35 million acres is much closer to the PLI proposal than the Native American proposal. Even the most conservative elements must acknowledge the national monument boundaries as established by proclamation represent the smallest area possible. With over 100,000 archaeological sites within its boundaries, Bears Ears is one of the richest deposits of archaeological evidence in the country. Sections of Bears Ears number among some of the last places in the United States to be mapped, a wilderness of tremendous scientific interest. There is nothing else quite like it anywhere; but if we destroy it, it's gone forever. Bears Ears has been established on existing Federal lands, many sections of which were already designated as archaeological areas, wilderness study areas, etc. By reducing the footprint of Bears Ears by over 500,000 acres from the 2016 Native American proposal, a significant area of Federal land remains available for other uses, while protecting the most vulnerable areas. Bears Ears is located in an area of the country already attractive for tourism. Utah enjoys an \$8 billion influx from tourism and recreation. Revenues generated from the renewable resource of preservation, rather than through depletion of available natural resources by mining, drilling wells, logging, etc. is a lucrative option to promote the economy in that part of the state. Tribal support for Bears Ears is profound, and a wide spectrum of environmental and education organizations also support the monument. Public input on Bears Ears has been ongoing for some eight decades now; everything that needs to be said has been said multiple times; and even the most conservative elements have long agreed that it was not a question if Bears Ears should be protected, but how and when. The 2016 proclamation, empowered by a 110-year-old law upheld through multiple administrations, and rendered with thoughtful and mindful consideration to balance as many interests as possible, at long last answers that question. Bears Ears National Monument is an area of unique and stunning natural beauty, containing within its boundaries a rich archaeological history of the First People of this country. The ecosystems are fragile and vulnerable, and the archaeological evidence easily looted and destroyed. I beg of you, do not leave my children and my children's children to wonder why we lost this precious treasure due to partisan bickering; do not exploit and despoil the timeless history and natural wonders in the search for short-term gain. To question the legality of the Antiquities Act, after 110 years of its implementation by presidents from both parties, through the vehicle of a presidential executive order rather than legislative initiative or judicial challenge, seems to me ill-advised - to say nothing of ironic - in the extreme. I stand with Bears Ears. I urge you, Secretary Zinke, to stand with Bears Ears too. Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts on this issue.

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Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. We will fight back.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am writing to offer my full support for our existing National Monuments, especially Bears Ears NM, Giant Sequoia NM, and the Carrizo Plain NM in my home county, San Luis Obispo, California. Bears Ears NM is a tribute, and an honor, to Native Americans of Utah, and should be respected and preserved. Giant Sequoia NM was litigated and found to be a legitimate monument. I have been there and I can attribute to the fact that it is worthy of its designation. Regarding the Carrizo Plain NM, I served on the Carrizo Plain NM Advisory Committee from 2006 to 2010. We held several public hearings, considered many different ideas and viewpoints, and helped the Bureau of Land Management to craft (in my opinion) an excellent Environmental Impact Statement and Resource Management Plan. I am proud of the Carrizo Plain NM, the advisory committee, the BLM staff, the public, and the wide range of constituents who worked together to craft a plan for the monument. I have not yet been to Bears Ears NM but hope to visit the monument in the near future. From what I have read and seen on the website, it's worthy of its monument designation. In conclusion, I am a strong supporter of our National Monuments and our National Parks. Many of our finest parks (Death Valley, Joshua Tree, Pinnacles, Grand Canyon) began as monuments. They are worthy of our collective care. Please work to strengthen protection for our Monuments and Parks.

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I trust you take seriously your responsibility to protect the material assets of our great nation from exploitation by the private sector at the expense of the greater good of its citizen majority. I believe it is important to protect as much of our nation's physical beauty, unique landscape and national heritage for our future generations as possible and not exploit it for short-term monetary gain. It costs our land and heritage too much! The leaders of the past have left us a great legacy of National parks and Monuments to create and protect spaces for all our country to enjoy and take pride in, please do not break that tradition. Please protect Bear's Ears and all the other nation sacred icons of our natural beauty, history and patriotism. Thank you. Tom Warner

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Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it only hurts one of our nations most incredible landscapes. This monument is important to all us different reasons and altering it in any way only serves one greedy interest. Please do not add this to the list of open spaces my children's children will never experience.

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First of all, I wanted to thank you for opening a public comment period on his review, which is something that will affect so many Americans across the country. But my name is Reilly Jackson, I am a wildlife biologist from California and Idaho, and I am an avid hiker and sportswoman that uses these outdoor areas in question. I just wanted to implore you to not rescind the national monument of Bears Ears, to not shrink Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and to maintain the monument status of all the monuments in review. I have personally been to many of these monuments under review, and I can personally say that these are life-changing areas that are so absolutely magnificent and breath-taking. First of all, Bears Ears National Monuments has significant cultural heritage to many of the Native American tribes surrounding it, a fact that I know you are aware of. Additionally, as I hope you saw for yourself, that landscape itself is amazing and is the habitat for many ecologically important desert species in Utah. Second, many of these BLM lands are in my top favorite places to visit in the ENTIRE US!!! In this large country of ours, that's pretty amazing. The Vermilion-Cliffs National Monument is one of the prettiest places that I have ever had the fortune to visit. While hiking to the Wave, one of the coolest geological formations I've ever seen, the surrounding landscape is gorgeous and out of this world. The bright reds of the sandstone are unparalleled in their beauty. AND, on top of this (and his will appeal to you), people already graze their cattle on this land! Wow, pretty crazy. So on top of the economic benefits of tourism (Look at Kanab, UT and Paige, AZ), local ranchers can run their cattle in these areas without fear that they will be mangled to death or die of other coal and oil extraction related complications. The same is true for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Despite its huge size, which you seem to have an issue with, this land is one of the major generators of economic revenue in the area, mainly from tourist business. However, this land ALSO runs cattle on it, so they same argument for Vermilion-Cliffs applies here. And, while these places still have cattle (which also ruin the land but whatever, I'd prefer that to oil and coal extraction equipment, damage, etc.), they are still largely ecologically viable in an increasingly fragmented landscape. ALL of these monuments under review are extremely, extremely, EXTREMELY important for wildlife and the ecosystems which we as a nation (and as a leader of democracy) rely on much more than many people realize. Thank you Mr. Zinke for allowing the public to comment on this review, and I sincerely hope you will consider the repercussions of rescinding and/or shrinking national monuments. I do not believe that this is the best course of action for the Department of the Interior to pursue. Thank you for your time, and I hope good news comes from this review. Side note: I have attached photos of some of the beautiful areas that are under review, including Vermilion-Cliffs National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, truly encourage you to consider what is being proposed and the negative impacts it will have on these lands and the economy. Attachments! IMG\_5597 IMG\_4817

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I am writing this letter to comment on the recently designated Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. Given the record visitation to our existing national parks in recent years, I think it is imperative that we continue to set aside federal public lands for recreation. This will take the pressure off the National Park Service units and spread the people out as our population continues to grow. As I understand that existing leases and permits for grazing, mining and other non-recreational uses are not affected by the National Monument designation, I urge you to take no action to change the Bears Ears National Monument. Thank you for the opportunity to make my opinion known to you on this matter.

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**Unit Classifications:**

First, I implore you not to decrease protections to and for existing national monuments, including Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah. Second, I ask that you (YOU) research and understand the bipartisan legacies of the Antiquities Act, in that Republican presidents also designated national monuments (some of scale of millions of acres). And, third, you must recognize and honor tribal sovereignty regarding Bear Ears. Please listen to ALL Americans and not be tied to short-sighted or biased agendas supportive of quick oil-and-gas gains aren't worth the devastation to ecosystems, scenic values (and thus TOURIST \$\$), or the cultural heritage. To see a list of the national monuments set aside under the Antiquities Act, go to <https://www.npsca.org/resources/2658-monuments-protected-under-the-antiquities-act#sm000cs64gw1au8de3w9j1v6j170mpv>.

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My name is Bernard P. Friel. I am a lifelong resident of Minnesota. I am a supporter of the Antiquities Act, and write here to express my support for the creation and currently designated boundaries of Grand Staircase-Escalante and the Bears Ears National Monuments. By way of background, I am a retired lawyer. I was associated with the Twin Cities law firm of Briggs and Morgan PA over a period spanning 57 years, variously as associate,

partner, shareholder, and Of Counsel. I served on the firm board of Directors, as co-chair of its trial department and as chair of its municipal bond department. I am a Founder and was first president of the National Association of Bond Lawyers. Over the last 51 years, (since 1976, and continuing still) sometimes solo, sometimes with members of my family, and sometimes with friends, I have reinvigorated my spirit, replenished my strength, and renewed my bond with nature and the outdoors, hiking, backpacking, rafting, and photographing in the Colorado Plateau in Utah. I estimate that I have spent over 700 days in such activity over those years. During that half century I have enjoyed the unique and wondrous in Utah . . . the Anasazi pictographs and petroglyphs, the colorful features of Bryce NP, Capitol Reef NP, Natural Bridges, Canyonlands, Arches, Hole in the Rock, the Devil's Garden, Valley of the Gods, the Waterpocket Fold, Zion, Lake Powell, the Burr Trail, Vermillion Cliffs and numerous places in Grand Staircase Escalante, and what is now Bears Ears. I have made 75 to 100 such trips returning to many locations several times. The unmatched beauty of these magnificent, buttes and valleys, and the sacred and historic artifacts and dwellings there must be protected and preserved for future generations. And prompt protection is essential to stop the desecration and looting that I have witnessed during my travels there... the bullet holes in the pictographs, the graffiti on the petroglyphs, and the looting and destruction of sacred sites. In my travels to these locations, I have spent thousands of dollars on food, gasoline, auto repairs, equipment, motels and camping accommodations, in Moab, Escalante, Blanding, Monticello, Torrey, Bluff, Kanab, Caineville, Hanksville, Torrey, Boulder, Bryce, Virgin, Green River, etc., etc., etc., and the favorable economic impact of travel like mine to those parks and monuments has been remarkable... and it should be noted that it is tourism, not extractive industry, that has caused an explosion of motels, restaurants, and tourism facilities in Moab, Bryce, Escalante, Monticello, Kanab and many other towns proximate to Utah's National Parks and Monuments. In conducting this National Monument Review it should be kept in mind too, that with respect to Bears Ears the boundary designation was crafted to avoid preeminent locations for the extractive industry, which locations were specifically excluded from original Monument proposals. That may be true of other Monuments under review as well, but I do not have such information. It is with the foregoing in mind that I urge the DOI to let the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante Monuments stand as created. The attached images were taken by me in Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in the Fall of 2016 Attachments9013\_80068078332\_80063758104\_8006230

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. Hard to fathom we are having to even do this... will trust that you will do what your conscience asks of you...

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. Please save Bears Ears from the Orange Buffoon. Thanks.-Charley Tucker

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**Unit Classifications:**

Our National Parks and Monuments, including Grand Staircase Escalante and Bears Ears here in Utah, are vital to our state, our nation, and the world. It is our connection with nature that makes us truly human. Everyone benefits. Our economies through tourism, our planet through preservation of environments. I have grandchildren. I want them to experience a world of clean air, clean water. We must act now to give them that. Our founding fathers could have lived out lives of relative opulence and contentment if they had just settled for the status quo of Imperial England. But they were not thinking of short term benefits. They were thinking of long term benefits that resulted in 200 years of our great nation - the hope for the world. We need to emulate them.

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Grand Staircase Escalante and Bears Ears here in Utah, as part of the United States National Parks and Monuments, are vital to our state, our nation, and the world - financially, logically, culturally, anthropologically, for the appreciation of beauty, and for the sake of history from which we learn wisdom. It is our connection with nature that makes us truly human. Everyone benefits. Our economies through tourism, our planet through preservation of environments. I want my grandchildren to experience a world of clean air, clean water. Acting now is essential, for my grandchildren to enjoy the wonders, history and awe of America. Our founding fathers could have lived out lives of relative opulence and contentment if they had just settled for the status quo of Imperial England. But they were not thinking of short term benefits. They were thinking of long term benefits that resulted in 200 years of our great nation - the hope for the world. We need to emulate them. The United States is more than just a place. It is an idea, a set of values, a history, and - most importantly - a people who have come together to share a common perspective. We must remember the journey taken by the many people who have given their lives and struggles contributing to the experience of the United States. Preserving these monuments shows a respect for what the United States has been, has experienced, is now, and can be. It shows respect for all those people and their lives. Wisely, our country has set aside part of our lands to preserve the spectacle of nature and the wonder of this place, and set aside places to recall our struggles, our inspirations, our people. To fall short in these preservations is to lose our "self", our soul, our nation; even begin our dissolution. We must decide if this country lives and breathes as a wonderful spirit or whether we no longer have a spirit. I support the preservation of these monuments. Wisely, past Presidents have set aside lands and places to help us remember who we are. I support them. I believe we should not fail to be responsible to our history and to all of those who have given of themselves to make us who we are.

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I am very disturbed that the government is considering privatizing national monuments and parks in the United States. This public land is protected for many reasons important to Native Americans and other cultural groups. These lands bring us together in a way no commercial real estate ever could. The monuments such as Bears Ears and the Grand Canyon are natural wonders and should be protected for spiritual, cultural and environmental reasons. What happens to the eco-systems of the regions where these monuments lie? Where does all the wildlife go? How many more emissions will be created from building on these lands? How will our country and planet be better off from changing this law? These are just a few of the questions I have on the issue. I work for REI because of the profits they give back annually to the outdoor communities. I have traveled to the places that will be affected by this decision. Not only have I, but my family and friends have created memories at places such as Arches National Park and the Grand Canyon. We give back to local community projects where there is river clean up and restoration projects because we want this land to be there for our grandchildren. If these lands are no longer protected by the government then is anything sacred anymore? There are already problems with pipelines across Native American lands, where the government has disregarded their legal rights. Now the government wants to promote "a good deal" on national parks? I plead for you to understand the gravity of this decision. Not only will this affect businesses and government officials, but families and communities. The cons outweigh the pros on this issue, and I think you need to take a look at who you are trying to benefit. Thank you for taking the time to hear my thoughts.

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As an avid outdoor recreationist and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes would be rolled back. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act—a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt—to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented, possibly even illegal, attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a meaningful supplement—or means to supplant—the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review. While President Trump is free to exercise his discretion in the designation of new National Monuments according to his administration's priorities, that discretion does not and should not extend to undoing the considered judgment of his predecessors.

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. Our environment is imperative to human existence. Without protected lands and a healthy ecosystem the economy will suffer. "We Do Not Inherit the Earth from Our Ancestors; We Borrow It from Our Children"

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Bears Ears monument is a national treasure and should be regarded as such. Destroying these lands prove that the government is not concerned for the future of America or its people, by accelerating land degradation and turning it into a federal and corporate playground. Preserving Bears Ears not only will provide a good example for our future generations, but will also preserve the land for the enjoyment of the American People.

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We, the undersigned, are writing to ask that you respect the years of work that had already been invested by your department when President Obama designated Bears Ears National Monument on December 28, 2016. Interior staff carefully researched and documented the rich natural, archeological, and cultural history of the Bears Ears region in order to determine the smallest area compatible with the proper care, management and protection of the Monument's resources. Overturning or overwriting the comprehensive efforts of your colleagues would be placing short-sighted political goals before your foremost duty to protect and manage the nation's natural resources and cultural heritage. It would also be renouncing the commitment the nation made to the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, and Ute Indian Tribe. They hold the Bears Ears as a sacred place, and thousands of years' worth of archeological evidence supports their conviction. The Bears Ears designation, for the first time, gave Native Americans a principal role in managing their cultural resources. Revoking or reducing the size of Bears Ears after a cursory 45-day review would disrespect the native people who consider Bears Ears sacred, and negotiated, in good faith, their role in preserving it. It is ironic that the administration has made claims that Bears Ears National Monument was designated without sufficient public input, given that you are now deciding the fate of Bears Ears in just 45 days and have stated you will not consider the tens of thousands of valid comments regarding Bears Ears National Monument that were submitted prior to May 11. Many of the crown jewels of the National Park System you oversee, including Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Olympic, Bryce



Canyon and Zion, were first protected not as parks but as National Monuments. Today no one, not even the most rabid critics of the Antiquities Act, would call for rescinding or shrinking the size of these landmarks. You have said you look to Teddy Roosevelt as a role model. Please consider whether he would have chosen to rescind Bears Ears National Monument when presented the choice.

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America's National Park Service is, as the documentarian Ken Burns suggested, America's Best Idea. Our national parks, monuments, and public lands offer the American people a place to play, learn, and appreciate the natural world. The Park Service was created a century ago in order to preserve the ecological and historical integrity of our lands for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. Since its inception, it has expanded to protect incredible historical and natural monuments, including recent additions such as Bears Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act allows the President to create national monuments to protect significant historical, ecological, or cultural features. It does not allow for a President to reduce or remove the national monument designation created by a previous President. If anything, historical precedence of limitations to the Antiquities Act relied on the unique checks and balances system in our democracy by relying on congressional consent to designate lands in some of our most impacted states, including Wyoming. I spent my childhood exploring the federal lands in Wyoming. My parents ensured that we visited our nation's first national park, Yellowstone, so often that I considered seeing a bear "something that happened on every kid's vacation." We visited Medicine Wheel National Historic Landmark, a moment I credit with instilling in me a sense of appreciation for the preservation of important historical and cultural landmarks. We stayed at our nation's first national monument, Devils Tower, and enjoyed the monument's natural wonders by hiking while also learning of the cultural and spiritual history of this unique natural phenomenon. My favorite memories, my experiences, the person I am today, none of this would be made possible without the National Park Service and its oversight of so many different public lands. I didn't even grow up in Wyoming. I grew up in southeastern Minnesota but because my parents had spent their childhoods exploring the incredible public lands in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Arizona, they ensured that my siblings and I did the same. They also recognized that Park Service lands were affordable and accessible no matter our situation. There's a map on my wall marking the National Parks that I've visited. I keep tabs of the National Monuments in my National Parks Passport. I camp on federal lands and in national forests. I take my students to public lands to show them the incredible, natural beauty of our nation. I do this because this land is, for all its hokey cliché of a phrase, our land and was made for you and me- for the benefit and enjoyment of the people and to preserve for future generations the integrity of the land and cultural and historical properties within it. The National Park Service has instilled in me a sense of ownership and stewardship of these lands. It is imperative that the Department of the Interior continue to uphold the integrity and purpose of the National Park Service, including the continued protections of current national monuments and public lands. I expect the Department and Secretary Zinke to be true stewards to the land and to recognize the extents and limitations of the authorities provided to the President by the Antiquities Act and to work with both the Executive and Congressional branches of the US Federal Government to continue to protect our land.

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One of the greatest gifts the American government has given its citizens is the preservation of open lands as National Parks, National Monuments, and National Forests. I find it unfathomable that such places as Craters of the Moon, Canyons of the Ancients, Bears Ears, Giant Sequoia, Vermillion Cliffs, Grand Staircase, in fact, any of monuments being targeted for transfer to private enterprise that is guaranteed to harm the land, such as coal mining, oil drilling and fracking. The shortsightedness of this move demonstrates how this administration disregards the environment and is pushing an agenda that enriches a few at a great cost to many. Please do not transfer any of these lands for private development. Once the land is so abused, it will never come back, lost forever.

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I support Bears Ears National Monument and oppose any action to repeal its designation or reduce its size. Decades of data prove rural counties with National Parks and Monuments are wealthier than equivalently sized and located counties without these attractions. In addition, Bears Ears National Monument is packed with important cultural artifacts of the Ancient Puebloans, unmatched in extent and density at any similar unprotected area of the Colorado Plateau. This scenic and culturally significant landscape must be protected and cherished as intended by the Monument designation.

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Please listen to the people! Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Our public lands are vital to our national legacy, which belongs not only to us, but also to all future Americans. They're economically beneficial to our local communities, and to our nation as a whole. Please preserve these special places for the sake of our children and our planet. Joanne Mogren

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You will get all sorts of backlash if you eliminate Bears Ears. You better take the middle road and reduce the current size to something reasonable and go with it. Too bad. Nothing should ever have been brought up about the whole area in the first place. Now it's wrecked more than if it just stayed the way it was.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the review of National Monuments and any potential actions that could lead to a shrinking in their boundaries, reducing protections within them, or a total revocation of their existence. These national monuments, along with other protected and unprotected landscapes, are a national treasure deserving the utmost protection and respect. Reducing the size of these special places, or loosening regulations to allow for natural resources to be exploited, would be a tragedy of enormous proportion. Allowing a small few to profit from these lands, while destroying what is beloved by the majority of Americans, would be immoral and wrong. Anything less than expanding these monuments is unacceptable; shrinking any of them, in particular Bears Ears in Utah, should not happen under your (or anyone else's) watch. Please do everything you can to protect and strengthen protections of all national monuments, and all public lands.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I'm a resident of the great state of Utah and a supporter of the Bears Ears National Monument. This land deserves to be protected by the national monument status. Keep the monument as it stands. I stand with Bears Ears

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**Unit Classifications:**

I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bear's Ears Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bear's Ears Monument--that I am writing. The Bear's Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bear's Ears Monument continues.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am a citizen of Utah writing to express my support for legal protection for wild open spaces in the American West. I have spent many days and nights camping, hiking, and climbing in the Bears Ears National Monument and other wild places in Utah. As populations expand so do development pressures on these national treasures. I believe future generations should be able to experience the transformative and rejuvenating powers of wild open spaces in the West. Therefore I believe we should maintain legal protections for these lands such as the Antiquities Act, and National Parks system. The huge wilderness expanses of the western United States are known and revered all across the world. Let's not jeopardize these unique

national resources for short-term gains or political points.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Secretary Zinke, As someone who was born in Carbon County and where my dad toiled in the coal mines for over 40 years, I would avoid the precedent setting action of modifying or rescinding any of the National monuments created in the last 20 years, including Bears Ears and Grand Staircase in Utah. As the Salt Lake Tribune editorialized: "during his visit, Zinke made various conciliatory remarks about how people on both sides of the issue really want the same thing, to protect the natural beauty and cultural artifacts to be found in both areas. That it was just a disagreement over just how that goal should be accomplished". If that is indeed the case than this is an easy decision to me made about these Federal lands; if however, this is not the case than this issue will head to the courts to the detriment of you, your department, the present administration and Utah, particularly when the powers of the Federal Government appear to be once again taking advantage of the Native Americans. Dean Malencik

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**Unit Classifications:**

Mr. Secretary, I am a relatively new resident of Utah having relocated from the east coast. The national parks and monuments constitute part of the reason why I am here. Everyone who visits us has a trip to several national parks and monuments on their respective TO DO lists. If the lands such as Bears Ears remain in federal hands, they will be available for the appreciation by future generations. If not, they will be "harvested" for natural resources. Once the machinery is deployed, there will be no turning back. My friend from Maryland, having visited Utah, remarked that when God created the Earth, he must have had some incredible features left over, and, obviously, placed them in Utah for safe keeping. Mr. Secretary, please keep them safe. Please maintain the integrity of America's National Monuments. We can revisit this issue at a later time, perhaps in a century or two. Respectfully submitted.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please leave Bears Ears National Monument the way it is. Our country needs more monuments and National Parks, not less. Right now, Zion National Park is overcrowded. That is just one example. And the American Indians have not been treated fairly. They had to fight just to get 1 hour with Mr. Zinke while the people who want to get rid of the Monument got several days at least. Our country needs to have this land protected so that we can learn about the country before the white man came. It will provide long term jobs for the local people. This area is known for its beautiful skies with millions of stars. Now days, when you look into the sky in most other areas of the country, you only see a few stars. Having a place like this where people can go and experience seeing a vast sky filled with millions of stars is breathtaking. This Monument is so important for the American Indian. It is important to the Indians in ways other people don't even understand. It represents their history and is a connection that is very powerful and important to them. And the many works of art the Indians did here need to be protected. Our country has treated the Indians as if they are less than human. Let us at least give them this as a small token of our appreciation of the wonderful way they have protected and cared for America. In doing so, we will be giving all Americans a wonderful and irreplaceable gift. This entire issue is just a childish Republican example of prejudice toward the American Indian and the Democrats. The Indians requested to have this land set aside as a Monument. It has already been reduced from 1.9 million acres to 13. Let us

rise above the level of political childishness that is represented in this exercise of trying to undo something that is so valuable and important to the American People. If anything should be done with this Monument, it should be made into a National Park. And why is the comment period so short for Bears Ears and not the rest of the Monuments? I believe the Republican leaders have not been truthful about this entire issue. Please extend the comment period and leave Bears Ears as is.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I would like to voice my SUPPORT for the Bears Ears Monument with its current size of 1.35 million acres and current boundaries as designated by President Obama. The designated monument area is now closed to any NEW mining, oil and gas development but existing rights remain valid. In addition, current use of the land is maintained so that existing tribal access for hunting, fishing, wood gathering, existing grazing rights, existing off-road vehicle recreation are all maintained. It was important to designate the area as a National Monument to protect sacred tribal sites as well as the monument's historic and scientific treasures. Bears Ears Monument was designated after a thoughtful and careful review with input from all interested parties. Former Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewel made a lengthy visit to the area and also held numerous local town hall-style meetings which gave a chance for everyone's voice to be heard. Please keep the current protection that this spectacular, sacred area deserves.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears National Monument and other National Monuments intact.

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**Unit Codes:**

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Protect Bears Ears.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Our national parks and monuments are national treasures that need to be protected and preserved for future generations. The more we can do to increase their presence and usage the better. I support keeping Bears Ears and Grand Staircase as is with their existing acreages and footprints and increasing funding to these natural resources.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

As an outdoor enthusiast who loves our public lands, I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and ask that its boundaries remain unchanged. For more than 100 years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act—a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt—to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. Bears Ears is exactly the kind of place the Antiquities Act intended to protect. It is rich in cultural history which inspired a historic coalition of tribes to band together to push for its designation. In addition to protecting over 100,000 archaeological sites, the designation preserves world-class recreation opportunities in places like Cedar Mesa, Grand Gulch, and Indian Creek. The process that led to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument was thorough and transparent. For more than 80 years, decision makers from all sides presented proposals seeking permanent protection of all or part of this incredible landscape. The boundaries were informed by both the multi-year Public Lands Initiative and by a proposal from the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Those boundaries do not exceed the acreage necessary to preserve the rich cultural heritage, ecological values, and recreation assets. Thank you for reviewing the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Please recommend that President Trump leave the current Bears Ears National Monument boundaries in place. Please keep the outdoors wild and available for generations like mine to continue to experience the magic.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I support our monuments as valuable tracks of open space and wilderness. Public land should not be used for mining, or oil and gas exploration. The future for energy is renewable energy, as a country we should embrace that. Not only because it makes environmental sense, but also because it makes economic sense. I live in Utah and am very concerned the tribal coalition is being ignored over the voices of our elected officials. There has been much talk from said officials that they had no say in the Bears Ears, and that it was done in haste. This is so far from the truth. This part of Utah has been the topic of protection for decades. The biggest reasons they oppose the monument is it has Obama's name on it, and they loose access to the energy resources. The tribal coalition should be the biggest voice of reason for any discussion, they have been a part of this land for way way longer than any other group engaged.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this review, is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I understand the drive to develop the economy of the Southwest by allowing development and extraction of our natural resources and public lands. I also understand the desire to improve conservation and acknowledge local cultural conditions by giving local stakeholders the authority to manage the Bears Ears area. However, I strongly oppose any action which would remove the National Monument status, and as a voter and professional in public policy I will do everything I can to protect it. Many Native American tribes have a long ancestral history at the monument. Similarly, the unique wildlife and plants that are found there are part of what makes America the amazing and beautiful country that it is. The Utah government may want to rescind its protections, but the people don't. The Native American tribes don't. The animals surely don't. And the American people are coming together to say they don't. Please listen to your constituents. This is your first real test as an agency to decide the trajectory of our management of natural areas. Again, I understand the drive for more oil drilling and economic development. But that's not what the people want.

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Please Rescind Bears Ears National Monument.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Please rescind Bears Ears.

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I am an avid outdoor hiker and trail runner who frequents Bear Ears and other national monuments and parks across the U.S. Spending time in our preserved parks is essential not only for recreation but for education and for protecting our environment and wildlife. Please please please do NOT close these national monuments. I beg you. It is also unacceptable that the Department of the Interior has only provided 15 days for public opinion on this matter. I want to see the parks and national monuments up for review retain their protections and remain open to the public. It will be a disgrace and a step back in US history if these parks are closed by this administration. They are vital to progress, education and preservation. Please have a heart and use your brain! Closing these is WRONG.

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For more than 100 years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act—a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt—to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. Bears Ears is exactly the kind of place the Antiquities Act intended to protect. It is rich in cultural history which inspired a historic coalition of tribes to band together to push for its designation. In addition to protecting over 100,000 archaeological sites, the designation preserves world-class recreation opportunities in places like Cedar Mesa, Grand Gulch, and Indian Creek. The process that led to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument was thorough and transparent. For more than 80 years, decision makers from all sides presented proposals seeking permanent protection of all or part of this incredible landscape. The boundaries were informed by both the multi-year Public Lands Initiative and by a proposal from the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Those boundaries do not exceed the acreage necessary to preserve the rich cultural heritage, ecological values, and recreation assets. Thank you for reviewing the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Please recommend that President Trump leave the current Bears Ears National Monument boundaries in place.

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I respectfully submit these comments as a in support of the Bear's Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources—specifically those located within the Bear's Ears Monument—that I am writing. The Bear's Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted—or not—to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and

that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bear's Ears National Monument continues.

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I urge DOI to keep Bears Ears National Monument intact and fully protected. Perhaps nowhere in the world are so many well-preserved cultural resources, from ancient ruins to petroglyphs, found within such a striking and relatively undeveloped landscape. There was a transparent and multi-year designation process to protect Bears Ears National Monument, which garnered broad public support in Utah and across the country, including from five tribes in the region. The preservation and protection of Bears Ears National Monument demonstrates America's patriotic commitment to protecting & preserving the unique landscapes, cultural history, and important wild places that make American life meaningful, possible, and special! Please protect Bears Ears National Monuments and ALL the National Monuments! This is what Americans want! Bears Ears National Monument is a place where I, my friends & family, and so many others want to be able to visit, recreate in, and enjoy. Preserve Bears Ears National Monument!

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

As an outdoor enthusiast who loves our PUBLIC LANDS, I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and ask that its boundaries remain unchanged.

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**Unit Codes:**

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am a park ranger. A childhood spent fishing, hunting, and boating public lands have led me to this challenging career. I have literally put my blood, sweat, and tears into protecting America's public lands. In this line of work, I have seen many beautiful things - mountain lions, alpenglow, cutthroat trout in mountain lakes. I have seen firsthand the power of open space to heal veterans suffering from PTSD, build confidence in a boy struggling to overcome the effects of cerebral palsy, educate urban and rural children alike, and reconnect native people to their living heritage. I have also seen what happens when protections on public lands are reversed or go unenforced - abuses by OHV riders, privatization by the wealthy, destruction of artifacts, irresponsible development, and spoiling of blessed places that can never be regained. Many of my fondest memories on public lands were made in what is now Bears Ears National Monument. I have spent years getting to know the American West in the red rock desert south of Moab, UT. I know this place is special and worth protecting. In contrast to what Rep. Bishop, Rep. Chaffetz, and Sen. Hatch would have you think, the Monument is a boon to the local communities (bringing sustainable income to a waning boom-bust economy). More importantly, it is also protects a special area for all Americans - young and old, White and Native. Currently, my wife is deep in Bullet Canyon near Cedar Mesa with a group of high school outdoor education students from Glenwood Springs, CO. My wife's students are mostly Hispanic residents of my community who have never camped, never taken advantage of America's public lands, or felt at home in the outdoors. The Monument - just hours from our homes - is making possible an invaluable learning experience. As I write this message, the children are exploring Jailhouse ruin and Perfect Kiva. Tonight, they will stare up at some of the darkest, starry skies in America. Secretary Zinke, please do not take this opportunity away from future generations. You say you are a follower of Theodore Roosevelt, a great figure of public lands conservation (and one of the men who inspired me to become a park ranger). Roosevelt made his legacy by tempering the demands of business interests and taking the long-view on conservation. Roosevelt himself established federal reserves - not too different from Bears Ears - in the Dakotas, Colorado, and Oregon. I will end my comment with a quote from Roosevelt: "We have fallen heirs to the most glorious heritage a people ever received, and each one must do his part if we wish to show that the nation is worthy of its good fortune." Roosevelt was a wise man who has gifted our nation with an even wiser land ethic, please honor him and protect America's National Monuments.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As an outdoor enthusiast who loves our public lands, I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and ask that its boundaries remain unchanged. For more than 100 years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. Bears Ears is exactly the kind of place the Antiquities Act intended to protect. It is rich in cultural history which inspired a historic coalition of tribes to band together to push for its designation. In addition to protecting over 100,000 archaeological sites, the designation preserves world-class recreation opportunities in places like Cedar Mesa, Grand Gulch, and Indian Creek.

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**Unit Metadata:****document id** DOI-2017-0002-43897**Unit Codes:****Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman**Unit Classifications:**

Secretary Zinke, It is with great pleasure--and worry--that I write to ask you to save public land for public use, specifically national parks, monuments, rivers, and recreation areas. I understand the importance of land use to many businesses across the nation, but the point of conservatism is to conserve, and by turning over public land to private entities will fail to uphold a tenant of conservative thought. There are several reasons to keep public land public--beyond conservatism. Historically, many of the monuments hold significance to American history, spanning millennia from the first humans to cross the land bridge to the present day. Locations, like the Black Hills and Bears Ears, are sacred to American Indians, and deserve to be preserved in history. Their people, through no fault of their own, were decimated by the diseases and greed of our European ancestors, and the consolation of preserving sacred ground is a necessary, albeit small, step to rehabilitation of their culture. American Indians, for better or worse, are an important piece of the mosaic of America's culture and history, and they deserve a voice and a symbol. Personally, I became interested in my profession (I am public school teacher, but an historian by trade, that focuses on American History) when I was first brought to the John Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, Massachusetts by my father when I was 10 years old. The park itself is wonderful, but what it represents is a living memory to a great--and often forgotten--American. Going to that wonderful National Historical Park changed my life. I dedicated myself to find a university that would focus on American History and American Government, and that is the degree I earned. My life's work has been to instill my passion for American history in my students, and I can think John Adams home for that accomplishment. Economically, the park system is a boon to American small businesses. Walk out of Grand Canyon National park and see all of the small shops, hotels, restaurants, and other services that exist there. See the hundreds of thousands--if not millions--of Americans that travel to national parks and monuments, from Acadia in Maine, to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Yosemite...all traveling from abroad to see them! I recently was lucky enough to walk across Spain on the Camino de Santiago--a journey that took me from the east side of Spain on the French border to the Atlantic Ocean on the west. Each small town--and even larger cities--was dependent on the foot traffic that existed because of this tourist destination (the Camino). Think of the economic impact to Southeast Utah's small businesses if you take away public land for private enterprise. Patriotically, the parks themselves represent America as a continent. The song "America the Beautiful" is a transcendent piece of musical lyricism that captures the beauty of the American landscape. America is a tourist destination for many reasons, but much of it is public land. Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America--these continents have high life, and restaurants, and culture, and art, and museums--but how many of these places have the pure, unfiltered beauty that is the land. Montana, your state, has some of the most picturesque views on the entire planet, and they symbolize the American dream of aspiration, hope, and resilience. Glacier National Park, if it were to be taken away from the American people, would be a devastating loss to our nation and hurt America's legacy to the earth. This is our only planet, Secretary Zinke. This is the greatest country--troubled times or not--on that planet. Let us be a beacon to the world, as President Teddy Roosevelt dreamed and he stood under the Redwoods in California, on the conservation of land and natural beauty. Let the United States lead the way to making this planet great again. (Also, please come up to Massachusetts for a visit to the Adams National Historical Park. I will take a tour with you!)

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As an avid outdoor recreationist and Eagle Scout, I know that I have a say in how our public lands are managed, for you, for me, and for the betterment of ALL Americans. I am writing today to respectfully express my support for ALL National Monument lands (including Bears Ears!) as well as the Antiquities Act, to it's fullest, as originally signed into law in 1906 by our naturalist leader, Theodore Roosevelt. I'm also writing to express my emphatically vehement opposition to any review which threatens to diminish these lands either by revoking their status, or by limiting their boundaries. My family has always respected and loved the outdoors. My parents taught me to enjoy many wonderful outside places, including the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. As a native Oregonian, I fully support this National Monument, and I fully endorse it's expansion. I agree that the expansion has been motivated by all the right reasons, and was carefully reviewed through public process both in it's inception, and in it's expansion. Careful preservation and management of public land is extremely important to me and my family. As an employee in the Outdoor Recreation Industry, preservation of public lands is not only a moral imperative, but a fiscal imperative as well. I implore you to please do ALL you can to protect the integrity of these designations, today, and for all time, so that ALL Americans - present and future generations - may experience these lands in healthy, preserved conditions for decades and centuries to come. Thank you for considering my perspective on preserving the Antiquities Act as well as ALL current National Monuments and their boundaries.

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The protection and creation of national parks, monuments, forests, and BLM land are fundamental to the future of the United States. In an increasingly digital and developed USA, it's crucial that these areas are protected - allowing us, our parents, and our children to get outside - hiking, climbing, exploring nature, history, geology, archeology and other sciences. Without these protected areas, future generations will lose this connection and appreciation of the natural world, the history of the United States, and learning opportunities. Specifically, the review of 27 National Monuments is an affront to the process and creation of these monuments. It's imperative that you consider the following during your review: 1. The national monuments under review, specifically Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante, were designated after extensive local input. 2. The national monuments under review have proven benefits to the surrounding communities, including economic benefits associated with outdoor recreation, travel and tourism. 3. Net job loss due to monument designations is demonstrably false. Monument designations have clearly resulted in net job gains in local communities. Revisions to these already designated monuments are a direct threat to the surrounding local economies. 4. Protection of America's public lands, including the national monuments under review, is critical to supporting 7.6 million American jobs that drive an \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy. Reviewing the designation of these monuments is a direct threat to the national outdoor recreation economy. Please make the right decision and protect our national monuments.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please do not revoke any statuses of the National Monuments under review. I live near the San Gabriel Mountains, and they are very important to small businesses in the area. This is a transparent power-grab to take over the Bears Ears Monument in Utah so you can sell it off to your oil buddies. Get your hands off our National Monuments!

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I want to keep Bears Ears National Monument.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

As an avid outdoor recreationist and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes could be rolled back through this current National Monument review process. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a meaningful supplement--or means to supplant--the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please, keep all of our National Monuments intact as they are now! All of these places were designated after extensive public comment and due process. They greatly benefit local economies and are gifts to future Americans of all descriptions. And they represent the highest and most eternal American ideals, a tremendous boon to our heritage going back to Teddy Roosevelt. Specifically, this comment is in support of Bears Ears in Utah, Katahdin Woods and Waters in Maine, Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks in New Mexico, Grand Canyon-Parashant in Arizona, Cascade Siskiyou in Oregon, Canyons of the Ancients in Colorado, and Giant Sequoia in California PLUS all of the National Monuments on land and in Marine areas. To be clear, I strongly urge the full protection and no shrinkage of ALL the following National Monuments: Bears Ears, Katahdin Woods and Waters, Basin and Range, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs, Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, Rose Atoll

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**Unit Classifications:**

As an outdoor enthusiast who loves our public lands, I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and ask that its boundaries remain unchanged. For more than 100 years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. Bears Ears is exactly the kind of place the Antiquities Act intended to protect. It is rich in cultural history which inspired a historic coalition of tribes to band together to push for its designation. In addition to protecting over 100,000 archaeological sites, the designation preserves world-class recreation opportunities in places like Cedar Mesa, Grand Gulch, and Indian Creek. The process that led to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument was thorough and transparent. For more than 80 years, decision makers from all sides presented proposals seeking permanent protection of all or part of this incredible landscape. The boundaries were informed by both the multi-year Public Lands Initiative and by a proposal from the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Those boundaries do not exceed the acreage necessary to preserve the rich cultural heritage, ecological values, and recreation assets. Thank you for reviewing the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Please recommend that President Trump leave the current Bears Ears National Monument boundaries in place. I'm also asking you to take to social media to spread the word.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument deserves your protection from oil and gas development interests. Please consider the strong public interest, myself included, in keeping its Monument status intact.

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For the sake of my well being please do not diminish the size of my areas of mental and physical relaxation. I am an avid outdoorsman that must have a balance between his work and play and there is no better remedy than a carefree galavant through the desertscape of Bear Ears, Canyon of the Ancients, Cedar Breaks, Devils Tower, Chimney Rock, Natural Bridges or my favorite place of all, Grand Staircase-Escalante. These lands raised me, the warm desert air filled my lungs with a sense of adventure, a place to call home, and something familiar to keep me grounded. The vast landscape lets my mind wander and expand beyond its bounds and the natural composition bring me balance from my regimented, heavy work life. If these lands shrink, so will my motivation, my livelihood, and my sense of liberty and freedom.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please ignore the recent executive order that asks for a review of national monument designation. The order is nothing less than the first step towards monument rollbacks. What is the intention of this executive order? Does Trump intend to reverse protections on existing national monuments? With this executive order he questions the wisdom of many, many, past presidents going back 111 years. President Theodore Roosevelt established the first national monument, Devils Tower in Wyoming, on September 24, 1906. In the state of Colorado we have eight- our most recently established was Browns Canyon in 2015. I live in Routt County, Colorado where 52% of our land is in public hands. We have found good ways to make sure that these lands are part of a diverse economic portfolio that includes extractive industries and non-consumptive uses. President Trumps apparent belief that public lands are the enemy of the economy is absurd and flat wrong. Hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, motorized and non-motorized recreational activities are significant economic drivers in the state of Colorado. So much so that our governor recently created an Outdoor Recreation Industry Office in recognition of the huge impact and importance of the industry to the future prosperity and health of Colorado. And, as recently as November of 2016, both our Democratic and Republican Senators Co-Sponsored S.2219 the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2016 to assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the United States and the effects attributable to it on the overall U.S. economy. Here in Steamboat Springs we are proud to have been the birthplace of many known recreation support industries like Smartwool, Point 6, BAP, Big Agnes, Honey Stinger, Moots bicycles, Hala paddleboards, and I am sure there are many more. What is really ironic is that President Trump is looking to Utah- of all places- for leadership on issues related to federal public lands. Apparently he is unaware that the state just LOST \$45 million dollars per year by alienating the Outdoor Retailer trade show which brought more than 40,000 people to Salt Lake City in the summer and winter. Why did Outdoor Retailer leave? Because of the states efforts to rescind the recent designation of the Bear Ears National Monument and the 1996 designation of the states Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Trump is following UTAHs lead? I certainly hope Utahs loss will be Colorados gain. And I am not the only one. According to the Denver Post, Colorados political leadership is uniting in a bid to land the Outdoor Retailer trade shows. Gov. John Hickenlooper Sen. Michael Bennet, both Democrats, and Sen. Cory Gardner, a Republican, sent a letter in February of 2017 urging the outdoor industry and Emerald Expositions, shows owner, to consider Denver as a potential new home for their annual gatherings. In Colorado, we appreciate the outdoor recreation industry and would be pleased to ADD \$45 million to our economy each year. I sincerely hope you will embrace our states bipartisan support for public lands and reject Trumps ineffective and misguided executive order. Dont join the President in invoking the ire of so many Americans from all sides of the aisle who care about public lands for so many different reasons. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As you review Bears Ears National Monument in light of President Trump's April 26, 2017, Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act, I urge you to recommend to President Trump that Bears Ears National Monument be upheld and the boundaries remain intact as designated in Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016 (Establishment of the Bears Ears National Monument). Bears Ears National Monument represents a historic compromise; it protects not only historic sites from LDS pioneer history, but the ancestral homelands of Native Americans including thousands of archaeological sites from ancient road systems to cliff dwellings to burial grounds, and preserves the stunning geography, geology, and paleontology of southeastern Utah for all Americans to enjoy, in perpetuity. Please honor the values and resources that the Bears Ears National Monument protects by leaving the monument as it is. I urge you to honor the Native American tribes who have worked for years to protect Bears Ears National Monument by meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and with the five sovereign nations the coalition represents to learn about their deep connection to and long work to protect Bears Ears. Bears Ears National Monument contains among the highest density of cultural sites in the United States (higher, even, than Mesa Verde National Park), and objective review will find that the monument is "the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." As secretary of the interior, you are in a unique position to stand up for the protection of Bears Ears National Monument, and for the history from Native American civilizations to LDS pioneer archaeology, paleontology, geology, and unmatched scenic beauty it contains. I urge you to recommend that we protect and preserve Bears Ears, and leave it as it is.

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As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the National Monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage—a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future. That is why the arbitrary 120-day deadline for you to review whether to shrink or rescind dozens of National Monuments is absurd. As you know, the process to establish a National Monument often takes years, if not decades. It involves significant study of the area of the proposed monument including its ecological, cultural, archeological, economic and recreation value and robust consultation with local communities and their elected representatives at every level. Given the unique and complex histories of each monument, there is simply no way to meaningfully review dozens of individual monuments in such a short period. You justify this review on the false premise that the American people have not yet been heard on the designation of these National Monuments. But the communities near the National Monuments under your review have already made their voices heard during public input and stakeholder engagement periods prior to designation. For example, notwithstanding the rhetoric of Utah Governor Gary Herbert and members of the Utah Congressional delegation, the designation of Bears Ears National Monument involved years of public input gathered by the Obama administration. This process included a series of public meetings in Southeastern Utah in 2016, including several sessions attended by former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. It also included significant engagement with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which represents tribal nations for whom the land is sacred and contains archeological artifacts with immense cultural value. Additionally, in a recent poll, 68 percent of voters in seven Western states said they prioritize the protection of land, water and wildlife for recreation on public land, compared with 22 percent who prioritized increased production of fossil fuels. Your review must account for his extensive record of consultation as you purport to seek public input. As you undertake this review, we urge you to consider the enormous economic benefits of protected public lands for nearby communities, including many rural areas. A recent study showed that areas in the West with protected lands consistently enjoy better rates of employment and income growth compared to those with no protected lands. In the 22 years since the Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah was declared a National Monument, jobs grew by 38 percent in two neighboring counties. The designation of 17 national monuments including nine monuments covered under your review led to significant increases in per capita income in regions adjacent to the newly-protected areas. Rescinding or shrinking the National Monuments under review also threatens the fast-growing outdoor recreation economy, which relies significantly on recreation access to protected public lands. These lands are not "locked up," as the Trump administration has repeatedly declared they are extremely productive. As you know, since you participated in the outdoor industry's announcement of a new economic study last week, the recreation economy drives \$887 billion in consumer spending every year and supports more jobs (7.6 million) than oil, natural gas and mining combined. Rescinding or shrinking the National Monuments under review would significantly impact the strength of the outdoor recreation economy and limit our ability to create and sustain jobs. The debate over land and water conservation is always complex and sometimes divisive. But we have never witnessed the legacy of America's federal lands encountering greater risk than we see right now. As you visit these protected places and report back to the president, I urge you to follow in the tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt and conserve our shared public lands for future generations.

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#### Unit Classifications:

I strongly urge the DOI to keep all of our National Monuments as they are now; there is no reason for review. The Monuments were designated after extensive public comment and due process following the Antiquities Act established in 1906. As I'm sure you know, the Act says: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who shall appropriate, excavate, injure, or destroy any historic or prehistoric ruin or monument, or any object of antiquity, situated on lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States, without the permission of the Secretary of the Department of the Government having jurisdiction over the lands on which said antiquities are situated, shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum of not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for a period of not more than ninety days, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court." Five hundred dollars is, of course, nothing today. Imprisonment may carry some weight. But what is truly important is the spirit of this Act. For those of you who have spent any time at any of these monuments, you know yourself what treasures they are—not man-made, and not replaceable. Once they are gone, \$500.00, or \$5,000,000,000, cannot bring them back. This comment is in specific support of Bears Ears National Monument, a land profoundly sacred to so many Native American Tribes, they have banded together in support of it and in opposition to Mr. Trump's suggestion of "review." In addition, there are dozens more places, wild places, places that take one's breath away, places where a single human being feels the power of nature, and realizes how small our needs are compared to what nature has built. A few more gallons of oil, to run a few more cars, is nothing compared to the power of these wild places. We can build another car; we can build cars which conserve gas and oil; we can each of us use less, buy less, consume less. But none of us can replace: Bears Ears, Katahdin Woods and Waters, Basin and Range, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs, Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, Rose Atoll—once they are gone, it is the responsibility of the DOI to protect the lands of the United States, not to destroy them.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

#### Unit Classifications:

Our protected parks and national monuments are all special for their own reasons. These are places where we can still get away and experience the serenity of OUR land. The bears ears and grand staircase NM are unique to this world.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

#### Unit Classifications:

I have visited many public lands including national forests, national parks and national monuments. I'm convinced that these places help to make

America great and need to be preserved for the public to enjoy in perpetuity. Please be diligent in maintaining the integrity of our public lands including national monuments like Bears' Ears.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-41951

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in California, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument - a 330,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, wild turkeys, wild pigs and black bears - and fishing access for bass, trout and countless warm-water species. Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-53390

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Protect Bears Ears

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-42018

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument is one of this nation's ecologically rich and culturally significant places. Please do not rescind its designation as a national monument..

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-42193

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I am outraged that President Trump is considering rolling back the Antiquities Act and stripping protections from some of our recently established national monuments, including Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante and the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts. I ask that you fulfill the mission of your agency by protecting America's public lands and maintaining the integrity of these monuments and of the Antiquities Act itself. Stand strong against President Trump's attempt to rollback national monument protections, which would serve corporate interests, not the American people.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-45873

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. Shame on you for not meeting with the Native Americans council when you were here inspecting Bears Ears. Don't blindly follow this idiotic Russian-leaking President, he has no sense but you can show that you do!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-45998

**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

I don't think it's right that ONE person can decide what can and will happen in a state without visiting it. Just a stroke of a pen can cause so many people heartache. The Grand Staircase is being destroyed by thousands of visitors since bringing it out to the public and drawing attention to it. Doing this is restricting elderly and disabled individuals from enjoying the area and seeing the attractions due to lack of road access. They would have to hike miles into the attractions, which most are no longer able to do. Many other individuals are losing riding trails. They are no longer going to be able to enjoy some of their favorite areas to ride. Not only are people being upset because trails are being taken away, but so are the hunting rights. Those rights should not be taken. When talking to locals, the Having full access to Bears Ears will allow individuals to continue legacies and traditions with future generations. The locals that I have talked too don't want the Bears Ears and they didn't want the Grand Staircase either.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-53867

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. There is never a 'good time' to protect land so it falls to those of us who are willing to 'stand up' against those who only see untapped resources for business and capitalist gain. I realize your President - he doesn't stand up for me - doesn't stand up for land either. Your responsibility to the American people - all of us in the public who yearn for wild and open spaces, all of us who consider our role as stewards of the land - is to speak truth to power. Do NOT rescind or change Bears Ears designation.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-46146

**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument designation.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-53877

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument is an important place in Utah. Have you ever been there? It's quite magical, really. The archeological and indigenous history is fascinating, the hiking is surreal, the climbers adore it-- it's a crucial piece of the desert southwest that deserves protection. Please don't change the designation of this area. Americans deserve to enjoy it unimpaired by business measures, and its intrinsic value is worth more than any economic venture could produce. Protect Bears Ears!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-53916

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Ed Tompkins Bozeman, MT

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-53952

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I am commenting on all the "review of certain monuments" under review by Dept. of Interior. I am opposed to any changes to any existing monuments, land or marine. While there is no intent for a general public comment in the Antiquities Act, many of these monuments have been in discussion with local communities for years and decades prior to designation. If the agency wishes to question monuments already established, or set up a new process for this in future years, this should be done so through changes to the Antiquities Act by an act of congress. Critical taxpayer dollars and government office time should not be spent creating a review and process not currently called for under the existing law. Especially with Bears Ears Monument, 5 Native American tribes have supported the designation to help protect critical cultural resources and spiritual areas. As a government agency - you have a Responsibility Trust to the tribes. I believe you are mandated by law to consult with them early and separately as a separate Sovereign Nation. I hope you are following your trust responsibilities. Upon hearing of Bear's Ears and Katahdin Woods designation - I immediately began planning vacations there in the next few years. Now I'm not sure if I will ever get the opportunity to enjoy these special lands. Monument designation brings rewards to communities that last much much longer than any temporary mineral extraction, which typically only provides jobs for less than 10 years. There are numerous success stories of communities that are avid defenders of their nearby public lands because they make their livelihoods and raise families they wouldn't otherwise. Public lands are money makers forever, commercial uses produce money for communities for only a short period of time. I spend a few thousand dollars a year, every year, visiting National Monuments, National Parks and Lakeshores, and National Forests. Public lands are where I go to rejuvenate. I have personally enjoyed the Escalante-National Staircase monument in the late 90's that you currently have under review, tracing the old "mail mule trail" used years ago. The beauty left me breathless and the solitude was welcome. I have also vacationed at Giant Sequoia in 2011, and stood in wonder at that ecosystem. I do not support any changes for any currently established land or marine monuments. I do not support artificially created processes like this review that are produced outside of the current laws in place.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-46258

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. Please protect Bears Ears!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-46513

**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Rescind Bears Ears

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-42942

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I was in the army for 6 years and never really got a good chance to go see national monuments. I was honorably discharged recently and, since I've been out, I've been living in a van traveling around America seeing the things that people might not be able to see, and that's absurd. Just the fact that the government wants to do this, shows how out of sync they are with the people. I went to Bears Ears National Monument last week (beginning of May 2017) and I got to experience it first hand. I took the climb all the way to the top of the left ear. I never felt more one with nature than I did when I reached the top and got to look at all the beauty this country has to offer. To rob even a single person from this opportunity is wrong.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-42978

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. We are extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided and we strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. National monuments help protect God's creation and tell the stories of God's people. National monuments help faithfully tell the stories of all of us. From the Native American story at Bears Ears to the framework story at Cesar Chavez to the African American story at Pullman. Our national monuments tell our stories and are places where we pray and play. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this review, is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites the monument honors the voices of five tribes who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. An attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Our shared history, culture, and natural treasures should be protected not dismantled. Monuments across the country should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. We are firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and we urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-42988

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I am outraged about President Trump's executive order that aims to roll back the Antiquities Act and strip protections from the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and at least 26 other national monuments, including Grand Staircase-Escalante, also in Utah, and the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts off of Cape Cod. This move will open them up to oil and gas drilling, uranium and coal mining, tar sands extraction, fishing and other industrial dangers. It is unprecedented attack on our national parks, public lands and oceans, a blatant giveaway to Big Oil and other industrial interests, and another brazen attempt to undermine our bedrock environmental laws. I ask that you fulfill the mission of your agency by protecting America's public lands and maintaining the integrity of these monuments and of the Antiquities Act itself. National parks and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation. Attempts to dismantle national monuments are an attack on our nation's historical, cultural and natural heritage. Please stand strong against President Trump's anti-environment assault and defend national monument protections for Bears Ears and all of our threatened national monuments. Thank you.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-43085

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument, and other monuments, MUST BE PRESERVED!!! Please uphold the respect with which we've treated our national treasures thus far. As a 17 year old and nature lover, I can attest that I and so many other like-minded people including family and friends, share his belief.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-43190

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

National parks and monuments are a promise to the American people, that the stories, lands and waters that define who we are as a nation will be protected today and into the future. I urge you not to break that promise by revoking or changing any of the national monuments under your protection. The Executive Order recently signed by President Trump undermines and questions one of the nation's most important conservation tools. The Antiquities Act was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 to safeguard and preserve federal lands and cultural and historic sites for all Americans to enjoy. The same law used to protect Bears Ears National Monument and Castle Mountains National Monument was used to protect the Statue of Liberty, Grand Canyon and Muir Woods. These are places that deserve to be safeguarded and stories that deserve to be told. Their value to the American people should not be questioned or threatened with diminished protection.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-47189

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in California, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument - a 330,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, wild turkeys, wild pigs and black bears - and fishing access for bass, trout and countless warm-water species. Public land is important not just to sportsman, but many others who enjoy recreational activities in the outdoors! Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-47472

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in California, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument - a 330,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, wild turkeys, wild pigs and black bears - and fishing access for bass, trout and countless warm-water species. I love and enjoy the ability to explore, hunt, and fish our public lands and taking that away will take away the opportunity for generations to come of the same experiences I've had, and hopefully will continue to have, in these lands remain public! Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-49135

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I am an 8th grader here in Utah. I support Bears Ears national monument. I heard that there are many sacred tribes that still take resources from there such as food, plants, and a place to hold tribal meetings. This place is also full of sacred artifacts going back further than 200 years ago. If Bears Ears national monument were to be shut down there would be nowhere for these people to go and these artifacts will be forgotten. Thank you for keeping Bears Ears a national monument.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-49246

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties-- have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-49332

**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

National Monuments CommentsNational Monuments, for the most part, are good, but the way they've been inflicted on certain areas, and the size, has gotten beyond reality. To go with that, the way the Antiquities Act has been warped in its intent is out of control. The Act is not meant to take whole landscapes, but to protect only what is needed for the purpose of a given monument. During the last administration's wild run to leave a mark, what amounts to whole states in some parts of the country were brought under the monument blanket, largely with only token glances at how locals may feel about it. This brings into question, for me, the whole process. The Act has no provisions for participation, while all other land designations involving federal lands have legal steps that must be met, from NEPA to coordination with local authorities, the last point being actively ignored by some of our land management agencies. The process must be reviewed, and made to fit our current requirements, and must be done soon. The lack of any mechanism for local input must be fixed, and Congress must be brought in as well. These designations are in the same league as wilderness, which requires Congressional approval. Why does the Antiquities Act continue without review, and updates to make it so those most affected continue to be left out of the process. As things are now, it's too easy for outside interests to throw the process out of balance, which, to me, is what happened with the Bears Ears. Supposedly a "listening" session was held in Bluff, Utah last year so that locals could meet with then Sec. Jewell to give their input. Instead, the "environmentalists" pushing the monument brought in 10 or 11 busloads of people from out of state in an effort to front load the whole thing to look like there was massive support. These folks were given cool blue t-shirts, free lunch, and other incentives. I'm sure there will be more substantiation of this from other sources, so I'll leave it there. I would call for a complete remodel of the designation process to bring in line with how other land designation and use decisions are made. Those require going through the NEPA process, scoping, notification, public input, environmental impact statements, and other steps. Coordination with local agencies affected is required by law for other actions, why not here? Along with all of this, many times cultural and economic fallout seems to take a back seat to the almighty feel good, save the (Whatever). Bears Ears is in danger of this on both accounts. Not only will lives be altered by any restrictions that may be instilled, but the physical well being of the land itself may at risk to "industrial tourism", backed by the likes of Patagonia and the minions at the Outdoor Industry Association. Bears Ears was, until all the publicity surrounding the designation, quiet and mostly off the radar. Now, thanks to all the hue and cry over the whole thing. The area is already seeing an exponential increase in the number of people invading the area. The OIA and others keep hollering about how great tourism is for the economy, but seasonal jobs don't a decent living make. In the case of the Cascade-Siskiyou NM expansion in Oregon, about all it did was take another swipe at an already struggling timber industry by locking up the O&C lands administered by BLM. BLM is already cutting back from the mandated cut, and not doing its job. Now, BLM is facing more lawsuits over this, which an already cash strapped agency really doesn't need. Thing is, they have pretty much brought it on themselves, with help from local enviros, who also may have sued if they didn't get their way. Now, as far as modification or rescinding any monument, precedent has been set. Look back in history to the Fossil Cycad NM. Fossil Cycad National Monument was a national monument in South Dakota beginning in 1922. The site contained hundreds of fossil cycads, one of the world's greatest concentrations. Because vandals stole or destroyed all of the visible fossils, it was withdrawn as a national monument in 1957. I would give odds that this very well could become the case in other places. As far as the current review process, I would caution all involved to take whatever time may be needed, talk to all involved, and set parameters for future designations. Go through all the steps needed to arrive at a mutually agreeable result. As it is, the pendulum swings too far toward the eco side, and leaves out many of the aspects discussed here. It's beyond time to get a handle of all of our land use issues, and quit letting emotion and money rule the day. Regards, Dave Walters Kennewick, WA

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal -the preservation of unique lands for all. All of our national parks and monuments are priceless, and we are lucky enough to live in a country that has such land set aside for future generations to enjoy. I would like to see it stay that way. Please keep Bears Ears as a national monument.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-49458

**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

A local Native American's perspective (<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865680263/Op-ed-Navajo-people-have-already-been-restricted-enough.html>). This is a common local Native's perspective that the media is not sufficiently covering, and which represents the majority of the Natives (and Non-Natives) living in the immediate area, not Natives or Non-Natives that live outside the area and blamelessly think a monument sounds good for the land. How do I know? Because I've been visiting this area, my wife's home town, many times a year for the last 13 years, and I've spoken to the local Natives, as well as seen almost everyone one of their cars covered in "DOODAH MONUMENT" = NO MONUMENT stickers. I truly believe the monument designation will bring about more destruction to this land than preservation. Tourism doesn't preserve land. I know first hand that this land was already protected and pristine, and better off without the national monument designation. I believe in the antiquities act and it's stated purpose, to protect the smallest amount of land necessary in order to preserve endangered artifacts and lands. But 1.38 million acres, the monument size, is not small nor endangered. The land was already public, and protected from over extraction, farming, ranching, hunting, etc. by the BLM. Locals, Natives and Non-Natives, have been good stewards of it and kept it pristine, but now they're faced with something they don't want in their backyards and something they know will potentially harm the land; tourism. Tourism that often hurts land and which comes from putting a "target" on a previously pristine/wild/beautiful area. To all the locals, the Bear's Ears controversy isn't about politics, or the president, it's about the land and maintaining their culture, a culture that has kept the land protected and open for all people. Attachments: natl parks

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears protected!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-54428



**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Do not alter or change the wonderful National Monuments we have, including Bear's Ears. I have visited many of the monuments on your "list", and they are marvelous. They belong to us, the Public. If President Trump does not want to designate any new Monuments, he has that right. But leave the ones that have been designated by previous presidents alone! They are not yours to tamper with!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-49698  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Thank you!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-49861  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Rolling back protections for our national monuments is the stupidest idea ever. Ever! Our national monuments -- just like our national parks and all public lands -- help define who we are as Americans, who we are as a nation. Whether it's the Upper Missouri River Breaks NM, Bears' Ears NM, or any of our national monuments, rolling back protections would jeopardize these crown jewels of our country's historical, cultural, and environmental heritage. These places should be held in the public trust for current and future generations, for all Americans. Americans do not need more places for natural resource extraction. We need more places that nourish our spirits. National monuments do just that. Please DO NOT decrease in size or eliminate any of our national monuments. Please DO NOT in any way open our national monuments to natural resource extraction (beyond what their founding legislation might have allowed). I oppose any effort to revoke or diminish protections for the 27 monuments that are part of this review, including the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument in Montana and Bears' Ears in Utah. I support a recommendation that (a) all of our current national monuments remain preserved, and that (b) the President direct his Secretary of the Interior to actively seek new areas worthy of national monument designation.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-54627  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Leave Bears Ears National Monument alone. Preserve this scenic national wonder intact and undeveloped for all Americans and their posterity. It belongs to us.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-49960  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-54686  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. We need processes in place - like the one used to designate Bear Ears - to help protect and preserve special places for future generations. These beautiful, protected lands are part of what makes America special. Please don't ruin it! Thank you. Sandy McCray

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-50049  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996; Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment. Extend the deadline for comments on Bears Ears, hold public meetings, and conduct a much more inclusive and accessible public and tribal engagement process before rushing to an unprecedented decision to shrink or repeal any of our national monuments

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-54794  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Please protect Bears Ears as well as all lands designated public. I had written about the Lyman Ranch becoming private and access being denied. Tourism is alive and well in the state of Utah. People come here to see and do things outside. Allow us to keep doing just that here as well as other states. Governor Herbert and few senators seem rooted in the past. Let's look to the future.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-54840  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Do not destroy our National Monuments for short term corporate objectives. These places are treasures which took millions of years to create and which cannot be "restored" once the fossil fuel industries have destroyed them. This is particularly true of Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. This is sacred land to native Americans and should be held as is, inviolate, by all Americans as part of our great natural heritage. The soul of the country lives in places like Bears Ears. The job of the Interior Department is to be a steward of Bears Ears, not to facilitate the despoiling of this wonderful place for mining and extraction.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-54927  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. If you have grandchildren, save this treasure for them and their children; if you don't, please do it for the rest of us to whom the national parks and monuments are beloved resources in our family lives. Thank you!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-54977  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. They are my birthright as an American. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on what makes America great. Please don't roll back any national monument designations!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-55098  
**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

I am very disappointed and concerned that this Executive Order threatens our national monuments, especially Bears Ears in southeastern Utah. Bears Ears was exactly the landscape the Antiquities Act - a law that has been used by 16 Presidents of both parties to safeguard this and other national treasures - was enacted to protect. Rescinding the Bears Ears National Monument would be unprecedented. I strongly urge you to uphold the monument's current boundaries. Bears Ears is a sacred landscape with more than 100,000 Native American cultural sites. The proposal to establish it was developed by a coalition of five sovereign Tribal Governments (Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, Ute, and Zuni). Bears Ears is also home to scientific wonders, irreplaceable wildlife and biodiversity, and recreational opportunities that form a vital base to the local economy. That is why Utahns and Americans across the country - sportsmen, business leaders, Native Americans, veterans, conservationists, recreationists, and members of the faith community - have agreed it should be protected for future generations. This designation received an enormous amount of scrutiny, including years of debate and discussion. Dozens of community meetings and public discussions were held throughout 2016, including a well-attended public meeting with then-Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. The final monument designation boundaries are very close to what was proposed in the Utah delegation's Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and much smaller than the Tribally-led proposal. Please leave Bears Ears National Monument's boundaries intact so that future generations will be able to explore, enjoy, and learn from this national treasure.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Preserve Bears Ears!

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. How much of our country's natural beauty is "dispensable"? None of it...if it is mined, drilled, fracked and thus earthquaked....if the ecosystem of flora and fauna is disrupted or simply killed off...ANY of these damaging actions has consequences far, far beyond the money that may or may not be saved. Please stop the attack on our environment's natural balance. We all have already done enough damage. Please do not remove National Monument status from Bears Ears National Monument. Thank you.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. I understand that you are doing an expedited review of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, whose priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders are exactly what should be permanently protected as a National Monument. Monument status for Bears Ears protects 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain -- these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, a threat to one monument is a threat to them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am writing to state my passionate and strong support for the Bears Ears National Monument designation in its currently proposed dimensions. Further, I feel just as strongly that none of our presently designated monuments, anywhere within the United States should be reduced in geographic size, or weakened in any fashion. I have personally spent time within the designated area as Bears Ears National Monument and have seen first hand what important features exist that need the protection of a National Monument Designation. The area contains irreplaceable archeological treasures, in addition to unmatched natural beauty. This is an important addition to all the other National Park Service managed lands in southern Utah. Each has demonstrated a measurable ability to contribute economically to the surrounding communities, while at the same time balancing land access with preservation priorities. The initial process used to establish the Bears Ears' monument boundaries considered the input of both the local communities, including the indigenous peoples, as well as those from outside Utah. As such, there has been, and continues to be, strong support for maintaining the standing status of this designation.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please protect the Bear Ears National Monument! My husband and I are avid backpackers, and we went on an amazing trip in Grand Gulch a few years ago. We fell in love with this area and truly enjoyed seeing the ruins up close. This is such an incredible area with few people compared to other areas with similar ruins, and you really get a feel for how ancient people lived in this area. However, this place needs to be protected to ensure it lasts for generations to come. Please protect this area! We also went on an awesome backpacking trip along the Escalante River in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument a few weeks ago. This is such a beautiful canyon with natural bridges, arches, and waterfalls to explore. Many people visit this area, and it needs to be protected! I urge the Interior to protect the integrity of the Antiquities Act, which has been used by Presidents of both parties for over 100 years. Outdoor recreation is so important to me and my family, as well as many of my friends and co-workers. I know that outdoor recreation is also a vital part of the economy in many of these areas in question. In this day and age with little natural areas left, it is vital that the government continue to protect these beautiful areas!

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should never have been designated a national monument. It's two mesa's that people have enjoyed, recreated and camped on for generations without monument status. The Antiquities Act wasn't intended to restrict the public's access and beneficial use of millions of acres of public land by designating common land features as "monuments". Rather, the act was intended for the protection of rare and priceless artifacts such as petroglyphs and ancient cliff dwellings, which typically occupy an area much smaller than a single one acre. Please rescind the Bear's Ears monument designation! Respectfully, Carlton Bowen

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**Unit Codes:**

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**Unit Classifications:**

The process for establishing the Bears Ears National Monument was a long one in which the public spoke very clearly. We want to keep the Bears Ears National Monument designation that we worked so hard to achieve.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. Do the right thing.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. Thanks!

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**Unit Classifications:**

The Bears Ears area was acquired as part of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo that ended the Mexican American War. The land was transferred to ownership by the United States government to be held in trust for the American people. The enabling act that brought Utah into the United States did NOT cede the lands in question to the state of Utah. They were retained in trust for the people of the United States. Congress has the authority to dispose of federal property. With the Antiquities Act congress delegated to the President the authority to permanently withdraw lands from development or disposition in the interest of conservation, science and archaeology. In effect this was an exercise of congressional power. It did not grant the executive branch the authority to rescind any designation made under the act. Designations made under the act have been recognized as one way actions since at least 1937. Efforts to preserve both the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante have been in process for at least the past 50 years. These lands were held in trust for ALL AMERICANS for at least the past 150 years. The monument designations protect the rights of local neighbors to continue to access the lands for recreation and multi use. Development of any of these lands would eventually result in loss of access for local neighbors. SD Governor Peter Norbeck recognized this risk and established Custer State Park to assure recreational access for state residents. Today this park is extremely popular and generates millions of dollars in economic activity for the citizens of Western South Dakota. The Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante will have the same impact for the residents of Garfield, Kane and San Juan County Utah. This development as monuments have already generated permanent benefits to the neighboring communities. Preservation of special places is good for the soul of our country and has also been shown to be good for business. Tourism and recreation jobs are permanent jobs that bring broad community benefits for all. My wife and I are planning a visit to these monuments next year. As a psychiatric nurse practitioner I prescribe outdoor activities to help treat the symptoms of mental illness. I firmly believe nature is healing and soothing for troubled minds and souls. As an avid visitor of OUR public lands I support the continued designation of all 27 monuments covered by this order. Peter Westre PMHNP-BC APRN CNPS St Peter MN

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Fellow Sportsmen, It's important for you to take 60 seconds and comment to Secretary Zinke about the 1.3 Million Acre Bears Ears Monument. Because of recent efforts, and YOUR money, we now have some of the best Mule Deer, Elk, Desert Bighorn, Wild Turkey, Cougar and Bear hunting in the world. Monuments often lead to National Parks, and that means NO HUNTING!! Here is the

link<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001>My suggested comments are these:Sec. Zinke,Please Rescind the Bears Ears Monument, and let's start over on how best to protect and manage these magnificent lands, and the wildlife herds and hunting in this 1.3 Millions.Local sportsmen, nor were local and state wildlife managers consulted about this Monument DesignationWe want to have a Voice, and Be part of the process!Wildlife in this Monument largely exists because of our recent conservation efforts.We love hunting on these incredible Public lands, and want them protected.However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management, and all five of Utah's National Parks started out as Monuments. Parks are of course NO HUNTING!!

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. I'm an avid outdoors person and enjoy open spaces, the beauty of our natural resources along with protecting these places is important to me.In addition, Bears Ears is a native's people ancestral home. Their culture, history and spiritual heritage is linked to this land. I believe as an American we should honor these traditions and protect these sites - their history.President Obama did not protect Bears Ears as a "land grab" as president Trump claims, he protected it for the legacy of all people. Please honor this monument.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. PLEASE!!!!

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please protect Bears Ears for future generations!

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I am a conservative American writing to ask that you preserve ALL current national monuments, including Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine Monument off New England, and Papahānaumokuākea Marine Monument off Hawaii. These national monuments are an important part of our American heritage and must be fully protected.National monuments are a Republican idea. A Republican wrote the Antiquities Act (the law that authorizes monument designation), a Republican controlled congress passed it, and a Republican president, Theodore Roosevelt, signed it into law. Rolling back monument protections would be an unprecedented move to undermine that GOP legacy.Like Secretary Zinke, I am an unabashed conservative admirer of Theodore Roosevelt. He recognized that to adequately safeguard our natural and cultural heritage we often have to protect large areas. Roosevelt himself used the Antiquities Act to safeguard the 1.2 million acre Grand Canyon.That is why I am asking Secretary Zinke and the Trump Administration to honor his legacy and hold fast to his values by upholding the protection of existing national monuments in their entirety. These special places represent America's natural and cultural heritage protecting them is our moral duty.Please do not bow to the wishes of anti-public land zealots like Senator Hatch and Congressman Rob Bishop. These lawmakers represent narrow special interests, not the people of Utah. The truth is that national monuments are proven economic drivers that enjoy broad public support, even in Utah. Contrary to claims by Hatch and Bishop, recent polling shows that a majority of Utahans support the recently established Bears Ears National Monument.Please stand with TR and safeguard our national monuments. These special pieces of our national heritage that deserve all of the protections they currently have under the Antiquities Act.

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Rescind Bears Ears National Monument!!!!!!

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am writing in defense of the National Monument status of Bears Ears. We must protect and preserve this unspoiled land both for the uninhibited

enjoyment of generations to come, and out of respect for the generations past whose cultural legacy is recorded in the ancient petroglyphs and sacred sites in this area. Further, in a poll conducted by Benenson Strategy Group and Public Opinion Strategies, Utah's citizens believe that designating Bears Ears as a National Monument has been good for the state by a two-to-one margin. Heed the will of the people most directly effected by this land use, and understand that no short-term corporate profits are worth sacrificing this unique landscape. In the words of Theodore Roosevelt, "The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased; and not impaired in value." Designating Bears Ears a National Monument has been an success on all fronts, economically, culturally, and environmentally, and this status must be maintained.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. Please keep this place wild! Our legacy of keeping places wild for future generations show the best in human kind. Please take advantage of your position of power and do the right thing for the long term health of our planet. Respectfully, Scott Schneider

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I support the Bears Ear National Monument. Please honor the tribes and honor the land and leave the Bears Ears Monument alone!

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I am opposed to any alterations to the size of Bears Ears National Monument. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historic, cultural and natural heritage. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink the size of our national monuments, including Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. Bears Ears National Monument is rich in cultural resources, with stunning scenic views and excellent recreation opportunities. Bears Ears protects a shared landscape with Canyonlands National Park and other national park sites that together protects 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites and honors the voices of five tribes who joined to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. In addition, the monument safeguards the area from inappropriate development and its protection is a reflection of the majority of Utahans and people like me.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Protecting our national monuments from unbalanced exploitation is vital. Bears Ears and the other national monuments under protection are places where millions of families - including mine - recreate and play. If we don't protect these lands they will be GONE for the next generation, and our children will never be able to experience the wildness of the West as we do today. Please understand how important protecting small parts of our public lands (Bears Ears, Staircase-Escalante, Devil's Tower, etc) is vital to ensuring access to our wild lands for ALL americans. Please protect Bears ears.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I respectfully submit these comments as a professional archaeologist in support of continuing a sizable national monument encompassing the Bears Ears landscape as well as in support of maintaining the many other National Monument areas under review. The Antiquities Act itself represents America's greatness at recognizing the value of its history and preserving these elements so we do not lose our identity as a nation. Preservation of our shared cultural heritage contained in our federal lands is of utmost importance and utility for maintaining American exceptionalism. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--not just those specifically located within the Bears Ears landscape or any National Monument, whatever its ultimate size--that I am writing. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of all National Monument continues.

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**Unit Metadata:****document id** DOI-2017-0002-58339**Unit Codes:****Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman**Unit Classifications:**

As an outdoor enthusiast who loves our public lands, I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and ask that its boundaries remain unchanged. For more than 100 years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act—a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt—to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. Bears Ears is exactly the kind of place the Antiquities Act intended to protect. It is rich in cultural history which inspired a historic coalition of tribes to band together to push for its designation. In addition to protecting over 100,000 archaeological sites, the designation preserves world-class recreation opportunities in places like Cedar Mesa, Grand Gulch, and Indian Creek. The process that led to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument was thorough and transparent. For more than 80 years, decision makers from all sides presented proposals seeking permanent protection of all or part of this incredible landscape. The boundaries were informed by both the multi-year Public Lands Initiative and by a proposal from the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Those boundaries do not exceed the acreage necessary to preserve the rich cultural heritage, ecological values, and recreation assets. Thank you for reviewing the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Please recommend that President Trump leave the current Bears Ears National Monument boundaries in place.

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**Unit Metadata:****document id** DOI-2017-0002-63817**Unit Codes:****Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman**Unit Classifications:**

As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents—of both parties—have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations. Thank you.

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**Unit Metadata:****document id** DOI-2017-0002-63916**Unit Codes:****Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears and other National Monuments were only just recently returned to their rightful owners - the natives who called them home for tens of thousands of years and the American public. The vast majority of both, overwhelmingly support having these national monuments and many more across the land. These were not "federal land grabs" as they've been inaccurately referred to. Instead, a better term for them would be federal land RETURNS. The only threat of a federal land grab is coming from the current administration, who is trying to grab it all back, to then turn it over to a few corrupt politicians, taking it away from the American public. PLEASE, listen to the people of the country you were represented to lead. They want these and many more national monuments. And more importantly, the economy supports it.

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**Unit Metadata:****document id** DOI-2017-0002-63932**Unit Codes:****Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman**Unit Classifications:**

I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bears Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources—specifically those located within the Bears Ears Monument—that I am writing. The Bears Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted—or not—to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bear Ears National Monument continues.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it only hurts one of our nations most incredible landscapes. Our countries National Parks and Monuments make our country great! Such a diverse landscape our country has, please protect it and our rights as citizens to enjoy it!

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in Montana, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for the Missouri Breaks National Monument - a 377,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, bighorn sheep and black bears - and fishing access warm-water species such as northern pike, walleye, catfish and small-mouth bass. I would rather pay more for gas now - so my grandkids can enjoy the open spaces and animals. Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAD THE RIGHT IDEA, AS HAVE THE 15 SUCCESSIVE PRESIDENTS. THIS IS NO TIME TO TEAR APART AND ABOLISH ALL THIS SACRED LAND FOR THE ALMIGHTY BUCK.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review", is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Classifications:**



There's enough private land. As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Bears Ears National Monument must be protected. For years, Tribal Nations with ancestral and spiritual ties to the 1.35 million acres that make up Bears Ears have fought to protect these lands. The value of Bears Ears lies in its long history as a sacred place for the Navajo, Hopi, Ute Mountain Ute, and Pueblo of Zuni. Bears Ears is vital to tribal communities across the Colorado Plateau as a place of subsistence, spirituality, and healing. These lands are home to tens of thousands of important cultural sites, including the cliff dwellings, villages, and rock art panels of the Ancestral Puebloan people. This magnificent landscape, rich in biodiversity and of critical importance to the Colorado River Basin upon which 40 million people rely, must remain pristine and accessible for generations to come. The Department of the Interior's review of Bears Ears sets a dangerous precedent and undermines the rights of these Tribal Nations. On your first day as Secretary of the Interior, you said you would "do everything in my power to ensure respect to the sovereign Indian Nations and territories." Here is your first opportunity to do so. Please stand with Bears Ears.

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We spent yesterday at a national wildlife refuge, reveling in the variety of birds. Nature and wildlands are refreshing for the soul. As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Please do not reverse designations of protected federal lands such as national monuments. Last year, at the age of 40, I had the opportunity to paddle down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, and if this area had not been protected from dams many years ago I would not have had the life-altering experience. I teach high school science, and every year I take my students for a week to camp and hike in one of the Ancestral Puebloan sites such as Mesa Verde, Bandelier, or Chaco Canyon. Every student appreciates the hands-on, experiential immersive learning opportunity these national parks provide, which a classroom cannot. I have not yet taken my class to Bears Ears, and want to be able to do so without the distractions and degradation caused by ATVs, oil wells, or other developments. Please protect our national treasures, our land. Worth more than resources of oil

are the history, geology, and natural wonders available in these special places.

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I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Coalition for American Heritage in support of the national monuments program, especially the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is included in the review ordered by the Executive Order signed by President Trump on April 26th. The Antiquities Act, signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, authorizes the President to designate "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of scientific interest." The Antiquities Act was a careful compromise between the rights of government agencies to shelter vulnerable resources on federal land, the property rights of tribal governments, western landowners and industries, and the preservation concerns of historians and archaeologists. National monument designations, depending on their specific cultural heritage and scientific resources, often allow activities like grazing, hunting and fishing, recreation, and even resource extraction. With proper planning and consideration of the impacts to historic properties, multiple compatible uses can be achieved in a sustainable way. The Antiquities Act allows us to save irreplaceable historic and archaeological sites and places of unique scientific value for future generations. Conservation is a critical American responsibility, called by President Teddy Roosevelt "the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us." President Roosevelt also recognized that this task is both a moral imperative and an economic one, because when we expose our most valuable places to improper use America risks both its unique heritage and its future economic potential. In 2016, our national parks produced \$35 billion in economic output and welcomed over 330 million visitors. National monuments protect places that tell the story of how America was created; archaeological sites associated with the continent's earliest inhabitants; sacred sites associated with ongoing Tribal religious observation; places of important scientific research; and spaces where all Americans can come and experience the wonders of our natural environment. If lost or damaged, we would endanger our national tourism industry and risk the cultural heritage that allows us to understand who we are as Americans. Thank you for considering my comments and for protecting our national monuments.

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National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in California, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument - a 330,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, wild turkeys, wild pigs and black bears - and fishing access for bass, trout and countless warm-water species. Wild-public lands are where I find solace in this crazy, electronic centered life. I require vast swaths of mountains to roam, clean waters to drink, and bountiful game to hunt to feed my physical body and nourish my soul. protect these lands or fear our wrath! Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama correctly and justly exercised the Antiquities Act to protect national treasures, already under public ownership, from the future perverse temptation of exploitation. These lands, including both the Grand Staircase National Monument and Bears Ears, were protected with the wise foresight that the fossil fuel industry would come knocking in the near future, seeking license for exploitation from politicians made pliable by the political pressure and economic might of industry. If this Administration revokes the sacred trust to protect our national treasures, and permits their destruction for the transient, fleeting gratification of coal mines and oil wells, neither nor children nor the God who created these ecosystems will forgive you. As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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I am writing to urge you to preserve Bears Ears National Monument intact, and to continue to protect its rich biodiversity and unique natural history. President Trump's Executive Order has called for a review of national monuments created since 1996 under the Antiquities Act. As a Defender of Wildlife, I fully support Bears Ears National Monument as currently designated under the Act. The unique and diverse topography and ecosystems of Bears Ears National Monument help protect habitat for countless fish, wildlife and plant species. Threatened and endangered species such as the

Mexican spotted owl and southwestern willow flycatcher depend on the monument for essential, rare and undisturbed habitat. Bears Ears is also sacred to several Native American tribes whose rich cultural history is preserved within the landscape. Like other monuments established in Utah and around the country, a fully protected Bears Ears National Monument will prove to be an economic boon to local economies and the state. Communities near other national monuments have benefited from significant growth in employment, personal income and quality of life. Finally, a majority of Americans support public lands protections like national monuments, including 80 percent of western voters polled this year. Please do not succumb to the politics of the day and special interests pushing to open unique and incredible landscapes like Bears Ears National Monument to damaging development and land use. Please keep Bears Ears protected in its entirety.

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As supporters of bird conservation and our public lands, we strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. We urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Some of my most vivid memories exploring the American West were in the canyons of what is now known as Bear's Ears National Monument. It was the first time I explored ancient cliff dwellings and compared my hand to a painted handprint from thousands of years ago. In the years since, I have worried about those cliff dwellings and the important history they contain. Who would take care of them? How would they be protected? Thanks to the Antiquities Act, these places have earned a special designation. They are worthy of careful protection for generations to come. I am upset that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes could be rolled back through this current National Monument review process. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a meaningful supplement--or means to supplant--the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review.

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SAVE OUR NATIONAL MONUMENTS!!!!!!!

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review", is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural, and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches, the Bears Ears National Monument provides incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, and general solitude among its irreplaceable treasures. The designation and boundaries of the Monument honor the voices of the five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain as President Obama designated it. Additionally, an attempt to roll back protections on one Monument would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all National Monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National Monuments are proven drivers of the tremendous \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our National Monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a legacy that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments. I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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Tell the Department of the Interior why you love Bears Ears and want it to remain protected. Your comment will be delivered to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

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I am writing to urge you to keep federal protections in place for the 24 national monuments currently under review, including the newly designated Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah. The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, composed of leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi, Ute Mountain Ute, Uintah & Ouray Ute, and Pueblo of Zuni tribes, led the push for designation and protection of Bears Ears in an effort to ensure strong tribal participation, preserve the historic and cultural landscape and strengthen the regional economy. National monuments are a significant component of outdoor recreation and therefore a valuable asset to local economies. A study by Headwaters Economics found that the economies of communities adjacent to 17 national monuments in the west expanded following the monument's creation. And according to the Outdoor Industry Association, the outdoor recreation economy generates \$88.7 billion in consumer spending each year and supports 7.6 million American jobs. It is important to note that nearly 600,000 acres were left out of the original proposed parameters for Bears Ears, and that land holds the potential for natural resource development as well as motorized recreation.

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I am writing you today concerning Bears Ears National Monument the comments I make that follow, also apply to the other National Monuments currently under review by the Department of the Interior and yourself. Present Trump has directed you to consider seven items in your National Monument Review. I will address each of these as related to the Bears Ears National Monument designation. i. Enactment of the Antiquities Act required 25 years of work by individuals and organizations concerned about the preservation of American archeological sites. It obligates federal agencies that manage the public lands to preserve for present and future generations the historic, scientific, commemorative, and cultural values of the archaeological and historic sites and structures on these lands (USDI NPS 2016). The boundary of the monument is largely based on the Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) (H.R. 5780). Bears Ears National Monument is currently nearly 600,000 acres smaller than originally proposed. Yet, Bears Ears still provides protection to the sensitive archaeological resources and Native American Traditional Cultural Properties. ii. The Bears Ears area has been called the "Sistine Chapel" of the West for its ancient carving sites (petroglyphs) and paintings sites (pictographs), and over 100,000 known archaeological sites. This number does not include undocumented archeological sites and Native American Traditional Cultural Properties. Some 10,000 years of human history resides at Bears Ears, a place that local native peoples consider significant historically, culturally, spiritually, and for current usage. iii. The Monument would not affect valid existing oil, gas, and mining leases or operations. However, the National Monument would prohibit new mineral leases, mining claims, prospecting or exploration activities, and oil, gas, and geothermal leases. All public uses, including livestock grazing would continue. iv. Tourism to the National Monument is expected to increase, regardless of the final decision on the National Monument. Bears Ears National Monument would require the development of management plans, with robust public involvement, including consultation with state, local, and tribal governments. All traditional cultural uses as well as the modern uses such as camping, hiking, backpacking, climbing, building campfires, picking pine nuts, mountain biking, bring pets, horseback riding and ATV use are planned to continue. v. The boundary of the National Monument is largely based on the Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) (H.R. 5780), which was introduced by Reps. Bishop and Chaffetz after extensive consultations with stakeholders and the Interior Department and USDA. Their Utah PLI (H.R. 5780), which Governor Herbert also supported, proposed to conserve roughly the same area as the Bears Ears National Monument by designating two new National Conservation Areas and a Wilderness (USDI BLM 2016). The Bears Ears region has been central to the culture and religion of the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Ute Indian tribes, as well as the Ute Mountain Ute people. There are concerns that the Monument designation will hurt the funding for Utah's public schools provided by state-owned lands. However, the land exchange following Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument designation generated more than \$310 million for Utah schools and counties. The Grand Staircase-Escalante exchange benefited not only Utah's school system, it benefited counties in which state trust lands were both traded and acquired. vi. A study by Headwaters Economics in 2011 and 2014 concluded that national monuments are consistent with economic growth. San Juan County's labor market was practically at a standstill in the fourth quarter of 2016. Other economic indicators experienced contraction; taxable sales showed a year-to-date loss. Losses in mining and construction were mostly offset by increases in leisure/hospitality and government (Department of Workforce Service, State of Utah 2017). Federal funding of the National Monument will/should come as a result of the public interest in the area. vii. The National Monument calls for the establishment of a Tribal Commission to provide information and recommendations to allow for the integration of tribal expertise and traditional knowledge into management. The National Monument also calls for an Advisory Council made up of a variety of interested local stakeholders to assist in the development and implementation of management plans for the Monument. As an example, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument draws about 30,000 visitors a year. The Canyons of the Ancients' multi-use management plan still allows for grazing and oil and gas development on parts of the monument, just as it did before the designation.

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Sec. Zinke, I ask that you and the Department of the Interior please rescind the Bears Ears Monument designation for the benefit of local residents, businesses, sportsmen and wildlife. Let's start over on how best to protect and manage these magnificent lands, the wildlife herds and hunting in this 1.3 million acre region of southern Utah. The local sportsmen, nor the local and state wildlife managers, were consulted about this monument designation. We want to have a voice and be an integral part of the process. Wildlife in this monument largely exists because of our recent conservation efforts, donations and sacrifices. We love hunting on these incredible public lands and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management. All five of Utah's National Parks began as monuments. National Parks are restrictive and offer NO HUNTING! Thank you for considering these thoughts.

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My name is Olivia Casey. My life would not be the same without our National Parks. My business interests and my domicile have kept me out of the US for many years. Ten years ago, flying over the Utah desert, I saw the magnificent landscape that I now know as the Grand Staircase-Escalante. My husband and I purchased an RV specifically so we could see that relatively pristine portion of the US on our own terms. Since that time it has become our annual pilgrimage...we have hiked the slot canyon adjoining the Vermillion Cliffs in the Paria River Canyon. We have marveled to see hawks soaring over the rim of the Grand Canyon Parashant. Last year we were thrilled to get our first look at Bears Ears, which we intend to visit this fall. We will also be going to Canyon of the Ancients, which I have studied as one of the great archeological sites in the US. Our family anticipates this annual journey eagerly and now we are passing this joy to our grandchildren, as they also enjoy the wonder of our great nation. This is part of what defines us as Americans and I should know as I spent decades as an expat. We have embodied this openness as part of our characterization as what it means to be an American. I do not say this lightly. We have this monumental gift of openness that other countries can only dream about. If you want to see what happens to natural habitat ungoverned spend some time in China. Wrap your head around that kind of decimation...because that is what you are looking at for the future. Good governance is not ONLY about the best tax break or your brother-in-law's business interest...it is about preserving and protecting this great nation for our future. Frankly, sir, the government should be stepping up to protect this land for our children and grandchildren. I believe it is our duty to do so because once you open it up to strip mining or oil drilling, it is NEVER the same, never, and the momentary gain is fleeting. You will die knowing that you hastened the end of what is left of our wilderness by your myopic view of the future. And let me point out that Bears Ears and Canyon of the Ancients really aren't ours. They were occupied by the Native Americans long before your ancestors or mine ever even dreamed about this place. Because we won the war on that does not mean we have won the battle, as at least in Native hands the sacred sites will be protected. I mean...what in the hell do you want to do with it? Don't you have ENOUGH? And the majestic Organs. I have watched the sun rise and set on them and wondered at how the geology of our country is profoundly spiritual. The Grand Canyon Parashant - have you NO SHAME? To destroy that is to defame the creator. I saw you strutting around Bears Ears during your "listening" session. You did not appear to be listening much to me. And attempting to "shame" that young journalist did nothing to convince me of your "manliness," but it did convince me that you have a patriarchal view of yourself in the world. You have a duty to protect our monuments for the future. The oil and gas interests will come and go...but you cannot replace the earth. Save our National Treasures. They are the legacy of our past and our hope for the future. Without them we are just another banana republic with a bunch of city parks.

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Removing National Monument status from areas such as Craters of the Moon in Idaho, Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah, and other monuments in the U.S. endangers landscapes that are uniquely American and appeal to individuals of all nations. These landscapes and landforms represent American heritage traversed by settlers and explorers in the not-so-distant past. To remove protection from these areas to allow for fishing, logging, and ranching prioritizes short-term resource exploitation at the expense of America's natural beauty and the long-term economic benefits that local communities reap from tourism and outdoor recreation. These areas are better suited for the enjoyment of thousands rather than the financial enrichment of a few.

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I am a public land owner and enjoy the unique freedom to roam that I find on my public lands. I have been a frequent visitor to our National Monuments. I support the protection these lands are given when they are designated National Monuments. I have been a frequent visitor to the Bears Ears area in S/E Utah. I have backpacked and car camped in the area every year for the last 15 years. This area contains beautiful canyons, ancient art, amazing ruins, and provides the opportunity to experience solitude. Please continue to protect the Bears Ears area with National Monument status and do not diminish the area of protection. Our future generations will also be grateful.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As life long Utah residents, we are writing to express our very strong support for the Bears Ears National Monument. This national monument is a national treasure and should be retained as originally designated. No national monument meets the criteria of the Antiquities Act better than does the Bears Ears. In this remarkable area, there are over 100,000 Native American archaeological sites. The Bear Ears is sacred to Native American and provision has been made for their direct involvement in the management of the Bears Ears National Monument, which is a first. Beyond this sacred landscape, the Bears Ears National Monument landscape contains beautiful mesas and canyons. In Utah, four of our national parks began as national monuments of significant size. These national parks now have millions of visitors every year and are economic resources for the region. National monuments have proven to be a significant benefit to local communities and to the state. Our families have been in Utah for over a century and we watched how America has discovered the amazing land that we are privileged to call home. The Bears Ears does not belong to Utah, it belongs to all Americans. Again, we urge you to retain the Bears Ears National Monument as originally designated to benefit all Americans today and for the future. Wayne Peay & Robyn MacDuff

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I am appalled that our treasured National monuments are up for review at all. Every single one of our parks, monuments and cultural or historic sites is worthwhile and belongs as a part of the American story. I am adamantly opposed to any effort to eliminate or diminish protections for national monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected. The short review you are undertaking makes a mockery of the decades of work that local communities have invested to protect these places for future generations, especially Bears Ears National Monument, which is the first on the list for this review. Five Tribal nations, Hopi, Navajo, Ute and Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni tribes came together, for the first time ever, to protect their shared sacred land by advocating for Bears Ears to be made a national monument. Now the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition is working to protect the national monument, and maintain its integrity. Hear me, and the overwhelming number of people who agree with me: PUBLIC LANDS BELONG IN PUBLIC HANDS. It is your job as the Secretary of the Dept. of Interior to protect and safeguard our national treasures. Please make sure you side with the people who support national parks, monuments, historical and cultural sites.

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National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in Montana, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for the Missouri Breaks National Monument - a 377,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, bighorn sheep and black bears - and fishing access warm-water species such as northern pike, walleye, catfish and small-mouth bass. We need to protect what we have, in terms of the land, or Earth, or environment, or Monuments, or whatever you want to call it, because once it's gone it's gone FOREVER. We need to spend our time, money and resources finding another way to make this country "go". We've done it before, when we changed from wood to coal, from coal to gas. Let's be the generation that discovers what's NEXT, instead of DESTROYING what we have NOW. Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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The process for establishing the Bears Ears National Monument was a long one in which the public spoke very clearly. We want to keep the Bears Ears National Monument designation that we worked so hard to achieve. The coalition of tribal nations in the Bears Ears region should have a place at the table in the management of the natural and cultural resources in the region. The national monument designation rightfully gave them a voice. Don't take it away. I enjoy visiting the wonderful outdoor treasures in Utah, and I want to protect them. I want to keep the Bears Ears National Monument exactly as it is and preserve it as a resource for all Americans.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please protect ALL national monuments under review and reject ANY changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Secretary Zinke, The decision to develop upon Bear Ears land would be an extremely rash and foolish gain when levied against our children's future for our great nation's vast and bio-diverse landscapes. Monuments like Bear Ears exist nowhere else on the planet and provide grounds for Americans to truly find who they, and America are. A short term monetary gain from a petrochemical resource that is quickly being outpaced by renewables in place of a landscape that has stood untouched for millions of years is not a legacy you should leave behind. Mike Favero

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Sec. Zinke, I ask that you and the Department of the Interior please rescind the Bears Ears Monument designation for the benefit of local residents, businesses, sportsmen and wildlife. Let's start over on how best to protect and manage these magnificent lands, the wildlife herds and hunting in this 1.3 million acre region of southern Utah. The local sportsmen, nor the local and state wildlife managers, were consulted about this monument designation. We want to have a voice and be an integral part of the process. Wildlife in this monument largely exists because of our recent conservation efforts, donations and sacrifices. We love hunting on these incredible public lands and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management. All five of Utah's National Parks began as monuments. National Parks are restrictive and offer NO HUNTING! Thank you for considering these thoughts.

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As you review the thousands of public comments you are receiving in response to the president's Executive Order concerning our National Monuments, I sincerely hope you will listen to your conscience and maintain protections for these irreplaceable American treasures. In 2008 I explored the Indian Creek area with friends for a week, rock climbing, hiking, and enjoying learning about the area's rich cultural history. I was pleased and relieved when President Obama protected Indian Creek as part of the Bears Ears National Monument. Indian Creek and the region surrounding it are of national and international importance because of its world-class rock climbing, cultural history, and wild character. Last October, I traveled several hours to participate in a public meeting about the proposed expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. I was impressed by the robust public process that gave everyone at the meeting an equal opportunity to have their voice heard. I am confident that past administrations have done their due diligence in consulting with local communities and all stakeholders during the process of designating national monuments. All Americans deserve to have an equal voice when it comes to critical decisions concerning our shared natural heritage. You will be doing our country a grave disservice if you ignore those voices in favor of special interests and extremists in Congress.

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I urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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As supporters of bird conservation and our public lands, we strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am shocked that we the citizens must try to defend the wonders of our country from the visigoths of this administration -- Not even Ghenghis Khan was interested in tearing down what was endowed with the avidity you are showing for the destruction of what is natural and beautiful. Have some respect please. Your actions affect generations after generations and you will only reap small political points in a field of small people. Our monuments are larger than the life of a single generation. Just like ISIS destroyed great Iraqi treasures from ancient times -- and the Taliban destroyed the great Buddhist figures -- all in the name of their narrow political point of view -- so too is the Department of Interior approaching their need to remove national treasures. The current administration reminds me of a dog with a fire-hydrant -- anxious to erase all scent of the previous users -- regardless of whether what they are erasing is good or not. Wanton destruction... We have already spoken -- the public process for designating any of the National Monuments on Interior's list has been exhaustive. As one example, the process for designating Bears Ears was a years-long effort to gather stakeholder input, hold public meetings, work with tribes, business partners, and local climbers. The supporters worked closely with Rep. Rob Bishop, who had worked on legislation called the Public Lands Initiative to protect a similar area (this legislation never passed although the final Bears Ears boundaries track closely with Rep. Bishop's proposal). The monuments weren't picked willy-nilly on a whim. But removing them does seem willy-nilly -- the whim of the huns sweeping over the plains and knocking down anything in their paths just to say they can.

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**Unit Classifications:**

In regard to the potential release of Bears Ears National Monument to the State of Utah, I urge you keep this public land in the hands of the federal government. Last fall's designation of Bears Ears as a National Monument is the culmination of 80 years of calls for protection, a struggle which saw the cooperation of Native American tribes, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. In fact, stakeholders from the recreation, archaeological, paleontological, conservation, business, and religious communities all worked together to protect these 1.35 million acres of public lands. Public lands are crucial to our nation's identity and the cultivation of the American spirit. As a public school teacher, I implore you to protect this National Monument so that my students can learn to respect and protect natural treasures such as Bears Ears.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I'm writing in support of maintaining the country's National Monuments as determined by past Presidents throughout our history since Teddy Roosevelt, including those under consideration since 1996 - especially Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase. It is important to preserve these selected sights for our children, grandchildren and the generations following into the future. As developers seize up lands for commercial purposes, that which is special and sacred for our continuing history is destroyed for future generations. Preserved lands save these places in perpetuity. In particular, I am concerned about the politics surrounding the future of Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase. The majority of Native Peoples, the First Americans, if you would, are opposed to the dissolution or shrinking of Bears Ears. To them, the land itself is sacred: the sight of buried remains of ancestors, has spiritual significance, and represents the places to collect and preserve native plants and animals used as medicine and in ceremony. Ignoring their request represents an arrogance and devaluing of their cultures, people, religion, and rights. The "white man" has lied to, cheated, abused, sickened and beaten down Native Peoples since first setting foot on this land. Our government has created unfair "deals" to force people off their Native homelands, to march thousands of miles where thousands died during the difficult transit, confiscated their lands, and created reservations that vastly limit their flourishing through decreased hunting, fishing, and gathering sights. Europeans would strongly condemn the destruction of our cemeteries, religious institutions, and sacred sights. What gives an arrogant leader the right to deconstruct and destroy that which has been created for the protection of millions prior to his "service" to ALL the American people? Disrespecting and ignoring the voices of the Native elders is yet another TRAVESTY and blight upon the history of the United States. After all, the language of our Constitution includes the Affirmation that ALL Men and (Women) are created Equal under the law. We have neglected, ignored and destabilized our native populations over the centuries creating situations of poverty, disease, hunger, alcoholism, despair, and high rates of suicide. It is time to put a stop to situations that slowly diminishes cultures into extinction and guarantee the respect due for all that has been given (or taken from) the First Americans who are an integral part of what makes America who we are.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am opposed to any change in the status of the land and marine National Monuments under review as per the Trump administration's Executive Order. These are public lands that belong to the American people and serve as irreplaceable monuments to our country's natural and cultural heritage. Selling these lands to private industry would be a tragedy for all Americans, trading a potential short term economic gain for an all but inconsequential minority of people with guaranteed and irreversible environmental destruction for what could have been the permanent preservation of our country's heritage. Conserving our lands for all current and future Americans is a duty of the people and the American government. Bear's Ears must be preserved under its current, federally recognized status. It is home to endangered species and prehistoric landmarks worth more than any drilling or mining operation could ever recover. Finally, the land and marine National Monuments provide habitats to countless species, including threatened and endangered species. It is imperative that these spaces are federally protected now and in the future.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. Please protect ALL of our public lands, including those designated as National Monuments. All such areas belong to the American people and should be preserved so that our children's children and THEIR grandchildren will be able to enjoy them. The National Monuments, National Wildlife Refuges and other Nationally protected sites are of equal importance to our National Parks, maybe more so since they are more remote and pristine. We need to protect and maintain those wilderness areas so that they don't disappear to widespread commercial development, including degradation for energy resources and private use by a limited number of individuals. It is absurd that the current administration is contemplating the reversal, or possible irreversible destruction, of the good work by several previous presidents to ensure great and beautiful lands for ALL Americans to enjoy. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America and many of us outdoor enthusiasts want no part of that.

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Extensive local public hearings revealed broad support among regional and southwestern citizens. The Navajo and Ute tribes strongly support the Monument. Monuments benefit local economies. No economically recoverable resources are being "locked up." No private land is involved. The Monument boundaries include federal lands. No private land is included. Bears Ears protects an extensive Native American cultural history that has been degraded by local opponents. Presidents lack authority to abolish or diminish Monuments (but Congress can...).

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I am writing you today concerning Bears Ears National Monument the comments I make that follow, also apply to the other National Monuments currently under review by the Department of the Interior and yourself. Present Trump has directed you to consider seven items in your National Monument Review. I will address each of these as related to the Bears Ears National Monument designation. 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";i. Enactment of the Antiquities Act required 25 years of work by individuals and organizations concerned about the preservation of American archeological sites. It obligates federal agencies that manage the public lands to preserve for present and future generations the historic, scientific, commemorative, and cultural values of the archaeological and historic sites and structures on these lands (USDI NPS 2016). The boundary of the monument is largely based on the Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) (H.R. 5780). Bears Ears National Monument is currently nearly 600,000 acres smaller than originally proposed. Yet, Bears Ears still provides protection to the sensitive archaeological resources and Native American Traditional Cultural Properties. When her designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest";ii. The Bears Ears area has been called the "Sistine Chapel" of the West for its ancient carving sites (petroglyphs) and paintings sites (pictographs), and over 100,000 known archaeological sites. 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;iii. The Monument would not affect valid existing oil, gas, and mining leases or operations. All public uses, including livestock grazing would continue. The effects of a designation on the use and enjoyment of non-Federal lands within or beyond monument boundaries;iv. Tourism to the National Monument is expected to increase, regardless of the final decision on the National Monument. All traditional cultural uses as well as the modern uses such as camping, hiking, backpacking, climbing, building camp fires, picking pine nuts, mountain biking, bring pets, horseback riding and ATV use are planned to continue. Concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities;v. The boundary of the National Monument is largely based on the Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) (H.R. 5780), which was introduced by Reps. Bishop and Chaffetz after extensive consultations with stakeholders and the Interior Department and USDA. Congressional Representatives Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz of Utah, who have also proposed to protect this area. The Bears Ears region has been central to the culture and religion of the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Ute Indian tribes, as well as the Ute Mountain Ute people. There are concerns that the Monument designation will hurt the funding for Utah's public schools provided by state-owned lands. However, the land exchange following Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument designation generated more than \$310 million for Utah schools and counties. The availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas;vi. A study by Headwaters Economics in 2011 and 2014 concluded that national monuments are consistent with economic growth. Losses in mining and construction were mostly offset by increases in leisure/hospitality and government (Department of Workforce Service, State of Utah 2017). Such other factors as the Secretary deems appropriate. 82 FR 20429-20430 (May 1, 2017);vii. The National Monument calls for the establishment of a Tribal Commission to provide information and recommendations to allow for the integration of tribal expertise and traditional knowledge into management. As an example, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument draws about 30,000 visitors a year. The Canyons of the Ancients' multi-use management plan still allows for grazing and oil and gas development on parts of the monument, just as it did before the designation.

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For more than one hundred years, U.S. Presidents of both parties have protected sensitive habitat and historic sites as national monuments. Now, a new executive order has placed millions of acres of our public lands and waters at risk by threatening to eliminate or shrink as many as thirty national monuments. In the order signed last month, President Trump called for an unprecedented review of national monuments created in the past twenty years. The review includes places that protect vital bird habitat, such as the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument, which is the wintering area for Atlantic Puffins. I strongly urge the Department of the Interior not to undo or limit America's national monuments. The monuments established since 1996 span across a vast range, helping to protect habitat for a highly diverse group of birds and other wildlife. From the Pacific Ocean, where albatrosses soar across newly protected pristine waters, to the deserts of the Southwest in places like Bears Ears and Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks that support Golden Eagles, out to the puffin habitat in the Atlantic, and much more, our national monuments provide much-needed protections for bird habitat, while safeguarding our national heritage for future generations. President Theodore Roosevelt was the first to establish national monuments using the newly-passed Antiquities Act, which led to the protection of the Grand Canyon and other iconic places. America must continue the bipartisan tradition of protecting our most treasured public lands and waters. With so many birds and other wildlife in need, now is not the time for a giant step backwards. I want the Department of the Interior to uphold the bipartisan tradition of Roosevelt and all subsequent presidents by protecting our national monuments. As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Bears Ears National Monument belongs all Americans and offers our nation an opportunity to honor the Native American peoples and their culture. It offers a small way to make amends for the horror we inflicted on them and he dishonor our society deserves for the broken promises and treaties of history. Bears Ears is rich in natural beauty and irreplaceable habitats. If we would keep "America the Beautiful" we must preserve these lands from greed and lack of vision. I will vote against any public officials who do not respect our land. No! We the people say, "No!" you may not unprotect Bears Ears nor any of the other 26 national monuments.

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As a supporter of our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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"Dear Secretary Zinke, I have lived in Utah for over 43 years. The land of the Bears Ears Monument is of profound spiritual significance to the native peoples who have lived there for 100's of generations. It is a place of absolute pristine beauty-- of deep nourishment and renewal for all who visit there. Please help to protect this sacred space (and the priceless cultural resources it holds) from the brutality of extractive industrial practices. The people of the future are thanking you in advance."

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I'm writing in response to the Department of the Interior's request for comments on recently formed national monuments. I support the designation of these public lands as national monuments, and encourage the Department to maintain their existing boundaries and improve access for bicycles. Public lands such as national monuments play an instrumental role in supporting outdoor recreation. While these activities, including bike riding, are of personal significance to me as a bike rider, they are also critical to local economies in the communities that surround these monuments. Bike riding alone supports \$88 billion in economic activity and provides \$12 billion in federal, state and local taxes each year. Without quality places to ride on our public lands, these contributions are at serious risk. Some of the monuments that are subject to the Department's review provide bike riding opportunities. Of particular importance are Ironwood Forest (AZ), Sonoran Desert (AZ), Berryessa Snow Mountain (CA), San Gabriel Mountains (CA), Canyons of the Ancients (CO), Basin and Range (NV), Bears Ears (UT) and Grand Staircase-Escalante (UT). New opportunities for riding are also being considered in Sand to Snow (CA), Katahdin Woods (ME), Gold Butte (NV), Rio Grande del Norte (NV) and Cascade Siskiyou (OR). Many of these areas provide unique opportunities to explore cultural and natural resources that cannot be replicated. I encourage the Department to recommend that these lands be maintained as national monuments, and ensure that existing and planned bike riding opportunities in these locations be created and improved. Thank you for considering my comments.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears as a national monument.

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save bears ears national monument !

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Sec. Zinke, Please Rescind the Bears Ears Monument, and let's start over on how best to protect and manage these magnificent lands, and the wildlife herds and hunting in this 1.3 Millions. Local sportsmen, nor were local and state wildlife managers consulted about this Monument Designation. We want to have a Voice, and Be part of the process! Wildlife in this Monument largely exists because of our recent conservation efforts. We love hunting on these incredible Public lands, and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management, and all five of Utah's National Parks started out as Monuments. Parks are of course NO HUNTING!!

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Please rescind the BEARS EARS MONUMENT!

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I support the national monument designation for Bears Ears realizing this is locally controversial, it is important to remember the importance of these lands nationally and in this case especially to native peoples. The review of National Monuments under this administration has drawn much criticism showing the distrust of many in the motives behind it. Making no change to the Bears Ears National Monument would help remove some of this distrust. Secretary Zinke has said he plans to be a "Teddy Roosevelt" figure. He may need to be reminded that when President Roosevelt designated millions of acres of National Forest he often chose the national interest over the limited local view. I encourage him to follow Teddy's example.

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I am opposed to any alterations to the size of Bears Ears National Monument. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historic, cultural and natural heritage. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink the size of our national monuments, including Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. Bears Ears National Monument is rich in cultural resources, with stunning scenic views and excellent recreation opportunities. Bears Ears protects a shared landscape with Canyonlands National Park and other national park sites that together protect 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites and honors the voices of five tribes who joined to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. In addition, the monument safeguards the area from inappropriate development and its protection is a reflection of the majority of Utahans and people like me. An attack on one of America's national monuments is an attack on all of them. I am opposed to any attempts to rescind or alter the size of Bears Ears or any one of our country's national monuments. Thank you for considering my views.

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My family and I are local Utah residents that have been recreating for many years in the area that Bears Ears National Monument now encompasses. We feel incredibly lucky that we have these federally controlled lands preserved for the future while still available to visit and enjoy. Having lived in other parts of the country during my life I've witnessed the awful effects of privatization and state owned lands. The west is enormously privileged to have all these amazing in our backyards to be able to enjoy. People come from all over the World to see these places. These places are not only beautiful to visit, but there are many small towns across the state that are flourishing economically because of these lands! Reducing these monuments, turning them over to the state of Utah, or privatizing them would not only destroy the environment and these culturally sensitive places but you'd be directly responsible for the financial collapse of entire cities that depend on tourist income. Please keep these lands for us, our children and every future generation to come. These places are priceless.

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. Why? Because the lasting impacts of preserving these lands will far outweigh any short-term industry gains; industrial interests have no regard for what happens to the land once its resources have been stripped from it, and will move on and out as quickly as they will move in (should these protections be rescinded), leaving the State with nothing but a lasting reminder of its shortsightedness. Why? Because if it's economic gains the State seeks, there are countless impact studies on the effects of (and sustainability of) public access and tourism as reliable, non-volatile economic engines across the West, the nation, and the globe. Why? Because these lands represent an acknowledgement and respect for the histories of the peoples who came long before us, who understood that humans and the environment hat supports and nurtures us can and must exist in balance with one another, but that means constantly and actively questioning our want for "more". Why? Because this Earth will continue long after each of us, but will bear the marks of our actions, and that will be our and your legacy.

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Bears Ears is one of the many public lands that is imperative to preserve. In light of recent events, public opinion is invaluable regarding the protecting and preserving these lands for present and future generations. We are only one species on this massive planet, and having certain reservations where the sanctity of the natural environment may be preserved without the intervention of man is not only a rational choice, but a critical one. We must make this decision to keep not only Bears Ears, but the rest of the public monuments on the list for review, as not only an assurance to the future that we will have these public lands to admire, but as an assurance to the environment, that there may be at least a small portion of a once great land that remains untouched and unmolested by man. Are we that selfish to deny nature its right to exist in its most pure form? What gain is so important? I see no reason for anything otherwise, than to let not only Bears Ears, but the rest of the monuments on the list for review to remain wild and free.

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I am writing in response to the Department of the Interior's request for comments on recently formed national monuments. I support the designation of these public lands as national monuments, and encourage the Department to maintain their existing boundaries and improve access for bicycles. Public lands such as national monuments play an instrumental role in supporting outdoor recreation. While these activities, including bike riding, are of personal significance to me as a bike rider, they are also critical to local economies in the communities that surround these monuments. Bike riding alone supports \$88 billion in economic activity and provides \$12 billion in federal, state and local taxes each year. Without quality places to ride on our public lands, these contributions are at serious risk. Some of the monuments that are subject to the Department's review provide bike riding opportunities. Of particular importance are Ironwood Forest (AZ), Sonoran Desert (AZ), Berryessa Snow Mountain (CA), San Gabriel Mountains (CA), Canyons of the Ancients (CO), Basin and Range (NV), Bears Ears (UT) and Grand Staircase-Escalante (UT). New opportunities for riding are also being considered in Sand to Snow (CA), Katahdin Woods (ME), Gold Butte (NV), Rio Grande del Norte (NV) and Cascade Siskiyou (OR). Many of these areas provide unique opportunities to explore cultural and natural resources that cannot be replicated. I encourage the Department to recommend that these lands be maintained as national monuments, and ensure that existing and planned bike riding opportunities in these locations be created and improved. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Bears Ears National Monument is part of the wondrous chain of National Monuments created to commemorate the ecological, and geological terrain of the region, as well as all the human stories attached to it, to allow people free shared use of the area. This place is extremely special to me and hundreds of thousands of others. Changing it would be a huge detriment.

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RE: Monument Review, MS-1530 As a Farm Bureau member and someone involved in agriculture, I am asking you to support the review of National Monuments -- specifically the Bears Ears National Monument, and preserve the stated intent of the Antiquities Act by keeping monuments to the smallest area compatible for their proper care and management. Farm Bureau supports rewriting the Antiquities Act to revoke the executive branch's ability to unilaterally designate national monuments. Congress, with the approval of state and local governments, should be the body to designate national monuments. Farm Bureau supports the multiple-use concept of federal lands, which recognizes historic grazing rights on public land grazing allotments. Thank you for your consideration of this monument and its impact on Utah farm and ranch families.

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I could go on and on about the countless days, weeks, months, and years I've spent exploring, climbing, and enjoying the vast and sacred expanses of the Bears Ears region. Stumbling on ancient ruins that few have ever found, watching wildlife exist as they have for thousands of years, and summing towers on remote mesas are just a few of the things that make this place special for me. I could also tell you about the hours and days spent improving trail infrastructure at the Indian Creek climbing area, so our user group becomes proactive in maintaining this resource that is absolutely sacred to anyone that's ever climbed there. I could go on and on about these things, but my time in this region pails in comparison to those of the true Natives that have called this area home for thousands of years. The tribes that have had generations working to protect this area also need to have their voices heard. Whether we're climbers, tribe members, tourists, or other outdoor enthusiasts, there is something sacred here that MUST be saved for the generations that follow. I urge you to please stand up and protect the Bears Ears Monument.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am a conservative American writing to ask that you preserve ALL current national monuments, including Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine Monument off New England, and Papahānaumokuākea Marine Monument off Hawaii. These national monuments are an important part of our American heritage and must be fully protected. National monuments are a Republican idea. A Republican wrote the Antiquities Act (the law that authorizes monument designation), a Republican controlled congress passed it, and a Republican president, Theodore Roosevelt, signed it into law. Rolling back monument protections would be an unprecedented move to undermine that GOP legacy. Like Secretary Zinke, I am an unabashed conservative admirer of Theodore Roosevelt. He recognized that to adequately safeguard our natural and cultural heritage we often have to protect large areas. Roosevelt himself used the Antiquities Act to safeguard the 1.2 million acre Grand Canyon. That is why I am asking Secretary Zinke and the Trump Administration to honor his legacy and hold fast to his values by upholding the protection of existing national monuments in their entirety. These special places represent America's natural and cultural heritage protecting them is our moral duty. Please do not bow to the wishes of anti-public land zealots like Senator Hatch and Congressman Rob Bishop. These lawmakers represent narrow special interests, not the people of Utah. The truth is that national monuments are proven economic drivers that enjoy broad public support, even in Utah. Contrary to claims by Hatch and Bishop, recent polling shows that a majority of Utahans support the recently established Bears Ears National Monument. Please stand with TR and safeguard our national monuments. These special pieces of our national heritage that deserve all of the protections they currently have under the Antiquities Act.

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We welcome the review of Utah's as well as other Western States National Monuments. We believe there has been too much over reach by some Past Presidents in creating these large National Monuments putting our public lands off limits to motorized vehicles, many older people, disabled people, Military Veterans, the majority of Americans and tourist that have been able to visit at least some of these areas by motorized vehicles in the past, are now locked out of our own public lands. These monument actions are also detrimental to industries, which in turn is detrimental to the States in lost jobs and revenue. Please rescind the designation of the Bears Ears National Monument and shrink or rescind the Grand Stair-Case Escalante National monument

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Please protect our public lands and the land sacred to those who have been so mistreated in the past. I bet if you go to Bears Ears you too will understand why this special place needs to stay out of the hands of greedy and corrupt corporations and developers.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I support the Bears Ears National Monument, and I don't want to see its boundaries changed.

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As an avid user of the outdoors, as well as a proud American, I would like to let you know that I fully support the Bears Ears National Monument and believe it should stay with exactly the same boundaries as it was created with under the Antiquities Act. The creation of this Monument was the result of much hard work and collaboration between government agencies, non-profit workers, and Indian tribes, and the Monument protects and preserves for use by all of one of the most beautiful and unique sections of our great country. Undoing the Monument would be a tragic, shortsighted assault on

a resource that belongs to every American. This would not benefit anyone but a few special economic interests. Please do everything in your power to keep the Bears Ears as-is.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Grand Canyon-Parashant, Ironwood Forest, Vermilion Cliffs and Sonoran Desert national monuments in Arizona are truly some of the treasures of our state. The unique geology and undisturbed starry skies of Grand Canyon-Parashant, the incredible scenery of Vermilion Cliffs, the unique ecosystem and species of the Ironwood Forest and the saguaro cactus forests of the Sonoran Desert National Monument are all unrivaled and deserve the highest protections. Not only are these monuments incredibly worthy, they bring enormous benefits to our state by providing opportunities for recreation and driving the outdoor recreation economy. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for his "review," is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as national monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites the monument honors the voices of five tribes who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history, culture, and natural treasures are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Grand Canyon-Parashant or Vermilion Cliffs in Arizona, or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for national monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I urge you to preserve the Escalante Grand Staircase and the Bears Ears National Monuments in their entirety for economic, environmental, and cultural reasons. These monuments were only designated after years of careful study, review, and local input. While the opinions of local elected officials are important, it must be remembered that these have been federal lands since the earliest days of the State of Utah, and are owned by all Americans, not just the inhabitants of the surrounding counties. Last October I joined twelve others from around the U.S. for a week of camping and hiking in the Grand-Gulch/Cedar Mesa areas of what is now Bears Ears National Monument. Many of us flew to nearby airports and rented vehicles. All of us had to buy gas and food. We all vowed to come back to see more of this national treasure. We returned to our homes with tales of amazing landscapes, beautiful rock art, and ancient ruins, and urged our friends to visit. Local economies derive robust economic benefits from these National Monuments. Tourists from around the world spend millions on transportation, lodging, and food in nearby businesses. As long as the areas have monument status, these economic benefits will continue to grow, creating long-term stable incomes for local people. There are those who believe mineral and gas extraction and off-road vehicle recreation are proper uses of these lands, but the living desert is fragile. Fossil fuel extraction would require more or bigger roads. That and ORV use even in peripheral acreage would destroy large swaths of crypto-biotic soil, leading to the formation of ever-growing barren dunes that are unnatural to this landscape. The monuments must remain whole. Archaeology sites need careful preservation and interpretation, and both the Bears Ears and Escalante-Grand Staircase contain thousands of such sites, with still more to be found. Looting of these sites prior to monument designation was well known. The Bears Ears and Escalante-Grand Staircase epitomize the very kind of places that merit protection under the Antiquities Act. They give visitors important opportunities to learn about and understand the ancient cultures that existed here long before Euro-Americans moved in. In the past it was thought that only samples of the best treasures or landscapes needed to be preserved in parks, but scientific evidence points to the need for large contiguous areas for large animals and soils protection. The need for quiet is critical for wildlife as well as for people. Had Theodore Roosevelt known of the Bears Ears and Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monuments, he would certainly have said, as he did at the Grand Canyon, "Leave it as it is. The ages have been at work on it and man can only mar it."

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I wish to register my concern with President Trump's executive order attempting to undermine our national monuments. Our public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. I understand that you are doing an expedited review of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, whose priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders are exactly what should be permanently protected as a National Monument. Monument status for Bears Ears protects 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain -- these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, a threat to one monument is a threat to them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish



protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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The process for establishing the Bears Ears National Monument was a long one in which the public spoke very clearly. We want to keep the Bears Ears National Monument designation that we worked so hard to achieve. The coalition of tribal nations in the Bears Ears region should have a place at the table in the management of the natural and cultural resources in the region. The national monument designation rightfully gave them a voice. Don't take it away.

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Sec. Zinke, Please rescind the Bears Ears Monument. We support common sense protections to ensure ongoing enjoyment and utilization of these magnificent lands, and the wildlife herds and hunting on these 1.3 million acres. Certainly, this is an area that has been wonderfully managed for wildlife, hunting, and other uses by the state of Utah. Those impacted the most by a national monument designation are a critical concern. State driven processes with all stakeholders collaborating are the right way to make land use determinations, not top down monument designations of massive landscapes with little local or state support. We also recognize that national parks in the state of Utah were areas first designated as monuments. What this means, is that the Bears Ears Monument designation puts his area on the pathway to permanent hunting closures. While pithy slogans and protectionist rhetoric sound well intentioned, make no mistake, most of those who are pining for "protection" through a national monument designation do not support our right to hunt and fish in these areas. They want these areas closed to hunting. A national monument designation takes them one step closer to their dangerous objective. Losing these world class hunting areas would be a sad outcome. It would erode the rights of sportsmen, decades of herd restoration, and the millions invested by Utah Sportsmen. As we have seen repeatedly, when hunting is banned, herds suffer and even disappear. It is not good for hunters and it is not good for wildlife. There is a better way to manage and ensure abundance of these herds and habitats for future generations. The voice of sportsmen was ignored as part of the monument designation process. This is particularly disappointing considering that for decades, Utah sportsmen have been the stewards of a massive effort to restore wildlife to these areas. We have restored natural mosaics to control wildfire, enhanced habitat for wild game and grazing, developed water resources, and reintroduced elk, mule deer, wild turkeys, and bighorn sheep. Even after all of these efforts, local sportsmen along with local and state wildlife managers were not consulted about the impacts of this Monument Designation. Unfortunately, one of the primary impacts would be on the very programs and management investment that are needed the most to protect the herds of elk, mule, big horn sheep, wild turkeys, and other wildlife we have worked so hard to restore. The results of these proactive and expensive conservation efforts have been amazing. The San Juan Elk unit is one of the top Elk Herds in the World with many 400-inch bulls and even world record elk harvested. The deer herds in this area are thriving. Two of Utah's premier Desert Bighorn Sheep hunting units also lie within the monument designation boundary. Proof of the success of these efforts is the over 50,000 applicants for hunting permits to these units every year. Not only does this show the popularity of these units, but also demonstrate how important sportsmen funding is to continue on-the-ground management and conservation in these areas. These herds only exist because of sportsmen funding, thousands of volunteer hours, predator control, and millions of dollars in on the ground habitat enhancement and water development efforts. Our experience with Grand Staircase has been disappointing. Habitat enhancement projects through pinyon/juniper management is significantly more difficult and a lot more expensive, if they are even allowed. Predator control has become very restricted and limited. As a result, the Escalante Desert Bighorn herd, once one of the top Desert Bighorn herds in the world, has dramatically declined. The area has become more susceptible to catastrophic wildfire. In essence, the preservationist mentality has been a failure for wildlife and the habitat work most needed to ensure abundant herds of wildlife. As a sportsman and Big Game Forever supporter, I strongly encourage you to rescind Bears Ears monument. It is the best way to ensure the continuation of the efforts, collaboration, and programs that are doing the most to protect, restore, and enhance the hunting, access, in this corner of the state of Utah. Our efforts have worked to make this area truly one of a kind for hunters, wildlife lovers, and all who appreciate the wild things and wild places that Utah hunters have worked so hard to restore. Please rescind the Bears Ears monument designation. We love hunting on these incredible public lands, and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management. Whatever the future plans are for these areas, Utah Hunters have earned a seat at the table. We encourage you to pursue solutions that will protect state management of wildlife, hunting, and the collaborative, common-sense management investment of Utah's hunters, families and hard working rural communities that has worked for generations.

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I am appalled that our treasured national parks and monuments, like the Bears Ears National Monument, are up for review at all. Bears Ears is one of our nation's newest monuments -- the American people are very lucky to now call this ancient site covering an expanse of 1.3 million acres a public resource protected for future generations. The monument protects ancient sites that are sacred to the Na'ive American tribes in southern Utah's red-rock country. Utah is greatly enriched by the Bears Ears National Monument. Bears Ears National Monument also provides incredible spaces for outdoor activities-- it is one of best places in the world for rock climbing and bouldering. These public lands need to stay in public hands. No president has EVER attempted to abolish a national monument, and an attack on one park is an attack on all our parks. Secretary Zinke, I am adamantly opposed to any effort to eliminate or diminish protections for Bears Ears or any other national monument, and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I am writing in response to the Department of the Interior's request for comments on recently formed national monuments. I support the designation of these public lands as national monuments, and encourage the Department to maintain their existing boundaries and improve access for bicycles. Public lands such as national monuments play an instrumental role in supporting outdoor recreation. While these activities, including bike riding, are of personal significance to me as a bike rider, they are also critical to local economies in the communities that surround these monuments. Bike riding alone supports \$88 billion in economic activity and provides \$12 billion in federal, state and local taxes each year. Without quality places to ride on our public lands, these contributions are at serious risk. Some of the monuments that are subject to the Department's review provide bike riding opportunities. Of particular importance are Ironwood Forest (AZ), Sonoran Desert (AZ), Berryessa Snow Mountain (CA), San Gabriel Mountains (CA), Canyons of the Ancients (CO), Basin and Range (NV), Bears Ears (UT) and Grand Staircase-Escalante (UT). New opportunities for riding are also being considered in Sand to Snow (CA), Katahdin Woods (ME), Gold Butte (NV), Rio Grande del Norte (NV) and Cascade Siskiyou (OR). Many of these areas provide unique opportunities to explore cultural and natural resources that cannot be replicated. I encourage the Department to recommend that these lands be maintained as national monuments, and ensure that existing and planned bike riding opportunities in these locations be created and improved. Thank you for considering my comments. Thanks for taking action.

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**Unit Codes:**

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. I support the Bears Ears National Monument and don't want to see its boundaries changed.

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My family and I strongly support full monument protection of the spectacular landscapes and native antiquities of both Grand Staircase and Bears Ears national monuments. My family moved to Utah over 10 years ago precisely because of these kind of wild places. These places are crucial components of the most stunning, inspiring, and unique landscape on earth. There is no place else like them and they are far more valuable in their wild and untrammeled state than they ever could be if they are sold for mining, or drilling, or wasteful and inefficient grazing. We don't want West Virginia's fate - impoverished landscapes, creating sad and impoverished people. My children's future, both economically as well as emotionally, is inextricably tied to the fate of these wild places. Please resist the short-sighted push to trade the most sacred for the most mundane- and be remembered for taking a principled stand on the right side of history.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument looks like an incredible place to visit. There aren't a lot of untouched landscapes left in the world free of light pollution and oil rigs and parking lots. Whether or not I ever make it there, I believe it is critical to maintain its status as a National Monument if for nothing else than to give the earth a chance to breathe. What we don't need is more development in these areas. If that's the driving factor behind this, may I suggest alternative energy sources?

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**Unit Classifications:**

I live in Utah and enjoy our protected lands on a regular basis. Having these protected areas for the enjoyment of all Americans and visitors from around the world is truly what makes this a special place to live. I'm asking for all lands under existing protection including all of bears ears and grand staircase to remain protected for the enjoyment of all. It is our duty to insure access for future generations.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
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This pdf document contains 11 postcards from individuals (mostly Utahns) addressed to you asking that "you leave the Bears Ears National Monument boundary alone," and recommend "No Action" to President Trump regarding the Executive Order Review. This batch is from the Navajo Mountain Tribal Community (Summarize the source of the comments here if helpful AND known). Utah Din Bikyah spent the past seven years working with local Native American community members to document and research cultural values and uses across San Juan County in the writing of the Bears Ears proposal. Furthermore, we have requested meetings to introduce you to local people, deliver cultural data, and introduce you to the more than 70 elders who wrote the proposal. To our knowledge, you did not visit southern San Juan County, or meet with any of the community leaders or elders who will be most affected by changes to the monument boundary and/or status.

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**Unit Codes:**

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Sec. Zinke, Please Rescind the Bears Ears Monument, and let's start over on how best to protect and manage these magnificent lands, and the wildlife herds and hunting in this 1.3 Millions. Local sportsmen, nor were local and state wildlife managers consulted about this Monument Designation. We want to have a Voice, and Be part of the process! Wildlife in this Monument largely exists because of our recent conservation efforts. We love hunting on these incredible Public lands, and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management, and all five of Utah's National Parks started out as Monuments. Parks are of course NO HUNTING!!

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

Our national monuments help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments, and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to shrink or revoke our national monuments. An attempt to attack one monument, such as Bears Ears, by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for our national monuments and I urge you to recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I moved to Utah for the vast public lands available for climbing, hiking, skiing, and hunting. As a transplant from the southeastern United States, I quickly recognized the unique and amazing public lands that we have in Utah, including National Monuments. I first visited the Bear Ears region in 2012 to explore Indian Creek, a world-renown climbing destination. Indian Creek is best known for its splitter cracks, where all the climbing "holds" are simply a vertical crack. How can you twist and jam your body into and then up the crack? It's a completely unique climbing style requiring crazy body techniques - finger locks, stacked hands, chicken wings, squeezes, and more! As a sport climber and boulderer, my first Indian Creek adventure was a struggle. Despite the struggle to climb these cracks, I had a wonderful time. I was there for "Friends-giving" or "Creeks-giving." Each Thanksgiving, hundreds of climbers go to Indian Creek for Thanksgiving. The temperatures are perfect and eating leftover Thanksgiving turkey while climbing is hard to beat! When the Bear Ears region was designated as a National Monument, I was so excited. As mentioned earlier, it is one of the most revered recreation destinations in the U.S. The rock climbing resources are especially exceptional and annually draw tens of thousands of visitors from around the world to climb at Indian Creek, Lockhart Basin, Arch/Texas Canyon, Valley of the Gods, and many other locations. Additionally, the sacred lands and objects have been in jeopardy. By making Bear Ears a National Monument, we can finally have more sustainable and adequate protection of these public lands. Additionally, outdoor recreation is a huge industry in Utah and the United States. Utah is an international destination. By not protecting our public lands we will weaken the local economies and outdoor industry. A recent study of a rural area in Kentucky demonstrated that the outdoor industry, specifically rock climbing, contributes significant amounts of money into the local economy. In Utah, the owner of the Food Ranch in Orangeville, Utah, reported that climbers spend \$40.00 at his store when climbing at Joe's Valley, another amazing rock climbing location in Utah. We must protect public lands. Public lands grow local economies. Moreover, the Antiquities Act is a valuable tool for protecting America's heritage. Please protect the integrity of the Antiquities Act, which has been used by Presidents of both parties for over 100 years. These threats put all national monuments in jeopardy and place our special public lands at risk. Moreover, a thorough public process is always involved with Monument designations. For the Bears Ears region, these discussions have been occurring for many years. Your decision on public lands will have historical consequences. How will you be remembered? As Theodore Roosevelt said, Of all the questions which can come before this nation, short of the actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in the importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a

better land for our descendants than it is for us, and training them into a better race to inhabit the land and pass it on. Conservation is a great moral issue for it involves the patriotic duty of insuring the safety and continuance of the nation. America's public lands are the birthright of all Americans and they serve as a cornerstone of the American experience. We must preserve them for future generations. Let's look for positive solutions, which move us forward. We should seek to preserve other lands and waters, in addition to maintaining current lands, such as Bears Ears National Monument. I urge you, keep public lands in public hands.

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**Unit Classifications:**

The National Monuments of this country represent some of the most spectacular wilderness to be found anywhere. They are truly a national treasure, of which this country can be proud. Bringing them under review is one hundred eighty degrees of what should be done. They should be set aside in their natural state. Further, the Department of the Interior should increase protections, and seek additional lands for future protection. Ultimately, there should be more land set aside, safe from development of any kind, not less. I have spent considerable time in what is now Bears Ears National Monument. I can personally attest to the remarkable environment, and the archeological treasures hidden within the landscape. Its designation as a National Monument was a major step forward in protecting another wonderful piece of the Colorado Plateau. As an American, I am deeply proud of this country's National Parks, Monuments, Wilderness Areas, and Reserves. I am, at this time, deeply troubled and angered by the notion that our public lands may be stripped of their protected designations, and irreparably harmed through extraction or development. This review must not stand. The protection of the Bears Ears should.

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**Unit Codes:**

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. There is no reason to change its status.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument is a valuable addition to our country's natural and cultural heritage. It deserves our protection along with all the other monuments and public landscapes we have across America. I urge you to keep our national monuments, including Bears Ears, protected and intact.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Our national monuments help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments, and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to shrink or revoke our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for review, is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as national monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain, these treasures are irreplaceable. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for our national monuments and I urge you to recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Utah is one of the most beautiful states in this country because its natural landscape has been protected. Its public lands belong to all Americans including myself. I want this land protected and shared with everyone. Bears Ears National Monument protects one of the most significant cultural landscapes in the US, with thousands of archaeological sites and important areas of spiritual significance. Abundant rock art, ancient cliff dwellings, ceremonial kivas, and countless other artifacts provide an extraordinary archaeological and cultural record, all surrounded by a dramatic backdrop of deep sandstone canyons, desert mesas, and forested highlands and the monument's namesake twin buttes. These lands are sacred to many Native American tribes today, who use the lands for ceremonies, collecting medicinal and edible plants, and gathering materials for crafting baskets and footwear.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. I support the Bears Ears National Monument and don't want to see its boundaries changed.

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**Unit Classifications:**

"Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit, and as vital to our lives as water and good bread. A civilization which destroys what little remains of the wild, the spare, the original, is cutting itself off from its origins and betraying the principle of civilization itself." Edward Abbey, Desert Solitaire  
As a kid growing up in Colorado, the outdoors was my church: where I went in search of clarity and sanity, to experience the awe and calm that nature provides, and mostly to learn and grow with compassion, love, and most importantly, respect. Attending schools that provided the opportunity to explore the wilderness on guided trips for most of my initial 18 years, getting out and exploring twice a year was something that seemed normal to me. As an adult, I see that is not true and having access to wild places is not so simple. Even more complicated is protecting those wild places so that future generations are able to have access to the raw and pure experience of seeing a blanket of stars above them and feeling tiny in the expanse of the sky, for example. It is through the dedication of hard working men and women who have felt this power and are passionate about the environment that these places of refuge exist, but unfortunately policy is a large factor that can impinge the existence of these areas. The Executive Order of the Trump Administration is one such threat that is trying to undermine this hard working progress. Bears Ears National Monument, as well as the 26 other National Monuments in jeopardy deserve the protection of our laws, not only for environmental purposes, but for cultural, recreational, and historical reasons as well. The West is meant to stay wild. This is a plea not only from a young woman who hopes to share similar experiences she had as a child with her children, but from all the explorers, hikers, climbers, and indigenous peoples that taking away this sacred place would impact. National Parks and National Monuments are National Treasures for a reason. If the beauty of these areas continues endlessly, why shouldn't they have immunity? Please continue to protect these special places. Thank you.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Our public lands are vital to our national legacy. They're economically beneficial to our local communities, and to our nation as a whole. Actually, go ahead and remove national park status from the country's newest and smallest park because of different politics between executive regimes. I wonder, sir, if you could do something even smaller than that: write up an official speech or memoranda stating why the change is about something else entirely -- taxes or government overreach or he like ought to work nicely -- and then really try to believe that's why you are stripping status and funding. Maybe on the very last day Bears Ears is still a national park, you could take a nice hike, walk up to the top of a beautiful hill, expose yourself to humans and nature alike and shout, "Look! Look at how small I really am."

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**Unit Classifications:**

My friends and I use public lands all the time. Many of my days off are spent on public lands riding bikes, hiking, camping, fishing, rock climbing, skiing, boating and so much more. These places have a very special place in my heart. Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review," is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and incredible outdoor recreation spots, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honor the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please preserve the designation of Bears Ears National Monument as it currently stands. This monument is exactly what the Antiquities Act was created for and protects unique cultural and archeological resources as well as unparalleled recreational opportunities. Thank you

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Natural beauty in life is limited. We are so fortunate to have such a pristine, beautiful place in nature to enjoy and escape to on a weekend or for a vacation. To get away from it all and enjoy the sunsets here is priceless. Protecting these places in nature should be given top priority. They are fading fast without thought to the future. We should be doing everything we can to keep this place and places like it sacred. I urge you to keep this protected so that we may enjoy it. So that my son may enjoy it. And so that his children may enjoy it. Sincerely, Kim Quapp

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"Dear Secretary Ryan Zinke, I strongly oppose any change in boundaries, status, or classification to any and all of the national monuments under review, especially Bears Ears National Monument, and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Thank you."

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should not be seen or used as a political tool in our present bi-partisan climate. National monuments, parks, and protected lands were created as a way for the citizens of this great country to find common ground in their shared love and appreciation of nature and outdoor activities. Such common ground is now a rare occurrence and therefore so much more precious and deserving of protection. As an avid nature-lover myself, I know the unwritten rule that entering sacred places like Bears Ears requires little more than one's respect for nature and our fellow human beings. In the wide open expanses of our protected lands, there is no room for politics, selfish divisiveness, or petty partisan ploys. Bringing that kind of toxicity into nature often leads to dangerous situations and poor decision making. Enjoying nature within the boundaries of respect and care, in fact, can and does provide perspective for how we conduct ourselves when in the safety of our communities. I have never felt more American - more free, empowered, and self-reliant - than I have while wandering through an America untouched and untainted by the less-appealing American traditions to develop, own, "fix", and exploit. Please leave this national monument and all other federally-protected lands as they are for future generations to learn from, grow in, and love. Our country's people are tearing apart from one another; please do not allow this horror to extend into its land.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

I am writing in response to the Department of the Interior's request for comments on recently formed national monuments. I support the designation of these public lands as national monuments, and encourage the Department to maintain their existing boundaries and improve access for bicycles. Public lands such as national monuments play an instrumental role in supporting outdoor recreation. While these activities, including bike riding, are of personal significance to me as a bike rider, they are also critical to local economies in the communities that surround these monuments. Bike riding alone supports \$88 billion in economic activity and provides \$12 billion in federal, state and local taxes each year. Without quality places to ride on our public lands, these contributions are at serious risk. Some of the monuments that are subject to the Department's review provide bike riding opportunities. Of particular importance are Ironwood Forest (AZ), Sonoran Desert (AZ), Berryessa Snow Mountain (CA), San Gabriel Mountains (CA), Canyons of the Ancients (CO), Basin and Range (NV), Bears Ears (UT) and Grand Staircase-Escalante (UT). New opportunities for riding are also being considered in Sand to Snow (CA), Katahdin Woods (ME), Gold Butte (NV), Rio Grande del Norte (NV) and Cascade Siskiyou (OR). Many of these areas provide unique opportunities to explore cultural and natural resources that cannot be replicated. I encourage the Department to recommend that these lands be maintained as national monuments, and ensure that existing and planned bike riding opportunities in these locations be created and improved. Thank you for considering my comments.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am writing to speak out against the Executive Order that threatens our national monuments. I am particularly writing to address the possibility of the

rescinding of Bears Ears National Monument. You MUST uphold the monuments current boundaries! Bears Ears is a sacred landscape for ALL PEOPLE, including that Native peoples of North America. I am a part of an outfitter that has utilizes Bears Ears National Monument to guide people into deeper connection with their own purpose and to understand their role in serving the earth community as a whole. This land has been instrumental in bringing thousands of contemporary Western people to a deeper understanding of their place within the planetary system, their ancestral heritage, and their gifts of service to the world. Humanity must have wild places in which they can listen to the deeper meanings of life here on earth. The national monuments of this country are the life blood of our souls. My livelihood and that of many others depends on being able to access wild places such as Bears Ears National Monument. Without wild places to guide people into, I would have no way to facilitate my work in the world. Bears Ears is a unique and irreplaceable cultural heritage site that is home to more than 100,000 Native American cultural sites. Bears Ears is also home to irreplaceable wildlife and biodiversity, and is vital to the local economy. For these, and many other reasons, it should be protected for future generations. The future generations are counting on us to preserve the resources, sacred lands, and precious biodiversity that we have inherited from those who came before us. We owe it to them to preserve this land for their lifetimes. YOU MUST leave Bears Ears National Monuments boundaries intact so that future generations will be able to explore, enjoy, and learn from this national treasure. We and the future generations are COUNTING ON YOU! Please do whatever you can to preserve this sacred land.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I strongly oppose any change in boundaries, status, or classification to any and all of the national monuments under review, especially Bears Ears National Monument, and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. Thank you

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**Unit Classifications:**

As a resident of eastern Utah, I want to put my unequivocal support behind President Obama's designation of Bears Ears National Monument. The use of the Antiquities Act to designate such an archaeologically rich area is clearly a reasonable use of this act and an intended consequence of its authors. If there is any area that should be a monument due to its antiquities, it is the Bears Ears area. The designation of this area provides a framework to support the burgeoning visitation driven by the archaeology of the area over the last decade and is supported by a majority of Utahns as well as the 5 sovereign native nations who regard the area as their ancestral home. I have never seen a monument designation with this much public input from communities across the region. We were very disappointed that the "impartial" review of the area by Sec. Zinke was led by and controlled by the most rabid anti-monument politicians in Utah. How can you possibly listen to the many sides of this debate with an open mind when almost all of your movements and interactions were guided by proponents of only one side? The economic impact of this designation extends beyond the communities along its borders. Utah is the most visited state in the union (23.5 million visitors in 2012) and many of those people are here to explore the areas of the Colorado Plateau that have been designated as important to our country through monument and park status. These people stay, eat, and buy in all of our communities throughout rural Utah as they travel to and from these monuments and parks. Study after study shows that money from this visitation reverberates through a community, touching more people's daily lives and standard of living, much longer than the monies associated with extraction and development, which gets put in a pipeline or train and generates profits for the corporations based far away from our area of rural America. I implore you, Sec. Zinke, to do what is right for rural Utahns, the five sovereign native nations who are partners in this monument, and our country. Leave Bears Ears as it is and let it be a place of wonder, awe, and reverence for generations to come.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As an American citizen living in Canada and spending weeks of each year in the USA, I urge you to pay attention to this petition to save critical National Parks and Monuments. As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Americans want national monuments protected for future generations. We want our lands and waters to remain protected. Our national monuments, public lands, and waters define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am appalled that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. This action is unprecedented and something no other president has ever done. Executive Branch actions to reverse, shrink, or otherwise undermine a single monument could jeopardize all monuments and

undermine the legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. The Mojave Trails, Giant Sequoia, San Gabriels and other national monuments in my home state of California are truly some of the treasures of our state. Mojave Trails National Monument, for example, features wonderful desert terrain, the Cadiz Dunes, lava flows, Cambrian and Miocene fossils, as well as important archaeological sites and ancient trading routes. The rich and varied landscape of the Giant Sequoia National Monument holds, as its proclamation accurately noted, a diverse array of scientific, natural, and historic resources including magnificent groves of towering giant sequoias, the world's largest trees, interspersed with a great belt of coniferous forest and important Mountain Meadows. Not only are these monuments incredibly worthy of protection, they bring enormous economic benefits to our state by providing opportunities for recreation and drive our thriving outdoor recreation economy. Additionally, Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review", is a textbook example of priceless historical, cultural, and natural wonders that are protected as national monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites, the monument honors the voices of five tribes who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Sportsmen and women have advocated for the responsible use of the Antiquities Act to protect some of America's finest hunting and fishing areas, including Oregon Mountains - Desert Peaks in New Mexico, Katahdin Woods and Waters in Maine, and Berryessa Snow Mountain in California. These and other areas were protected, in large part, because of support from the sportsmen's community and they are being managed to sustain the traditions of hunting and fishing. Instead of considering changes to existing national monuments, I ask that you seek to set an example for how the Antiquities Act should be used responsibly so that all future Administrations may follow in your footsteps. Sportsmen and women have set an exemplary model for the creation of new monuments that is worthy of your consideration and endorsement. An attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for shared history, culture, and natural treasures are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while sending a signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion dollar outdoor recreation economy. Businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Mojave Trails in California, Bears Ears in Utah, or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for national monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I am very disappointed and concerned that this Executive Order threatens the Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah and dishonors Tribes. Bears Ears was exactly the landscape the Antiquities Act - a law that has been used by 16 Presidents of both parties to safeguard our national treasures - was enacted to protect. I support the Bears Ears National Monument and strongly urge you to uphold the monument's current boundaries. Bears Ears is a sacred landscape with more than 100,000 Native American cultural sites. The proposal to establish it was developed by a coalition of five sovereign Tribal Governments (Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, Ute, and Zuni). The Bears Ears Commission representing these five tribes is proud to steward the Bears Ears National Monument. Bears Ears is also home to scientific wonders, irreplaceable wildlife and biodiversity and recreational opportunities that form a vital base to the local economy. That is why Utahns and Americans across the country like me have agreed it should be protected for future generations. This designation received an enormous amount of careful consideration, including years of listening to stakeholders. Dozens of community meetings and public discussions were held throughout 2016, including a well-attended public meeting with then-Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell in Bluff, Utah. The final monument designation boundaries are very close to what was proposed in the Utah delegation's Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and much smaller (550,000 acres) than the Tribally-led proposal. Please leave Bears Ears National Monument's boundaries intact so that future generations will be able to explore, enjoy, and learn from this national treasure.

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Protect and preserve the Bears Ears National Monument in its entirety as designated under the Antiquities Act. Public lands are the legacy our federal government owns, preserves, and passes down to future generations of Americans. Acquiescing to the fossil fuel industry and mining companies to gain a short term profit will result in a long term decimation of this majestic part of America the beautiful. The far lighter footprint of those who recreate in this vast landscape will allow all of us to continue to be good stewards of this public land. And those who do will contribute to the economy of the area. Please honor the voice of the people who don't have the deep pockets of special interests who have a bigger monetary megaphone. Remember Teddy Roosevelt: "The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased; and not impaired in value."

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A rollback of one of our public lands is an attack on all our public lands. Bears Ears National Monument is a valuable addition to our country's natural and cultural heritage. It deserves our protection along with all the other monuments and public landscapes we have across America. As a citizen, I am extremely concerned that oil and gas drilling, mining, and over-fishing may become more valued than the collective responsibility of Americans to protect our natural resources that have brought millions of Americans a sense of wonder and awe. The places under review are also home to countless endangered and threatened species, as well as sacred Native American legacy. I urge you to keep our national monuments, including Bears Ears, protected and intact.

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review", is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected. - See more at: <https://www.oceanchampions.org/sample-letter-to-the-department-of-the-interior/#sthash.FIU6ghkY.dpuf>

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I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Bears Ears should be RESCINDED!!! A Monument that size should not be designated without the consent and cooperation with the locally elected officials and local communities. Also there should be a consent or designation from Congress for a large Monument. 1.3 million acres is impossible to protect and it is a ridiculous amount of acres.

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I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bears Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bears Ears Monument--that I am writing. The Bears Ears National Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bears Ears National Monument continues.

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Please accept these written comments on Bears Ears National Monument, attached and uploaded as a PDF file.

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Bears Ears National Monument is a national treasure and a statement of the United States' recognition of and respect for tribal sovereignty - a solemn responsibility to Indian nations. To undo or diminish this monument would be a violation of the Trust responsibility and would be inconsistent with the proper care and management of the landscape that makes up the Bears Ears. Indeed, objects identified in the proclamation extend to each reach of the monument's boundaries - rendering its size the smallest necessary to protect these objects as the Antiquities Act demands. As the number of comments that you will receive urging you not to diminish or rescind the Bears Ears National Monument will indicate, the land currently protected by the Monument designation is sacred and precious to millions of Americans. From the recreational community to sportsmen to members of tribes across the Southwest - all find solace and joy in the Bears Ears landscape. Your legacy turns on this decision and I urge you to make it keeping in mind the future generations who will also find healing, adventure, and wonder in these lands. Without the protection that accompanies the Monument designation, the future of these lands is in question. Uranium mining, ill-placed oil and gas leases, and looting all threaten the Monument resources. Of the former, the temporary jobs that may result from the extractive industry are overshadowed by the sustainable and long-term job market and economic boon that will accompany the Monument. And the damage to the landscape that accompanies these industries, particularly uranium with its toxic legacy of contamination across the Southwest, cannot be overstated. Historically, the cost borne by taxpayers to remediate land in the Southwest devastated by extractive industries has far outweighed any temporary benefit these industries brought to our region - this pattern would only be furthered at Bears Ears in absence of the Monument designation. Now is the time to protect this intact wild place for future generations. Turning to looting, many have noted that monument designations may bring more visitors to this region, increasing disturbance at cultural sites. However, his age has already dawned as a result of technology that enables pinpointed GPS locations of kivas and panels to be distributed on the internet. Now is the time to increase management and to dedicate federal resources to preventing looters and vandals from desecrating the treasures of Bears Ears before it is too late. Finally, I write to express my support for the Bears Ears National Monument process. Representative Bishop's Public Land Initiative entirely lacked the good-faith, reach across the aisle, spirit of compromise spirit that was required to make such an effort successful. In absence of a workable solution from Representative Bishop, the previous administration took remarkable steps to hear concerns of the Southeastern Utah community - including numerous site visits, official meetings with policy-makers, and a public meeting in Bluff, Utah. This is a far stretch from a midnight designation and it is a disservice to those who have fought 80 years to protect this landscape to name it as such. In conclusion and as you consider your legacy as the Secretary of the Interior and as a keeper of the Trust responsibility to sovereign tribal nations, I urge you to uphold the Bears Ears National Monument with its current boundaries and its current management structure.

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Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it hurts one of our nations most incredible landscapes. Our public lands are vital to our national legacy, which belongs not only to us, but also to all future Americans. These are the wild places we lovewhere we run, hike, camp, ski, fish, climb and spend important time with our friends and families. Theyre economically beneficial to our local communities, and to our nation as a whole.Please protect these lands.

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Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America.Don't do it!

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Bears Ears National Monument must be protected.For years, Tribal Nations with ancestral and spiritual ties to the 1.35 million acres that make up BearsEars have fought to protect these lands. The value of Bears Ears lies in its long history as a sacred placefor he Navajo, Hopi, Ute Mountain Ute, Ute Indian, and Pueblo of Zuni.Bears Ears is vital to tribal communities across the Colorado Plateau as a place of subsistence,spirituality, and healing. These lands are home to tens of thousands of important cultural sites, includingthe cliff dwellings, villages, and rock art panels of the Ancestral Puebloan people. This magnificentlandscape, rich in biodiversity and of critical importance to the Colorado River Basin upon which 40million people rely, must remain pristine and accessible for generations to come.The Department of the Interior's review of Bears Ears sets a dangerous precedence and undermines therights of these Tribal Nations. On your first day as Secretary of the Interior, you said you would "doeverything in my power to ensure respect to the sovereign Indian Nations and territories." Here is yourfirst opportunity to do so. Please stand with Bears Ears.

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Utah Does Not Support Bears EarsI have been watching the activity regarding this National Monument since learning that it could be enacted by President Obama. It is very discouraging that such Monuments can be established with no input from the citizens of the State that is affected. I wish to add my voice in opposition to such a move for the following reasons 1) there was no open forum/discussion/vote taken regarding this ac ion, 2) citizens, and especially native Americans, have rights to this land that are being trampled upon, 3) the area designated is well beyond the size limitations that are currently in place, 4) this designation will bring more visitors to the area who will desecrate the sacred and archaeology sites that are hidden there, and 5) its designation and the land involved is being driven by individuals outside the State of Utah who do not appreciate or understand the rights of the citizens of the State.Utah appreciates very much the interest of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Secretary Ryan Zinke for his visit to the site and hopes that he now has a better understanding of the issues and will either rescind the enactment or drama ically reduce the size of this monument along with the other monuments in the State of Utah hat have been recently enacted.

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Please preserve Bears Ears National Monument.

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Greetings Secretary Zinke, Congratulations on your recent appointment to serve as the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. And thank you for providing a public comment period for citizens to present their input regarding President Trump's executive order to review certain national monument designations. I have been working with the National Park Service as a seasonal employee for the past five years, four of those years in the western states of Utah, Idaho and California. I lived and worked last season (2016) at Natural Bridges National Monument, (NABR). As you know from your recent trip, NABR is situated five miles from the pair of buttes that define the Bears Ears Monument and is essentially at the heart of the 1.35 million acre monument. During my six month stay at NABR, I explored and visited many of the areas within the Bears Ears Monument. I had the unique experience to work with local residents and meet and interact with many residents of San Juan county and the region. When I moved to NABR, I knew very little about the 1.9 million acre Bears Ears tribal proposal and made an effort to learn more about it while remaining open minded as to the outcome. I would like to share with you my observations that convinced me to support the current monument designation. First off, I believe it was a wise choice that Secretary Jewell and the DOI decided to reduce the size of the original proposed monument from 1.9 to 1.35 million acres. Removing the 580,000 acre Abajo Mountain region of the Manti-La-Sal National Forest was a significant concession for those opposing the monument. This section, I believe, was the most contentious area for the residents of Blanding and Monticello on account of it being essentially "in their back yard" and the most heavily used area of the proposed monument for hunting, wood gathering, and recreation. It is also the region that provides the water supply to both of the communities. Locals were concerned about the potential additional government control and management of these water sources. As for public input, I consider there were ample opportunities for this with numerous meetings and public hearings including the four day visit in July 2016 from Secretary Jewell and the delegation representing the NPS, BLM and Forest Service. A common complaint among the locals was their opposition to the "outsiders and environmentalists" that we're attending and influencing public hearings and offering support for the monument. They felt strongly that the use of this land in question should be up to the residents of San Juan County and those living in Utah. Much of this land has been federally owned and managed for over a hundred years, the result of Teddy Roosevelt's effort to establish 230 million acres of public lands that he helped establish during his presidency. The idea was to conserve forests and lands for continued use and insure the sustainability of those resources. It is my opinion that ALL citizens of the United States should have a say in how these lands in question are managed and used. I consider the vast tracts of public lands in the west to be owned and accessible by the entire American public. What I found to be discouraging was the amount of misinformation that was published and presented, primarily from those opposing the monument, but also from those in support of it. The propagation and repetition of misinformation made it difficult and in some cases, impossible to have constructive conversations to form factual opinions on what the designation would result in. Here are a sampling: 1. With the proposed monument, the government is going to make it a wilderness area, restricting motorized access, closing the roads, not allowing wood harvesting, hunting, grazing, herb gathering, or resource extraction. 2. Many false claims were made about the supposedly imposed restrictions in the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Canyon of the Ancients monuments. I spent time in both of these monuments. Both are managed by the BLM and allow hunting, grazing, mining, wood harvesting, herb collecting and are accessible by many forms of motorized and non-motorized travel. 3. Concern that Native Americans will be restricted in participating in traditional and ancestral activities throughout Bears Ears. In my four seasons working at NPS monuments and parks in the west, I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with hundreds of American and international visitors. I've heard first hand of the impacts their visits to our scenic and diverse public lands have had on them. The overwhelming majority consider our parks, monuments, and public lands to be one of America's greatest treasures and have high regards to those that have come before us that had the foresight to preserve these precious lands. Thank you for taking the time to read my views and comments. I wish you well as Secretary of the Interior and supporting the mission of the DOI. Dean Talbott Duluth, MN

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I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the revaluation of our National Monuments, including Bear Ears. The entire concept of preserving natural lands for the enjoyment of all citizens, in perpetuity, is a uniquely American idea. Our national park system is envied by countries across the globe and enjoys overwhelming support here at home, regardless of political leanings or trends. In perpetuity, is the central pillar on which this reputation lies. Opening up any national monument, park, or historic site to review and loss of status threatens the fundamental basis of our parks. Without that guarantee of in perpetuity, we lose what makes our public lands the envy of the world and the birth right of countless future Americans. Please do not risk destroying one of the universally praised gifts of America to its citizens and the world for short term political and monetary gain. Bear Ears was created after extensive public discourse and consideration; it was not made in haste. It deserves to remain part of our National Park System, and this system deserves to have its founding promise of in perpetuity protected by our government.

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Last year, in honor of my thirtieth birthday, and the centennial of America's National Parks system, I decided to try and visit thirty national park sites (including national parks, monuments, historic sites, military parks, battlefields, etc) in one year. Having grown up in the great state of Utah, my childhood and adolescence consisted of regular visits to all of its national park sites for recreation and enjoyment. My most formative memories

consist of mountain biking and river rafting the White Rim Trail in Canyonlands National Park, camping and hiking in Grand Escalante National Monument and what is now Bears Ears National Monument, traveling our entire great state from north, south, east and west to experience its treasured lands and cultural sites. On these many adventures in the wilderness, my father and mother taught us to always leave the land better than we found it, to leave no trace, and to respect the land and its inhabitants, great and small. Our NPS park rangers helped us learn more about the biodiversity of the desert lands and mountain vegetation, how to safely enjoy our time outdoors, and why these treasured lands were set aside and protected--so that future generations would have the opportunity to experience the land in as undisturbed a state as possible. For my "thirty for thirty" challenge, I wanted to re-visit these incredible Utah sites, but also see what other treasured lands and sites of importance existed across America. I didn't quit my day job to do it, but over the course of the year my husband and I were able to visit ten national parks: Acadia, Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Canyonlands, Arches, Joshua Tree, Haleakala, and Hawaii Volcanoes; eight national monuments: Cabrillo, Cedar Breaks, Timpanogos Caves, African Burial Grounds, Castle Clinton, Governor's Island, Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty, and Pipe Springs; and twelve other national parks sites: Federal Hall, Minute Man Historical Park, Weir Farm, Adams NHS, Kennedy NHS, Frederick Law Olmsted House, Tupelo Battlefield, Longfellow House NHS, New Bedford NHS, Kaloko-Honokohau NHP, Pu'uhonua O Hanaunau NHP, and Pu'ukohol Heiau NHS. We hiked over 200 miles, gained and lost over 19,000 feet of elevation, traveled to ten different states, brought family and friends to journey with us, and met countless new and interesting people along the way. Each and every site helped us to learn more about our country's rich and diverse history, and I was continually delighted to come away from our visits with greater understanding of how our national fabric was woven together. Seeing the care and pride that each NPS employee took in tending to their sites instilled in me a sense of unmatched patriotism for my country. That men and women would dedicate their lives so that fellow Americans and world citizens could experience pristine, unique, unparalleled beauty and culturally significant places humbled me to my core and, in the midst of a politically tumultuous and fractious year, gave me hope that our nation's principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness would endure for generations to come. I hope that the national monuments currently in question can remain as they are--the land is precious and fragile, and without the protection of some of our nation's finest caretakers, I fear that they will not remain the treasured, hallowed places of sanctuary and solitude that they are now for so many living creatures, great and small.

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As a volunteer with the Trust for Public Land, I wish to register my concern with President Trump's executive order attempting to undermine our national monuments. Our public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. I understand that you are doing an expedited review of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, whose priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders are exactly what should be permanently protected as a National Monument. Monument status for Bears Ears protects 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain -- these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, a threat to one monument is a threat to them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please maintain full protections for Bears Ear Monument. The area protects thousands of cultural and archaeological sites with tribal artifacts that are vulnerable to looting (more than 100,00 archaeological sites according to Science). The additional law enforcement from the monument help keep fossil thieves and artifact thieves at bay and provide funds for necessary education. The monument designation already dropped the Red Canyon from its final boundary. There is a history of tension in the designation of monuments. Yet the Grand Canyon, which faced strife during its designation, is now one of the most popular and renowned tourist destinations in the world. The Grand Staircase, initially opposed by local interests, now has strong support by local business leaders. Monuments are not bad for local economies, but inertia is. Bears Ears has support from a wide range of groups: environmentalist, sportsmen, business leaders, and tribes, while facing resistance from some local parties. However, Bears Ears monument can become welcomed by local parties and can help with the local economy. Please conserve Bears Ear Monument as it is. One of the best records the US has of the era of the rise of dinosaurs.

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**Unit Classifications:**

The lands and oceanic territories which have wisely been designated in the past as national monuments and treasures by Republican and Democratic Presidents and administrations alike, after serious and prolonged thought, consideration, and a prolonged period of public comment, should not now be re-considered for removal of federal protections. If anything, the need for federal preservation and protection of these remarkable areas of historical, cultural, Tribal, natural, environmental and recreational interest has increased as development and consumption of these pristine areas have escalated at an alarming rate. The present administration has the ability to leave a lasting positive legacy by continuing the BI-PARTISAN legacies of the past administrations in setting aside these areas for the benefit of each private citizen of the United States. Please do NOT disturb the protected status of either Bears Ears National Monument or any of the other 25 areas under consideration. Thank you, and your heirs thank you.

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Our public lands are vital to our national legacy. They're economically beneficial to our local communities, and to our nation as a whole. I support the Bears Ears National Monument and don't want to see its boundaries changed.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. I struggle to understand the value of turning the treasures of the United States into short-term profits. The idea of National monuments is to protect a natural beauty for future generations to enjoy. Clearly as a race, mankind has already done enough damage to this planet.

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**Unit Classifications:**

National Monuments have many important benefits, not least of which is that they are an integral part of American heritage. In addition, they provide both economically-important travel and tourism jobs and environmentally-important habitat preserves. Reducing or eliminating these national treasures would be a short-sighted travesty, with negative long-term economic consequences. For these reasons, among others, I strongly oppose any efforts to reduce or eliminate any of the U.S. National Monuments, including, but not limited to: Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs, Katahdin Woods and Waters.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I write in support of preserving the boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument and all national monuments. As a college student I was fortunate to travel to Southwest Utah and visit some of the sites of antiquity now incorporated in Bears Ears Monument. While I had learned in school that our nation's story was older than 1492, it wasn't until seeing the tangible prehistoric resources in that region that I truly connected to this past. It was a formative experience for me and one I want my children and their children to enjoy. I also believe that we should be highly deferential to the majority view among tribes who have deep ancestral connections to the Bears Ears region. As a Christian I would be deeply offended by any efforts to reduce protection for sites sacred to my faith. From its earliest days, our Republic has aspired to tolerate all religious views, which makes me proud to be American. The tribes that value Bears Ears deserve our commitment to protect places on public lands that have great meaning in their traditions. Finally, I strongly urge you to advise in your forthcoming report that it is Congress and only Congress who holds the power to revise boundaries of existing National Monuments. The Antiquities Act provides only a limited delegation of power to protect places of great importance on America's public lands. Any executive action to reduce protections for monuments would defy Congress's original intent to protect these cultural treasures. I deeply appreciate your consideration of these comments.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument needs to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I am writing to express my deep concern for the future of America's national monuments. The network of protected, publicly-owned lands in this country is, in my opinion, America's greatest asset, and represents the very best of American values. These lands provide sustainable economic benefits to the surrounding communities, outstanding, healthy, and affordable vacation options for families, and preserve unique ecological systems and cultural relics. Many national monuments have since been turned into national parks, which are critical to the economies of many states, including Utah. Under the current administration, the future of America's national monuments is at risk. Two national monuments facing an imminent

threat are Grand Staircase-Escalante and the newly formed Bears Ears. The most memorable experiences in my life have taken place exploring these wilderness regions. I first visited Utah a decade ago; these locations captured my imagination and my heart, and I have returned every year since. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument provides world-class recreational opportunities. I have experienced the solitude of Coyote Gulch, the grandeur of the Golden Cathedral, and the exhilaration of exploring Peekaboo and Spooky Canyons. Further, over its twenty years of existence, Grand Staircase-Escalante has afforded many significant paleontological and archeological finds. Bears Ears National Monument is also an American treasure. Here, I have hiked to native ruins, explored tributaries to the White Canyon, and more recently, backpacked part of Grand Gulch. I was privileged to witness firsthand the extensive network of archeological sites and the beautiful wilderness landscape. In addition to the environmental and recreational opportunities offered, this monument preserves critical cultural sites and artifacts of the indigenous peoples. In fact, the monument was created in consultation with a coalition of native groups; regarding future decisions affecting the monument, the intent was always to continue this collaboration. Significantly, a recent recommendation from this coalition was to add over six hundred thousand acres to this protected area, indicating that Bears Ears National Monument should be increased in size, not reduced. Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears are national treasures, which belong to all Americans, and to future generations. In Utah and other western states, huge swaths of public lands have been turned over for industrial development. To do the same with these national monuments would be not just short-sighted, but a true travesty, denying future generations their rightful heritage. Once these lands and all they have to offer are gone, they are gone forever. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Bears Ears Monument must be preserved. And the polls indicate that in Utah alone, this opinion is held by the majority of citizens. Any action other than expanding these beautiful and economically valuable national monuments does great disservice to the public at large. Historically, decisions to preserve land have been decisions which have yielded greater dividends to the population. I implore you to fight to maintain these national monuments for the benefit of all Americans.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As a member of the strong outdoors community within this country, I implore you to not review the 27 national monuments whose futures are currently at stake. Please remember the following:- The national monuments under review, specifically Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante and several others were designated after extensive local input and review.- The national monuments under review have provided numerous benefits to the surrounding communities, including economic benefits associated with outdoor recreation, travel and tourism.- Net job loss due to monument designations is demonstrably false. In fact, monument designations have clearly resulted in net job gains in local communities.- Protection of America's public lands, including the national monuments under review, are critical to supporting 7.6 million American jobs that drive an \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy.- Revisions to already designated national monuments is a direct threat to the surrounding local economies and to the vitality of those communities. These places are a vital part of our country and to lose them would be a devastating loss.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am commenting today to tell you that is absolutely integral to the well being of our economy, society, culture, and environment to keep all National Monuments under review as National Monuments, maintaining their current protections and land uses. I have spent all of my short life thus far recreating on these National Monuments. Places like Vermillion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Grand Canyon-Parashant, and Bears Ears have been very special places in my life. I have camped, hiked, rock climbed, and more countless times on these lands. I have had incredible times with loved ones on these lands. They are an escape and a home of sorts. You know what it is like to form key memories and spend times integral for your growth in these places, and it would be heart-breaking to see National Monuments across the country dismantled. But my selfish reasons aside, there is a whole lot more reason to maintaining National Monuments all around the country. For all of the years and years of hard work it took to make these places - comprehensive economic, social, cultural, environmental reviews; countless community meetings, public comments, and more - to be written off after just a few months of review: that is just disgraceful and completely inadequate. These National Monuments hold incredible importance for local communities. They create jobs, bolster the economy, protect our environment upon which we depend for life, and preserve cultural heritage that is so important to understanding our story and ourselves as Americans, whether that is Native Americans or immigrants. All of these reasons alone are enough to preserve National Monuments, let alone all of them together. People come from all over the world to see these important places. That says so much about how important National Monuments are to not only our economy, environment, and culture, but also to our international identity. They help form relationships between us and other nations because the beauty that they hold is universal. I hope you take all of these comments into account and come to the decision that is right for ALL Americans and our land that we depend on. Thank you for your time and consideration of my comment.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am writing in STRONG support of Bears Ears National Monument. I do not want to see its boundaries changed. These protected public lands are an essential part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. In your new role as Secretary of the Interior, you must support protecting our public lands and stand up for tribal sovereignty, not consider rolling back protections for places like Bears Ears National Monument. On your first day in office, you said that you will "do everything in my power to ensure respect to the sovereign Indian Nations and territories." Keep your word and protect Bears Ears! Also protect our other National Monuments! These are essential to our culture and heritage! Do not let U.S. citizens down!

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**Unit Classifications:**

I am requesting that you please protect the following monuments: Arizona Ironwood Forest Grand Canyon-Parashant Sonoran Desert Vermilion Cliffs Atlantic Ocean Northeast Canyons and Seamounts California Berryessa Snow Mountain Carrizo Plain Giant Sequoia Mojave Trails Sand to Snow San Gabriel Mountains Colorado Canyons of the Ancients Idaho Craters of the Moon Maine Katahdin Woods and Waters Montana Upper Missouri River Breaks Nevada Basin and Range Gold Butte New Mexico Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Rio Grande del Norte Oregon Cascade Siskiyou Pacific Ocean Marianas Trench, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Pacific Remote Islands Papahānaumokuākea, Hawaii Rose Atoll, American Samoa Utah Bears Ears Grand Staircase-Escalante Washington Hanford Reach This is essential to AMERICANS and individuals WORLDWIDE!

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

I strongly oppose the rescinding or reducing of the Bears Ears Monument designation. I support the Hopi, Navajo, Ute and Pueblo of Zuni peoples desire to protect this area, which contains extremely important, culturally significant archaeological sites. This is one of the sites of the ancient Puebloan culture, and the dwelling place of their ancestors, who inhabited this landscape for at least 2,000 years. Many of these sites have been desecrated by illegal pothunting, vandalism and artifact collecting. The National Monument designation will bring needed resources to enforce existing laws and regulations, as well as educate the public about the importance of these beautiful cultural resources. In addition, a preserved Bears Ears will also serve to protect clean water and wildlife habitat. As such, it will also contribute to the local outdoor recreation economy which is so important to Utah. It produces \$856 million in state and local tax revenue as well as \$3.6 billion in wages and salaries yearly, and supports 122,000 jobs in Utah. The new monument would also have great potential to spur economic growth in the surrounding areas. For all of these reasons, I strongly urge the Administration not overturn or reduce the size of the 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument designation.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please protect Bears Ears.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman  
**Unit Classifications:**

I strongly urge you to protect Bears Ears and keep its designation as a national monument. National monuments are utilized by a diversity of people and cultures engaging in various types of outdoor recreation, with notable mental and physical benefits to Americans as a result. Additionally, there are significant economic benefits to the local community. Outdoor recreation is one of the biggest industries in the country, and can only be sustained when our wild places are kept protected. Rescinding or reducing the Bears Ears National Monument designation would put the value of these areas for outdoor recreation, and the economic benefits that come from it, at risk for generations to come.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Secretary Zinke, I urge you to Honor Tribes, Honor our Sacred Earth and lands and Honor Bears Ears by leaving ALL of this land protected as said 12/28/2016 designated monument. Bears Ears Monument designation was requested by and granted to affected Tribes in the protecting of our sacred ancestral homelands. Not only is this a request of Tribal members and representatives, but of MANY others throughout the State of Utah, as well as nationally and internationally. It is OUR DUTY to protect Mother Earth for not only our generation, but FUTURE generations - our children and grandchildren and, so on. This is SACRED, Native land deserving of protection. Salt Lake City, Utah currently has the worst air quality in the nation. Focus needs to be on natural energy - wind and solar, NOT coal, NOT pipelines pumping poison through our communities. It is not a question of 'if' this will happen in the protected area, but 'when'. Consequently, it will not be a question of 'if' a pipeline will burst and destroy the protected, sacred land, but also 'when'. Pro-rescind constituents repeated the weak reasoning that this is a poor community, the poorest county in the State. Bears Ears National Monument was proclaimed on December 28, 2016. The designation did not make this a poor county, if in fact it is the 'poorest' in the State. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument has proven to bring positive economic expansion. Bears Ears National Monument can do the same. Utah has LOST MILLIONS due to even a threat of rescinding the designation by the loss of Outdoor Retailers and will only continue to lose millions more. This is reality. Rescinding this monument most importantly retracts governmental promises (again, as historically) to Native peoples. It is time to change a sad reality of governmental disregard to this country's NATIVE PEOPLES AND LANDS. The few who have claimed to represent a Nation of Native Americans DO NOT represent the majority. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT. LEAVE BEARS EARS MONUMENT AS DESIGNATED, FULLY AND RESPECTFULLY.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Keep all of our National Monuments intact as they are now!!! All of these places were designated after extensive public comment and due process. They greatly benefit local economies and are gifts to future Americans of all descriptions. And they represent the highest and most eternal American ideals, a tremendous boon to our heritage going back to Teddy Roosevelt. Specifically, this comment is in support of Bears Ears in Utah, Katahdin Woods and Waters in Maine, Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks in New Mexico, Grand Canyon- Parashant in Arizona, Cascade Siskiyou in Oregon, Canyons of the Ancients in Colorado, and Giant Sequoia in California PLUS all of the National Monuments on land and in Marine areas. To be clear, I strongly urge the full protection and no shrinkage of ALL the following National Monuments: Bears Ears, Katahdin Woods and Waters Basin and Range, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs, Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, Rose Atoll

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep the Bears Ears National Monument designated as such. The area is the main reason I travel to Utah, and if it is left unprotected and developed at some future point, a great natural area will be lost.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Please consider a compromise to support both sides of this debate on the future of this beautiful National Monument. As a rancher I understand the need to provide food for the masses but to forfeit the natural beauty and history of the Bears Ears National Monument seems to be a travesty for our future generations.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument is a valuable addition to our country's natural and cultural heritage. It deserves our protection along with all the other monuments and public landscapes we have across America.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

The boundaries of Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument should be maintained and those of Bears Ears expanded!

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bears' Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bears' Ears National Monument--that I am writing. The Bears' Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. As a University Educator who manages a large archaeology program at a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, I know firsthand how the Bears' Ears Monument can be a positive resource for education, outreach, and the preservation of cultural heritage. At New Mexico State University, we have had numerous students complete the requirements for their B.A. and M.A. degrees through investigation of archaeological sites, development of museum exhibits, critical examination of Native American cultural representation and appropriation, and by delivering extension and outreach programs to K-12 students and teachers and the public, which involved cultural resources located on the Bears' Ears National Monument. The cultural resources on the Bears' Ears National Monument contain prehistoric

astronomical information of vital importance to Native American and Hispanic descendant communities. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of the Bears Ears National Monument continues.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears a national monument.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Tell the Department of the Interior why you love Bears Ears and want it to remain protected. Your comment will be delivered to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). I visited bears ears on vacation and I cannot imagine future generations not being able to enjoy the area in the same way I did.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument is a national treasure that belongs to all Americans and honors Tribes. I stand with the historic coalition of sovereign tribal nations in asking you to respect the Bears Ears National Monument boundary and leave this historic designation fully in tact. The public outreach process leading to designation of Bears Ears National Monument was fully adequate. The Bears Ears National Monument designation was based on rigorous cultural mapping, dozens of community meetings, years of dialogue with county, state, and congressional leaders, and a day-long public listening session in San Juan County hosted by federal officials. Coordination with tribal, state, and local governments and other stakeholders was extensive and ongoing. Bears Ears National Monument entirely fulfills the requirements and objectives of the Antiquities Act. The Bears Ears living cultural landscape is exactly the type of area that the Antiquities Act was enacted to protect, and protection of these cultural resources is essential to Tribes.

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As a member of the American Motorcyclist Association and an off-highway vehicle recreation enthusiast, I applaud the U.S. Department of the Interior for the opportunity to comment on its review of certain National Monuments designated or expanded since 1996 under the American Antiquities Act of 1906, to implement Executive Order 13792 of April 26. I, along with the AMA, support the review as a way to determine whether some monument designations included more land than necessary as defined by the Act. I also believe presidents should solicit input from the public before making such designations, even though the law does not require it. I oppose sweeping monument designations by administrations that fail to consider input from all stakeholders. Such designations can restrict or eliminate opportunities for responsible off-highway motorized recreation on public lands and negatively affect the economies of the communities surrounding the monuments. The Antiquities Act grants the president authority to designate national monuments to protect "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures and other objects of historic or scientific interest" that are on federal lands. The law limits the size of the designations to "the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Previous administrations have used the broadly defined stipulations of the Antiquities Act to create monument designations. Unfortunately, these broad designations have closed larger-than-necessary territories that were previously used for wholesome recreation, such as responsible motorized recreation that supports small business and local economies. The designation of National Monuments on public lands may reduce or end access for responsible motorized recreation. Designations can be made that will benefit all groups, as long as these groups are given the opportunity to contribute their perspectives. Excerpts from an AMA guest blog written by Cliff Koontz address the Grand Staircase-Escalante, Canyons of the Ancients and Bears

Bears Ears National Monuments. Koontz is the executive director of Ride with Respect, a nonprofit organization based in Moab, Utah, that conserves shared-use recreation through trail work and education. Koontz states, "The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument closed half of the existing routes open to motorized recreation. The federal land managers even prohibited off-highway motorcyclists from riding the graded, gravel roads." He added, "Fortunately, the affected county asserted its jurisdiction over those roads, but not before having to fight the federal land managers in court." At the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Koontz says, federal land managers first closed the single-track trails, then prohibited motorcycles from "motorcycle trails" that actually were roads for four-wheeled vehicles. Those roads are a far cry from the actual single-track trails they had closed to responsible recreation." For the new Bears Ears National Monument, Koontz states, it "encircles many 4WD roads, ATV trails and motorcycle trails where Ride with Respect has worked. ... If history is any guide, these routes will eventually be closed due to the national monument status, despite the fact that we've made them sustainable, not to mention that they avoid archaeological sites." However, the AMA believes some previous monument designations go beyond the "requirements and original objectives of the Act." Moreover, these designations did not consider the multiple-use policy of section 102(a)(7) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701(1)(7)). The AMA and I support the protection of our national treasures by using a process that involves state officials, local stakeholders, governors and Congress. Again, I applaud the Interior Department for seeking public comments on its review of certain National Monuments.

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I am writing in response to the Department of the Interior's request for comments on recently formed national monuments. I support the designation of these public lands as national monuments, and encourage the Department to maintain their existing boundaries and improve access for bicycles. Public lands such as national monuments play an instrumental role in supporting outdoor recreation. While these activities, including bike riding, are of personal significance to me as a bike rider, they are also critical to local economies in the communities that surround these monuments. Bike riding alone supports \$88 billion in economic activity and provides \$12 billion in federal, state and local taxes each year. Without quality places to ride on our public lands, these contributions are at serious risk. Some of the monuments that are subject to the Department's review provide bike riding opportunities. Of particular importance are Ironwood Forest (AZ), Sonoran Desert (AZ), Berryessa Snow Mountain (CA), San Gabriel Mountains (CA), Canyons of the Ancients (CO), Basin and Range (NV), Bears Ears (UT) and Grand Staircase-Escalante (UT). New opportunities for riding are also being considered in Sand to Snow (CA), Katahdin Woods (ME), Gold Butte (NV), Rio Grande del Norte (NV) and Cascade Siskiyou (OR). Many of these areas provide unique opportunities to explore cultural and natural resources that cannot be replicated. I encourage the Department to recommend that these lands be maintained as national monuments, and ensure that existing and planned bike riding opportunities in these locations be created and improved. Thank you for considering my comments.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Hi, I am a resident of the four-corners region, and an owner of four small businesses-- a cafe, a bookstore, a production company and a guitar store-- and I feel very strongly that preserving the Bears Ears National Monument is the best possible course of action for our region and for the western US. This landscape is not only unique in North America, but very fragile and must be carefully preserved. Tourism within our region is a critical part of our economies, and it is for the unique geological features that tourists visit. Please keep the designation of National Monument on this extraordinary and precious area.

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Bears Ears National Monument must remain fully protected as a National Monument. Bears Ears must be protected from mineral leasing and other development. Bears Ears houses over 100,000 archeological sites, encapsulating rich American history. Protection as National Monument can provide protection from looting of these sites. Also, protection of Bears Ears strengthens Utah's recreation economy, including bike riding and climbing. Bears Ears is a unique area that shouldn't be ruined by fracking wells and other development. Protecting the viewshed is essential in preserving a slice of the epic natural beauty of America, of which there is less and less. Protect Bears Ears from mineral leasing and development. Preserve Bears Ears National Monument as originally intended, as an unmarked jewel of America.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation.

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I ask that as you consider the future of Bears Ears, you think about the thousands of years that humans have lived on this landscape in a sustainable manner. They knew the value of protecting the resources so that future generations could continue living here. I also ask that you think of the future generations of modern Americans, and allow this land to remain protected so that we may continue to enjoy these lands through recreation, hunting, and other traditional uses, without the threat of destruction from extractive industries. The vast area protected under the Antiquities Act known as Bears Ears National Monument allows the landscape to function as a whole, without fragmentation from development. Removing these protections will threaten the existence of many species of wildlife, as well as the unique geologic and other natural aspects of the land. Human history on this continent is tied to this landscape, which continues to be a source of spiritual and physical renewal for current and hopefully future generations. It is my belief, as someone who has witnessed the canyons, forests, cliff dwellings, and wildlife of this Monument that it should remain as is, and be protected as Bears Ears National Monument.

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Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it hurts one of our nations most incredible landscapes. Our public lands are vital to our national legacy, which belongs not only to us, but also to all future Americans. These are the wild places we love where we run, hike, camp, ski, fish, climb and spend important time with our friends and families. They're economically beneficial to our local communities, and to our nation as a whole.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please keep it protected!

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This pdf document contains 20 postcards from people who support of the Bears Ears National Monument. Utah Din Bikyah spent the past seven years working with local Native American community members to document and research cultural values and uses across San Juan County in the writing of the Bears Ears proposal. Furthermore, we have requested meetings to introduce you to local people, deliver cultural data, and introduce you to the more than 70 elders who wrote the proposal. To our knowledge, you did not visit southern San Juan County, or meet with any of the community leaders or elders who will be most affected by changes to the monument boundary and/or status.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations. We need to take better care of what is left of our environment.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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I grew up in Southern Utah. I got to experience a magic on a daily basis that few do in their lives--unfettered access to some of the most beautiful public lands in the world. Hiking through deep canyons, on top of towering mesas, and through dusty flat lands filled with flowering cacti and sage brush have left an imprint on me that I will never be able to leave behind. Being in the middle of the desert is perhaps the most serene sensation I know. Being hundreds of miles from development, car motors, and noise makes one humble. It drives the realization that you are part of some magnificently huge whole. It fuels the imagination and invigorates your spirit. It's one of the most special things that I know, and it saddens me to see our desert under threat of privatization and development. A public monument designation protects our access to land, and protects the land from the

hustle and bustle of development. It's the remoteness, the wildness of the land that makes it special. Developing it will ruin the magic for generations to come. I remember a camping trip I took in Dark Canyon when I was a young child. It's a really neat place--the cryptobiotic soil there has built castles taller than I have seen anywhere else. Why? Because there has never been cattle grazing, and it has been a remote wilderness destination with little developed access. It's a gem in the middle of the desert. It's just as special as the Amazon, simply a different biotope. My memory of it sticks with me. To this day, I see a developed patch of crypto, and I think back to the dark canyon wilderness, where the crypto grew as tall as my shin. It's such an emotional topic. It deeply saddens me to think that we may destroy the area that is so close to my heart. We need to leave the monument designation intact. This land deserves our respect and admiration. I want to preserve the experience that I had for my children, for my peers, and even for you. The environment is under threat as well. Preserving large swaths of land is vital to keeping our planet beautiful and healthy, with diverse fauna and flora. Every oil pipeline, derrick and road disrupts habitat, causes unnatural erosion, and scars the otherwise pristine vista. Leave our wild lands wild, our public lands public. Do not sell, auction or lease our land for development. Keep it as it is, cherish and protect it, take your children camping and expose them to the magic that is our planet. Let us not be a scourge upon this planet, let us be its steward. I fully support the Bears Ears National Monument designation. Leave it wild, leave it free. (Don't build roads and buildings)

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. Do the right thing.

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**Unit Classifications:**

As a supporter of conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Protect Bears Ears National Monument

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Keep Bears Ears a National Monument!

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

It is deeply distressing that this Review of Certain National Monuments is really an effort to turn over protected lands to the fossil fuel industry and other high-bidding development interests. Bears Ears is sacred ancestral land that must be protected for its spiritual integrity and traditional cultural uses that are customary to the Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, Uintah and Ouray Ute, Hopi, Zuni and other Southwestern tribes. It is no secret, however, that this area lies near where the Texas company EOG Resources has been approved to drill. As a Native American person and Indigenous peoples' advocate, I strongly oppose this attempt to sell off our cultural heritage, national parks, public lands, and oceans to appease outdated industry that is destroying our environment. Many of these national monuments exist in sensitive areas where Native American and other local citizens are living in a state of climate change emergency. We consider this an attack on our lands and our people who have been stewards in preservation of the earth and water for thousands of years. It is imperative that the Department maintain the designation of these public lands as national monuments. For the sake of our future generations, do not sell out and continue contributing to the devastating degradation of these lands.

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I am writing you today to support preserving the current National Monuments as created by past Presidents under the Antiquities Act. Specifically, I support keeping Bears Ears as a National Monument. As an avid outdoorsman, I have visited Bears Ears many times in my life and believe it is a special place that deserves the highest level of protection. As a climber, I have visited Indian Creek on many occasions to climb the red rock walls and explore the unique canyons. As a boater, I recently enjoyed rafting the San Juan River with my family and felt fortunate to share the experience with my children who are just now discovering the dramatic desert landscapes for the first time. Following our river trip, we were fortunate enough to tour Hovenweep National Monument and see ancient ruins similar to those protected in Bears Ears and marvel at their living connection to the past occupants of the region. I feel that for all of these recreational and historical reasons, not to mention the significance to local tribes, Bears Ears and similarly designated Monuments must continue to be protected as Monuments. It seems that there was appropriate support found for the Monument through comments and studies conducted before the designation to warrant its continued preservation in this manner. I do not have faith that it would be as well protected if it were to revert back to mostly BLM lands. I furthermore believe that the State of Utah would do even less to protect the area on any lands that would revert back to state control. As a Coloradan, I have traveled often to the National Parks and Monuments in Utah and feel that the State receives a substantial economic gain due in part to these special places and the tourism monies they receive. I feel that this is just another reason to not revoke the Bears Ears National Monument. Although I respect the need for US energy independence I believe it must not come at too high a price, and too high a price is permanent damage to the remaining precious natural resources that our country must protect for its citizens and all of the future generations of citizens to come. Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts on this issue and for accepting my comments.

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Monuments such as Bears Ears National Monument, Vermillion Cliffs National Monument, and the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument protect some of the most historic and beautiful land in the United States. This land belongs to the American people, and should not be sold off to developers or for mining operations. These places are more valuable to our culture, our society - and not to mention, our ECONOMY - if they are protected and preserved for all to enjoy. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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Please Write Your Comment Here: Please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument. Thank you.

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As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the National Monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage - a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future. That is why the arbitrary 120-day deadline for you to review whether to shrink or rescind dozens of National Monuments is absurd. As you know, the process to establish a National Monument often takes years, if not decades. It involves significant study of the area of the proposed monument - including its ecological, cultural, archeological, economic and recreation value - and robust consultation with local communities and their elected representatives at every level. Given the unique and complex histories of each monument, there is simply no way to meaningfully review dozens of individual monuments in such a short period. You justify this review on the false premise that the American people have not yet been heard on the designation of these National Monuments. But the communities near the National Monuments under your review have already made their voices heard during public input and stakeholder engagement periods prior to designation. For example, notwithstanding the rhetoric of Utah Governor Gary Herbert and members of the Utah Congressional delegation, the designation of Bears Ears National Monument involved years of public input gathered by the Obama administration. This process included a series of public meetings in Southeastern Utah in 2016, including several sessions attended by former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. It also included significant engagement with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which represents tribal nations for whom the land is sacred and contains archeological artifacts with immense cultural value. Additionally, in a recent poll, 68 percent of voters in seven Western states said they prioritize the protection of land, water and wildlife for recreation on public land, compared with 22 percent who prioritized increased production of fossil fuels. Your review must account for his extensive record of consultation as you purport to seek public input. As you undertake this review, we urge you to consider the enormous economic benefits of protected public lands for nearby communities, including many rural areas. A recent study showed that areas in the West with protected lands consistently enjoy better rates of employment and income growth compared to those

with no protected lands. In the 22 years since the Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah was declared a National Monument, jobs grew by 38 percent in two neighboring counties. The designation of 17 national monuments - including nine monuments covered under your review - led to significant increases in per capita income in regions adjacent to the newly-protected areas. Rescinding or shrinking the National Monuments under review also threatens the fast-growing outdoor recreation economy, which relies significantly on recreation access to protected public lands. These lands are not "locked up," as the Trump administration has said repeatedly declared - they are extremely productive. As you know, since you participated in the outdoor industry's announcement of a new economic study last week, the recreation economy drives \$887 billion in consumer spending every year and supports more jobs (7.6 million) than oil, natural gas and mining combined. Rescinding or shrinking the National Monuments under review would significantly impact the strength of the outdoor recreation economy and limit our ability to create and sustain jobs. Patagonia has been outfitting outdoors people and protecting public lands for more than thirty years. The debate over land and water conservation is always complex and sometimes divisive. But we have never witnessed the legacy of America's federal lands encountering greater risk than we see right now. As you visit these protected places and report back to the president, I urge you to follow in the tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt and conserve our shared public lands for future generations.

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Save bear ears!!

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rescind the Bears Ears National Monument

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Please Rescind the Bear Ears National Monument today!

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**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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As a proud citizen of the United States of America and patron of our public lands, National Parks, National Forests, and National Monuments, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Department of the Interior's Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996. In general, I strongly encourage DOI to preserve all existing National Monuments, including those established since 1996. While the history of our country has seen its fair share of controversies surrounding the designation of national landmarks and the preservation of lands now enshrined as National Parks and National Monuments, it is my firm belief that we are far better off as a nation as a result of having set aside these national treasures for ourselves and future generations. In addition to preserving wild spaces, unique natural wonders, and fragile ecosystems, National Parks and National Monuments provide Americans with opportunities for recreation that are unrivaled elsewhere on the planet. Whether hunting, climbing, hiking, fishing, or simply sitting, these are the places where Americans can engage in activities that bring us closer to ourselves, our fellow citizens, our planet, and our history. Furthermore, many of these lands hold great cultural significance for Americans and especially for native peoples who came before us. Bears Ears National Monument is one such place. Containing more than 100,000 cultural and archaeological sites, Bears Ears is truly a living museum and one that has few peers in terms of scope and level of preservation. In addition, Bears Ears features a wide variety of recreational opportunities. Given its diverse and unique landscape, Bears Ears National Monument is sure to draw an increasing number of sports enthusiasts and outdoorsmen, all of whom contribute to the local, state, and national economies. In fact, as of 2016, National Park visitors alone spent more than \$18.4 billion in the areas surrounding public lands, supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs at the state and local levels. [1] Overall, National Park visitor spending provides more than \$32 billion to the nation's economy and every dollar invested in public lands, returns at least \$10 [2] While I appreciate the importance of state sovereignty and the need for public lands available for mixed use, National Monuments have been designated to preserve landscapes, objects of historical significance, and natural features that without such designation, could be lost forever. These lands should be unsullied by industry, guarded against those who would seek to loot or deface them, and set aside for Americans to enjoy as a source of patriotic pride, escape, and acquaintance with nature. As such, I implore you to maintain all of the following as national monuments and, if anything, increase the resources dedicated to preserving and maintaining them for generations to come: Basin and Range Bears Ears Berryessa Snow Mountain Canyons of the Ancients Carrizo Plain Cascade Siskiyou Craters of the Moon Giant Sequoia Gold Butte Grand Canyon-Parashant Grand Staircase-Escalante Hanford Reach Ironwood Trails Katahdin Woods and Waters Marianas Trench Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Pacific Remote Islands Papahānaumokuākea Rio Grande del Norte Rose Atoll San Gabriel Mountains Sand to Snow Sonoran Desert Upper Missouri River Breaks Vermillion Cliffs As an outdoorsman yourself, I hope you will respect the need to maintain the status of these National Monuments for the benefit of all Americans.

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Please Write Your Comment Here: Please rescind the Bears Ear National Monument

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Please Write Your Comment Here: please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument.

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I would like to register my OPPOSITION to the the proposal to create a new National Monument "The Bears Ears" in San Juan County Utah (sou h-eastern Utah).I live in San Juan County Utah six months a year, and my volunteer job is cleaning toilets (vault toilets, i.e. concrete outhouses) in a US Forest Service Campground. My wife Sharla and I gladly do this because we get to live in south-eastern Utah, in what is proposed to become "The Bears Ears" National Monument. We, and ALL the people we know here do not want any more restrictions on this, our public land.We are law abiding ci izens here In San Juan County Utah. This monument is breaking our hearts because it will come will a HUGE list of restrictions, a giant list of NO!, and prohibit many of our favorite activities.If the concerns are related to the loss or damage of ancient American Indian items or structures, then I would like to propose an alternative to National Monument status. The better solution would be to hire more Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's).I suggest hiring an additional four Full Time BLM LEO's. This would cost about \$1.5 Million a year, and would much more effective, would cost less than one-tenth of monument status, and be far less intrusive to the PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE.1.36 MILLION acres which is 2,500 square miles. Besides being one-third of the entire area of San Juan County Utah, This is the same AREA as:THIRTY times the area of Washington, DC, or,MORE THAN TWO times the entire state of Rhode Island or,One-third of the entire state of Massachusetts, or,2/3rd of the area of Connecticut orthe ENTIRE area of Delaware or,2.5% of the entire area of Utah.If that type of land grab were made on the east or west coasts, what do you think the people there would say? There are only 15,000 people living in San Juan County Utah. Our county is 8000 square miles with one (1) traffic light. The people who live here - choose to live here. They LOVE this area, and conserve the land very well. Much better than I believe you have been told. They love the land, and love to recreate on it. I know, I freely travel all over San Juan County, and I want to keep it that way! Much will be freedom lost, and nothing will be gained by making this PUBLIC LAND into a restrictive National Monument.Below my name is a par ial list of ac ivities which will be BANNED if the area receives Monument status.Mike DempseyP.O. Box 5058White Rock, NM 87547Here is a PARTIAL LIST of banned activities <https://www.nps.gov/elma/learn/management/upload/ELMA-Superintendents-Compendium-2015-2.pdf>No non-street legal vehicles which means no ATVs, UTVs or dirt bikes.Many trails and roads will be closed.No cattle grazingNo horse back ridingMany areas will only be open from 8AM to 5PM.No camping except in campgrounds.No hunting.No firearmsNo pinion pickingNo berry pickingNo woodcutting or collection of dead and down wood.No rock climbingNo rock collectingNo petsNo mining or oil or gas drilling.No assembly of groups of more than 25 people. TRUTH LOOK IT UP!Permits for everything. Permits only available in a few locations 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

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Please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument right now

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Please undo Obama's land grab by rescinding the Bears Ears National Monument.

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Help undo Obamas land grab by contacting the Trump Administration right now. Urge them to rescind the Bears Ears National Monument today.

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I urge you to rescind the Bears Ears Na ional Monument.

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Rescind the Bears Ears National Monument today!

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Please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument today!

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Rescind the Bears National Monument.

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undo Obamas land grab.rescind the Bears Ears National Monument today

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

I urge you to rescind the Bears Ears National Monument today.

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**Unit Codes:**

Code 'Opposing Review' (1) Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I support retaining all National Monuments as they are, with no changes in boundaries or reductions in acres. Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante are national treasures needing protection, and other national monuments are proving to be great for their local economies. Protected areas create jobs in the outdoor industry and tourism that make lasting, positive changes in communities nearby, and spur increasing economic activity much wider through the outdoor gear industry and in other ways. The Antiquities Act was created to protect our national treasures and it has worked well. Leave it alone.

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**Unit Classifications:**

I've spent several weeks in the Bear Ears area, and it was one of the highlights of my life. In the fall the desert is cold and crisp, without insects or rain. I could sleep under the stars, without a barrier between my face and the sky. I could watch dawn bleed into the east, see the horizon go from black to navy to blue. My campsite was less than 10 people and they represented five countries. People had come to Bear Ears from Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Norway, and other parts of America. There were hundreds of sites like this, and several other whole camping areas. In that one month, thousands of people were in Bear Ears just to rock climb. Many more people come for less technical stuff. They hike and mountain-bike, or just take in the desert beauty. Bear Ears is one of the best parts of America. Tourists come from around the world to be there, and spend money when they do. Protected public land isn't an economic waste. It's one of the best things America has ever done. Let's keep it that way.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

please rescind the Bear Ears National Monument

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bear's Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bear's Ears Monument--that I am writing. The Bear's Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bear's Ears National Monument continues.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please protect Bears Ears National Monument!

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I stand in support of Bears Ears National Monument and all of the other 26 National Monuments under review after the overreaching Executive Order 13792. These lands are our shared national heritage and are steeped in cultural significance. I stand for our public lands, for our wild places, for intact healthy ecosystems that provide refugia for life, both wild and human. These are the places we hike, bike, hunt, and fish. Places one can experience

solitude and connection to the natural world. Many National Monuments have later become our greatest National Parks. Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Bryce, Zion, Acadia, Olympic, and many others were designated Monuments before becoming National Parks. The forefathers of the Antiquities Act had great foresight in allowing for the proclamation of Monuments. No where in the Act does it allow a President to revoke a previous President's proclamation. And Executive Order 13792 also arbitrarily chooses 100,000 acres as qualifying for review. In the case of the Grand Canyon, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the Grand Canyon was indeed "an object of historic or scientific interest" and could be protected by presidential proclamation setting a precedent for the use of the Antiquities Act to preserve large areas of land. This precedent exists to this day. The courts have rejected every challenge to the President's use of the Antiquities Act, consistently ruling that the law gives the president exclusive discretion over the determination of the size and nature of the objects protected. Bears Ears National Monument was proclaimed a monument after over 5 years of work by a coalition of Southwestern Native American tribes, local community members, and politicians both locally and nationally. After conceding nearly 600,000 acres in the final designation for timber, mining, OHV, and other high intensive uses, it appears Rep. Rob Bishop and the other Utah politicians were negotiating in bad faith. This monument still allows traditional use and was already federally owned public lands so to describe it as a land grab is absurd. Bears Ears is an incredibly gorgeous place of spiritual significance to many. It is filled with the history of many people. Cliff dwellings dot the deep sandstone cliffs. Granaries filled with pottery sherds and old corn cobs echo of a time long ago. The mesas, meadows, and canyon systems of Bears Ears National Monument are filled with ruins, petroglyphs, and pictographs. This place is beautiful and incredibly important. I am very thankful for the years of hard work that were put in and the foresight in protecting Bears Ears as a National Monument.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-99850

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Keep Bears Ears public

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Please Write Your Comment Here: Please undo Obama's Land Grab. Rescind the Bears Ears National Monument today.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-116810

**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Please rescind the bears ears national monument. Thank you.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-111506

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. Thank you!

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

KEEP AND SAVE CRATERS OF THE MOON! AND BEARS EARS! AND ALL THE OTHERS! KEEP THEM DESIGNATED MONUMENTS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! I am very familiar with the value of these places...the conservation value, the value to people's spirits, to wildlife, to so many things. It's one of the absolute greatest things about this country. It's why I LIVE IN IDAHO! THANK YOU!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-111998

**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review," is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and incredible outdoor recreation spots, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honor the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I am vehemently opposed to any alterations to the size of Bears Ears National Monument. Our national heritage is precious. It is our cultural bedrock. It is what our predecessors paid for on our behalf in blood, sweat and tears. It is what forged us into the American People. If we destroy that, we forget who we are. What would Rome be if it sold off its Coliseum, or Greece if it paved over the Acropolis, or Egypt if it razed its Pyramids just to make some quick bucks? American monuments are not just buildings. They are the magnificent lands on which the Native tribes hunted and worshipped. The stark, beautiful deserts that pioneers in wagon trains crossed, or died trying, bearing few possessions other than their hopes and dreams. Bears Ears National Monument, together with Canyonlands National Park and other national park sites, protect 100,000 archaeological and cultural landmarks so that our children and theirs and theirs, down through the centuries, can learn where they came from and what it means to be American. Do not rob them of their birthright. To steal their heritage from them just to mine uranium or for other quick-buck commercial purposes, would be a travesty and an insult to them, and to the Nation. Don't be evil. Act responsibly for once. Stop earning our hatred and try earning our respect.. You have the power to irrevocably destroy America's precious heritage. Don't do it!

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

From the Katahdin Wood and Waters in Maine to the Cascade - Siskiyou monument expansions on the Pacific Rim, from the Upper Missouri Breaks of Montana in the north to the Ironwood National Monument in the south, America's National Monuments are national treasures, and I oppose any effort to shrink them, abolish them, or weaken their protections. These National Monuments offer great benefits to the American public, providing recreation, historic ruins and rock art, wildlife habitats and natural landscapes that are priceless in value. In many cases, they limit commercial uses of many types that are damaging to the land. But these are public lands belonging to all Americans, and as one of the landowners I insist that the public interest must come first, and private profits should not be pursued on my lands where they conflict with the public interest. The National Monuments that are subject to this review - Bears Ears, Basin and Range, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, and Vermilion Cliffs National Monuments, and the Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, and the Rose Atoll National Marine Monuments - all contain important cultural artifacts, important habitats, unparalleled beauty and fragile landscapes, making them a priceless heritage that we must pass down unspoiled to our grandchildren. The Antiquities Act was signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt, who in 1910 proclaimed, "[S]pecial business interests too often control and corrupt the men and methods of government for their own profit." Today, I see the Trump administration trying to undermine President Roosevelt's proud legacy and steal from the American people protections for the land and its cultural sites. Stop attacking Theodore Roosevelt's conservation legacy. These National Monuments afford great benefits for the Americans who visit and enjoy them, and their economic value to surrounding communities is far greater protected than despoiled. I urge you to respect the public interest in protecting these special places, and leave these National Monuments in place in an undiminished state.

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**Unit Metadata:****document id** DOI-2017-0002-112523**Unit Codes:****Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument is a national treasure. It should be permanently maintained in its entirety as a National Monument due to its significant cultural, archeological, and economic value to local Native American tribes, the state of Utah, and the United States. Despite its recent designation, the establishment of a National Monument surrounding Bears Ears is far from a new concept, as its public value has been recognized for nearly a century. The area has been the object of National Monument designation since the 1930s attempt to create an Escalante National Monument three times the current size of Bears Ears National Monument. More recently, Native American tribes in the Four Corners area have sought the protection of Bears Ears for nearly a decade prior to President Obama's executive order creating Bears Ears National Monument. The Bears Ears buttes and surrounding land are spiritually important to multiple Native American tribes in the area. Among other antiquities, Bears Ears holds the burial grounds of the Navajo leader Manuelito, which are sacred to the Navajo people. The president of the Navajo Nation has stated on the record that the tribe has "always looked to Bears Ears as a place of refuge, as a place where we can gather herbs and medicinal plants, and a place of prayer and sacredness," while a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has stated that the monument is important to him "because these are ancestral lands...there are sacred sites and stories of our lives." Bears Ears is home to a number of such antiquities, including architecturally significant ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings that date to 1500 BC. In total, the National Monument contains an estimated 100,000 archeological sites, many of which have previously been victim to, and need protection from, looting and vandalism. Executive Order #13792 directs Secretary Zinke to review Monuments in part based on "concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation," as well as "whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic and scientific interest." Clearly, Bears Ears possesses significant value in both categories, given the extensive archeological relevance of the area as well as its spiritual and ancestral importance to Native peoples who have called it home for many generations. It would be deeply irresponsible to ignore these factors, each of which align Bears Ears National Monument with the very essence of the Antiquities Act, to shortsightedly pursue profit from destructive industrial use of this land. Notably, Bears Ears National Monument borders Canyonlands National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and Natural Bridges National Monument, demonstrating that its surrounding region has previously and separately been deemed to carry notable value to the American public. Furthermore, it is important to note that a large portion of the land for which an intertribal coalition requested protection in Bears Ears National Monument was not included in the Monument's eventual borders. Given the Secretary's instructions to consider "that reservations of land not exceed the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management..." it is evident that the borders of Bears Ears National Monument were already drawn with an eye towards omitting unnecessary lands. The economic value of Bears Ears National Monument is also not to be understated. Beyond its importance to local Native tribes, Bears Ears is prized by the outdoor industry. Secretary Zinke is also instructed to consider the effects of the National Monument on "the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities." It is notable that Outdoor Retailer Market, with a cumulative economic impact of an estimated \$45 million each year, withdrew indefinitely from the state of Utah in protest of the Utah government's opposition to Bears Ears, with the weight of major companies such as Patagonia, REI, and The North Face behind this decision. Although a remote area for much other economic activity, Southeast Utah is a hub for the outdoor industry and a major destination for adventure and outdoor tourism in large part due to its protected lands such as Bears Ears. According to NPS, nearby national parks such as Zion and Arches generated about \$850 million in annual visitor spending and created 14,000 jobs - overall, Utah receives a \$1.3 billion economic boost annually from parks and monuments. In light of all of the above considerations, it is unsurprising that in a recent poll, 71% of Utah residents supported the continued protected status of Bears Ears. Given the major archeological, spiritual, cultural, and economic importance of Bears Ears National Monument, I strongly support its continued preservation in the entirety of its current dimensions.

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Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument should be permanently maintained in its entirety as a National Monument due to its significant cultural, archeological, ecologic, and economic value to local Native American tribes, the local region, the state of California, and the United States. Executive Order #13792 directs Secretary Zinke to review Monuments in part based on "concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities." Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument holds great value to the Bay Area region, the state of California, and the United States. Prior to its 2015 establishment as a National Monument by President Obama, Berryessa was under consideration by Congress as a National Conservation Area. Local Congressmen Mike Thompson and John Garamendi led this effort and championed the National Monument designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain, with the support of the California State Legislature, the Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians, local political leaders from Lake County, Yolo, and Solano, local conservationists, recreation enthusiasts, business owners, and landowners. Congressman Garamendi recently penned a public letter in support of Berryessa's continued protection in the Record-Bee (<http://www.record-bee.com/article/NQ/20170504/LOCAL1/170509901>). Rarely do so many diverse stakeholders express such unified support for protection of important lands. Consequently, in response to President Trump's executive order, the local area has expressed its readiness for a political and legal fight to protect the National Monument. Clearly, the "concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by [the] designation" are aligned in favor of the permanent protection of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. As a large, beautiful, protected area within easy driving distance of the Bay Area metro region, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument will draw visitors year-round to the area, creating jobs and growing the local economy. In fact, many businesses in the local area are driven by tourism supported by the protection of these lands. Over half of CA residents participate in outdoor recreation, and preservation of areas like Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument provides important support for CA's \$6 billion outdoor recreation economy. Notably, no private lands were impinged by the National Monument designation, nor were water rights, ranchers' grazing rights, motorized recreation, hunting, or fishing. The National Monument protects Lake Berryessa, which provides both water and hydro-powered electricity to the North Bay area. Short-sighted resource exploitation would endanger all of this, and would not be in the economic best interest of the region, CA, or the US. Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is also an ecologically important location that demands protection in its entirety. Snow Mountain in particular is an ecologic hotspot, with one of the highest densities of biodiversity in the state. The region is home to California's second largest population of wintering bald eagles, as well as the nearly-extinct Pacific Fisher, golden eagles, northern spotted owls, martens, black bears, mountain lions, river otters, black-tailed deer, tule elk, chinook salmon, and steelhead, among other notable ecological highlights such as a variety of rare plants. These lands are especially in need of permanent preservation to ensure a block of contiguous, intact habitat for at-risk species. Executive Order #13792 further instructs Secretary Zinke to consider "whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic and scientific interest." Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument has been home to a long history of native peoples, including the Yuki, Nomlaki, Patwin, Pomo, Huchnom, Wappo, Laki Miwok, and Wintum indigenous peoples. The significance of this legacy is evident in the cultural sites that cover the National Monument, from seasonal hunting and gathering camps to ancient villages, quarries, tool artifacts, petroglyphs, and trade routes of ancient indigenous peoples. More recent remains of homesteading dating to the 1840s gold rush, milling, and railroad logging are additional important

historic artifacts. This history is archeologically significant, of obvious public interest, and in need of continued preservation. Located near the Bay Area, Berryessa Snow Mountain provides the rare refuge and recreation spot that is simultaneously wild yet highly accessible to a major population center. Due to the significant cultural, archeological, and historic importance of the area, its notable biodiversity, and the strong support for its preservation by diverse stakeholders, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument should be permanently protected under its current status.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it only hurts one of our nations most incredible landscapes.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Opposing Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and ask it remain intact. As an avid outdoor recreationist and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that the future of this worthy National Monument is under scrutiny. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act—a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt—to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. Bears Ears is exactly the kind of place the Antiquities Act intended to protect. It is rich in cultural history and archaeological sites, which inspired a historic coalition of tribes to band together to push for its designation, and its world-class recreation opportunities are endless. The process that led to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument was thorough and transparent. For more than 80 years, decision makers from all sides presented proposals seeking permanent protection of all or part of this incredible landscape. Boundaries from both the multi-year Public Lands Initiative and the Bears Ears Tribal Coalition were drawn to include, not exceed, the acreage necessary to preserve the rich cultural heritage, ecological values, and important to me, the many opportunities to play outside. Thank you for reviewing the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Bears Ears speaks for itself, and if you've visited it, I am certain your experiences will help lead you to recommend that President Trump leave the Bears Ears National Monument fully intact.

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Bears Ears National Monument should REMAIN a National Monument. Last year I spent the month of May exploring the area that is now titled Bears Ears National Monument. It is a special place and should be protected from development—especially development by the oil and gas industry. It is mind boggling that this area, and all other National Monuments designated since 1996, are even under consideration to have their designations rescinded.

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In the U.S. by the time a National Monument has been established, public input and governmental and private review has occurred for many years. Meanwhile, the oil and gas exploration and production that consumes millions of acres throughout our nation is under far less review, with little public input. Specifically, the Bears Ears National Monument in SE Utah is an incredible area and it was established with the intention of ensuring tribal expertise and knowledge is preserved with its preservation. The tribal people of this country are owed much more than this, but this is a start. In the state of Utah, we are experiencing record numbers of tourism with billions of dollars spent as people come to visit the National Parks or recreate throughout our beautiful landscape. And yet, our elected officials in Utah ignore the wishes of their constituents and fail to "connect the dots" in terms of what landscape protection, monuments, and tourism mean for our economy and instead focus on providing favors and decreasing regulations for the oil and gas industry. We must create more National Monuments, keep the ones we have designated, and focus on protecting and healing the open land that remains.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I support Rescinding Bears Ears National Monument. I feel that President Trump's Executive Order, a Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996, is absolutely necessary for the Bears Ears National Monument designation. The requirements and original objectives of the Antiquities Act was always meant to protect lands. Lands designated over 100,000 acres, is truly a violation of the original intent of the Act, meant to not "exceed the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Native Americans, Local Residents and many people across our great nation have a clear majority in support of Rescinding Bears Ears National Monument. I ask that President Trump listen to the people. Please reverse the designation of the Bears Ears National Monument for its undemocratic and unjust process. I request that no more National Monument designations be established in the State of Utah.

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A prominent American Indian scholar—the late Vine Deloria Jr.—pointed out that there are locations that should remain undeveloped by virtue of their traditional uses but also because, as sacred, they have a right simply to exist undisturbed. It is absolutely repulsive that the Secretary was escorted around Bears Ears primarily by non-Native latecomers to the region whose only interest is economic development with all the ugliness and intrusiveness that industry will bring. Indigenous people who have lived in the area for millennia should determine its fate. Oil derricks, for example, are pretty much anyplace, anytime but Bears Ears is unique and, once spoiled, will be lost not only to indigenous peoples but to all of humanity.

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It is in my opinion that Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, and Vermilion Cliffs, conform to section 1 of The Executive Order 13792 as every monument designation reflects The Antiquities 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." Therefore, it is imperative that all national monuments being reviewed pursuant to criteria in executive order 13792 remain protected as each was originally given adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders before designation. In regards to the requisite determination factors the Secretary is to consider, I would like to voice my support that all of the monuments listed meet: Criteria (i), none exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Criteria (ii), all monuments are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest." Criteria (vi), there is currently the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas. In reference to criteria (vii), it is important to understand that no president has ever moved to rescind a designation made by a previous president. This precedent should stay intact. Furthermore, the revenue that these monuments generate as tourist attractions will far exceed the short term gains that could otherwise be generated through extraction-related industries. Finally, these monuments are national treasures, to rescind any sort of protections for the implied intent of private use and development is nothing short of treason.

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I would like to urge Secretary Zinke not to make any changes to established national monuments. There is so little land that is NOT already under development, or being used for resource extraction already. And I know when you look at the American West, it is easy to think the opposite is true. But think of it more this way: the American West is all that remains of wilderness. The entire United States used to be that way. It's not an environmentalist thing or part of a liberal agenda. This is a bipartisan point of view. Nobody wants America's beautiful backcountry turned into smokestacks and oil rigs. Especially somewhere as special as Bears Ears or Escalante - some of the most unique land I've seen anywhere in the world. It's just too emotionally charged, and for what? A dying industry? The outdoor industry creates three times as many jobs as the fossil fuels industry. We all know that sacrificing the outdoor recreation potential in Bears Ears, Escalante, or most of these other national monuments in exchange for resource extraction is a losing investment in the long run... not even in a very long run at all. And, of course, speaking of Bears Ears specifically, do we really want to hit Native Americans with just another in a seemingly endless procession of slaps to the face? For the first time, Native peoples were consulted and central to the planning of a national monument. That's a step forward toward reparations for past atrocities, and respect for Native peoples. Do we really want to simply undo that giant step in the right direction for the sole purpose of putting more money in the pockets of the Koch brothers? The writing is on the wall. More and more, the word is getting out, and people see through the ruse. The motives behind this are transparent, and unacceptable. You know it, I know it, everyone knows it. And of course, the lens of history is more transparent still. Think about your legacy. Think of what you will be known for 50 years down the road. Think of your children, and their children, and how they will want to remember the Zinke name. Think about what it might mean to set this precedent of rescinding or restructuring national monuments (something no previous president has ever done, from either party). Think about what we stand to gain by doing so. And then, think about what we stand to lose.

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I support the designation of all 27 monuments under review and ask that all boundaries remain unchanged. These special places, including but not limited to Bears Ears National Monument and Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument are incredibly rich in plant and animal diversity. The plant and animal communities cannot speak for themselves, but they are worthy of the highest protection and conservation agendas through the US Department of Interior. Each monument that is under review is worthy of such a status because of unique ecological assemblages and/or cultural heritage present. In many cases it was after public hearings and outcries of public support, that acting presidents subsequently designated these 27 special places as monuments. This level of protection ensures these valuable cultural and ecological assets can thrive. Thank you for allowing public comment once again to highlight the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of each of these monuments. We as a nation are lucky to have set aside such amazing landscapes for the public, both present and future to enjoy.

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The President's Executive Order calling for a review of all national monuments designated through use of the Antiquities Act since 1996 has me extremely concerned. Each of the monuments listed were created with overwhelming public support and must remain undisturbed. When Teddy Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act in 1906 his intention was to safeguard and preserve federal lands and cultural and historical sites for all people to enjoy. Since then, 16 presidents from both parties have used this authority to protect stunning landscapes, including the Grand Canyon, Acadia, Zion and Olympic National Parks. More recently, the Act has also been used to protect places like Bears Ears -- spanning 1.35 million acres in southeastern Utah and home to centuries worth of cultural artifacts including cliff dwellings, hogans, and pictographs, in addition to being revered land for several Native tribes. There is no need for a review to demonstrate what my family knows and appreciates-- national monuments provide tangible health, natural, and economic benefits. Protected outdoor spaces drive the outdoor recreation economy which supports 7.6 million jobs and generates \$887 billion in consumer spending each year. National monuments and public lands are vital both for the history they preserve and the future they offer. Our public lands help define who we are as a nation. Instead of asking which parts of our history and heritage we could eliminate, please ask how we can make our land more protected.



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Bears Ears National Monument, Utah Bears Ears National Monument should be permanently maintained in its entirety as a National Monument due to its significant cultural, archeological, and economic value to local Native American tribes, the state of Utah, and the United States. Despite its recent designation, the establishment of a National Monument surrounding Bears Ears is far from a new concept, as its public value has been recognized for nearly a century. The area has been the object of National Monument designation since the 1930s attempt to create an Escalante National Monument three times the current size of Bears Ears National Monument. More recently, Native American tribes in the Four Corners area have sought the protection of Bears Ears for nearly a decade prior to President Obama's executive order creating Bears Ears National Monument. The Bears Ears buttes and surrounding land are spiritually important to multiple Native American tribes in the area. Among other antiquities, Bears Ears holds the burial grounds of the Navajo leader Manuelito, which are sacred to the Navajo people. The president of the Navajo Nation has stated on the record that the tribe has "always looked to Bears Ears as a place of refuge, as a place where we can gather herbs and medicinal plants, and a place of prayer and sacredness," while a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has stated that the monument is important to him "because these are ancestral lands...there are sacred sites and stories of our lives." Bears Ears is home to a number of such antiquities, including architecturally significant ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings that date to 1500 BC. In total, the National Monument contains an estimated 100,000 archeological sites, many of which have previously been victim to, and need protection from, looting and vandalism. Executive Order #13792 directs Secretary Zinke to review Monuments in part based on "concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation," as well as "whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic and scientific interest." Clearly, Bears Ears possesses significant value in both categories, given the extensive archeological relevance of the area as well as its spiritual and ancestral importance to Native peoples who have called it home for many generations. It would be deeply irresponsible to ignore these factors, each of which align Bears Ears National Monument with the very essence of the Antiquities Act, to shortsightedly pursue profit from destructive industrial use of this land. Notably, Bears Ears National Monument borders Canyonlands National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and Natural Bridges National Monument, demonstrating that its surrounding region has previously and separately been deemed to carry notable value to the American public. Furthermore, it is important to note that a large portion of the land for which an intertribal coalition requested protection in Bears Ears National Monument was not included in the Monument's eventual borders. Given the Secretary's instructions to consider "that reservations of land not exceed the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management..." it is evident that the borders of Bears Ears National Monument were already drawn with an eye towards omitting unnecessary lands. The economic value of Bears Ears National Monument is also not to be understated. Beyond its importance to local Native tribes, Bears Ears is prized by the outdoor industry. Secretary Zinke is also instructed to consider the effects of the National Monument on "the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities." It is notable that Outdoor Retailer Market, with a cumulative economic impact of an estimated \$45 million each year, withdrew indefinitely from the state of Utah in protest of the Utah government's opposition to Bears Ears, with the weight of major companies such as Patagonia, REI, and The North Face behind this decision. Although a remote area for much other economic activity, Southeast Utah is a hub for the outdoor industry and a major destination for adventure and outdoor tourism in large part due to its protected lands such as Bears Ears. According to NPS, nearby national parks such as Zion and Arches generated about \$850 million in annual visitor spending and created 14,000 jobs - overall, Utah receives a \$1.3 billion economic boost annually from parks and monuments. In light of all of the above considerations, it is unsurprising that in a recent poll, 71% of Utah residents supported the continued protected status of Bears Ears. Given the major archeological, spiritual, cultural, and economic importance of Bears Ears National Monument, I strongly support its continued preservation in the entirety of its current dimensions.

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Please protect these places for future generations. Recreation in these areas also supports local economies. I would be very disappointed to see anything happen to these monuments, especially Bears Ears, which protects an area that has rich cultural history and delicate natural areas. Thank you for reading.

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As an avid outdoor person and a citizen who appreciates, enjoys and values our public lands, I am very concerned that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes are at risk of being rolled back. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act, a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt, to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented, possibly even illegal, attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a reasonable supplement to the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review. While President Trump is free to exercise his discretion in the designation of new National Monuments according to his administration's priorities, that discretion does not extend to undoing the considered judgment of his predecessors. Thank you for giving this matter your thoughtful consideration.

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Please keep national monuments protected. Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this

"review," is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and incredible outdoor recreation spots, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honor the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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As an avid outdoor recreationist and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes could be rolled back through this current National Monument review process. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a meaningful supplement--or means to supplant--the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review. My generation and those that follow us, benefits greatly from spending time in our beautiful outdoors. America is unique in its vast beauty and natural lands. Many of us find strength and solace in places like Bears Ears. Please protect this wonderful area for all Americans. Our National Parks and Monuments are the envy of the world, and a legacy for future generations. Enjoying the outdoors keeps us healthy, happy, reduces stress in these fast-paced times and enriches our lives.

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As an avid outdoor recreationist, who spends thousands of dollars a year contributing to the local economies near our priceless national monuments, I want to fully endorse the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review. These monuments are good for the local jobs and growth, our national tourism draw and for the future generations who will not forgive us if we do not protect their legacy. Thank you for listening and protecting our public lands. May Reed MD

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I am writing you today to ask you to support the government's designation of the Bears Ears National Monument and honor the participation of five Native American tribes in managing the monument. This proclamation marks the first time in the 110-year history of the Antiquities Act that Native American tribes united to ask the president to designate a national monument. The weathered sandstone, deep canyons, forests, ancient cliff dwelling and sacred rock art also offer world-class opportunities for exploration, solitude, and recreation. The Bears Ears National monument is a place all Americans can enjoy now and for future generations.

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Keep Bears Ears National Monument!

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I support keeping the designation of Bears Ears as a national monument and oppose opening it up to any type of development or to mining or drilling operations. The buttes and surroundings have long been held as sacred or significant by a number of the region's Native American tribes. Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings dated to more than 3,500 years ago have been discovered in the region, just some of the estimated 100,000 archaeological sites protected within the monument. This area should continue to be protected for its historical and archaeological value, as well as its significance to Native American tribes.

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These special places belong to ALL of us, and it is simply appalling that there is an effort to deauthorize them. The Antiquities Act has historically protected such beloved places as Grand Canyon, Grand Teton NP and more. These areas now under review deserve continued protection as National Monuments, they were designated because they were special and in need of a higher level of protection. I believe that many people do not understand that the Antiquities Act can only be used for land already under federal ownership and that it is NOT a "land grab". Bears Ears in particular is also sacred to several Native American Tribes. Katahdin Woods and Waters was donated by a private citizen specifically so the area could be protected. Research is absolutely clear that National Parks and Monuments generate enormous revenue for neighboring communities, this should be considered. These places also provide a much needed respite for the public. When we protect these areas, we invest in the health and well being of our population, with places to recreate, exercise, heal, and seek spiritual renewal. Many of these Monuments preserve an important part of our nation's story and history. For their intrinsic value, for their importance in our national story, for the economic benefits of neighboring communities, for health and well being of the public, and because these special places truly belong to ALL of us, please do not deauthorize them.

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Rescinding or altering the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument would be an attack on public lands, public voices, and Native American sovereignty. I urge you to recommend NO CHANGE to Bears Ears National Monument.

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I urge you to recommend no change to Bears Ears National Monument.

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The Bears Ears National Monument designation was the only viable option for protecting this threatened landscape from resource extraction, looting and unmanaged recreation after the 114th Congress adjourned without passing long-promised legislation to protect the area. Utah legislators have recently been pressuring President Trump to rescind Bears Ears National Monument, as well as the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. The previous administration spent years conducting a thorough assessment of the Bears Ears region that included a wide spectrum of stakeholders including Access Fund and American Alpine Club and this process resulted in a well-substantiated national monument boundary that protects threatened cultural resources and recreation areas. President Trump has signed a new executive order asking you to suggest national monuments created over the last two decades that he can abolish. This move is diametrically opposed to the purpose of the Antiquities Act of 1906, which empowers presidents to preserve federal land at risk of degradation by human activity, and was created by President Teddy Roosevelt, whom you claim to admire. Abolishing these protected lands threatens the legacy of your purported hero, as well as valuable ecosystems, historical landmarks, and cultural heritage of Native Americans, and must not be allowed. While Republican lawmakers have declared war on this act, the truth is that 90 percent of the public supports protecting public lands, including many conservatives who value their ability to hunt, fish, and hike on land untainted by human activity. The real beneficiaries of this new order are oil and gas companies, which stand to benefit greatly from lands being opened to drilling and development and whose lobbying efforts have spurred the Republican animosity towards protection of public lands. The decisions you make regarding these national monuments have important ramifications for our country and its future. If you truly respect the will and actions of former President Roosevelt, you will put a stop to President Trump's agenda of tearing down conservation regulations, and use your power to ensure past and future presidential monuments stay preserved for posterity to revere.

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I stand in support of Bears Ears National Monument and all of the other 26 National Monuments under review after the overreaching Executive Order 13792. These lands are our shared national heritage and are steeped in cultural significance. I stand for our public lands, for our wild places, for intact healthy ecosystems that provide refugia for life, both wild and human. These are the places we hike, bike, hunt, and fish. Places one can experience solitude and connection with the natural world. Many National Monuments have later become our greatest National Parks. Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Bryce, Zion, Acadia, Olympic, and many others started out as National Monuments before becoming National Parks. The forefathers of the Antiquities Act had great foresight in allowing for the proclamation of Monuments. No where in the Act does it allow a President to revoke a previous President's proclamation. And Executive Order 13792 also arbitrarily chooses 100,000 acres as qualifying for review. In the case of the Grand Canyon, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the Grand Canyon was indeed "an object of historic or scientific interest" and could be protected by presidential proclamation setting a precedent for the use of the Antiquities Act to preserve large areas of land. This precedent exists to this day. The courts have rejected every challenge to the President's use of the Antiquities Act, consistently ruling that the law gives the president exclusive discretion over the determination of the size and nature of the objects protected. Bears Ears National Monument was proclaimed a monument after over 5 years of work by a coalition of Southwestern Native American tribes, local community members, and politicians both locally and nationally. After conceding nearly 600,000 acres in the final designation for timber, mining, OHV, and other high intensive uses, it appears Rep. Rob Bishop and the other Utah politicians were negotiating in bad faith. This monument still allows traditional use and was already federally owned public lands so to describe it as a land grab is absurd. Bears Ears is an incredibly gorgeous place of spiritual significance to many. It is filled with the history of many people. Cliff dwellings dot the deep sandstone cliffs. Granaries and other ruins filled with pottery sherds and old corn cobs echo of a time long ago. The mesas,

meadows, and canyon systems of Bears Ears National Monument are filled with ruins, petroglyphs, pictographs, and cliff dwellings. This place is beautiful and incredibly important. I am very thankful for the years of hard work that were put in and the foresight in protecting Bears Ears as a National Monument.

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I am writing in support of all National Monuments, and specifically in support of preserving our most recent monuments, such as Bears Ears. Bears Ears preserves a beautiful area, cultural resources and ancient history, as well as very popular recreation areas. It is no accident that an unprecedented combination of interest groups came together and agreed on the Bears Ears Monument. The monument will allow Americans to enjoy the mostly unaltered landscape of the area and to learn about ancient history, to recreate and vacation. It allows tribal groups to continue to live their heritage, to preserve sacred sites and landscapes that are the foundation of their societies. It also reflects the inherent value that Americans attribute to the natural and cultural resources of their country. In addition, the preservation of new monuments provides long-term and predictable economic development opportunities for the municipalities in the area. Tourism, in particular national tourism, brings jobs, user fees, and possibilities for local businesses to expand and thrive. The local communities, tribes, and Americans alike benefit from these protections. The destruction or careless use of these areas brings no positive value; short-term gains will lead to long-term, permanent losses. I would like to suggest no changes to the current size or status of the monument. In the end it would be good to continue with the 10-year plan to make Bears Ears a National Park and forever preserve its beauty.

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As a life-long hiker and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that protection for some of our country's most valuable landscapes could be rolled back through the current National Monument review process. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. These places are not a partisan issue, but a way to protect our most treasured natural resources. To roll back these protections would be a serious mistake. Our country is beautiful because we protect each other's freedom and the environment. We cannot compromise when it comes to protecting the land that makes our country a place to wander, raise families, and learn about our history. Rolling back these protections is a huge disservice to all our future generations as well as those that came before us. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. They deserve our respect and protection for the animals, landscapes and history they house. It is our responsibility to protect these wild places for our future generations. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review.

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Bears Ears National Monument should remain as it has been designated. In response to what the Secretary is "directed to consider"...(i) It absolutely needs to be AT LEAST this size, for "the objects to be protected". The incredible archeological sites--ruins and petroglyphs--are THROUGHOUT and need this protection.(ii) "appropriately classified as historic/prehistoric/scientific interest"? ABSOLUTELY. It is hard to imagine another place of this wealth of history...and to be able to see it in all its remoteness without drilling and other interferences is incredibly, incredibly valuable.(iii) This is desert. It is fragile, and extractive industries, "multiple uses", do not make economic sense here. The greatest wealth will come from this remaining a monument and the tourism dollars it will bring.(iv) As for "the effect of the designation on non-federal lands outside the boundary": the local population has benefited greatly economically and will continue to do so more and more in coming years as more and more people seek out the solace and beauty of this place.(v) The tribes came together to MAKE Bears Ears a National Monument! Enough said.(vi) Whether here is "availability of Federal resources to manage" is completely a backwards argument. We all know how underfunded all land management agencies have always been, and thank goodness that hasn't stopped President's from designating, or we would have nothing to show of landscapes we are proud of as Americans.(vii) Here is a "factor" that is "appropriate": FEDERAL LANDS BELONG TO ALL OF US, AND VOICE ABOUT THEIR DESIGNATION BELONGS TO ALL OF US. Locals that will not acknowledge the advantages of tourism for their communities, and simply insist on being angry at the Federal government are not people's opinions that should be given special weight.

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Thank you for this opportunity to share my written comments with you on CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS NATIONAL MONUMENT, established by proclamation under The Antiquities Act of 1906, and currently under review as directed by Executive Order 13792. I am a citizen of the United States and Colorado, and a frequent visitor to Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. I support Canyons of the Ancients National Monument as it stands, and respond to your request for comments. There's no question that Canyons of the Ancients is well-qualified to have been proclaimed a national monument. With over 6,000 archaeological sites within its boundaries, the area is one of the richest in the nation in historical significance. I've wandered Canyons of the Ancients, and it seems that every few hundred yards, I encounter house mounds and middens; potsherds and tools; Mesa-Verde style dwelling and kiva remains, all still waiting to be explored and understood. So the question is not the irreplaceable value to the historical record contained within the boundaries of Canyons of the Ancients. The question is, why are these precious treasures within this monument not better protected? At the time the monument was established, the original proclamation sought to balance the interests of preservation with the interests of the local energy industry by honoring existing oil and gas leases, which - together with ranching leases - included over 85% of monument lands. At that time, the Dept. of the Interior was charged with managing future development "so as not to create new impacts that interfere with the proper care and management of the objects protected by the proclamation." The experiment of mixing oil and gas interests with the conservation of archaeological sites and wildlife habitats has been - to put it mildly - less than successful. Oil and gas interests continue to cut new roads, churning up the fragile

landscape and making access to remote and as-yet unstudied archaeological sites easier for looters and vandals to destroy; and "thumpers," pounding the earth in search of oil, shoot dangerous tremors through fragile archaeological caches beneath the surface. At Canyons of the Ancients, the oil and gas industries have appeared either unwilling or unable to self-monitor their activities, and have carried on their operations with inadequate consideration to the preservation objectives of the monument. When I hear propositions that the model of Canyons of the Ancients should be allowed at other sites (such as the now-discredited PLI proposal for Bears Ears, or activities such as coal-mining in Grand Staircase-Escalante or oil drilling within the Grand Canyon watershed be allowed), I wonder why any educated person could think this would be a good idea. The experiment to mix the oil and gas industries with the preservation objectives of Canyons of the Ancients is failing; why would we repeat this same mistake elsewhere? Rather than throw away this national monument because the original plan didn't work, I urge you to consider developing a new management strategy for Canyons of the Ancients, with a view to strengthening preservation objectives at the site, and enforcing better controls over the lessees within the monument. There is no place on earth like Canyons of the Ancients. If we destroy it through careless management, it will be gone forever.

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All of our national monuments should maintain their national monument status. In particular, the following monuments need to maintain their status and current size, as they are part of our national heritage and a source of pride of our great nation: Bears Ears - Utah Basin and Range - Nevada Berryessa Snow Mountain - California Canyons of the Ancients - Colorado Carrizo Plains - California Cascade Siskiyou - Washington Craters of the Moon - Idaho Giant Sequoia - California Gold Butte - Nevada Grand Canyon-Parashant - Arizona Grand Staircase-Escalante - Utah Hanford Reach - Washington Ironwood Forrest - Arizona Mojave Trails - California Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks - New Mexico Rio Grande Del Norte - New Mexico Sand to Snow - California San Gabriel Mountains - California Sonoran Desert - Arizona Upper Missouri River Breaks - Arizona Vermillion Cliffs - Arizona Katahdin Woods and Waters - Maine Marianas Trench - Pacific Ocean Northeast Canyons and Seamounts - Atlantic Ocean Pacific Remote Islands - Pacific Ocean Papahānaumokuākea - Hawaii Rose Atoll - American Samoa These national monuments are part of the U.S. National Heritage and not only are a part of American pride and history, but will provide tourism, small business opportunities, and working class jobs for generations to come. Private industry, in particular mining, drilling, and over-fishing, will destroy these jobs for generations and will destroy our national heritage and pride. The designation of these areas as national monuments maintains our American heritage of protecting our beautiful country for our fellow citizens and future generations. We must continue these traditions and add to our public lands, sea shores, and maritime wildlife/health. Our beautiful, accessible public lands and coast lines make America great and keep our country beautiful, wild, and free. Privatization and the commercial use of these national monuments will hinder the local economies and hurt our national heritage.

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Since the Antiquities Act of 1906 was passed, 16 Presidents have designated 157 different National Monuments. Some have become National Parks, some have been merged into other parks, and some have been donated to states as parks or just reincorporated into National Forests. The status of recently designated monuments and any Marine National Monuments being reviewed pursuant to Executive Orders 13795 and 13792 should be upheld. Efforts to expand extractive industries for private profit on these lands must be stopped! Any and all designated parks, forests, lakes, waters, or monuments with fossil fuels below them must be protected! Parks like Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and the Canyon of the Ancients need to be preserved for the benefit of all people. They should not be monopolized for the enrichment of the few. The importance of leaving these lands untouched for future generations is paramount. Conservation is a great moral issue. It involves the patriotic duty of insuring the safety and continuance of our nation.

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I am very disappointed and concerned that this Executive Order threatens the Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah and dishonors Tribes. Bears Ears was exactly the landscape the Antiquities Act - a law that has been used by 16 Presidents of both parties to safeguard our national treasures - was enacted to protect. I support the Bears Ears National Monument and strongly urge you to uphold the monument's current boundaries.

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As a person who believes in the transformative power of nature and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes could be rolled back through this current National Monument review process. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a meaningful supplement--or means to supplant--the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review.

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument, and all others, intact.

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All of our National Monuments need to be saved, but this comment refers specifically to saving Bear Ears. I am addressing the concern of "adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders." The designation of Bear Ears has been in the making for decades and the people of San Juan County and nearby have had time to make their case for or against the designation. The original 1.9 million acres designation has been scaled down to 1.35 million acres to exclude land used for mining, oil and gas development, grazing, recreation and firewood gathering. That should satisfy the opponents, whom I believe are the minority. The majority believe that protecting thousands of archaeological sites from further destruction, including the pilfering and black market sale of antiquities, is a worthy endeavor and our duty as stewards of the earth. I hope to visit Bear Ears in the near future, but the time is short to make this comment. I only hope it is still there for me and my family to marvel at for generations to come.

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I am outraged about President Trump's executive order that aims to roll back the Antiquities Act and strip protections from the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and at least 26 other national monuments, including Grand Staircase-Escalante, also in Utah, and the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts off of Cape Cod. This move will open them up to oil and gas drilling, uranium and coal mining, tar sands extraction, fishing and other industrial dangers. I ask that you fulfill the mission of your agency by protecting America's public lands and maintaining the integrity of these monuments and of the Antiquities Act itself. The value of national monuments like Bear Ears cannot be defined by potential dollars earned after irreversibly damaging drilling and harvesting of non-renewable energy sources. The cultural value of the monument to the Native American tribes who have historical ties to the area cannot be quantified. Neither can we put a dollar value on the legacy we will leave for future generation by preserving the natural resources of the area. The protection and preservation of historically and culturally significant sites are essential in helping to enrich current and future generations and spread knowledge of our great country through tangible experiences. Likewise, it is essential that we continue to protect monuments of future scientific discovery, such as the Marianas Trench and Papahānaumokuākea, which are biologically rich and diverse areas that we are only beginning to scratch the surface of understanding. Our oceans and wild lands are fading as a result of overharvesting, pollution, and human encroachment, and protecting the areas we can will allow us to further explore and gain understanding as to how we can better protect our planet from irreversible destruction. I cannot understate the importance of preserving our natural legacy for current and future generations to learn from and enjoy just as we do and our ancestors have before us. National parks and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation. Attempts to disman le national monuments are an attack on our nation's historical, cultural and natural heritage. Please stand strong against President Trump's anti-environment assault and defend national monument protections for Bears Ears and all of our threatened national monuments. Thank you.

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Please maintain the protections and status for all of the National Monuments on this "Review List" relating to EO 13792. Our National Monuments and National Parks are fundamental in helping to preserve these crucial areas for all future generations. It seems the intention of EO 13792 is purely political and does not support the greater good. As one who has been fortunate to visit many of our National Monuments (and National Parks), I am extremely grateful that all these areas are "owned" by the people, not by big business or corporations. This should continue and the principles of The Antiquities Act should be upheld. Although I support all the National Monuments on the review list, I wish to make a special plea to keep "Bears Ears National Monument" our newest National Monument. This area holds possibly the world's greatest wealth of archaeological sites with about 100,000 ancient ruins and 1,500 year old petroglyphs. All of this set in striking undeveloped landscape loved and visited by families and outdoor enthusiasts.

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President Trump's executive order directing the Interior Department to review 22 national monuments undermines a great American tradition of designating public lands, a tradition that has resulted in public access to a collection of America's greatest landscapes that are the envy of the world. The Antiquities Act of 1906 was signed into law by one of America's great conservationists, Theodore Roosevelt, and has been used by 16 presidents, 8 Democrats and 8 Republicans, to designate 157 national monuments. Teddy Roosevelt once said, Of all the questions which can come before the nation, short of the actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in importance with leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us. According to the Conservation in the West Poll, a survey that explores bi-partisan opinions in the Rocky Mountain West, 80 percent of western voters support keeping national monument designations in place, a sentiment consistent across partisan and ideological lines. Regarding the management of public lands, 94 percent of westerners support repairing infrastructure in national parks and other outdoor destinations and 68 percent support ensuring we protect sources of clean water, air quality, wildlife habitat, in conjunction with providing outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands, while only 22 percent support ensuring we produce more domestic energy by increasing the amount of public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining. I support the Bears Ears National Monument boundaries designated by President Obama in December 2016. Public Opinion Strategies, a national polling firm, recently found that 71 percent of voters in Utah support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Clearly, voters in Utah value public lands where Americans can camp, fish, hike, hunt, climb and ride, in addition to appreciating the revenue generated by the outdoor recreation industry. Utah voters from a wide range of backgrounds support Bears Ears National Monument, 77 percent of women, 65 percent of men, 75 percent of voters in the Salt Lake area, 71 percent of voters on the Wasatch front, 67 percent of voters from the rest of the state, 92 percent of Democrats, 73 percent of independents, 63 percent of GOP voters, 65 percent of sportsmen and 68 percent of those indicating their religion as Latter Day Saints/Mormon. While I do not live in Utah, I enjoy visiting this area to take advantage of Utah's exceptional recreation opportunities. I also support protecting Bears Ears numerous historic, cultural and natural resources, in line with the great

American tradition of conserving our great landscapes for future generations.

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It is in my opinion that Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, and Vermilion Cliffs, conform to section 1 of The Executive Order 13792 as every monument designation reflects The Antiquities 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."Therefore, it is imperative that all national monuments being reviewed pursuant to criteria in executive order 13792 remain protected as each was originally given adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders before designation.In regards to the requisite determination factors the Secretary is to consider, I would like to voice my support that all of the monuments listed meet:Criteria (i), none exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected."Criteria (ii), all monuments are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest."Criteria (vi), there is currently the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas.In reference to criteria (vii), it is important to understand that no president has ever moved to rescind a designation made by a previous president. This precedent should stay intact. Furthermore, the revenue that these monuments generate as tourist attractions will far exceed the short term gains that could otherwise be generated through extraction-related industries. Finally, these monuments are national treasures, to rescind any sort of protections for the implied intent of private use and development is nothing short of treason.

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I ask that you stop the assault on our National Monuments. As a citizen owner of our public lands and a taxpayer, I urge you to keep our National Monuments intact.I have traveled to Bears Ears National Monument more than a dozen times to climb, hike and mountain bike. I have also visited dozens of our National Monuments around the west. I support responsible recreation and I oppose harmful development and reckless resource extraction.Please do not roll back any protections to OUR National Monuments.

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument as it is.

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It is an outrage that you are even thinking about de authorizing Bears Ears. Our public lands are precious to all Americans. We demand that you protect and conserve them for us, our children, and all future generations. Once they are gone, we will never get them back and if they are returned they will be waste lands. We will be watching and waiting to see what action you take to preserve our beloved public lands.

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PROTECT OUR NATIONAL MONUMENTS!Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments.Grand Canyon-Parashant, Ironwood Forest, Vermilion Cliffs and Sonoran Desert national monuments in Arizona are truly some of the treasures of our state. The unique geology and undisturbed starry skies of Grand Canyon-Parashant, the incredible scenery of Vermilion Cliffs, the unique ecosystem and species of the Ironwood Forest and the saguaro cactus forests of the Sonoran Desert National Monument are all unrivaled and deserve the highest protections. Not only are these monuments incredibly worthy, they bring enormous benefits to our state by providing opportunities for recreation and driving the outdoor recreation economy.Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review," is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as national monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites the monument honors the voices of five tribes who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently.Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history, culture, and natural treasures are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Grand Canyon-Parashant or Vermilion Cliffs in Arizona, or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future

generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for national monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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As you review Bears Ears National Monument in light of President Trump's April 26, 2017 Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act, I urge you to recommend to President Trump that Bears Ears National Monument be upheld and the boundaries remain intact as designated in Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016 (Establishment of the Bears Ears National Monument). Bears Ears National Monument represents a historic compromise; it protects not only historic sites from LDS pioneer history, but the ancestral homelands of Native Americans including thousands of archeological sites from ancient road systems to cliff dwellings to burial grounds, and preserves the stunning geography, geology, and paleontology of southeastern Utah for all Americans to enjoy, in perpetuity. Please honor the values and resources that the Bears Ears National Monument protects by leaving the monument as it is. The previous administration consulted and coordinated closely with Utah's congressional delegation, governor, and officials in San Juan County to determine the best road to protection for the Bears Ears region, and designated Bears Ears National Monument only after Congress failed to act on Utah Representative Rob Bishop's Public Lands Initiative (PLI) legislation (H.R. 5780, 114th Congress). As a result, Bears Ears National Monument's 1.35 million acre footprint hews closely to the total acreage recommended for protection under the PLI. Bears Ears National Monument reflects a political middle ground, deferring to the state of Utah on Bears Ears boundaries and on monument management with the proclamation's establishment of a federal advisory committee composed of a "fair and balanced representation of interested stakeholders, including State and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners." I urge you to honor the contributions of all stakeholders, including the tribes of the Bears Ears Tribal Commission, by upholding the monument without modification. Finally, I urge you to honor the Native American tribes who have worked for years to protect Bears Ears National Monument by meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and with the five sovereign nations the coalition represents to learn about their deep connection to and long work to protect Bears Ears. Bears Ears National Monument contains among the highest density of cultural sites in the United States (higher, even, than Mesa Verde National Park), and objective review will find that the monument is "the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." As secretary of the interior, you are in a unique position to stand up for the protection of Bears Ears National Monument, and for the history from Native American civilizations to LDS pioneers, archaeology, paleontology, geology, and unmatched scenic beauty it contains. I urge you to recommend that we protect and preserve Bears Ears, and leave it as it is.

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Leave Bears Ears National Monument alone!!!!!!!

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I am writing to oppose any changes to Bears Ears National Monument that may result from your misguided "review." Bears Ears is a national and international treasure whose continued protection under the Antiquities Act is imperative. It's exactly the kind of landscape that the 111-year-old Act was designed to protect. With evidence of human history dating back 13,000 years, Bears Ears is one of the richest cultural landscapes in North America. It's a sacred place with more than 100,000 American Indian cultural sites. As you know, five tribes (Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, Ute and Zuni) originally proposed the monument, and resolutions supporting its protection have been passed by 30 tribes in all. The monument's vast canyons, mesas, mountains and rivers also form one of the most iconic and ecologically intact landscapes in the American West, and they deserve protection. They're also home to endangered species like Mexican spotted owls and regionally endemic species like alcove columbine and cave primrose. This monument has been subject to incredible scrutiny and years of public debate and discussion. Every inch of Bears Ears is necessary to preserve its irreplaceable archaeological sites and scientific wonders. Bears Ears must never be shrunk or repealed -- and, if anything, the monument isn't big enough. The tribes had requested almost 600,000 additional acres for protection; their whole proposal should have been granted. For all these reasons, I urge you to keep Bears Ears National Monument as it now stands -- to forever safeguard the values and objects of historic and scientific interest for which Bears Ears was protected and which are well articulated in the monument's proclamation.

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I stand with Bears Ears.

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I grew up being able to see bears ears from my house. I also grew up in a culture of pot hunters that destroyed indescribable number of Indian ruins. I have seen the damage that is been done by some of the locals and believe we need monument status to protect the Bears Ears.

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I oppose the elimination or diminishing of Bears Ears National Monument and any other National Monuments across the country. These monuments safeguard many important archeological sites and are sacred ground for many native tribes. This land belongs to all Americans and should be protected by all Americans as our cultural and natural heritage. Thank you for taking a stand for our national monuments.

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On your trip to Utah regarding Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monuments you were surrounded by moneyed interests who only look to how they can exploit the land and its mineral resources. These lands are loved and revered by many more Utahans than you were allowed to see. We were at the State Capital and the BLM building but you were not allowed to see the outpouring of support for these wonderful National Monuments. You say you think of yourself as a Teddy Roosevelt type of public official. If that is true, you must know that Teddy was a huge champion of protecting public lands for all citizens. Those who seek only their own self interest will exploit any piece of nature they can. YOU can keep the protections in place that were placed here by those with the foresight to know that these lands are for ALL the citizens of the United States. For now and for the future. YOU can do the right thing!!!! Sincerely, Barbara Rufenacht

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Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it.

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Preserve Bears Ears National Monument!!

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During his visit to Utah last week, Secretary Zinke said, "The Bears Ears is not widely supported or accepted in the state of Utah." This is false. Even after meeting with tribal leaders, Secretary Zinke still does not understand the importance of, and support behind, Bears Ears National Monument. Rescinding or altering the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument would be an attack on public lands, public voices, and Native American sovereignty.

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Our National Monuments are national treasures and belong to the people, not corporations and private interests. I oppose any effort to shrink, abolish, or weaken their protections. These National Monuments offer great benefits to the American public, providing recreation, historic ruins and rock art, wildlife habitats and natural landscapes that are priceless in value. Limiting commercial use that is damaging to the land is necessary and desired. Once destroyed, we can never have these treasures back. These are public lands belonging to all Americans, and as one of the landowners I insist that the public interest must come first, and private profits should not be pursued on my lands where they conflict with the public interest. The National Monuments that are subject to this review - Bears Ears, Basin and Range, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, and Vermilion Cliffs National Monuments, and the Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, and the Rose Atoll National Marine Monuments - all contain important cultural artifacts, important habitats, unparalleled beauty and fragile landscapes, making them a priceless heritage that we must pass down unspoiled to our grandchildren. The Antiquities Act was signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt, who in 1910 proclaimed, "Special business interests too often control and corrupt the men and methods of government for their own profit." Today, I see the Trump administration trying to undermine President Roosevelt's proud legacy and steal from the American people protections for the land and its cultural sites. Stop attacking Theodore Roosevelt's conservation legacy. These National Monuments afford great benefits for the Americans who visit and enjoy them, and their economic value to surrounding communities is far greater protected than despoiled. I urge you to respect the public interest in protecting these special places, and leave these National Monuments in place in an undiminished state.

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Our national monuments should not be for sale. Recreation, exploration, and the right to explore wild lands that are protected from greed-motivated destruction is what makes America great. My job, and the economy of my region, relies on having healthy forests, healthy wilderness, and tracts of land that are protected from irreparable damage done for short sighted gains for a few people. A decision to take away protections for any national monument, or any protected land, is a decision to do permanent damage the culture, economy, and psyche of the American people--for the profit of just a few for a very short term. Protect Bears Ears, and stand up for other natural places. Represent your constituency as you swore.

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All National Monuments Being Initially Reviewed Pursuant to Criteria in Executive Order 13792, including: Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade, Siskiyou,, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs, should be preserved in their current condition and should retain all of their current protections as National Monuments. Each must maintain its individual National Monument status, and none of them should be reduced in geographic size.

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Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Our future generations need these public lands to enjoy. Bears Ears is an irreplaceable piece of Native American history & culture. Without your protection, this historical gem could be lost- which would be a tremendous loss for future generations, for Native Americans & all people. Please save Bears Ears!! Thank you for your time.

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I understand that you are considering changing the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. This would be a grave mistake. Bears Ears is one of the most incredible landscapes in our country. It has both geologic and cultural significance, tying us at once to our present and our past, to the skies and to the land. It has tremendous cultural significance to Native Americans, and failure to protect this site would be yet another disrespectful act towards the native peoples of this country. Our public lands are vital to our collective national legacy, which belongs not only to us, but to the generations to come. Through tourism, and protection, these national monuments also provide significant income to the local communities, and to strengthen small towns is to strengthen our nation as a whole. Please do the right thing and protect Bears Ears National Monument as the treasure that it is.

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Please do not rescind or reduce our National Monuments in Utah: Escalante Grand Staircase and Bears Ears. These lands are beautiful for all, and sacred for the Native Americans who call the area home. When you visited the Monument areas recently, you spent a majority of your time with Monument opponents, telling the rest who requested time with you, "That's the breaks." Because of this, you are not qualified to make a decision about our National Monuments. Do the right thing by leaving Bears Ears and Grand Staircase intact; or come back to Utah to do your due diligence and hold public meetings. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration, Amy Reeder

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Secretary Zinke, I moved to Utah and have stayed here because of the public lands in the southern part of the state. Protect the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments, and those in other states. Utah is a state full of start-ups and innovation, and I will be moving to Saint George this fall to train people going into the biotechnology field. Lots of talented people move to Utah and stay because of the outdoor spaces like those at under review, and these people have helped change Utah from an agriculture and mining state to a leader in technology. Aside from the economic benefits brought in by these lands, the ecological and cultural value is immeasurable. Conserving lands is always a backward-stepping battle. Hold the ground we have for the American people and our children. Geoff Smith

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- The national monuments under review, specifically Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante and several others were designated after extensive local input and review.- The national monuments under review have provided numerous benefits to the surrounding communities, including economic benefits associated with outdoor recreation, travel and tourism.- Net job loss due to monument designations is demonstrably false. In fact, monument designations have clearly resulted in net job gains in local communities.- Protection of America's public lands, including the national monuments under review, are critical to supporting 7.6 million American jobs that drive an \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy.- Revisions to already designated national monuments is a direct threat to the surrounding local economies and to the vitality of those communities.

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Please preserve the new Bears Ears National Monument, and all other national monuments.

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National Parks and Monuments and Historic Sites, etc., have meant so much to me and not just because I worked for the National Park Service for 30 years before retiring. In this time of burgeoning human population and the resultant global climate change, these places of beauty, wildness, history, recreation, and culture provide much-needed rest and relaxation and a feeling of continuity through the ages. They give "we the people" places to reflect and renew ourselves. I have dealt with depression throughout adulthood and, had I not lived near Parks and Monuments to visit in times of darkness, I might not be here today. Great Sand Dunes Nat'l. Monument (now, years later, a Nat'l. Park and Preserve) was 40 miles from my college in Alamosa, CO. I went there often for solace and to be reminded of the incredible world in which we live. At Timpanogos Cave Nat'l. Monument in Utah, I began my career in "gray and green" and found a "calling," if you will, in interpreting these unique places...I found a career and a purpose to my life. In Dinosaur Nat'l. Monument, I became both a permanent employee for the NPS and met my husband-to-be...he and I were together 33 years before he died of lymphoma and leukemia. Some of his ashes are spread on property I own just south of the entrance to Dinosaur along the entry road. The Antiquities Act is so important and the Monuments established since President Roosevelt began by using this act need to be celebrated and kept whole. Bears Ears, in particular, a Monument I haven't visited yet, calls to me not for its beauty alone, but for its history, prehistory, and the unprecedented cooperation of the Inter-tribal Council in its management. Please listen to these people and hear them. Traditional uses will continue, now protected for this and future generations. And extend this lasting protection to ALL the Monuments under consideration. You hold their delicate future in your hands.

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Save Bears Ears! Protect and preserve the wilderness. Leave fossil fuels in the ground.

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I ask that you respect the years of work that had already been invested by your department when President Obama designated Bears Ears National Monument on December 28, 2016. Interior staff carefully researched and documented the rich natural, archeological, and cultural history of the Bears Ears region in order to determine the smallest area compatible with the proper care, management and protection of the Monument's resources. Overturning or overwriting the comprehensive efforts of your colleagues would be placing short-sighted political goals before your foremost duty to protect and manage the nation's natural resources and cultural heritage. It would also be renouncing the commitment the nation made to the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, and Ute Indian Tribe. They hold the Bears Ears as a sacred place, and thousands of years' worth of archeological evidence supports their conviction. The Bears Ears designation, for the first time, gave Native Americans a principal role in managing their cultural resources. Revoking or reducing the size of Bears Ears after a cursory 45-day review would disrespect the native people who consider Bears Ears sacred, and negotiated, in good faith, their role in preserving it. It is ironic that the administration has made claims that Bears Ears National Monument was designated without sufficient public input, given that you are now deciding the fate of Bears Ears in just 45 days and have stated you will not consider the tens of thousands of valid comments regarding Bears Ears National Monument that were submitted prior to May 11. Many of the crown jewels of the National Park System you oversee, including Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Olympic, Bryce Canyon and Zion, were first protected not as parks but as National Monuments. Today no one, not even the most rabid critics of the Antiquities Act, would call for rescinding or shrinking the size of these landmarks. You have said you look to Teddy Roosevelt as a role model. Please consider whether he would have chosen to rescind Bears Ears National Monument when presented the choice.

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I respectfully submit these comments as a professional archaeologist, as an anthropology professor at Tulane University, and as a member of the Society for American Archaeology, in support of the Bear's Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act was passed in 1906 to protect cultural and historical landscapes, archaeological sites, and cultural resources across the U.S. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bear's Ears Monument--that I am writing. The Bear's Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bear's Ears National Monument continues.

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The Bears Ears National Monument was a huge Federal land grab, out of place in the 21st century. Why don't politicians ever take land away from their own home states? Or lock up land in their own back yards so that they themselves can no longer control it? Please reverse this atrocity. Please give control of land back to the states.

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I moved to Southern Utah about 5 years ago. My move was prompted in large measure because of public lands designated as National Monuments and Parks. Grand Staircase Escalante and now Bears Ears are very important to me and to the millions of visitors who add to the economy of the area.

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I am commenting on the specific designation of Bears Ears National Monument. The review process of Bears Ears National Monument is a waste of taxpayer's money as it was the people across the country who have supported its existence to begin with. There has already been a thorough public access comment period prior to the time of its establishment. As a visitor to southern Utah many times over, I would be a future visitor again to this land if it were protected. It has more value to the American people in the justification of its beauty and due to its cultural and historical significance than anything proposed by those objecting to this action. I strongly urge the Interior Department to protect the integrity of the Antiquities Act, which has been used by Presidents of both parties for over 100 years. Utah should feel blessed that it has these beautiful and scenic lands instead of trying to figure out how to exploit them. These lands belong to the people, not special interest.

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I appreciate that Secretary Zinke is taking the time to come out to Utah and review the public lands unlike President Obama did when he designated Bears Ears without even visiting the site and people impacted, not to mention publishing images that were not even from Bears Ears when they made the announcement. It is refreshing to have this consideration and I hope that the Secretary will take the opinions of all parties into account. I am tired of large corporations telling its members what they should and should not think about this issue. It has been disappointing that many companies have decided to cease doing business within the state of Utah because many of the population is against the continued land grab that has taken place by the federal government in the name of "preservation". It is more economical and fair to allow states to have a say in how the land is managed in order to preserve access to recreational activities while balancing protection and use of the natural resources that are available.

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Since the Antiquities Act of 1906 was signed into law by President Teddy Roosevelt, it has been enacted over 150 times to unequivocally protect lands federally. No president in history has ever attempted to reverse a monument designation. Mr. Zinke has a single course of noble, decent action, which is to protect Bears Ears and the entire list of monuments. President Roosevelt's visionary spirit protected lands that define the U. S. more than the skyscrapers of any city. I urge, without equivocation or qualification, that all monuments be preserved. I am 100% opposed to the use of any national monument for the purpose of financial gain to any governmental or private entity whatsoever.

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Situated in the midst of a bustling metropolis, is a sanctuary created and protected by the NPS - Valley Forge National Historical Park. It is my backyard, my playground, my home. My children catch crayfish in its creeks, collect flowers in its meadows, and animal bones along its paths. Preserved buildings remind me of my nation's past and the independence it barely won. It is the place I always turn to when feeling down or disconnected from myself. It is the place I turn to when I want to feel awestruck and alive. If ever this place faced closure or development, as those now under threat in the west - San Gabriel Mountains in California, Craters of the Moon in Idaho, and Bears Ears in Utah, it would be a devastating loss not only to myself and family, but the millions of others transformed by it. I am not a religious person, but I find God when I stand in the presence of wonder at Arches, Yosemite, Sequoia. How small I feel juxtaposed with these natural forces, how inconsequential. These sacred places have been around far longer than we ever laid claim to them as a nation. It is our moral duty to protect them all. For if one is lost, there is no certainty about the rest. In the words of Stephen T. Mather, NPS Director, 1917-1929: "Who will gainsay that the parks contain the highest potentialities of national pride, national contentment, and national health? A visit inspires love of country; begets contentment; engenders pride of possession; contains the antidote for national restlessness.... He is a better citizen with a keener appreciation of the privilege of living here who has toured the national parks."

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Please listen to all parties involved and not just the loud Utah politicians who are trying to overturn the designation of Bears Ears and shrink Escalante. The people of Utah and of this country overwhelmingly support National parks and monuments. Please don't listen to the loud minority that only have their special business interests in mind. Please leave an honorable legacy for yourself and leave the monuments alone!

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Honorable Sec. Zinke, The Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument is a family favorite; do not reduce it in any way. We bicycle its roads, hike its slot canyons, and fish for native cutthroat trout in its streams. Perhaps adding to the monument boundaries or encouraging Congress to bump it to National Park Status would be most appropriate. We are sixth and seventh generation Utahns. With tourism bringing over \$8 billion that remains in the Utah versus \$2.5 billion for fossil fuels that mostly leaves the state, I see all monuments, parks, and natural areas as the greatest gain for this great state of Utah. The gains are in both the economy and in quality of life for all. I saw in the news that you visited very small sections of Bears Ears NM and none of the Grand Staircase Escalante NM. You should return an visit to the monument. Only this time visit with the regular Utahns, not the oil, gas, and coal industry supported politicians who repeatedly fail to see that Utah citizens are who they should be representing, not the extraction industries. Please increase the size and/or status of Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument! Kirk Nichols Professor, Health, Kinesiology, and Recreation

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Save Bears Ears!

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I stand in support of Bears Ears National Monument and all of the other 26 National Monuments under review after the overreaching Executive Order 13792. These lands are our shared national heritage and are steeped in cultural significance. I stand for our public lands, for our wild places, for intact healthy ecosystems that provide refugia for life, both wild and human. These are the places we hike, bike, hunt, and fish. Places one can experience solitude and connection with the natural world. Many National Monuments have later become our greatest National Parks. Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Bryce, Zion, Acadia, Olympic, and many others started out as National Monuments before becoming National Parks. The forefathers of the Antiquities Act had great foresight in allowing for the proclamation of Monuments. No where in the Act does it allow a President to revoke a previous President's proclamation. And Executive Order 13792 also arbitrarily chooses 100,000 acres as qualifying for review. In the case of the Grand Canyon, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the Grand Canyon was indeed "an object of historic or scientific interest" and could be protected by presidential proclamation setting a precedent for the use of the Antiquities Act to preserve large areas of land. This precedent exists to this day. The courts have rejected every challenge to the President's use of the Antiquities Act, consistently ruling that the law gives the president exclusive discretion over the

determination of the size and nature of the objects protected. Bears Ears National Monument was proclaimed a monument after over 5 years of work by a coalition of Southwestern Native American tribes, local community members, and politicians both locally and nationally. After conceding nearly 600,000 acres in the final designation for timber, mining, OHV, and other high intensive uses, it appears Rep. Rob Bishop and the other Utah politicians were negotiating in bad faith. This monument still allows traditional use and was already federally owned public lands so to describe it as a land grab is absurd. Bears Ears is an incredibly gorgeous place of spiritual significance to many. It is filled with the history of many people. Cliff dwellings dot the deep sandstone cliffs. Granaries and other ruins filled with pottery sherds and old corn cobs echo of a time long ago. The mesas, meadows, and canyon systems of Bears Ears National Monument are filled with ruins, petroglyphs, pictographs, and cliff dwellings. This place is beautiful and incredibly important. I am very thankful for the years of hard work that was put in and the foresight in protecting Bears Ears as a National Monument.

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Dear Secretary Ryan Zinke, Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact

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Thank you for reading the many comments which must be pouring in regarding the importance of our National Monuments. I have enjoyed our public lands as a place for recreation since I was a child. Growing up in New Mexico, I was surrounded by National Forests, Monuments and other types of public lands. I have also enjoyed employment that was dependent on our public lands as an outdoor guide. During club sponsored road trips in college, I was introduced to the Indian Creek area which is now part of the Bears Ears National Monument. Ever since that first visit which was a decade ago, I have made dozens of return trips. The area is magical in a way that few places are. I have had the privilege to travel to many destinations, both national and international, and visit many of the natural and cultural treasures of our world. Yet I return to that southeastern corner of Utah time and time again, sometimes driving 12 hours or more for a short weekend visit. I have seen it change significantly in the past 10 years. In order to retain its unique character, which has developed over millennia, we must do our small part during our short lives to protect it. Please do the right thing and protect that which cannot be rebuilt or restored. Protect public lands across our naturally rich country.

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Our public lands, including our national monuments, are an important part of our shared culture, heritage, and experience. I am writing to voice my strong opposition any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments, specifically Bear Ears National Monument in Utah. This monument protects one of the most significant cultural landscapes in the United States, with thousands of sacred cultural sites and important areas of spiritual significance. Along with its cultural and historical significance, Bear Ears protects valuable ecological resources and recreational opportunities. We can learn a lot from the broad coalition of tribes, conservationists, recreationalists, hunters, ranchers, and community members who worked for decades for this designation. In fact, 71% of Utah residents support the monument, seeing the value in it. National monuments just like Bear Ears have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. I support leaving permanent protection for Bear Ears as a national monument in place.

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Nature is a rare gift, I am writing asking you to keep all the beautiful National Monuments. Americans need a place to go outdoors and see what an incredible place they live in. My husband and I have visited many of the 129 National Monuments in the nation. Carrillo, Castle Mts, Carrizo Plains, Muir Woods, Fort Ord, Devils Tower, Casa Grande, Cedar Breaks, Point Reyes and the newest NM Bears Ears. Bears Ears is a sacred place. Please honor these places for all Americans, we need protection for them.

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Bears Ears National Monument deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation.

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Hi here, I'm the son of a retired Grand Teton National Park ranger and I grew up in the park amongst rangers devoted to protecting and serving our country. My father taught me the importance of service and I am writing you because I believe that it is my duty to voice my opinion and protect public lands so that others and myself can continue to use and enjoy these remarkable places. I'm an avid rock climber and I visit Indian Creek (part of Bears Ears National Monument) twice a year to camp, climb, hike, and enjoy the breathtaking views of open space and red rock. Every year when I visit this special place I encounter people from all over the world who have traveled to recreate in the Bears Ears and every year I witness more and more people returning. These people are contributing to the local and national economy and enjoying the best crack climbing in the whole world. This place promotes a growing tourist economy enjoyed by thousands. I strongly urge the Interior to protect the integrity of the Antiquities Act, which has been used by Presidents of both parties for over 100 years.

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I stand with BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT. As a citizen of the United States and Colorado, and a frequent visitor to Bears Ears, I support Bears Ears National Monument as established by proclamation under The Antiquities Act of 1906. The Antiquities Act of 1906 requires that reservations of land not exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care...." The Native American proposal for Bears Ears encompassed 1.91 million acres of land; the PLI proposal encompassed 1.28 million acres. The final designation of 1.35 million acres is much closer to the PLI proposal than the Native American proposal. Even the most conservative elements must acknowledge the national monument boundaries as established by proclamation represent the smallest area possible. With over 100,000 archaeological sites within its boundaries, Bears Ears is one of the richest deposits of archaeological evidence in the country. Sections of Bears Ears number among some of the last places in the United States to be mapped, a wilderness of tremendous scientific interest. There is nothing else quite like it anywhere; but if we destroy it, it's gone forever. Bears Ears has been established on existing Federal lands, many sections of which were already designated as archaeological areas, wilderness study areas, etc. By reducing the footprint of Bears Ears by over 500,000 acres from the 2016 Native American proposal, a significant area of Federal land remains available for other uses, while protecting the most vulnerable areas. Bears Ears is located in an area of the country already attractive for tourism. Utah enjoys an \$8 billion influx from tourism and recreation. Revenues generated from the renewable resource of preservation, rather than through depletion of available natural resources by mining, drilling wells, logging, etc. is a lucrative option to promote the economy in that part of the state. Tribal support for Bears Ears is profound, and a wide spectrum of environmental and education organizations also support the monument. Public input on Bears Ears has been ongoing for some eight decades now; everything that needs to be said has been said multiple times; and even the most conservative elements have long agreed that it was not a question if Bears Ears should be protected, but how and when. The 2016 proclamation, empowered by a 110-year-old law upheld through multiple administrations, and rendered with thoughtful and mindful consideration to balance as many interests as possible, at long last answers that question. Bears Ears National Monument is an area of unique and stunning natural beauty, containing within its boundaries a rich archaeological history of the First People of this country. The ecosystems are fragile and vulnerable, and the archaeological evidence easily looted and destroyed. I beg of you, do not leave my children and my children's children to wonder why we lost this precious treasure due to partisan bickering; do not exploit and despoil the timeless history and natural wonders in the search for short-term gain. To question the legality of the Antiquities Act, after 110 years of its implementation by presidents from both parties, through the vehicle of a presidential executive order rather than legislative initiative or judicial challenge, seems to me ill-advised - to say nothing of ironic - in the extreme. I stand with Bears Ears. I urge you, Secretary Zinke, to stand with Bears Ears too. Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts on this issue.

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Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. We will fight back.

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I am writing to offer my full support for our existing National Monuments, especially Bears Ears NM, Giant Sequoia NM, and the Carrizo Plain NM in my home county, San Luis Obispo, California. Bears Ears NM is a tribute, and an honor, to Native Americans of Utah, and should be respected and preserved. Giant Sequoia NM was litigated and found to be a legitimate monument. I have been there and I can attribute to the fact that it is worthy of its designation. Regarding the Carrizo Plain NM, I served on the Carrizo Plain NM Advisory Committee from 2006 to 2010. We held several public hearings, considered many different ideas and viewpoints, and helped the Bureau of Land Management to craft (in my opinion) an excellent Environmental Impact Statement and Resource Management Plan. I am proud of the Carrizo Plain NM, the advisory committee, the BLM staff, the public, and the wide range of constituents who worked together to craft a plan for the monument. I have not yet been to Bears Ears NM but hope to visit the monument in the near future. From what I have read and seen on the website, its worthy of its monument designation. In conclusion, I am a strong supporter of our National Monuments and our National Parks. Many of our finest parks (Death Valley, Joshua Tree, Pinnacles, Grand Canyon) began as monuments. They are worthy of our collective care. Please work to strengthen protection for our Monuments and Parks.

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I trust you take seriously your responsibility to protect the material assets of our great nation from exploitation of by the private sector at the expense of the greater good of its citizen majority. I believe it is important to protect as much of our nation's physical beauty, unique landscape and national heritage for our future generations as possible and not exploit it for short term monetary gain. It costs our land and heritage too much! The leaders of the past have left us a great legacy of National parks and Monuments to create and protect spaces for all our country to enjoy and take pride in, please do not break that tradition. Please protect Bear's Ears and all the other nation sacred icons of our natural beauty, history and patriotism. Thank

you.Tom Warner

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Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it only hurts one of our nations most incredible landscapes. This monument is important to all us different reasons and altering it in any way only serves one greedy interest. Please do not add this to the list of open spaces my children's children will never experience.

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First of all, I wanted to thank you for opening a public comment period on his review, which is something that will affect so many Americans across the country. But my name is Reilly Jackson, I am a wildlife biologist from California and Idaho, and I am an avid hiker and sportswoman that uses these outdoor areas in question. I just wanted to implore you to not rescind the national monument of Bears Ears, to not shrink Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and to maintain the monument status of all the monuments in review. I have personally been to many of these monuments under review, and I can personally say that these are life-changing areas that are so absolutely magnificent and breath-taking. First of all, Bears Ears National Monuments has significant cultural heritage to many of the Native American tribes surrounding it, a fact that I know you are aware of. Additionally, as I hope you saw for yourself, that landscape itself is amazing and is the habitat for many ecologically important desert species in Utah. Second, many of these BLM lands are in my top favorite places to visit in the ENTIRE US!!! In this large country of ours, that's pretty amazing. The Vermilion-Cliffs National Monument is one of the prettiest places that I have ever had the fortune to visit. While hiking to the Wave, one of the coolest geological formations I've ever seen, the surrounding landscape is gorgeous and out of this world. The bright reds of the sandstone are unparalleled in their beauty. AND, on top of this (and his will appeal to you), people already graze their cattle on this land! Wow, pretty crazy. So on top of the economic benefits of tourism (Look at Kanab, UT and Paige, AZ), local ranchers can run their cattle in these areas without fear that they will be mangled to death or die of other coal and oil extraction related complications. The same is true for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Despite its huge size, which you seem to have an issue with, this land is one of the major generators of economic revenue in the area, mainly from tourist business. However, this land ALSO runs cattle on it, so they same argument for Vermilion-Cliffs applies here. And, while these places still have cattle (which also ruin the land but whatever, I'd prefer that to oil and coal extraction equipment, damage, etc.), they are still largely ecologically viable in an increasingly fragmented landscape. ALL of these monuments under review are extremely, extremely, EXTREMELY important for wildlife and the ecosystems which we as a nation (and as a leader of democracy) rely on much more than many people realize. Thank you Mr. Zinke for allowing the public to comment on this review, and I sincerely hope you will consider the repercussions of rescinding and/or shrinking national monuments. I do not believe that this is the best course of action for the Department of the Interior to pursue. Thank you for your time, and I hope good news comes from this review. Side note: I have attached photos of some of the beautiful areas that are under review, including Vermilion-Cliffs National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, truly encourage you to consider what is being proposed and the negative impacts it will have on these lands and the economy. Attachments IMG\_5597 IMG\_4817

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I am writing this letter to comment on the recently designated Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. Given the record visitation to our existing national parks in recent years, I think it is imperative that we continue to set aside federal public lands for recreation. This will take the pressure off the National Park Service units and spread the people out as our population continues to grow. As I understand that existing leases and permits for grazing, mining and other non-recreational uses are not affected by the National Monument designation, I urge you to take no action to change the Bears Ears National Monument. Thank you for the opportunity to make my opinion known to you on this matter.

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First, I implore you not to decrease protections to and for existing national monuments, including Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah. Second, I ask that you (YOU) research and understand the bipartisan legacies of the Antiquities Act, in that Republican presidents also designated national monuments (some of scale of millions of acres). And, third, you must recognize and honor tribal sovereignty regarding Bear Ears. Please listen to ALL Americans and not be tied to short-sighted or biased agendas supportive of quick oil-and-gas gains aren't worth the devastation to ecosystems, scenic values (and thus TOURIST \$\$), or the cultural heritage. To see a list of the national monuments set aside under the Antiquities Act, go to <https://www.npca.org/resources/2658-monuments-protected-under-the-antiquities-act#sm000cs64gw1au8de3w9j1v6j170mpv>.

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My name is Bernard P. Friel. I am a lifelong resident of Minnesota. I am a supporter of the Antiquities Act, and write here to express my support for the creation and currently designated boundaries of Grand Staircase Escalante and the Bears Ears National Monuments. By way of background, I am a retired lawyer. I was associated with the Twin Cities law firm of Briggs and Morgan PA over a period spanning 57 years, variously as associate,



partner, shareholder, and Of Counsel. I served on the firm board of Directors, as co-chair of its trial department and as chair of its municipal bond department. I am a Founder and was first president of the National Association of Bond Lawyers. Over the last 51 years, (since 1976, and continuing still) sometimes solo, sometimes with members of my family, and sometimes with friends, I have reinvigorated my spirit, replenished my strength, and renewed my bond with nature and the outdoors, hiking, backpacking, rafting, and photographing in the Colorado Plateau in Utah. I estimate that I have spent over 700 days in such activity over those years. During that half century I have enjoyed the unique and wondrous in Utah . . . the Anasazi pictographs and petroglyphs, the colorful features of Bryce NP, Capitol Reef NP, Natural Bridges, Canyonlands, Arches, Hole in the Rock, the Devil's Garden, Valley of the Gods, the Waterpocket Fold, Zion, Lake Powell, the Burr Trail, Vermillion Cliffs and numerous places in Grand Staircase Escalante, and what is now Bears Ears. I have made 75 to 100 such trips returning to many locations several times. The unmatched beauty of these magnificent, buttes and valleys, and the sacred and historic artifacts and dwellings there must be protected and preserved for future generations. And prompt protection is essential to stop the desecration and looting that I have witnessed during my travels there... the bullet holes in the pictographs, the graffiti on the petroglyphs, and the looting and destruction of sacred sites. In my travels to these locations, I have spent thousands of dollars on food, gasoline, auto repairs, equipment, motels and camping accommodations, in Moab, Escalante, Blanding, Monticello, Torrey, Bluff, Kanab, Caineville, Hanksville, Torrey, Boulder, Bryce, Virgin, Green River, etc., etc., etc., and the favorable economic impact of travel like mine to those parks and monuments has been remarkable... and it should be noted that it is tourism, not extractive industry, that has caused an explosion of motels, restaurants, and tourism facilities in Moab, Bryce, Escalante, Monticello, Kanab and many other towns proximate to Utah's National Parks and Monuments. In conducting this National Monument Review it should be kept in mind too, that with respect to Bears Ears the boundary designation was crafted to avoid preeminent locations for the extractive industry, which locations were specifically excluded from original Monument proposals. That may be true of other Monuments under review as well, but I do not have such information. It is with the foregoing in mind that I urge the DOI to let the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante Monuments stand as created. The attached images were taken by me in Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in the Fall of 2016. Attachments 9013\_80068078332\_80063758104\_8006230

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. Hard to fathom we are having to even do this... will trust that you will do what your conscience asks of you...

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Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. Please save Bears Ears from the Orange Buffoon. Thanks.-Charley Tucker

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Our National Parks and Monuments, including Grand Staircase Escalante and Bears Ears here in Utah, are vital to our state, our nation, and the world. It is our connection with nature that makes us truly human. Everyone benefits. Our economies through tourism, our planet through preservation of environments. I have grandchildren. I want them to experience a world of clean air, clean water. We must act now to give them that. Our founding fathers could have lived out lives of relative opulence and contentment if they had just settled for the status quo of Imperial England. But they were not thinking of short term benefits. They were thinking of long term benefits that resulted in 200 years of our great nation - the hope for the world. We need to emulate them.

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Grand Staircase Escalante and Bears Ears here in Utah, as part of the United States National Parks and Monuments, are vital to our state, our nation, and the world - financially, logically, culturally, anthropologically, for the appreciation of beauty, and for the sake of history from which we learn wisdom. It is our connection with nature that makes us truly human. Everyone benefits. Our economies through tourism, our planet through preservation of environments. I want my grandchildren to experience a world of clean air, clean water. Acting now is essential, for my grandchildren to enjoy the wonders, history and awe of America. Our founding fathers could have lived out lives of relative opulence and contentment if they had just settled for the status quo of Imperial England. But they were not thinking of short term benefits. They were thinking of long term benefits that resulted in 200 years of our great nation - the hope for the world. We need to emulate them. The United States is more than just a place. It is an idea, a set of values, a history, and - most importantly - a people who have come together to share a common perspective. We must remember the journey taken by the many people who have given their lives and struggles contributing to the experience of the United States. Preserving these monuments shows a respect for what the United States has been, has experienced, is now, and can be. It shows respect for all those people and their lives. Wisely, our country has set aside part of our lands to preserve the spectacle of nature and the wonder of this place, and set aside places to recall our struggles, our inspirations, our people. To fall short in these preservations is to lose our "self", our soul, our nation; even begin our dissolution. We must decide if this country lives and breathes as a wonderful spirit or whether we no longer have a spirit. I support the preservation of these monuments. Wisely, past Presidents have set aside lands and places to help us remember who we are. I support them. I believe we should not fail to be responsible to our history and to all of those who have given of themselves to make us who we are.

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I am very disturbed that the government is considering privatizing national monuments and parks in the United States. This public land is protected for many reasons important to Native Americans and other cultural groups. These lands bring us together in a way no commercial real estate ever could. The monuments such as Bears Ears and the Grand Canyon are natural wonders and should be protected for spiritual, cultural and environmental reasons. What happens to the eco-systems of the regions where these monuments lie? Where does all the wildlife go? How many more emissions will be created from building on these lands? How will our country and planet be better off from changing this law? These are just a few of the questions I have on the issue. I work for REI because of the profits they give back annually to the outdoor communities. I have traveled to the places that will be affected by this decision. Not only have I, but my family and friends have created memories at places such as Arches National Park and the Grand Canyon. We give back to local community projects where there is river clean up and restoration projects because we want this land to be there for our grandchildren. If these lands are no longer protected by the government then is anything sacred anymore? There are already problems with pipelines across Native American lands, where the government has disregarded their legal rights. Now the government wants to promote "a good deal" on national parks? I plead for you to understand the gravity of this decision. Not only will this affect businesses and government officials, but families and communities. The cons outweigh the pros on this issue, and I think you need to take a look at who you are trying to benefit. Thank you for taking the time to hear my thoughts.

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As an avid outdoor recreationist and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes would be rolled back. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented, possibly even illegal, attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a meaningful supplement--or means to supplant--the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review. While President Trump is free to exercise his discretion in the designation of new National Monuments according to his administration's priorities, that discretion does not and should not extend to undoing the considered judgment of his predecessors.

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. Our environment is imperative to human existence. Without protected lands and a healthy ecosystem the economy will suffer. "We Do Not Inherit the Earth from Our Ancestors; We Borrow It from Our Children"

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Bears Ears monument is a national treasure and should be regarded as such. Destroying these lands prove that the government is not concerned for the future of America or its people, by accelerating land degradation and turning it into a federal and corporate playground. Preserving Bears Ears not only will provide a good example for our future generations, but will also preserve the land for the enjoyment of the American People.

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We, the undersigned, are writing to ask that you respect the years of work that had already been invested by your department when President Obama designated Bears Ears National Monument on December 28, 2016. Interior staff carefully researched and documented the rich natural, archeological, and cultural history of the Bears Ears region in order to determine the smallest area compatible with the proper care, management and protection of the Monument's resources. Overturning or overwriting the comprehensive efforts of your colleagues would be placing short-sighted political goals before your foremost duty to protect and manage the nation's natural resources and cultural heritage. It would also be renouncing the commitment the nation made to the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, and Ute Indian Tribe. They hold the Bears Ears as a sacred place, and thousands of years' worth of archeological evidence supports their conviction. The Bears Ears designation, for the first time, gave Native Americans a principal role in managing their cultural resources. Revoking or reducing the size of Bears Ears after a cursory 45-day review would disrespect the native people who consider Bears Ears sacred, and negotiated, in good faith, their role in preserving it. It is ironic that the administration has made claims that Bears Ears National Monument was designated without sufficient public input, given that you are now deciding the fate of Bears Ears in just 45 days and have stated you will not consider the tens of thousands of valid comments regarding Bears Ears National Monument that were submitted prior to May 11. Many of the crown jewels of the National Park System you oversee, including Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Olympic, Bryce Canyon and Zion, were first protected not as parks but as National Monuments. Today no one, not even the most rabid critics of the Antiquities Act, would call for rescinding or shrinking the size of these landmarks. You have said you look to Teddy Roosevelt as a role model. Please consider whether he would have chosen to rescind Bears Ears National Monument when presented the choice.

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America's National Park Service is, as the documentarian Ken Burns suggested, America's Best Idea. Our national parks, monuments, and public lands offer the American people a place to play, learn, and appreciate the natural world. The Park Service was created a century ago in order to preserve the ecological and historical integrity of our lands for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. Since its inception, it has expanded to protect incredible historical and natural monuments, including recent additions such as Bears Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act allows the President to create national monuments to protect significant historical, ecological, or cultural features. It does not allow for a President to reduce or remove the national monument designation created by a previous President. If anything, historical precedence of limitations to the Antiquities Act relied on the unique checks and balances system in our democracy by relying on congressional consent to designate lands in some of our most impacted states, including Wyoming. I spent my childhood exploring the federal lands in Wyoming. My parents ensured that we visited our nation's first national park, Yellowstone, so often that I considered seeing a bear "something that happened on every kid's vacation." We visited Medicine Wheel National Historic Landmark, a moment I credit with instilling in me a sense of appreciation for the preservation of important historical and cultural landmarks. We stayed at our nation's first national monument, Devils Tower, and enjoyed the monument's natural wonders by hiking while also learning of the cultural and spiritual history of this unique natural phenomenon. My favorite memories, my experiences, the person I am today, none of this would be made possible without the National Park Service and its oversight of so many different public lands. I didn't even grow up in Wyoming. I grew up in southeastern Minnesota but because my parents had spent their childhoods exploring the incredible public lands in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Arizona, they ensured that my siblings and I did the same. They also recognized that Park Service lands were affordable and accessible no matter our situation. There's a map on my wall marking the National Parks that I've visited. I keep tabs of the National Monuments in my National Parks Passport. I camp on federal lands and in national forests. I take my students to public lands to show them the incredible, natural beauty of our nation. I do this because this land is, for all its hokey cliché of a phrase, our land and was made for you and me- for the benefit and enjoyment of the people and to preserve for future generations the integrity of the land and cultural and historical properties within it. The National Park Service has instilled in me a sense of ownership and stewardship of these lands. It is imperative that the Department of the Interior continue to uphold the integrity and purpose of the National Park Service, including the continued protections of current national monuments and public lands. I expect the Department and Secretary Zinke to be true stewards to the land and to recognize the extents and limitations of the authorities provided to the President by the Antiquities Act and to work with both the Executive and Congressional branches of the US Federal Government to continue to protect our land.

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One of the greatest gifts the American government has given its citizens is the preservation of open lands as National Parks, National Monuments, and National Forests. I find it unfathomable that such places as Craters of the Moon, Canyons of the Ancients, Bears Ears, Giant Sequoia, Vermillion Cliffs, Grand Staircase, in fact, any of monuments being targeted for transfer to private enterprise that is guaranteed to harm the land, such as coal mining, oil drilling and fracking. The shortsightedness of this move demonstrates how this administration disregards the environment and is pushing an agenda that enriches a few at a great cost to many. Please do not transfer any of these lands for private development. Once the land is so abused, it will never come back, lost forever.

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I support Bears Ears National Monument and oppose any action to repeal its designation or reduce its size. Decades of data prove rural counties with National Parks and Monuments are wealthier than equivalently sized and located counties without these attractions. In addition, Bears Ears National Monument is packed with important cultural artifacts of the Ancient Puebloans, unmatched in extent and density at any similar unprotected area of the Colorado Plateau. This scenic and culturally significant landscape must be protected and cherished as intended by the Monument designation.

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Please listen to the people! Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Our public lands are vital to our national legacy, which belongs not only to us, but also to all future Americans. They're economically beneficial to our local communities, and to our nation as a whole. Please preserve these special places for the sake of our children and our planet. Joanne Mogren

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You will get all sorts of backlash if you eliminate Bears Ears. You better take the middle road and reduce the current size to something reasonable and go with it. Too bad. Nothing should ever have been brought up about the whole area in the first place. Now it's wrecked more than if it just stayed the way it was.

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the review of National Monuments and any potential actions that could lead to a shrinking in their boundaries, reducing protections within them, or a total revocation of their existence. These national monuments, along with other protected and unprotected landscapes, are a national treasure deserving the utmost protection and respect. Reducing the size of these special places, or loosening regulations to allow for natural resources to be exploited, would be a tragedy of enormous proportion. Allowing a small few to profit from these lands, while destroying what is beloved by the majority of Americans, would be immoral and wrong. Anything less than expanding these monuments is unacceptable; shrinking any of them, in particular Bears Ears in Utah, should not happen under your (or anyone else's) watch. Please do everything you can to protect and strengthen protections of all national monuments, and all public lands.

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Please keep Bears Ears.

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I'm a resident of the great state of Utah and a supporter of the Bears Ears National Monument. This land deserves to be protected by the national monument status. Keep the monument as it stands. I stand with Bears Ears

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I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bear's Ears Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bear's Ears Monument--that I am writing. The Bear's Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bear's Ears Monument continues.

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I am a citizen of Utah writing to express my support for legal protection for wild open spaces in the American West. I have spent many days and nights camping, hiking, and climbing in the Bears Ears National Monument and other wild places in Utah. As populations expand so do development pressures on these national treasures. I believe future generations should be able to experience the transformative and rejuvenating powers of wild open spaces in the West. Therefore I believe we should maintain legal protections for these lands such as the Antiquities Act, and National Parks system. The huge wilderness expanses of the western United States are known and revered all across the world. Let's not jeopardize these unique national resources for short-term gains or political points.

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Secretary Zinke, As someone who was born in Carbon County and where my dad toiled in the coal mines for over 40 years, I would avoid the precedent setting action of modifying or rescinding any of the National monuments created in the last 20 years, including Bears Ears and Grand Staircase in Utah. As the Salt Lake Tribune editorialized: "during his visit, Zinke made various conciliatory remarks about how people on both sides of the issue really want the same thing, to protect the natural beauty and cultural artifacts to be found in both areas. That it was just a disagreement over just how that goal should be accomplished". If that is indeed the case then this is an easy decision to me made about these Federal lands; if however, this is not the case then this issue will head to the courts to the detriment of you, your department, the present administration and Utah, particularly when the powers of the Federal Government appear to be once again taking advantage of the Native Americans. Dean Malencik

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Mr. Secretary, I am a relatively new resident of Utah having relocated from the east coast. The national parks and monuments constitute part of the reason why I am here. Everyone who visits us has a trip to several national parks and monuments on their respective TO DO lists. If the lands such as Bears Ears remain in federal hands, they will be available for the appreciation by future generations. If not, they will be "harvested" for natural resources. Once the machinery is deployed, there will be no turning back. My friend from Maryland, having visited Utah, remarked that when God created the Earth, he must have had some incredible features left over, and, obviously, placed them in Utah for safe keeping. Mr. Secretary, please keep them safe. Please maintain the integrity of America's National Monuments. We can revisit this issue at a later time, perhaps in a century or two. Respectfully submitted.

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Please leave Bears Ears National Monument the way it is. Our country needs more monuments and National Parks, not less. Right now, Zion National Park is overcrowded. That is just one example. And the American Indians have not been treated fairly. They had to fight just to get 1 hour with Mr. Zinke while the people who want to get rid of the Monument got several days at least. Our country needs to have this land protected so that we can learn about the country before the white man came. It will provide long term jobs for the local people. This area is known for its beautiful skies with millions of stars. Now days, when you look into the sky in most other areas of the country, you only see a few stars. Having a place like this where people can go and experience seeing a vast sky filled with millions of stars is breathtaking. This Monument is so important for the American Indian. It is important to the Indians in ways other people don't even understand. It represents their history and is a connection that is very powerful and important to them. And the many works of art the Indians did here need to be protected. Our country has treated the Indians as if they are less than human. Let us at least give them this as a small token of our appreciation of the wonderful way they have protected and cared for America. In doing so, we will be giving all Americans a wonderful and irreplaceable gift. This entire issue is just a childish Republican example of prejudice toward the American Indian and the Democrats. The Indians requested to have this land set aside as a Monument. It has already been reduced from 1.9 million acres to 1.3. Let us rise above the level of political childishness that is represented in this exercise of trying to undo something that is so valuable and important to the American People. If anything should be done with this Monument, it should be made into a National Park. And why is the comment period so short for Bears Ears and not the rest of the Monuments? I believe the Republican leaders have not been truthful about this entire issue. Please extend the comment period and leave Bears Ears as is.

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I would like to voice my SUPPORT for the Bears Ears Monument with its current size of 1.35 million acres and current boundaries as designated by President Obama. The designated monument area is now closed to any NEW mining, oil and gas development but existing rights remain valid. In addition, current use of the land is maintained so that existing tribal access for hunting, fishing, wood gathering, existing grazing rights, existing off-road vehicle recreation are all maintained. It was important to designate the area as a National Monument to protect sacred tribal sites as well as the monument's historic and scientific treasures. Bears Ears Monument was designated after a thoughtful and careful review with input from all interested

parties. Former Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewel made a lengthy visit to the area and also held numerous local town hall-style meetings which gave a chance for everyone's voice to be heard. Please keep the current protection that this spectacular, sacred area deserves.

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument and other National Monuments intact.

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Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Protect Bears Ears.

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Our national parks and monuments are national treasures that need to be protected and preserved for future generations. The more we can do to increase their presence and usage the better. I support keeping Bears Ears and Grand Staircase as is with their existing acreages and footprints and increasing funding to these natural resources.

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As an outdoor enthusiast who loves our public lands, I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and ask that its boundaries remain unchanged. For more than 100 years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act—a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt—to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. Bears Ears is exactly the kind of place the Antiquities Act intended to protect. It is rich in cultural history which inspired a historic coalition of tribes to band together to push for its designation. In addition to protecting over 100,000 archaeological sites, the designation preserves world-class recreation opportunities in places like Cedar Mesa, Grand Gulch, and Indian Creek. The process that led to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument was thorough and transparent. For more than 80 years, decision makers from all sides presented proposals seeking permanent protection of all or part of this incredible landscape. The boundaries were informed by both the multi-year Public Lands Initiative and by a proposal from the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Those boundaries do not exceed the acreage necessary to preserve the rich cultural heritage, ecological values, and recreation assets. Thank you for reviewing the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Please recommend that President Trump leave the current Bears Ears National Monument boundaries in place. Please keep the outdoors wild and available for generations like mine to continue to experience the magic.

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I support our monuments as valuable tracks of open space and wilderness. Public land should not be used for mining, or oil and gas exploration. The future for energy is renewable energy, as a country we should embrace that. Not only because it makes environmental sense, but also because it makes economic sense. I live in Utah and am very concerned the tribal coalition is being ignored over the voices of our elected officials. There has been much talk from said officials that they had no say in the Bears Ears, and that it was done in haste. This is so far from the truth. This part of Utah has been the topic of protection for decades. The biggest reasons they oppose the monument is it has Obama's name on it, and they lose access to the energy resources. The tribal coalition should be the biggest voice of reason for any discussion, they have been a part of this land for way longer than any other group engaged.

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this review, is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain, these

treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I understand the drive to develop the economy of the Southwest by allowing development and extraction of our natural resources and public lands. I also understand the desire to improve conservation and acknowledge local cultural conditions by giving local stakeholders the authority to manage the Bears Ears area. However, I strongly oppose any action which would remove the National Monument status, and as a voter and professional in public policy I will do everything I can to protect it. Many Native American tribes have a long ancestral history at the monument. Similarly, the unique wildlife and plants that are found there are part of what makes America the amazing and beautiful country that it is. The Utah government may want to rescind its protections, but the people don't. The Native American tribes don't. The animals surely don't. And the American people are coming together to say they don't. Please listen to your constituents. This is your first real test as an agency to decide the trajectory of our management of natural areas. Again, I understand the drive for more oil drilling and economic development. But that's not what the people want.

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Please Rescind Bears Ears National Monument.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please rescind Bears Ears.

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process that led to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument was thorough and transparent. For more than 80 years, decision makers from all sides presented proposals seeking permanent protection of all or part of this incredible landscape. The boundaries were informed by both the multi-year Public Lands Initiative and by a proposal from the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Those boundaries do not exceed the acreage necessary to preserve the rich cultural heritage, ecological values, and recreation assets. Thank you for reviewing the decades of hard work and thoughtful consideration that culminated in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Please recommend that President Trump leave the current Bears Ears National Monument boundaries in place.

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I am an avid outdoor hiker and trail runner who frequents Bear Ears and other national monuments and parks across the U.S. Spending time in our preserved parks is essential not only for recreation but for education and for protecting our environment and wildlife. Please please please do NOT close these national monuments. I beg you. It is also unacceptable that the Department of the Interior has only provided 15 days for public opinion on this matter. I want to see the parks and national monuments up for review retain their protections and remain open to the public. It will be a disgrace and a step back in US history if these parks are closed by this administration. They are vital to progress, education and preservation. Please have a heart and use your brain! Closing these is WRONG.

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I respectfully submit these comments as a in support of the Bear's Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources—specifically those located within the Bear's Ears Monument—that I am writing. The Bear's Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted—or not—to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bear's Ears National Monument continues.

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I urge DOI to keep Bears Ears National Monument intact and fully protected. Perhaps nowhere in the world are so many well-preserved cultural resources, from ancient ruins to petroglyphs, found within such a striking and relatively undeveloped landscape. There was a transparent and multi-year designation process to protect Bears Ears National Monument, which garnered broad public support in Utah and across the country, including from five tribes in the region. The preservation and protection of Bears Ears National Monument demonstrates America's patriotic commitment to protecting & preserving the unique landscapes, cultural history, and important wild places that make American life meaningful, possible, and special! Please protect Bears Ears National Monuments and ALL the National Monuments! This is what Americans want! Bears Ears National Monument is a place where I, my friends & family, and so many others want to be able to visit, recreate in, and enjoy. Preserve Bears Ears National Monument!



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As an outdoor enthusiast who loves our PUBLIC LANDS, I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and ask that its boundaries remain unchanged.

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I am a park ranger. A childhood spent fishing, hunting, and boating public lands have led me to this challenging career. I have literally put my blood, sweat, and tears into protecting America's public lands. In this line of work, I have seen many beautiful things - mountain lions, alpenglow, cutthroat trout in mountain lakes. I have seen firsthand the power of open space to heal veterans suffering from PTSD, build confidence in a boy struggling to overcome the effects of cerebral palsy, educate urban and rural children alike, and reconnect native people to their living heritage. I have also seen what happens when protections on public lands are reversed or go unenforced - abuses by OHV riders, privatization by the wealthy, destruction of artifacts, irresponsible development, and spoiling of blessed places that can never be regained. Many of my fondest memories on public lands were made in what is now Bears Ears National Monument. I have spent years getting to know the American West in the red rock desert south of Moab, UT. I know this place is special and worth protecting. In contrast to what Rep. Bishop, Rep. Chaffetz, and Sen. Hatch would have you think, the Monument is a boon to the local communities (bringing sustainable income to a waning boom-bust economy). More importantly, it is also protects a special area for all Americans - young and old, White and Native. Currently, my wife is deep in Bullet Canyon near Cedar Mesa with a group of high school outdoor education students from Glenwood Springs, CO. My wife's students are mostly Hispanic residents of my community who have never camped, never taken advantage of America's public lands, or felt at home in the outdoors. The Monument - just hours from our homes - is making possible an invaluable learning experience. As I write this message, the children are exploring Jailhouse ruin and Perfect Kiva. Tonight, they will stare up at some of the darkest, starry skies in America. Secretary Zinke, please do not take this opportunity away from future generations. You say you are a follower of Theodore Roosevelt, a great figure of public lands conservation (and one of the men who inspired me to become a park ranger). Roosevelt made his legacy by tempering the demands of business interests and taking the long-view on conservation. Roosevelt himself established federal reserves - not too different from Bears Ears - in the Dakotas, Colorado, and Oregon. I will end my comment with a quote from Roosevelt: "We have fallen heirs to the most glorious heritage a people ever received, and each one must do his part if we wish to show that the nation is worthy of its good fortune." Roosevelt was a wise man who has gifted our nation with an even wiser land ethic, please honor him and protect America's National Monuments.

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Secretary Zinke, it is with great pleasure--and worry--that I write to ask you to save public land for public use, specifically national parks, monuments, rivers, and recreation areas. I understand the importance of land use to many businesses across the nation, but the point of conservatism is to conserve, and by turning over public land to private entities will fail to uphold a tenant of conservative thought. There are several reasons to keep public land public--beyond conservatism. Historically, many of the monuments hold significance to American history, spanning millennia from the first humans to cross the land bridge to the present day. Locations, like the Black Hills and Bears Ears, are sacred to American Indians, and deserve to be preserved in history. Their people, through no fault of their own, were decimated by the diseases and greed of our European ancestors, and the consolation of preserving sacred ground is a necessary, albeit small, step to rehabilitation of their culture. American Indians, for better or worse, are an important piece of the mosaic of America's culture and history, and they deserve a voice and a symbol. Personally, I became interested in my profession (I am public school teacher, but an historian by trade, that focuses on American History) when I was first brought to the John Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, Massachusetts by my father when I was 10 years old. The park itself is wonderful, but what it represents is a living memory to a great--and often forgotten--American. Going to that wonderful National Historical Park changed my life. I dedicated myself to find a university that would focus on American History and American Government, and that is the degree I earned. My life's work has been to instill my passion for American history in my students, and I can think John Adams home for that accomplishment. Economically, the park system is a boon to American small businesses. Walk out of Grand Canyon National Park and see all of the small shops, hotels, restaurants, and other services that exist there. See the hundreds of thousands--if not millions--of Americans that travel to national parks and monuments, from Acadia in Maine, to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Yosemite...all traveling from abroad to see them! I recently was lucky enough to walk across Spain on the Camino de Santiago--a journey that took me from the east side of Spain on the French border to the Atlantic Ocean on the west. Each small town--and even larger cities--was dependent on the foot traffic that existed because of this tourist destination (the Camino). Think of the economic impact to Southeast Utah's small businesses if you take away public land for private enterprise. Patriotically, the parks themselves represent America as a continent. The song "America the Beautiful" is a transcendent piece of musical lyricism that captures the beauty of the American landscape. America is a tourist destination for many reasons, but much of it is public land. Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America--these continents have night life, and restaurants, and culture, and art, and museums--but how many of these places have the pure, unfiltered beauty that is the land. Montana, your state, has some of the most picturesque views on the entire planet, and they symbolize the American dream of aspiration, hope, and resilience. Glacier National Park, if it were to be taken away from the American people, would be a devastating loss to our nation and hurt America's legacy to the earth. This our only planet, Secretary Zinke.

This is the greatest country--troubled times or not--on that planet. Let us be a beacon to the world, as President Teddy Roosevelt dreamed and he stood under the Redwoods in California, on the conservation of land and natural beauty. Let the United States lead the way to making this planet great again. (Also, please come up to Massachusetts for a visit to the Adams National Historical Park. I will take a tour with you!)

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As an avid outdoor recreationist and Eagle Scout, I know that I have a say in how our public lands are managed, for you, for me, and for the betterment of ALL Americans. I am writing today to respectfully express my support for ALL National Monument lands (including Bears Ears!) as well as the Antiquities Act, to it's fullest, as originally signed into law in 1906 by our naturalist leader, Theodore Roosevelt. I'm also writing to express my emphatically vehement opposition to any review which threatens to diminish these lands either by revoking their status, or by limiting their boundaries. My family has always respected and loved the outdoors. My parents taught me to enjoy many wonderful outside places, including the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. As a native Oregonian, I fully support this National Monument, and I fully endorse it's expansion. I agree that the expansion has been motivated by all the right reasons, and was carefully reviewed through public process both in it's inception, and in it's expansion. Careful preservation and management of public land is extremely important to me and my family. As an employee in the Outdoor Recreation Industry, preservation of public lands is not only a moral imperative, but a fiscal imperative as well. I implore you to please do ALL you can to protect the integrity of these designations, today, and for all time, so that ALL Americans - present and future generations - may experience these lands in healthy, preserved conditions for decades and centuries to come. Thank you for considering my perspective on preserving the Antiquities Act as well as ALL current National Monuments and their boundaries.

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The protection and creation of national parks, monuments, forests, and BLM land are fundamental to the future of the United States. In an increasingly digital and developed USA, it's crucial that these areas are protected - allowing us, our parents, and our children to get outside - hiking, climbing, exploring nature, history, geology, archeology and other sciences. Without these protected areas, future generations will lose this connection and appreciation of the natural world, the history of the United States, and learning opportunities. Specifically, the review of 27 National Monuments is an affront to the process and creation of these monuments. It's imperative that you consider the following during your review: 1. The national monuments under review, specifically Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante, were designated after extensive local input. 2. The national monuments under review have proven benefits to the surrounding communities, including economic benefits associated with outdoor recreation, travel and tourism. 3. Net job loss due to monument designations is demonstrably false. Monument designations have clearly resulted in net job gains in local communities. Revisions to these already designated monuments are a direct threat to the surrounding local economies. 4. Protection of America's public lands, including the national monuments under review, is critical to supporting 7.6 million American jobs that drive an \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy. Reviewing the designation of these monuments is a direct threat to the national outdoor recreation economy. Please make the right decision and protect our national monuments.

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Please do not revoke any statuses of the National Monuments under review. I live near the San Gabriel Mountains, and they are very important to small businesses in the area. This is a transparent power-grab to take over the Bears Ears Monument in Utah so you can sell it off to your oil buddies. Get your hands off our National Monuments!

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I want to keep Bears Ears National Monument.

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As an avid outdoor recreationist and citizen co-owner of our country's public lands, I am upset that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes could be rolled back through this current National Monument review process. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a meaningful supplement--or means to supplant--the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review.

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Please, keep all of our National Monuments intact as they are now! All of these places were designated after extensive public comment and due process. They greatly benefit local economies and are gifts to future Americans of all descriptions. And they represent the highest and most eternal American ideals, a tremendous boon to our heritage going back to Teddy Roosevelt. Specifically, this comment is in support of Bears Ears in Utah, Katahdin Woods and Waters in Maine, Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks in New Mexico, Grand Canyon-Parashant in Arizona, Cascade Siskiyou in Oregon, Canyons of the Ancients in Colorado, and Giant Sequoia in California PLUS all of the National Monuments on land and in Marine areas. To be clear, I strongly urge the full protection and no shrinkage of ALL the following National Monuments: Bears Ears, Katahdin Woods and Waters Basin, and Range Berryessa Snow Mountain Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs, Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, Rose Atoll

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Bears Ears National Monument deserves your protection from oil and gas development interests. Please consider the strong public interest, myself included, in keeping its Monument status intact.

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For the sake of my well being please do not diminish the size of my areas of mental and physical relaxation. I am an avid outdoorsman that must have a balance between his work and play and there is no better remedy than a carefree galavant through the desert landscape of Bear Ears, Canyon of the Ancients, Cedar Breaks, Devils Tower, Chimney Rock, Natural Bridges or my favorite place of all, Grand Staircase-Escalante. These lands raised me, the warm desert air filled my lungs with a sense of adventure, a place to call home, and something familiar to keep me grounded. The vast landscape lets my mind wander and expand beyond its bounds and the natural composition bring me balance from my regimented, heavy work life. If these lands shrink, so will my motivation, my livelihood, and my sense of liberty and freedom.

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Please ignore the recent executive order that asks for a review of national monument designation. The order is nothing less than the first step towards monument rollbacks. What is the intention of this executive order? Does Trump intend to reverse protections on existing national monuments? With this executive order he questions the wisdom of many, many, past presidents going back 111 years. President Theodore Roosevelt established the first national monument, Devils Tower in Wyoming, on September 24, 1906. In the state of Colorado we have eight—our most recently established was Browns Canyon in 2015. I live in Routt County, Colorado where 52% of our land is in public hands. We have found good ways to make sure that these lands are part of a diverse economic portfolio that includes extractive industries and non-consumptive uses. President Trump's apparent belief that public lands are the enemy of the economy is absurd and flat wrong. Hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, motorized and non-motorized recreational activities are significant economic drivers in the state of Colorado. So much so that our governor recently created an Outdoor Recreation Industry Office in recognition of the huge impact and importance of the industry to the future prosperity and health of Colorado. And, as recently as November of 2016, both our Democratic and Republican Senators Co-Sponsored S.2219 the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2016 to assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the United States and the effects attributable to it on the overall U.S. economy. Here in Steamboat Springs we are proud to have been the birthplace of many known recreation support industries like Smartwool, Point 6, BAP, Big Agnes, Honey Stinger, Moots bicycles, Hala paddleboards, and I am sure there are many more. What is really ironic is that President Trump is looking to Utah—of all places—for leadership on issues related to federal public lands. Apparently he is unaware that the state just LOST \$45 million dollars per year by alienating the Outdoor Retailer trade show which brought more than 40,000 people to Salt Lake City in the summer and winter. Why did Outdoor Retailer leave? Because of the state's efforts to rescind the recent designation of the Bear Ears National Monument and the 1996 designation of the

states Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Trump is following Utah's lead? I certainly hope Utah's loss will be Colorado's gain. And I am not the only one. According to the Denver Post, Colorado's political leadership is uniting in a bid to land the Outdoor Retailer trade shows. Gov. John Hickenlooper, Sen. Michael Bennet, both Democrats, and Sen. Cory Gardner, a Republican, sent a letter in February of 2017 urging the outdoor industry and Emerald Expositions, shows owner, to consider Denver as a potential new home for their annual gatherings. In Colorado, we appreciate the outdoor recreation industry and would be pleased to add \$45 million to our economy each year. I sincerely hope you will embrace our states bipartisan support for public lands and reject Trump's ineffective and misguided executive order. Don't join the President in invoking the ire of so many Americans from all sides of the aisle who care about public lands for so many different reasons. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

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As you review Bears Ears National Monument in light of President Trump's April 26, 2017, Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act, I urge you to recommend to President Trump that Bears Ears National Monument be upheld and the boundaries remain intact as designated in Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016 (Establishment of the Bears Ears National Monument). Bears Ears National Monument represents a historic compromise; it protects not only historic sites from LDS pioneer history, but the ancestral homelands of Native Americans including thousands of archaeological sites from ancient road systems to cliff dwellings to burial grounds, and preserves the stunning geography, geology, and paleontology of southeastern Utah for all Americans to enjoy, in perpetuity. Please honor the values and resources that the Bears Ears National Monument protects by leaving the monument as it is. I urge you to honor the Native American tribes who have worked for years to protect Bears Ears National Monument by meeting with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and with the five sovereign nations the coalition represents to learn about their deep connection to and long work to protect Bears Ears. Bears Ears National Monument contains among the highest density of cultural sites in the United States (higher, even, than Mesa Verde National Park), and objective review will find that the monument is "the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." As secretary of the interior, you are in a unique position to stand up for the protection of Bears Ears National Monument, and for the history from Native American civilizations to LDS pioneers, archaeology, paleontology, geology, and unmatched scenic beauty it contains. I urge you to recommend that we protect and preserve Bears Ears, and leave it as it is.

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As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the National Monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage, a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future. That is why the arbitrary 120-day deadline for you to review whether to shrink or rescind dozens of National Monuments is absurd. As you know, the process to establish a National Monument often takes years, if not decades. It involves significant study of the area of the proposed monument including its ecological, cultural, archeological, economic and recreation value and robust consultation with local communities and their elected representatives at every level. Given the unique and complex histories of each monument, there is simply no way to meaningfully review dozens of individual monuments in such a short period. You justify this review on the false premise that the American people have not yet been heard on the designation of these National Monuments. But the communities near the National Monuments under your review have already made their voices heard during public input and stakeholder engagement periods prior to designation. For example, notwithstanding the rhetoric of Utah Governor Gary Herbert and members of the Utah Congressional delegation, the designation of Bears Ears National Monument involved years of public input gathered by the Obama administration. This process included a series of public meetings in Southeastern Utah in 2016, including several sessions attended by former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. It also included significant engagement with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which represents tribal nations for whom the land is sacred and contains archeological artifacts with immense cultural value. Additionally, in a recent poll, 68 percent of voters in seven Western states said they prioritize the protection of land, water and wildlife for recreation on public land, compared with 22 percent who prioritized increased production of fossil fuels. Your review must account for his extensive record of consultation as you purport to seek public input. As you undertake this review, we urge you to consider the enormous economic benefits of protected public lands for nearby communities, including many rural areas. A recent study showed that areas in the West with protected lands consistently enjoy better rates of employment and income growth compared to those with no protected lands. In the 22 years since the Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah was declared a National Monument, jobs grew by 38 percent in two neighboring counties. The designation of 17 national monuments including nine monuments covered under your review led to significant increases in per capita income in regions adjacent to the newly-protected areas. Rescinding or shrinking the National Monuments under review also threatens the fast-growing outdoor recreation economy, which relies significantly on recreation access to protected public lands. These lands are not "locked up," as the Trump administration has repeatedly declared they are extremely productive. As you know, since you participated in the outdoor industry's announcement of a new economic study last week, the recreation economy drives \$887 billion in consumer spending every year and supports more jobs (7.6 million) than oil, natural gas and mining combined. Rescinding or shrinking the National Monuments under review would significantly impact the strength of the outdoor recreation economy and limit our ability to create and sustain jobs. The debate over land and water conservation is always complex and sometimes divisive. But we have never witnessed the legacy of America's federal lands encountering greater risk than we see right now. As you visit these protected places and report back to the president, I urge you to follow in the tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt and conserve our shared public lands for future generations.

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I strongly urge the DOI to keep all of our National Monuments as they are now; there is no reason for review. The Monuments were designated after extensive public comment and due process following the Antiquities Act established in 1906. As I'm sure you know, the Act says: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who shall appropriate, excavate, injure, or destroy any historic or prehistoric ruin or monument, or any object of antiquity, situated on lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States, without the permission of the Secretary of the Department of the Government having jurisdiction over the lands on which said antiquities are situated, shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum of not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for a period of not more than

ninety days, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court."Five hundred dollars is, of course, nothing today. Imprisonment may carry some weight. But what is truly important is the spirit of his Act. For those of you who have spent any time at any of these monuments, you know yourself what treasures they are--not man-made, and not replaceable. Once they are gone, \$500.00, or \$5,000,000,000, cannot bring them back. This comment is in specific support of Bears Ears National Monument, a land profoundly sacred to so many Native American Tribes, they have banded together in support of it and in opposition to Mr. Trump's suggestion of "review." In addition, there are dozens more places, wild places, places that take one's breath away, places where a single human being feels the power of nature, and realizes how small our needs are compared to what nature has built. A few more gallons of oil, to run a few more cars, is nothing compared to the power of these wild places. We can build another car; we can build cars which conserve gas and oil; we can each of us use less, buy less, consume less. But none of us can replace: Bears Ears, Katahdin Woods and Waters, Basin and Range, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs, Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, Rose Atoll, once they are gone. It is the responsibility of the DOI to protect the lands of the United States, not to destroy them.

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Our protected parks and national monuments are all special for their own reasons. These are places where we can still get away and experience the serenity of OUR land. The bears ears and grand staircase NM are unique to this world.

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I have visited many public lands including national forests, national parks and national monuments. I'm convinced that these places help to make America great and need to be preserved for the public to enjoy in perpetuity. Please be diligent in maintaining the integrity of our public lands including national monuments like Bears' Ears.

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National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in California, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument - a 330,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, wild turkeys, wild pigs and black bears - and fishing access for bass, trout and countless warm-water species. Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Protect Bears Ears

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**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument is one of this nation's ecologically rich and culturally significant places. Please do not rescind its designation as a national monument..

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**Unit Codes:**

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I am outraged that President Trump is considering rolling back the Antiquities Act and stripping protections from some of our recently established national monuments, including Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante and the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts. I ask that you fulfill the mission of your agency by protecting America's public lands and maintaining the integrity of these monuments and of the Antiquities Act itself. Stand strong against President Trump's attempt to rollback national monument protections, which would serve corporate interests, not the American people.

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. Shame on you for not meeting with the Native Americans council when you were here inspecting Bears Ears. Don't blindly follow this idiotic Russian-leaking President, he has no sense but you can show that you do!

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

I don't think it's right that ONE person can decide what can and will happen in a state without visiting it. Just a stroke of a pen can cause so many people heartache. The Grand Staircase is being destroyed by thousands of visitors since bringing it out to the public and drawing attention to it. Doing this is restricting elderly and disabled individuals from enjoying the area and seeing the attractions due to lack of road access. They would have to hike miles into the attractions, which most are no longer able to do. Many other individuals are losing riding trails. They are no longer going to be able to enjoy some of their favorite areas to ride. Not only are people being upset because trails are being taken away, but so are the hunting rights. Those rights should not be taken. When talking to locals, the having full access to Bears Ears will allow individuals to continue legacies and traditions with future generations. The locals that I have talked too don't want the Bears Ears and they didn't want the Grand Staircase either.

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Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. There is never a 'good time' to protect land so it falls to those of us who are willing to 'stand up' against those who only see untapped resources for business and capitalist gain. I realize your President - he doesn't stand up for me - doesn't stand up for land either. Your responsibility to the American people - all of us in the public who yearn for wild and open spaces, all of us who consider our role as stewards of the land - is to speak truth to power. Do NOT rescind or change Bears Ears designation.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument designation.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument is an important place in Utah. Have you ever been there? It's quite magical, really. The archeological and indigenous history is fascinating, the hiking is surreal, the climbers adore it-- it's a crucial piece of the desert southwest that deserves protection. Please don't change the designation of this area. Americans deserve to enjoy it unimpaired by business measures, and its intrinsic value is worth more than any economic venture could produce. Protect Bears Ears!

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Ed Tompkins Bozeman, MT

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I am commenting on all the "review of certain monuments" under review by Dept. of Interior. I am opposed to any changes to any existing monuments, land or marine. While there is no intent for a general public comment in the Antiquities Act, many of these monuments have been in discussion with local communities for years and decades prior to designation. If the agency wishes to question monuments already established, or set up a new process for this in future years, this should be done so through changes to the Antiquities Act by an act of congress. Critical taxpayer dollars

and government office time should not be spent creating a review and process not currently called for under the existing law. Especially with Bears Ears Monument, 5 Native American tribes have supported the designation to help protect critical cultural resources and spiritual areas. As a government agency - you have a Responsibility Trust to the tribes. I believe you are mandated by law to consult with them early and separately as a separate Sovereign Nation. I hope you are following your trust responsibilities. Upon hearing of Bear's Ears and Katahdin Woods designation - I immediately began planning vacations there in the next few years. Now I'm not sure if I will ever get the opportunity to enjoy these special lands. Monument designation brings rewards to communities that last much much longer than any temporary mineral extraction, which typically only provides jobs for less than 10 years. There are numerous success stories of communities that are avid defenders of their nearby public lands because they make their livelihoods and raise families they wouldn't otherwise. Public lands are money makers forever, commercial uses produce money for communities for only a short period of time. I spend a few thousand dollars a year, every year, visiting National Monuments, National Parks and Lakeshores, and National Forests. Public lands are where I go to rejuvenate. I have personally enjoyed the Escalante-National Staircase monument in the late 90's that you currently have under review, tracing the old "mail mule trail" used years ago. The beauty left me breathless and the solitude was welcome. I have also vacationed at Giant Sequoia in 2011, and stood in wonder at that ecosystem. I do not support any changes for any currently established land or marine monuments. I do not support artificially created processes like this review that are produced outside of the current laws in place.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. Please protect Bears Ears!

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Rescind Bears Ears

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**Unit Classifications:**

I was in the army for 6 years and never really got a good chance to go see national monuments. I was honorably discharged recently and, since I've been out, I've been living in a van traveling around America seeing the things that people might not be able to see, and that's absurd. Just the fact that the government wants to do this, shows how out of sync they are with the people. I went to Bears Ears National Monument last week (beginning of May 2017) and I got to experience it first hand. I took the climb all the way to the top of the left ear. I never felt more one with nature than I did when I reached the top and got to look at all the beauty this country has to offer. To rob even a single person from this opportunity is wrong.

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. We are extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided and we strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. National monuments help protect God's creation and tell the stories of God's people. National monuments help faithfully tell the stories of all of us. From the Native American story at Bears Ears to the framework story at Cesar Chavez to the African American story at Pullman. Our national monuments tell our stories and are places where we pray and play. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this review, is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites the monument honors the voices of five tribes who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. An attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Our shared history, culture, and natural treasures should be protected not dismantled. Monuments across the country should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. We are firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and we urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I am outraged about President Trump's executive order that aims to roll back the Antiquities Act and strip protections from the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and at least 26 other national monuments, including Grand Staircase-Escalante, also in Utah, and the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts off of Cape Cod. This move will open them up to oil and gas drilling, uranium and coal mining, tar sands extraction, fishing and other industrial dangers. It is unprecedented attack on our national parks, public lands and oceans, a blatant giveaway to Big Oil and other industrial interests, and another brazen attempt to undermine our bedrock environmental laws. I ask that you fulfill the mission of your agency by protecting America's public lands and maintaining the integrity of these monuments and of the Antiquities Act itself. National parks and public lands and waters

help define who we are as a nation. Attempts to dismantle national monuments are an attack on our nation's historical, cultural and natural heritage. Please stand strong against President Trump's anti-environment assault and defend national monument protections for Bears Ears and all of our threatened national monuments. Thank you.

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Bears Ears National Monument, and other monuments, MUST BE PRESERVED!!! Please uphold the respect with which we've treated our national treasures thus far. As a 17 year old and nature lover, I can attest that I and so many other like-minded people including family and friends, share his belief.

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National parks and monuments are a promise to the American people, that the stories, lands and waters that define who we are as a nation will be protected today and into the future. I urge you not to break that promise by revoking or changing any of the national monuments under your protection. The Executive Order recently signed by President Trump undermines and questions one of the nation's most important conservation tools. The Antiquities Act was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 to safeguard and preserve federal lands and cultural and historic sites for all Americans to enjoy. The same law used to protect Bears Ears National Monument and Castle Mountains National Monument was used to protect the Statue of Liberty, Grand Canyon and Muir Woods. These are places that deserve to be safeguarded and stories that deserve to be told. Their value to the American people should not be questioned or threatened with diminished protection.

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National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in California, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument - a 330,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, wild turkeys, wild pigs and black bears - and fishing access for bass, trout and countless warm-water species. Public land is important not just to sportsman, but many others who enjoy recreational activities in the outdoors! Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in California, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument - a 330,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, wild turkeys, wild pigs and black bears - and fishing access for bass, trout and countless warm-water species. I love and enjoy the ability to explore, hunt, and fish our public lands and taking that away will take away the opportunity for generations to come of the same experiences I've had, and hopefully will continue to have, if these lands remain public! Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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I am an 8th grader here in Utah. I support Bears Ears national monument. I heard that there are many sacred tribes that still take resources from there such as food, plants, and a place to hold tribal meetings. This place is also full of sacred artifacts going back further than 200 years ago. If Bears Ears national monument were to be shut down there would be nowhere for these people to go and these artifacts will be forgotten. Thank you for keeping Bears Ears a national monument.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes



to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties-- have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

National Monuments Comments National Monuments, for the most part, are good, but the way they've been inflicted on certain areas, and the size, has gotten beyond reality. To go with that, the way the Antiquities Act has been warped in its intent is out of control. The Act is not meant to take whole landscapes, but to protect only what is needed for the purpose of a given monument. During the last administration's wild run to leave a mark, what amounts to whole states in some parts of the country were brought under the monument blanket, largely with only token glances at how locals may feel about it. This brings into question, for me, the whole process. The Act has no provisions for participation, while all other land designations involving federal lands have legal steps that must be met, from NEPA to coordination with local authorities, the last point being actively ignored by some of our land management agencies. The process must be reviewed, and made to fit our current requirements, and must be done soon. The lack of any mechanism for local input must be fixed, and Congress must be brought in as well. These designations are in the same league as wilderness, which requires Congressional approval. Why does the Antiquities Act continue without review, and updates to make it so those most affected continue to be left out of the process. As things are now, it's too easy for outside interests to throw the process out of balance, which, to me, is what happened with the Bears Ears. Supposedly a "listening" session was held in Bluff, Utah last year so that locals could meet with then Sec. Jewell to give their input. Instead, the "environmentalists" pushing the monument brought in 10 or 11 busloads of people from out of state in an effort to front load the whole thing to look like there was massive support. These folks were given cool blue t-shirts, free lunch, and other incentives. I'm sure there will be more substantiation of this from other sources, so I'll leave it there. I would call for a complete remodel of the designation process to bring in line with how other land designation and use decisions are made. Those require going through the NEPA process, scoping, notification, public input, environmental impact statements, and other steps. Coordination with local agencies affected is required by law for other actions, why not here? Along with all of this, many times cultural and economic fallout seems to take a back seat to the almighty feel good, save the (Whatever). Bears Ears is in danger of this on both accounts. Not only will lives be altered by any restrictions that may be instilled, but the physical well being of the land itself may at risk to "industrial tourism", backed by the likes of Patagonia and the minions at the Outdoor Industry Association. Bears Ears was, until all the publicity surrounding the designation, quiet and mostly off the radar. Now, thanks to all the hue and cry over the whole thing. The area is already seeing an exponential increase in the number of people invading the area. The OIA and others keep hollering about how great tourism is for the economy, but seasonal jobs don't a decent living make. In the case of the Cascade-Siskiyou NM expansion in Oregon, about all it did was take another swipe at an already struggling timber industry by locking up the O&C lands administered by BLM. BLM is already cutting back from the mandated cut, and not doing its job. Now, BLM is facing more lawsuits over this, which an already cash strapped agency really doesn't need. Thing is, they have pretty much brought it on themselves, with help from local enviros, who also may have sued if they didn't get their way. Now, as far as modification or rescinding any monument, precedent has been set. Look back in history to the Fossil Cycad NM. Fossil Cycad National Monument was a national monument in South Dakota beginning in 1922. The site contained hundreds of fossil cycads, one of the world's greatest concentrations. Because vandals stole or destroyed all of the visible fossils, it was withdrawn as a national monument in 1957. I would give odds that this very well could become the case in other places. As far as the current review process, I would caution all involved to take whatever time may be needed, talk to all involved, and set parameters for future designations. Go through all the steps needed to arrive at a mutually agreeable result. As it is, the pendulum swings too far toward the eco side, and leaves out many of the aspects discussed here. It's beyond time to get a handle of all of our land use issues, and quit letting emotion and money rule the day. Regards, Dave Walters Kennewick, WA

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Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal -the preservation of unique lands for all. All of our national parks and monuments are priceless, and we are lucky enough to live in a country that has such land set aside for future generations to enjoy. I would like to see it stay that way. Please keep Bears Ears as a national monument.

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

A local Native American's perspective (<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865680263/Op-ed-Navajo-people-have-already-been-restricted-enough.html>). This is a common local Native's perspective that the media is not sufficiently covering, and which represents the majority of the Natives (and Non-Natives) living in the immediate area, not Natives or Non-Natives that live outside the area and blamelessly think a monument sounds good for the land. How do I know? Because I've been visiting this area, my wife's home town, many times a year for the last 13 years, and I've spoken to the local Natives, as well as seen almost everyone one of their cars covered in "DOODAH MONUMENT" = NO MONUMENT stickers. I truly believe the monument designation will bring about more destruction to this land than preservation. Tourism doesn't preserve land. I know first hand that this land was already protected and pristine, and better off without the national monument designation. I believe in the antiquities act and it's stated purpose, to protect the smallest amount of land necessary in order to preserve endangered artifacts and lands. But 1.38 million acres, the monument size, is not small nor endangered. The land was already public, and protected from over extraction, farming, ranching, hunting, etc. by the BLM. Locals, Natives and Non-Natives, have been good stewards of it and kept it pristine, but now they're faced with something they don't want in their backyards and something they know will potentially harm the land;

tourism. Tourism that often hurts land and which comes from putting a "target" on a previously pristine/wild/beautiful area. To all the locals, the Bear's Ears controversy isn't about politics, or the president, it's about the land and maintaining their culture, a culture that has kept the land protected and open for all people. Attachments: natl parks

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears protected!

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Do not alter or change the wonderful National Monuments we have, including Bear's Ears. I have visited many of the monuments on your "list", and they are marvelous. They belong to us, the Public. If President Trump does not want to designate any new Monuments, he has that right. But leave the ones that have been designated by previous presidents alone! They are not yours to tamper with!

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Thank you!

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Rolling back protections for our national monuments is the stupidest idea ever. Ever! Our national monuments -- just like our national parks and all public lands -- help define who we are as Americans, who we are as a nation. Whether it's the Upper Missouri River Breaks NM, Bears' Ears NM, or any of our national monuments, rolling back protections would jeopardize these crown jewels of our country's historical, cultural, and environmental heritage. These places should be held in the public trust for current and future generations, for all Americans. Americans do not need more places for natural resource extraction. We need more places that nourish our spirits. National monuments do just that. Please DO NOT decrease in size or eliminate any of our national monuments. Please DO NOT in any way open our national monuments to natural resource extraction (beyond what their founding legislation might have allowed). I oppose any effort to revoke or diminish protections for the 27 monuments that are part of this review including the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument in Montana and Bears' Ears in Utah. I \*support\* a recommendation that (a) all of our current national monuments remain preserved, and that (b) the President direct his Secretary of the Interior to actively seek new areas worthy of national monument designation.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-54627

**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Leave Bears Ears National Monument alone. Preserve this scenic national wonder intact and undeveloped for all Americans and their posterity. It belongs to us.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Classifications:**

National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in Montana, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for the Missouri Breaks National Monument - a 377,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, bighorn sheep and black bears - and fishing access warm-water species such as northern pike, walleye, catfish and small-mouth bass. Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-54686

**Unit Codes:**

**Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. We need processes in place - like the one used to designate Bear Ears - to help protect and preserve special places for future generations. These beautiful, protected lands are part of what makes America special. Please don't ruin it! Thank you. - Sandy McCray

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996; Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment. Extend the deadline for comments on Bears Ears, hold public meetings, and conduct a much more inclusive and accessible public and tribal engagement process before rushing to an unprecedented decision to shrink or repeal any of our national monuments

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Please protect Bears Ears as well as all lands designated public. I had written about the Lyman Ranch becoming private and access being denied. Tourism is alive and well in the state of Utah. People come here to see and do things outside. Allow us to keep doing just that here as well as other states. Governor Herbert and few senators seem rooted in the past. Let's look to the future.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Do not destroy our National Monuments for short term corporate objectives. These places are treasures which took millions of years to create and which cannot be "restored" once the fossil fuel industries have destroyed them. This is particularly true of Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. This is sacred land to native Americans and should be held as is, inviolate, by all Americans as part of our great natural heritage. The soul of the country lives in places like Bears Ears. The job of the Interior Department is to be a steward of Bears Ears, not to facilitate the despoiling of this wonderful place for mining and extraction.

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. If you have grandchildren, save this treasure for them and their children; if you don't, please do it for the rest of us to whom the national parks and monuments are beloved resources in our family lives. Thank you!

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**Unit Metadata:**

**document id** DOI-2017-0002-54977

**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. They are my birthright as an American. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on what makes America great. Please don't roll back any national monument designations!

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

I am very disappointed and concerned that this Executive Order threatens our national monuments, especially Bears Ears in southeastern Utah. Bears Ears was exactly the landscape the Antiquities Act - a law that has been used by 16 Presidents of both parties to safeguard this and other national treasures - was enacted to protect. Rescinding the Bears Ears National Monument would be unprecedented. I strongly urge you to uphold the monument's current boundaries. Bears Ears is a sacred landscape with more than 100,000 Native American cultural sites. The proposal to establish it was developed by a coalition of five sovereign Tribal Governments (Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, Ute, and Zuni). Bears Ears is also home to scientific wonders, irreplaceable wildlife and biodiversity, and recreational opportunities that form a vital base to the local economy. That is why Utahns and Americans across the country - sportsmen, business leaders, Native Americans, veterans, conservationists, recreationists, and members of the faith community - have agreed it should be protected for future generations. This designation received an enormous amount of scrutiny, including years of debate and discussion. Dozens of community meetings and public discussions were held throughout 2016, including a well-attended public meeting with then-Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. The final monument designation boundaries are very close to what was proposed in the Utah delegation's Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and much smaller than the Tribally-led proposal. Please leave Bears Ears National Monument's boundaries intact so that future generations will be able to explore, enjoy, and learn from this national treasure.

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Preserve Bears Ears!

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**Unit Metadata:**

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**Unit Codes:****Unit Classifications:**

Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. How much of our country's natural beauty is "dispensable"? None of it... if it is mined, drilled, fracked and thus earthshaken....if the ecosystem of flora and fauna is disrupted or simply killed off...ANY of these damaging actions has consequences far, far beyond the money that may or may not be saved. Please stop the attack on our environment's natural balance. We all have already done enough damage. Please do not remove National Monument status from Bears Ears National Monument. Thank you.

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. I understand that you are doing an expedited review of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, whose priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders are exactly what should be permanently protected as a National Monument. Monument status for Bears Ears protects 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain -- these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, a threat to one monument is a threat to them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I am writing to state my passionate and strong support for the Bears Ears National Monument designation in its currently proposed dimensions. Further, I feel just as strongly that none of our presently designated monuments, anywhere within the United States should be reduced in geographic size, or weakened in any fashion. I have personally spent time within the designated area as Bears Ears National Monument and have seen first hand what important features exist that need the protection of a National Monument Designation. The area contains irreplaceable archeological treasures, in addition to unmatched natural beauty. This is an important addition to all the other National Park Service managed lands in southern Utah. Each has demonstrated a measurable ability to contribute economically to the surrounding communities, while at the same time balancing land access with preservation priorities. The initial process used to establish the Bears Ears' monument boundaries considered the input of both the local communities, including the indigenous peoples, as well as those from outside Utah. As such, there has been, and continues to be, strong support for maintaining the standing status of this designation.

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Please protect the Bear Ears National Monument! My husband and I are avid backpackers, and we went on an amazing trip in Grand Gulch a few years ago. We fell in love with this area and truly enjoyed seeing the ruins up close. This is such an incredible area with few people compared to other areas with similar ruins, and you really get a feel for how ancient people lived in this area. However, this place needs to be protected to ensure it lasts for generations to come. Please protect this area! We also went on an awesome backpacking trip along the Escalante River in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument a few weeks ago. This is such a beautiful canyon with natural bridges, arches, and waterfalls to explore. Many people visit this area, and it needs to be protected! I urge the Interior to protect the integrity of the Antiquities Act, which has been used by Presidents of both parties for over 100 years. Outdoor recreation is so important to me and my family, as well as many of my friends and co-workers. I know that outdoor recreation is also a vital part of the economy in many of these areas in question. In this day and age with little natural areas left, it is vital that the government continue to protect these beautiful areas!

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Bears Ears National Monument should never have been designated a national monument. It's two mesa's that people have enjoyed, recreated and camped on for generations without monument status. The Antiquities Act wasn't intended to restrict the public's access and beneficial use of millions of acres of public land by designating common land features as "monuments". Rather, the act was intended for the protection of rare and priceless artifacts such as petroglyphs and ancient cliff dwellings, which typically occupy an area much smaller than a single one acre. Please rescind the Bear's Ears monument designation! Respectfully, Carlton Bowen

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The process for establishing the Bears Ears National Monument was a long one in which the public spoke very clearly. We want to keep the Bears Ears National Monument designation that we worked so hard to achieve.

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Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. Do the right thing.

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. Thanks!

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The Bears Ears area was acquired as part of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo that ended the Mexican American War. The land was transferred to ownership by the United States government to be held in trust for the American people. The enabling act that brought Utah into the United States did NOT cede the lands in question to the state of Utah. They were retained in trust for the people of the United States. Congress has the authority to dispose of federal property. With the Antiquities Act congress delegated to the President the authority to permanently withdraw lands from development or disposition in the interest of conservation, science and archaeology. In effect this was an exercise of congressional power. It did not grant the executive branch the authority to rescind any designation made under the act. Designations made under the act have been recognized as one way actions since at least 1937. Efforts to preserve both the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante have been in process for at least the past 50 years. These lands were held in trust for ALL AMERICANS for at least the past 150 years. The monument designations protect the rights of local neighbors to continue to access the lands for recreation and multi use. Development of any of these lands would eventually result in loss of access for local neighbors. SD Governor Peter Norbeck recognized this risk and established Custer State Park to assure recreational access for state residents. Today this park is extremely popular and generates millions of dollars in economic activity for the citizens of Western South Dakota. The Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante will have the same impact for the residents of Garfield, Kane and San Juan County Utah. This development as monuments have already generated permanent benefits to the neighboring communities. Preservation of special places is good for the soul of our country and has also been shown to be good for business. Tourism and recreation jobs are permanent jobs that bring broad community benefits for all. My wife and I are planning a visit to these monuments next year. As a psychiatric nurse practitioner I prescribe outdoor activities to help treat the symptoms of mental illness. I firmly believe nature is healing and soothing for troubled minds and souls. As an avid visitor of OUR public lands I support the continued designation of all 27 monuments covered by this order. Peter Westre PMHNP-BC APRN CNPSt Peter MN

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Fellow Sportsmen, It's important for you to take 60 seconds and comment to Secretary Zinke about the 1.3 Million Acre Bears Ears Monument. Because of recent efforts, and YOUR money, we now have some of the best Mule Deer, Elk, Desert Bighorn, Wild Turkey, Cougar and Bear hunting in the world. Monuments often lead to National Parks, and that means NO HUNTING!! Here is the link <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001> My suggested comments are these: Sec. Zinke, Please Rescind the Bears Ears Monument, and let's start over on how best to protect and manage these magnificent lands, and the wildlife herds and hunting in this 1.3 Millions. Local sportsmen, nor were local and state wildlife managers consulted about this Monument Designation. We want to have a Voice, and Be part of the process! Wildlife in this Monument largely exists because of our recent conservation efforts. We love hunting on these incredible Public lands, and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management, and all five of Utah's National Parks started out as Monuments. Parks are of course NO HUNTING!!

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. I'm an avid outdoors person and enjoy open spaces, the beauty of our natural resources along with protecting these places is important to me. In addition, Bears Ears is a native's people ancestral home. Their culture, history and spiritual heritage is linked to this land. I believe as an American we should honor these traditions and protect these sites - their history is my history. President Obama did not protect Bears Ears as a "land grab" as president Trump claims, he protected it for the legacy of all people. Please honor this monument.

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Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. PLEASE!!!!

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Please protect Bears Ears for future generations!

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I am a conservative American writing to ask that you preserve ALL current national monuments, including Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine Monument off New England, and Papahānaumokuākea Marine Monument off Hawaii. These national monuments are an important part of our American heritage and must be fully protected. National monuments are a Republican idea. A Republican wrote the Antiquities Act (the law that authorizes monument designation), a Republican controlled congress passed it, and a Republican president, Theodore Roosevelt, signed it into law. Rolling back monument protections would be an unprecedented move to undermine that GOP legacy. Like Secretary Zinke, I am an unabashed conservative admirer of Theodore Roosevelt. He recognized that to adequately safeguard our natural and cultural heritage we often have to protect large areas. Roosevelt himself used the Antiquities Act to safeguard the 1.2 million acre Grand Canyon. That is why I am asking Secretary Zinke and the Trump Administration to honor his legacy and hold fast to his values by upholding the protection of existing national monuments in their entirety. These special places represent America's natural and cultural heritage protecting them is our moral duty. Please do not bow to the wishes of anti-public land zealots like Senator Hatch and Congressman Rob Bishop. These lawmakers represent narrow special interests, not the people of Utah. The truth is that national monuments are proven economic drivers that enjoy broad public support, even in Utah. Contrary to claims by Hatch and Bishop, recent polling shows that a majority of Utahans support the recently established Bears Ears National Monument. Please stand with TR and safeguard our national monuments. These special pieces of our national heritage that deserve all of the protections they currently have under the Antiquities Act.

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**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Rescind Bears Ears National Monument!!!!!!

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I am writing in defense of the National Monument status of Bears Ears. We must protect and preserve this unspoiled land both for the uninhibited enjoyment of generations to come, and out of respect for the generations past whose cultural legacy is recorded in the ancient petroglyphs and sacred sites in this area. Further, in a poll conducted by Benenson Strategy Group and Public Opinion Strategies, Utah's citizens believe that designating Bears Ears as a National Monument has been good for the state by a two-to-one margin. Heed the will of the people most directly affected by this land use, and understand that no short-term corporate profits are worth sacrificing this unique landscape. In the words of Theodore Roosevelt, "The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased; and not impaired in value." Designating Bears Ears a National Monument has been a success on all fronts, economically, culturally, and environmentally, and this status must be maintained.

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Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. Please keep this place wild! Our legacy of keeping places wild for future generations show the best in human kind. Please take advantage of your position of power and do the right thing for the long term health of our planet. Respectfully, Scott Schneider

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I support the Bears Ear National Monument. Please honor the tribes and honor the land and leave the Bears Ears Monument alone!

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I am opposed to any alterations to the size of Bears Ears National Monument. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historic, cultural and natural heritage. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink the size of our national monuments, including Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. Bears Ears National Monument is rich in cultural resources, with stunning scenic views and excellent recreation opportunities. Bears Ears protects a shared landscape with Canyonlands National Park and other national park sites that together protect 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites and honors the voices of five tribes who joined to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. In addition, the monument safeguards the area from inappropriate development and its protection is a reflection of the majority of Utahans and people like me.

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Protecting our national monuments from unbalanced exploitation is vital. Bears Ears and the other national monuments under protection are places where millions of families - including mine - recreate and play. If we don't protect these lands they will be GONE for the next generation, and our children will never be able to experience the wildness of the West as we do today. Please understand how important protecting small parts of our public lands (Bears Ears, Staircase-Escalante, Devil's Tower, etc) is vital to ensuring access to our wild lands for ALL americans. Please protect Bears ears.

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I respectfully submit these comments as a professional archaeologist in support of continuing a sizable national monument encompassing the Bears Ears landscape as well as in support of maintaining the many other National Monument areas under review. The Antiquities Act itself represents America's greatness at recognizing the value of its history and preserving these elements so we do not lose our identity as a nation. Preservation of our shared cultural heritage contained in our federal lands is of utmost importance and utility for maintaining American exceptionalism. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--not just those specifically located within the Bears Ears landscape or any National Monument, whatever its ultimate size--that I am writing. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from his perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of all National Monument continues.

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As an outdoor enthusiast who loves our public lands, I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and ask that its boundaries remain unchanged. For more than 100 years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. Bears Ears is exactly the kind of place the Antiquities Act intended to protect. It is rich in cultural history which inspired a historic coalition of tribes to band together to push for its designation. In addition to protecting over 100,000 archaeological sites, the designation preserves world-class recreation opportunities in places like Cedar Mesa, Grand Gulch, and Indian Creek. The process that led to the designation of Bears Ears National Monument was thorough and transparent. For more than 80 years, decision makers from all sides presented proposals seeking permanent protection of all or part of this incredible landscape. The boundaries were informed by both the multi-year Public Lands Initiative and by a proposal from the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. Those boundaries do not exceed the acreage necessary to preserve the rich cultural heritage, ecological values, and recreation assets. Thank you for reviewing the decades of hard work and thoughtful

consideration that culminated in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Please recommend that President Trump leave the current Bears Ears National Monument boundaries in place.

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As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations. Thank you.

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Bears Ears and other National Monuments were only just recently returned to their rightful owners - the natives who called them home for tens of thousands of years and the American public. The vast majority of both, overwhelmingly support having these national monuments and many more across the land. These were not "federal land grabs" as they've been inaccurately referred to. Instead, a better term for them would be federal land RETURNS. The only threat of a federal land grab is coming from the current administration, who is trying to grab it all back, to then turn it over to a few corrupt politicians, taking it away from the American public. PLEASE, listen to the people of the country you were represented to lead. They want these and many more national monuments. And more importantly, the economy supports it.

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I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bears Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bears Ears Monument--that I am writing. The Bears Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bear Ears National Monument continues.

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Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it only hurts one of our nation's most incredible landscapes. Our country's National Parks and Monuments make our country great! Such a diverse landscape our country has, please protect it and our rights as citizens to enjoy it!

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National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here



in Montana, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for the Missouri Breaks National Monument - a 377,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, bighorn sheep and black bears - and fishing access warm-water species such as northern pike, walleye, catfish and small-mouth bass. I would rather pay more for gas now - so my grandkids can enjoy the open spaces and animals. Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAD THE RIGHT IDEA, AS HAVE THE 15 SUCCESSIVE PRESIDENTS. THIS IS NO TIME TO TEAR APART AND ABOLISH ALL THIS SACRED LAND FOR THE ALMIGHTY BUCK.

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review", is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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There's enough private land. As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and

other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Bears Ears National Monument must be protected. For years, Tribal Nations with ancestral and spiritual ties to the 1.35 million acres that make up Bears Ears have fought to protect these lands. The value of Bears Ears lies in its long history as a sacred place for the Navajo, Hopi, Ute Mountain Ute, Ute Indian, and Pueblo of Zuni. Bears Ears is vital to tribal communities across the Colorado Plateau as a place of subsistence, spirituality, and healing. These lands are home to tens of thousands of important cultural sites, including the cliff dwellings, villages, and rock art panels of the Ancestral Puebloan people. This magnificent landscape, rich in biodiversity and of critical importance to the Colorado River Basin upon which 40 million people rely, must remain pristine and accessible for generations to come. The Department of the Interior's review of Bears Ears sets a dangerous precedent and undermines the rights of these Tribal Nations. On your first day as Secretary of the Interior, you said you would "do everything in my power to ensure respect to the sovereign Indian Nations and territories." Here is your first opportunity to do so. Please stand with Bears Ears.

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We spent yesterday at a national wildlife refuge, reveling in the variety of birds. Nature and wildlands are refreshing for the soul. As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Please do not reverse designations of protected federal lands such as national monuments. Last year, at the age of 40, I had the opportunity to paddle down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, and if this area had not been protected from dams many years ago I would not have had the life-altering experience. I teach high school science, and every year I take my students for a week to camp and hike in one of the Ancestral Puebloan sites such as Mesa Verde, Bandelier, or Chaco Canyon. Every student appreciates the hands-on, experiential immersive learning opportunity these national parks provide, which a classroom cannot. I have not yet taken my class to Bears Ears, and want to be able to do so without the distractions and degradation caused by ATVs, oil wells, or other developments. Please protect our national treasures, our land. Worth more than resources of oil are the history, geology, and natural wonders available in these special places.

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I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Coalition for American Heritage in support of the national monuments program, especially the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is included in the review ordered by the Executive Order signed by President Trump on April 26th. The Antiquities Act, signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, authorizes the President to designate "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of scientific interest." The Antiquities Act was a careful compromise between the rights of government agencies to shelter vulnerable resources on federal land, the property rights of tribal governments, western landowners and industries, and the preservation concerns of historians and archaeologists. National monument designations, depending on their specific cultural heritage and scientific resources, often allow activities like grazing, hunting and fishing, recreation, and even resource extraction. With proper planning and consideration of the impacts to historic properties, multiple compatible uses can be achieved in a sustainable way. The Antiquities Act allows us to save irreplaceable historic and archaeological sites and places of unique scientific value for future generations. Conservation is a critical American responsibility, called by President Teddy Roosevelt "the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us." President Roosevelt also recognized that this task is both a moral imperative and an economic one, because when we expose our most valuable places to improper use America risks both its unique heritage and its future economic potential. In 2016, our national parks produced \$35 billion in economic output and welcomed over 330 million visitors. National monuments protect places that tell the story of how America was created; archaeological sites associated with the continent's earliest inhabitants; sacred sites associated with ongoing Tribal religious observation; places of important scientific research; and spaces where all Americans can come and experience the wonders of our natural environment. If lost or damaged, we would endanger our national tourism industry and risk the cultural heritage that allows us to understand who we are as Americans. Thank you for considering my comments and for protecting our national monuments.

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National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in California, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument - a 330,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, wild turkeys, wild pigs and black bears - and fishing access for bass, trout and countless warm-water species. Wild-public lands are where I find solace in this crazy, electronic centered life. I require vast swaths of mountains to roam, clean waters to drink, and bountiful game to hunt to feed my physical body and nourish my soul. protect these lands or fear our wrath! Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama correctly and justly exercised the Antiquities Act to protect national treasures, already under public ownership, from the future perverse temptation of exploitation. These lands, including both the Grand Staircase National Monument and Bears Ears, were protected with the wise foresight that the fossil fuel industry would come knocking in the near future, seeking license for exploitation from politicians made pliable by the political pressure and economic might of industry. If this Administration revokes the sacred trust to protect our national treasures, and permits their destruction for the transient, fleeting gratification of coal mines and oil wells, neither nor children nor the God who created these ecosystems will forgive you. As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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I am writing to urge you to preserve Bears Ears National Monument intact, and to continue to protect its rich biodiversity and unique natural history. President Trump's Executive Order has called for a review of national monuments created since 1996 under the Antiquities Act. As a Defender of Wildlife, I fully support Bears Ears National Monument as currently designated under the Act. The unique and diverse topography and ecosystems of Bears Ears National Monument help protect habitat for countless fish, wildlife and plant species. Threatened and endangered species such as the Mexican spotted owl and southwestern willow flycatcher depend on the monument for essential, rare and undisturbed habitat. Bears Ears is also sacred to several Native American tribes whose rich cultural history is preserved within the landscape. Like other monuments established in Utah and around the country, a fully protected Bears Ears National Monument will prove to be an economic boon to local economies and the state. Communities near other national monuments have benefited from significant growth in employment, personal income and quality of life. Finally, a majority of Americans support public lands protections like national monuments, including 80 percent of western voters polled this year. Please do not succumb to the politics of the day and special interests pushing to open unique and incredible landscapes like Bears Ears National Monument to damaging development and land use. Please keep Bears Ears protected in its entirety.

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As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations. Cordially, Joseph McNoltz

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changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. We urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. Once lost these wonderful spaces cannot be replaced. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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As a supporter of wildlife conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Some of my most vivid memories exploring the American West were in the canyons of what is now known as Bear's Ears National Monument. It was the first time I explored ancient cliff dwellings and compared my hand to a painted handprint from thousands of years ago. In the years since, I have worried about those cliff dwellings and the important history they contain. Who would take care of them? How would they be protected? Thanks to the Antiquities Act, these places have earned a special designation. They are worthy of careful protection for generations to come. I am upset that protections for some of our country's most valuable landscapes could be rolled back through this current National Monument review process. For more than a hundred years, Presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act--a tool signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt--to enact far-sighted protections for our common American inheritance. To roll back these protections would be an unprecedented attack. National Monuments are designated after years of public engagement and stakeholder outreach. The idea that a fifteen-day comment period would be a meaningful supplement--or means to supplant--the years of engagement that have led to the designation of National Monuments like Bears Ears does not make sense. I support the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the others currently under review.

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As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

SAVE OUR NATIONAL MONUMENTS!!!!!!!

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review", is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural, and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches, the Bears Ears National Monument provides incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, and general solitude among its irreplaceable treasures. The designation and boundaries of the Monument honor the voices of the five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain as President Obama designated it. Additionally, an attempt to roll back protections on one Monument would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all National Monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National Monuments are proven drivers of the tremendous \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our National Monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a legacy that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments. I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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Tell the Department of the Interior why you love Bears Ears and want it to remain protected. Your comment will be delivered to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

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I am writing to urge you to keep federal protections in place for the 24 national monuments currently under review, including the newly designated Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah. The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, composed of leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi, Ute Mountain Ute, Uintah & Ouray Ute, and Pueblo of Zuni tribes, led the push for designation and protection of Bears Ears in an effort to ensure strong tribal participation, preserve the historic and cultural landscape and strengthen the regional economy. National monuments are a significant component of outdoor recreation and therefore a valuable asset to local economies. A study by Headwaters Economics found that the economies of communities adjacent to 17 national monuments in the west expanded following the monument's creation. And according to the Outdoor Industry Association, the outdoor recreation economy generates \$887 billion in consumer spending each year and supports 7.6 million American jobs. It is important to note that nearly 600,000 acres were left out of the original proposed parameters for Bears Ears, and that land holds the potential for natural resource development as well as motorized recreation.

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I am writing you today concerning Bears Ears National Monument the comments I make that follow, also apply to the other National Monuments currently under review by the Department of the Interior and yourself. Present Trump has directed you to consider seven items in your National Monument Review. I will address each of these as related to the Bears Ears National Monument designation. i. Enactment of the Antiquities Act required 25 years of work by individuals and organizations concerned about the preservation of American archeological sites. It obligates federal agencies that manage the public lands to preserve for present and future generations the historic, scientific, commemorative, and cultural values of the archaeological and historic sites and structures on these lands (USDI NPS 2016). The boundary of the monument is largely based on the Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) (H.R. 5780). Bears Ears National Monument is currently nearly 600,000 acres smaller than originally proposed. Yet, Bears Ears still provides protection to the sensitive archaeological resources and Native American Traditional Cultural Properties. ii. The Bears Ears area has been called the "Sistine Chapel" of the West for its ancient carving sites (petroglyphs) and paintings sites (pictographs), and over 100,000 known archaeological sites. This number does not include undocumented archeological sites and Native American Traditional Cultural Properties. Some 10,000 years of human history resides at Bears Ears, a place that local native peoples consider significant historically, culturally, spiritually, and for current usage. iii. The Monument would not affect valid existing oil, gas, and mining leases or operations. However, the National Monument would prohibit new mineral leases, mining claims, prospecting or exploration activities, and oil, gas, and geothermal leases. All public uses, including livestock grazing would continue. iv. Tourism to the National Monument is expected to increase, regardless of the final decision on the National Monument. Bears Ears National Monument would require the development of management plans, with robust public involvement, including consultation with state, local, and tribal governments. All traditional cultural uses as well as the modern uses such as camping, hiking, backpacking, climbing, building campfires, picking pine nuts, mountain biking, bring pets, horseback riding and ATV use are planned to continue. v. The boundary of the National Monument is largely based on the Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) (H.R. 5780), which was introduced by Reps. Bishop and Chaffetz after extensive consultations with stakeholders and the Interior Department and USDA. Their Utah PLI (H.R. 5780), which Governor Herbert also supported, proposed to conserve roughly the same area as the Bears Ears National Monument by designating two new National Conservation Areas and a Wilderness (USDI BLM 2016). The Bears Ears region has been central to the culture and religion of the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Ute Indian tribes, as well as the Ute Mountain Ute people. There are concerns that the Monument designation will hurt the funding for Utah's public schools provided by state-owned lands. However, the land exchange following Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument designation generated more than \$310 million for Utah schools and counties. The Grand Staircase-Escalante exchange benefited not only Utah's school system, it benefited counties in which state trust lands were both traded and

acquired.vi. A study by Headwaters Economics in 2011 and 2014 concluded that national monuments are consistent with economic growth. San Juan County's labor market was practically at a standstill in the fourth quarter of 2016. Other economic indicators experienced contraction; taxable sales showed a year-to-date loss. Losses in mining and construction were mostly offset by increases in leisure/hospitality and government (Department of Workforce Service, State of Utah 2017). Federal funding of the National Monument will/should come as a result of the public interest in the area.vii. The National Monument calls for the establishment of a Tribal Commission to provide information and recommendations to allow for the integration of tribal expertise and traditional knowledge into management. The National Monument also calls for an Advisory Council made up of a variety of interested local stakeholders to assist in the development and implementation of management plans for the Monument. As an example, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument draws about 30,000 visitors a year. The Canyons of the Ancients' multi-use management plan still allows for grazing and oil and gas development on parts of the monument, just as it did before the designation.

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The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Sec. Zinke, I ask that you and the Department of the Interior please rescind the Bears Ears Monument designation for the benefit of local residents, businesses, sportsmen and wildlife. Let's start over on how best to protect and manage these magnificent lands, the wildlife herds and hunting in this 1.3 million acre region of southern Utah. The local sportsmen, nor the local and state wildlife managers, were consulted about this monument designation. We want to have a voice and be an integral part of the process. Wildlife in this monument largely exists because of our recent conservation efforts, donations and sacrifices. We love hunting on these incredible public lands and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management. All five of Utah's National Parks began as monuments. National Parks are restrictive and offer NO HUNTING! Thank you for considering these thoughts.

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My name is Olivia Casey. My life would not be the same without our National Parks. My business interests and my domicile have kept me out of the US for many years. Ten years ago, flying over the Utah desert, I saw the magnificent landscape that I now know as the Grand Staircase Escalante. My husband and I purchased an RV specifically so we could see that relatively pristine portion of the US on our own terms. Since that time it has become our annual pilgrimage...we have hiked the slot canyon adjoining the Vermillion Cliffs in the Paria River Canyon. We have marveled to see hawks soaring over the rim of the Grand Canyon Parashant. Last year we were thrilled to get our first look at Bears Ears, which we intend to visit this fall. We will also be going to Canyon of the Ancients, which I have studied as one of the great archeological sites in the US. Our family anticipates this annual journey eagerly and now we are passing this joy to our grandchildren, as they also enjoy the wonder of our great nation. This is part of what defines us as Americans and I should know as I spent decades as an expat. We have embodied this openness as part of our characterization as what it means to be an American. I do not say this lightly. We have this monumental gift of openness that other countries can only dream about. If you want to see what happens to natural habitat ungoverned spend some time in China. Wrap your head around that kind of decimation...because that is what you are looking at for the future. Good governance is not ONLY about the best tax break or your brother-in-law's business interest...it is about preserving and protecting this great nation for our future. Frankly, sir, the government should be stepping up to protect this land for our children and grandchildren. I believe it is our duty to do so because once you open it up to strip mining or oil drilling, it is NEVER the same, never, and the momentary gain is fleeting. You will die knowing that you hastened the end of what is left of our wilderness by your myopic view of the future. And let me point out that Bears Ears and Canyon of the Ancients really aren't ours. They were occupied by the Native Americans long before your ancestors or mine ever even dreamed about this place. Because we won the war on that does not mean we have won the battle, as at least in Native hands the sacred sites will be protected. I mean...what in the hell do you want to do with it? Don't you have ENOUGH? And the majestic Organs. I have watched the sun rise and set on them and wondered at how the geology of our country is profoundly spiritual. The Grand Canyon Parashant - have you NO SHAME? To destroy that is to defame the creator. I saw you strutting around Bears Ears during your "listening" session. You did not appear to be listening much to me. And attempting to "shame" that young journalist did nothing to convince me of your "manliness," but it did convince me that you have a patriarchal view of yourself in the world. You have a duty to protect our monuments for the future. The oil and gas interests will come and go...but you cannot replace the earth. Save our National Treasures. They are the legacy of our past and our hope for the future. Without them we are just another banana republic with a bunch of city parks.

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Removing National Monument status from areas such as Craters of the Moon in Idaho, Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah, and other monuments in the U.S. endangers landscapes that are uniquely American and appeal to individuals of all nations. These landscapes and landforms represent American heritage traversed by settlers and explorers in the not-so-distant past. To remove protection from these areas to allow for fishing, logging, and ranching prioritizes short-term resource exploitation at the expense of America's natural beauty and the long-term economic benefits that local communities reap from tourism and outdoor recreation. These areas are better suited for the enjoyment of thousands rather than the financial enrichment of a few.

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I am a public land owner and enjoy the unique freedom to roam that I find on my public lands. I have been a frequent visitor to our National Monuments. I support the protection these lands are given when they are designated National Monuments. I have been a frequent visitor to the Bears Ears area in S/E Utah. I have backpacked and car camped in the area every year for the last 15 years. This area contains beautiful canyons, ancient art, amazing ruins, and provides the opportunity to experience solitude. Please continue to protect the Bears Ears area with National Monument status and do not diminish the area of protection. Our future generations will also be grateful.

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As life long Utah residents, we are writing to express our very strong support for the Bears Ears National Monument. This national monument is a national treasure and should be retained as originally designated. No national monument meets the criteria of the Antiquities Act better than does the Bears Ears. In this remarkable area, there are over 100,000 Native American archaeological sites. The Bear Ears is sacred to Native American and provision has been made for their direct involvement in the management of the Bears Ears National Monument, which is a first. Beyond this sacred landscape, the Bears Ears National Monument landscape contains beautiful mesas and canyons. In Utah, four of our national parks began as national monuments of significant size. These national parks now have millions of visitors every year and are economic resources for the region. National monuments have proven to be a significant benefit to local communities and to the state. Our families have been in Utah for over a century and we watched how America has discovered the amazing land that we are privileged to call home. The Bears Ears does not belong to Utah, it belongs to all Americans. Again, we urge you to retain the Bears Ears National Monument as originally designated to benefit all Americans today and for the future. Wayne Peay & Robyn MacDuff

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I am appalled that our treasured National monuments are up for review at all. Every single one of our parks, monuments and cultural or historic sites is

worthwhile and belongs as a part of the American story. I am adamantly opposed to any effort to eliminate or diminish protections for national monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected. The short review you are undertaking makes a mockery of the decades of work that local communities have invested to protect these places for future generations, especially Bears Ears National monument, which is the first on the list for this review. Five Tribal nations, Hopi, Navajo, Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni tribes came together, for the first time ever, to protect their shared sacred land by advocating for Bears Ears to be made a national monument. Now the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition is working to protect the national monument, and maintain its integrity. Hear me, and the overwhelming number of people who agree with me: PUBLIC LANDS BELONG IN PUBLIC HANDS. It is your job as the Secretary of the Dept. of Interior to protect and safeguard our national treasures. Please make sure you side with the people who support national parks, monuments, historical and cultural sites.

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National monuments across the country are currently under review by the Trump administration. Based on the results of this review - including comments by members of the public - valuable fish and wildlife habitat and prime hunting and fishing opportunities could be changed permanently. Here in Montana, sportsmen worked hard to advance habitat protections for the Missouri Breaks National Monument - a 377,000-acre chunk of public lands that provides both excellent hunting opportunities - for deer, elk, bighorn sheep and black bears - and fishing access warm-water species such as northern pike, walleye, catfish and small-mouth bass. We need to protect what we have, in terms of the land, or Earth, or environment, or Monuments, or whatever you want to call it, because once it's gone it's gone FOREVER. We need to spend our time, money and resources finding another way to make this country "go". We've done it before, when we changed from wood to coal, from coal to gas. Let's be the generation that discovers what's NEXT, instead of DESTROYING what we have NOW. Join me and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in urging the Trump administration to maintain hunting and fishing opportunities, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat and keep the size and scope of our monuments intact.

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The process for establishing the Bears Ears National Monument was a long one in which the public spoke very clearly. We want to keep the Bears Ears National Monument designation that we worked so hard to achieve. The coalition of tribal nations in the Bears Ears region should have a place at the table in the management of the natural and cultural resources in the region. The national monument designation rightfully gave them a voice. Don't take it away. I enjoy visiting the wonderful outdoor treasures in Utah, and I want to protect them. I want to keep the Bears Ears National Monument exactly as it is and preserve it as a resource for all Americans.

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Please protect ALL national monuments under review and reject ANY changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Secretary Zinke, The decision to develop upon Bear Ears land would be an extremely rash and foolish gain when levied against our children's future for our great nation's vast and bio-diverse landscapes. Monuments like Bear Ears exist nowhere else on the planet and provide grounds for Americans to truly find who they, and America are. A short term monetary gain from a petrochemical resource that is quickly being outpaced by renewables in place of a landscape that has stood untouched for millions of years is not a legacy you should leave behind. Mike Favero

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**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Sec. Zinke, I ask that you and the Department of the Interior please rescind the Bears Ears Monument designation for the benefit of local residents, businesses, sportsmen and wildlife. Let's start over on how best to protect and manage these magnificent lands, the wildlife herds and hunting in this 1.3 million acre region of southern Utah. The local sportsmen, nor the local and state wildlife managers, were consulted about this monument designation. We want to have a voice and be an integral part of the process. Wildlife in this monument largely exists because of our recent



conservation efforts, donations and sacrifices. We love hunting on these incredible public lands and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management. All five of Utah's National Parks began as monuments. National Parks are restrictive and offer NO HUNTING! Thank you for considering these thoughts.

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As you review the thousands of public comments you are receiving in response to the president's Executive Order concerning our National Monuments, I sincerely hope you will listen to your conscience and maintain protections for these irreplaceable American treasures. In 2008 I explored the Indian Creek area with friends for a week, rock climbing, hiking, and enjoying learning about the area's rich cultural history. I was pleased and relieved when President Obama protected Indian Creek as part of the Bears Ears National Monument. Indian Creek and the region surrounding it are of national and international importance because of its world-class rock climbing, cultural history, and wild character. Last October, I traveled several hours to participate in a public meeting about the proposed expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. I was impressed by the robust public process that gave everyone at the meeting an equal opportunity to have their voice heard. I am confident that past administrations have done their due diligence in consulting with local communities and all stakeholders during the process of designating national monuments. All Americans deserve to have an equal voice when it comes to critical decisions concerning our shared natural heritage. You will be doing our country a grave disservice if you ignore those voices in favor of special interests and extremists in Congress.

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I urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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As supporters of bird conservation and our public lands, we strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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I am shocked that we the citizens must try to defend the wonders of our country from the visigoths of this administration -- Not even Ghenghis Khan was interested in tearing down what was endowed with the avidity you are showing for the destruction of what is natural and beautiful. Have some respect please. Your actions affect generations after generations and you will only reap small political points in a field of small people. Our monuments are larger than the life of a single generation. Just like ISIS destroyed great Iraqi treasures from ancient times -- and the Taliban destroyed the great Buddhist figures -- all in the name of their narrow political point of view -- so too is the Department of Interior approaching their need to remove national treasures. The current administration reminds me of a dog with a fire-hydrant -- anxious to erase all scent of the previous users -- regardless of whether what they are erasing is good or not. Wanton destruction ... We have already spoken -- the public process for designating any of the National Monuments on Interiors list has been exhaustive. As one example, the process for designating Bears Ears was a years-long effort to gather stakeholder input, hold public meetings, work with tribes, business partners, and local climbers. The supporters worked closely with Rep. Rob Bishop, who had worked on legislation called the Public Lands Initiative to protect a similar area (this legislation never passed although the final Bears Ears boundaries track closely with Rep. Bishop's proposal). The monuments weren't picked willy-nilly on a whim. But removing them does seem willy-nilly -- the whim of the huns sweeping over the plains and knocking down anything in their paths just to say they can.

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In regard to the potential release of Bears Ears National Monument to the State of Utah, I urge you keep this public land in the hands of the federal government. Last fall's designation of Bears Ears as a National Monument is the culmination of 80 years of calls for protection, a struggle which saw the cooperation of Native American tribes, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. In fact, stakeholders from the recreation, archaeological, paleontological, conservation, business, and religious communities all worked together to protect these 1.35 million acres of public lands. Public lands are crucial to our nation's identity and the cultivation of the American spirit. As a public school teacher, I implore you to protect this National Monument so that my students can learn to respect and protect natural treasures such as Bears Ears.

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I'm writing in support of maintaining the country's National Monuments as determined by past Presidents throughout our history since Teddy Roosevelt, including those under consideration since 1996 - especially Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase. It is important to preserve these selected sights for our children, grandchildren and the generations following into the future. As developers seize up lands for commercial purposes, that which is special and sacred for our continuing history is destroyed for future generations. Preserved lands save these places in perpetuity. In particular, I am concerned about the politics surrounding the future of Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase. The majority of Native Peoples, the First Americans, if you would, are opposed to the dissolution or shrinking of Bears Ears. To them, the land itself is sacred: the sight of buried remains of ancestors, has spiritual significance, and represents the places to collect and preserve native plants and animals used as medicine and in ceremony. Ignoring their request represents an arrogance and devaluing of their cultures, people, religion, and rights. The "white man" has lied to, cheated, abused, sickened and beaten down Native Peoples since first setting foot on this land. Our government has created unfair "deals" to force people off their Native homelands, to march thousands of miles where thousands died during the difficult transit, confiscated their lands, and created reservations that vastly limit their flourishing through decreased hunting, fishing, and gathering sights. Europeans would strongly condemn the destruction of our cemeteries, religious institutions, and sacred sights. What gives an arrogant leader the right to deconstruct and destroy that which has been created for the protection of millions prior to his "service" to ALL the American people? Disrespecting and ignoring the voices of the Native elders is yet another TRAVESTY and blight upon the history of the United States. After all, the language of our Constitution includes the Affirmation that ALL Men and (Women) are created Equal under the law. We have neglected, ignored and destabilized our native populations over the centuries creating situations of poverty, disease, hunger, alcoholism, despair, and high rates of suicide. It is time to put a stop to situations that slowly diminishes cultures into extinction and guarantee the respect due for all that has been given (or taken from) the First Americans who are an integral part of what makes America who we are.

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I am opposed to any change in the status of the land and marine National Monuments under review as per the Trump administration's Executive Order. These are public lands that belong to the American people and serve as irreplaceable monuments to our country's natural and cultural heritage. Selling these lands to private industry would be a tragedy for all Americans, trading a potential short term economic gain for an all but inconsequential minority of people with guaranteed and irreversible environmental destruction for what could have been the permanent preservation of our country's heritage. Conserving our lands for all current and future Americans is a duty of the people and the American government. Bear's Ears must be preserved under its current, federally recognized status. It is home to endangered species and prehistoric landmarks worth more than any drilling or mining operation could ever recover. Finally, the land and marine National Monuments provide habitats to countless species, including threatened and endangered species. It is imperative that these spaces are federally protected now and in the future.

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Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. Please protect ALL of our public lands, including those designated as National Monuments.

All such areas belong to the American people and should be preserved so that our children's children and THEIR grandchildren will be able to enjoy them. The National Monuments, National Wildlife Refuges and other Nationally protected sites are of equal importance to our National Parks, maybe more so since they are more remote and pristine. We need to protect and maintain those wilderness areas so that they don't disappear to widespread commercial development, including degradation for energy resources and private use by a limited number of individuals. It is absurd that the current administration is contemplating the reversal, or possible irreversible destruction, of the good work by several previous presidents to ensure great and beautiful lands for ALL Americans to enjoy. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America and many of us outdoor enthusiasts want no part of that.

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Extensive local public hearings revealed broad support among regional and southwestern citizens. The Navajo and Ute tribes strongly support the Monument. Monuments benefit local economies. No economically recoverable resources are being "locked up." No private land is involved. The Monument boundaries include federal lands. No private land is included. Bears Ears protects an extensive Native American cultural history that has been degraded by local opponents. Presidents lack authority to abolish or diminish Monuments (but Congress can...).

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I am writing you today concerning Bears Ears National Monument the comments I make that follow, also apply to the other National Monuments currently under review by the Department of the Interior and yourself. Present Trump has directed you to consider seven items in your National Monument Review. I will address each of these as related to the Bears Ears National Monument designation. 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"; i. Enactment of the Antiquities Act required 25 years of work by individuals and organizations concerned about the preservation of American archeological sites. It obligates federal agencies that manage the public lands to preserve for present and future generations the historic, scientific, commemorative, and cultural values of the archaeological and historic sites and structures on these lands (USDI NPS 2016). The boundary of the monument is largely based on the Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) (H.R. 5780). Bears Ears National Monument is currently nearly 600,000 acres smaller than originally proposed. Yet, Bears Ears still provides protection to the sensitive archaeological resources and Native American Traditional Cultural Properties. Whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest"; ii. The Bears Ears area has been called the "Sistine Chapel" of the West for its ancient carving sites (petroglyphs) and paintings sites (pictographs), and over 100,000 known archaeological sites. 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; iii. The Monument would not affect valid existing oil, gas, and mining leases or operations. All public uses, including livestock grazing would continue. The effects of a designation on the use and enjoyment of non-Federal lands within or beyond monument boundaries; iv. Tourism to the National Monument is expected to increase, regardless of the final decision on the National Monument. All traditional cultural uses as well as the modern uses such as camping, hiking, backpacking, climbing, building camp fires, picking pine nuts, mountain biking, bring pets, horseback riding and ATV use are planned to continue. Concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities; v. The boundary of the National Monument is largely based on the Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) (H.R. 5780), which was introduced by Reps. Bishop and Chaffetz after extensive consultations with stakeholders and the Interior Department and USDA. Congressional Representatives Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz of Utah, who have also proposed to protect this area. The Bears Ears region has been central to the culture and religion of the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Ute Indian tribes, as well as the Ute Mountain Ute people. There are concerns that the Monument designation will hurt the funding for Utah's public schools provided by state-owned lands. However, the land exchange following Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument designation generated more than \$310 million for Utah schools and counties. The availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas; vi. A study by Headwaters Economics in 2011 and 2014 concluded that national monuments are consistent with economic growth. Losses in mining and construction were mostly offset by increases in leisure/hospitality and government (Department of Workforce Service, State of Utah 2017). Such other factors as the Secretary deems appropriate. 82 FR 20429-20430 (May 1, 2017); vii. The National Monument calls for the establishment of a Tribal Commission to provide information and recommendations to allow for the integration of tribal expertise and traditional knowledge into management. As an example, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument draws about 30,000 visitors a year. The Canyons of the Ancients' multi-use management plan still allows for grazing and oil and gas development on parts of the monument, just as it did before the designation.

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For more than one hundred years, U.S. Presidents of both parties have protected sensitive habitat and historic sites as national monuments. Now, a new executive order has placed millions of acres of our public lands and waters at risk by threatening to eliminate or shrink as many as thirty national monuments. In the order signed last month, President Trump called for an unprecedented review of national monuments created in the past twenty years. The review includes places that protect vital bird habitat, such as the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument, which is the wintering area for Atlantic Puffins. I strongly urge the Department of the Interior not to undo or limit America's national monuments. The monuments

established since 1996 span across a vast range, helping to protect habitat for a highly diverse group of birds and other wildlife. From the Pacific Ocean, where albatross soar across newly protected pristine waters, to the deserts of the Southwest in places like Bears Ears and Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks that support Golden Eagles, out to the puffin habitat in the Atlantic, and much more, our national monuments provide much-needed protections for bird habitat, while safeguarding our national heritage for future generations. President Theodore Roosevelt was the first to establish national monuments using the newly-passed Antiquities Act, which led to the protection of the Grand Canyon and other iconic places. America must continue the bipartisan tradition of protecting our most treasured public lands and waters. With so many birds and other wildlife in need, now is not the time for a giant step backwards. I want the Department of the Interior to uphold the bipartisan tradition of Roosevelt and all subsequent presidents by protecting our national monuments. As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Bears Ears National Monument belongs all Americans and offers our nation an opportunity to honor the Native American peoples and their culture. It offers a small way to make amends for the horror we inflicted on them and the dishonor our society deserves for the broken promises and treaties of history. Bears Ears is rich in natural beauty and irreplaceable habitats. If we would keep "America the Beautiful" we must preserve these lands from greed and lack of vision. I will vote against any public officials who do not respect our land. No! We the people say, "No!" you may not unprotect Bears Ears nor any of the other 26 national monuments.

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As a supporter of our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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"Dear Secretary Zinke, I have lived in Utah for over 43 years. The land of the Bears Ears Monument is of profound spiritual significance to the native peoples who have lived there for 100's of generations. It is a place of absolute pristine beauty--of deep nourishment and renewal for all who visit there. Please help to protect this sacred space (and the priceless cultural resources it holds) from the brutality of extractive industrial practices. The people of the future are thanking you in advance."

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I'm writing in response to the Department of the Interior's request for comments on recently formed national monuments. I support the designation of these public lands as national monuments, and encourage the Department to maintain their existing boundaries and improve access for bicycles. Public lands such as national monuments play an instrumental role in supporting outdoor recreation. While these activities, including bike riding, are of personal significance to me as a bike rider, they are also critical to local economies in the communities that surround these monuments. Bike riding alone supports \$88 billion in economic activity and provides \$12 billion in federal, state and local taxes each year. Without quality places to ride on our public lands, these contributions are at serious risk. Some of the monuments that are subject to the Department's review provide bike riding opportunities. Of particular importance are Ironwood Forest (AZ), Sonoran Desert (AZ), Berryessa Snow Mountain (CA), San Gabriel Mountains (CA), Canyons of the Ancients (CO), Basin and Range (NV), Bears Ears (UT) and Grand Staircase-Escalante (UT). New opportunities for riding are also being considered in Sand to Snow (CA), Katahdin Woods (ME), Gold Butte (NV), Rio Grande del Norte (NV) and Cascade Siskiyou (OR). Many of these areas provide unique opportunities to explore cultural and natural resources that cannot be replicated. I encourage the Department to recommend that these lands be maintained as national monuments, and ensure that existing and planned bike riding opportunities in these locations be created and improved. Thank you for considering my comments.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please keep Bears Ears as a national monument.

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save bears ears national monument !

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**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Sec. Zinke, Please Rescind the Bears Ears Monument, and let's start over on how best to protect and manage these magnificent lands, and the wildlife herds and hunting in this 1.3 Millions. Local sportsmen, nor were local and state wildlife managers consulted about this Monument Designation. We want to have a Voice, and Be part of the process! Wildlife in this Monument largely exists because of our recent conservation efforts. We love hunting on these incredible Public lands, and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management, and all five of Utah's National Parks started out as Monuments. Parks are of course NO HUNTING!!

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**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

**Unit Classifications:**

Please rescind the BEARS EARS MONUMENT!

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I support the national monument designation for Bears Ears realizing this is locally controversial, it is important to remember the importance of these lands nationally and in this case especially to native peoples. The review of National Monuments under this administration has drawn much criticism showing the distrust of many in the motives behind it. Making no change to the Bears Ears National Monument would help remove some of this distrust. Secretary Zinke has said he plans to be a "Teddy Roosevelt" figure. He may need to be reminded that when President Roosevelt designated millions of acres of National Forest he often chose the national interest over the limited local view. I encourage him to follow Teddy's example.

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I am opposed to any alterations to the size of Bears Ears National Monument. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historic, cultural and natural heritage. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink the size of our national monuments, including Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. Bears Ears National Monument is rich in cultural resources, with stunning scenic views and excellent recreation opportunities. Bears Ears protects a shared landscape with Canyonlands National Park and other national park sites that together protect 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites and honors the voices of five tribes who joined to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. In addition, the monument safeguards the area from inappropriate development and its protection is a reflection of the majority of Utahans and people like me. An attack on one of America's national monuments is an attack on all of them. I am opposed to any attempts to rescind or alter the size of Bears Ears or any one of our country's national monuments. Thank you for considering my views.

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My family and I are local Utah residents that have been recreating for many years in the area that Bears Ears National Monument now encompasses. We feel incredibly lucky that we have these federally controlled lands preserved for the future while still available to visit and enjoy. Having lived in other parts of the country during my life I've witnessed the awful effects of privatization and state owned lands. The west is enormously privileged to have all these amazing in our backyards to be able to enjoy. People come from all over the World to see these places. These places are not only

beautiful to visit, but there are many small towns across the state that are flourishing economically because of these lands! Reducing these monuments, turning them over to the state of Utah, or privatizing them would not only destroy the environment and these culturally sensitive places but you'd be directly responsible for the financial collapse of entire cities that depend on tourist income. Please keep these lands for us, our children and every future generation to come. These places are priceless.

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. Why? Because the lasting impacts of preserving these lands will far outweigh any short-term industry gains; industrial interests have no regard for what happens to the land once its resources have been stripped from it, and will move on and out as quickly as they will move in (should these protections be rescinded), leaving the State with nothing but a lasting reminder of its shortsightedness. Why? Because if it's economic gains the State seeks, there are countless impact studies on the effects of (and sustainability of) public access and tourism as reliable, non-volatile economic engines across the West, the nation, and the globe. Why? Because these lands represent an acknowledgement and respect for the histories of the peoples who came long before us, who understood that humans and the environment that supports and nurtures us cannot exist in balance with one another, but that means constantly and actively questioning our want for "more". Why? Because this Earth will continue long after each of us, but will bear the marks of our actions, and that will be our and your legacy.

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Bears Ears is one of the many public lands that is imperative to preserve. In light of recent events, public opinion is invaluable regarding the protecting and preserving these lands for present and future generations. We are only one species on this massive planet, and having certain reservations where the sanctity of the natural environment may be preserved without the intervention of man is not only a rational choice, but a critical one. We must make this decision to keep not only Bears Ears, but the rest of the public monuments on the list for review, as not only an assurance to the future that we will have these public lands to admire, but as an assurance to the environment, that there may be at least a small portion of a once great land that remains untouched and unmolested by man. Are we that selfish to deny nature its right to exist in its most pure form? What gain is so important? I see no reason for anything otherwise, than to let not only Bears Ears, but the rest of the monuments on the list for review to remain wild and free.

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I am writing in response to the Department of the Interior's request for comments on recently formed national monuments. I support the designation of these public lands as national monuments, and encourage the Department to maintain their existing boundaries and improve access for bicycles. Public lands such as national monuments play an instrumental role in supporting outdoor recreation. While these activities, including bike riding, are of personal significance to me as a bike rider, they are also critical to local economies in the communities that surround these monuments. Bike riding alone supports \$88 billion in economic activity and provides \$12 billion in federal, state and local taxes each year. Without quality places to ride on our public lands, these contributions are at serious risk. Some of the monuments that are subject to the Department's review provide bike riding opportunities. Of particular importance are Ironwood Forest (AZ), Sonoran Desert (AZ), Berryessa Snow Mountain (CA), San Gabriel Mountains (CA), Canyons of the Ancients (CO), Basin and Range (NV), Bears Ears (UT) and Grand Staircase-Escalante (UT). New opportunities for riding are also being considered in Sand to Snow (CA), Katahdin Woods (ME), Gold Butte (NV), Rio Grande del Norte (NV) and Cascade Siskiyou (OR). Many of these areas provide unique opportunities to explore cultural and natural resources that cannot be replicated. I encourage the Department to recommend that these lands be maintained as national monuments, and ensure that existing and planned bike riding opportunities in these locations be created and improved. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Bears Ears National Monument is part of the wondrous chain of National Monuments created to commemorate the ecological, and geological terrain of the region, as well as all the human stories attached to it, to allow people free shared use of the area. This place is extremely special to me and hundreds of thousands of others. Changing it would be a huge detriment.

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RE: Monument Review, MS-1530 As a Farm Bureau member and someone involved in agriculture, I am asking you to support the review of National Monuments -- specifically the Bears Ears National Monument, and preserve the stated intent of the Antiquities Act by keeping monuments to the smallest area compatible for their proper care and management. Farm Bureau supports rewriting the Antiquities Act to revoke the executive branch's ability to unilaterally designate national monuments. Congress, with the approval of state and local governments, should be the body to designate national monuments. Farm Bureau supports the multiple-use concept of federal lands, which recognizes historic grazing rights on public land grazing allotments. Thank you for your consideration of this monument and its impact on Utah farm and ranch families.

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I could go on and on about the countless days, weeks, months, and years I've spent exploring, climbing, and enjoying the vast and sacred expanses of the Bears Ears region. Stumbling on ancient ruins that few have ever found, watching wildlife exist as they have for thousands of years, and summing towers on remote mesas are just a few of the things that make this place special for me. I could also tell you about the hours and days spent improving trail infrastructure at the Indian Creek climbing area, so our user group becomes proactive in maintaining this resource that is absolutely sacred to anyone that's ever climbed there. I could go on and on about these things, but my time in this region pails in comparison to those of the true Natives that have called this area home for thousands of years. The tribes that have had generations working to protect this area also need to have their voices heard. Whether we're climbers, tribe members, tourists, or other outdoor enthusiasts, there is something sacred here that **MUST** be saved for the generations that follow. I urge you to please stand up and protect the Bears Ears Monument.

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I am a conservative American writing to ask that you preserve ALL current national monuments, including Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine Monument off New England, and Papahānaumokuākea Marine Monument off Hawaii. These national monuments are an important part of our American heritage and must be fully protected. National monuments are a Republican idea. A Republican wrote the Antiquities Act (the law that authorizes monument designation), a Republican controlled congress passed it, and a Republican president, Theodore Roosevelt, signed it into law. Rolling back monument protections would be an unprecedented move to undermine that GOP legacy. Like Secretary Zinke, I am an unabashed conservative admirer of Theodore Roosevelt. He recognized that to adequately safeguard our natural and cultural heritage we often have to protect large areas. Roosevelt himself used the Antiquities Act to safeguard the 1.2 million acre Grand Canyon. That is why I am asking Secretary Zinke and the Trump Administration to honor his legacy and hold fast to his values by upholding the protection of existing national monuments in their entirety. These special places represent America's natural and cultural heritage protecting them is our moral duty. Please do not bow to the wishes of anti-public land zealots like Senator Hatch and Congressman Rob Bishop. These lawmakers represent narrow special interests, not the people of Utah. The truth is that national monuments are proven economic drivers that enjoy broad public support, even in Utah. Contrary to claims by Hatch and Bishop, recent polling shows that a majority of Utahans support the recently established Bears Ears National Monument. Please stand with TR and safeguard our national monuments. These special pieces of our national heritage that deserve all of the protections they currently have under the Antiquities Act.

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We welcome the review of Utah's as well as other Western States National Monuments. We believe there has been too much over reach by some Past Presidents in creating these large National Monuments putting our public lands off limits to motorized vehicles, many older people, disabled people, Military Veterans, the majority of Americans and tourists that have been able to visit at least some of these areas by motorized vehicles in the past, are now locked out of our own public lands. These monument actions are also detrimental to industries, which in turn is detrimental to the States in lost jobs and revenue. Please rescind the designation of the Bears Ears National Monument and shrink or rescind the Grand Stair-Case Escalante National monument

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Please protect our public lands and the land sacred to those who have been so mistreated in the past. I bet if you go to Bears Ears you too will understand why this special place needs to stay out of the hands of greedy and corrupt corporations and developers.

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I support the Bears Ears National Monument, and I don't want to see its boundaries changed.

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As an avid user of the outdoors, as well as a proud American, I would like to let you know that I fully support the Bears Ears National Monument and believe it should stay with exactly the same boundaries as it was created with under the Antiquities Act. The creation of this Monument was the result

of much hard work and collaboration between government agencies, non-profit workers, and Indian tribes, and the Monument protects and preserves for use by all of one of the most beautiful and unique sections of our great country. Undoing the Monument would be a tragic, shortsighted assault on a resource that belongs to every American. This would not benefit anyone but a few special economic interests. Please do everything in your power to keep the Bears Ears as-is.

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Grand Canyon-Parashant, Ironwood Forest, Vermilion Cliffs and Sonoran Desert national monuments in Arizona are truly some of the treasures of our state. The unique geology and undisturbed starry skies of Grand Canyon-Parashant, the incredible scenery of Vermilion Cliffs, the unique ecosystem and species of the Ironwood Forest and the saguaro cactus forests of the Sonoran Desert National Monument are all unrivaled and deserve the highest protections. Not only are these monuments incredibly worthy, they bring enormous benefits to our state by providing opportunities for recreation and driving the outdoor recreation economy. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for his "review," is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as national monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites the monument honors the voices of five tribes who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history, culture, and natural treasures are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Grand Canyon-Parashant or Vermilion Cliffs in Arizona, or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for national monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I urge you to preserve the Escalante Grand Staircase and the Bears Ears National Monuments in their entirety for economic, environmental, and cultural reasons. These monuments were only designated after years of careful study, review, and local input. While the opinions of local elected officials are important, it must be remembered that these have been federal lands since the earliest days of the State of Utah, and are owned by all Americans, not just the inhabitants of the surrounding counties. Last October I joined twelve others from around the U.S. for a week of camping and hiking in the Grand-Gulch/Cedar Mesa areas of what is now Bears Ears National Monument. Many of us flew to nearby airports and rented vehicles. All of us had to buy gas and food. We all vowed to come back to see more of this national treasure. We returned to our homes with tales of amazing landscapes, beautiful rock art, and ancient ruins, and urged our friends to visit. Local economies derive robust economic benefits from these National Monuments. Tourists from around the world spend millions on transportation, lodging, and food in nearby businesses. As long as the areas have monument status, these economic benefits will continue to grow, creating long-term stable incomes for local people. There are those who believe mineral and gas extraction and off-road vehicle recreation are proper uses of these lands, but the living desert is fragile. Fossil fuel extraction would require more or bigger roads. That and ORV use even in peripheral acreage would destroy large swaths of crypto-biotic soil, leading to the formation of ever-growing barren dunes that are unnatural to this landscape. The monuments must remain whole. Archaeology sites need careful preservation and interpretation, and both the Bears Ears and Escalante-Grand Staircase contain thousands of such sites, with still more to be found. Looting of these sites prior to monument designation was well known. The Bears Ears and Escalante-Grand Staircase epitomize the very kind of places that merit protection under the Antiquities Act. They give visitors important opportunities to learn about and understand the ancient cultures that existed here long before Euro-Americans moved in. In the past it was thought that only samples of the best treasures or landscapes needed to be preserved in parks, but scientific evidence points to the need for large contiguous areas for large animals and soils protection. The need for quiet is critical for wildlife as well as for people. Had Theodore Roosevelt known of the Bears Ears and Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monuments, he would certainly have said, as he did at the Grand Canyon, "Leave it as it is. The ages have been at work on it and man can only mar it."

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I wish to register my concern with President Trump's executive order attempting to undermine our national monuments. Our public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. I understand that you are doing an expedited review of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, whose priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders are exactly what should be permanently protected as a National Monument. Monument status for Bears Ears protects 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain -- these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, a threat to one monument is a threat to them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain



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The process for establishing the Bears Ears National Monument was a long one in which the public spoke very clearly. We want to keep the Bears Ears National Monument designation that we worked so hard to achieve. The coalition of tribal nations in the Bears Ears region should have a place at the table in the management of the natural and cultural resources in the region. The national monument designation rightfully gave them a voice. Don't take it away.

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**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Sec. Zinke, Please rescind the Bears Ears Monument. We support common sense protections to ensure ongoing enjoyment and utilization of these magnificent lands, and the wildlife herds and hunting on these 1.3 million acres. Certainly, this is an area that has been wonderfully managed for wildlife, hunting, and other uses by the state of Utah. Those impacted the most by a national monument designation are a critical concern. State driven processes with all stakeholders collaborating are the right way to make land use determinations, not top down monument designations of massive landscapes with little local or state support. We also recognize that national parks in the state of Utah were areas first designated as monuments. What this means, is that the Bears Ears Monument designation puts this area on the pathway to permanent hunting closures. While pithy slogans and protectionist rhetoric sound well intentioned, make no mistake, most of those who are pining for "protection" through a national monument designation do not support our right to hunt and fish in these areas. They want these areas closed to hunting. A national monument designation takes them one step closer to their dangerous objective. Losing these world class hunting areas would be a sad outcome. It would erode the rights of sportsmen, decades of herd restoration, and the millions invested by Utah Sportsmen. As we have seen repeatedly, when hunting is banned, herds suffer and even disappear. It is not good for hunters and it is not good for wildlife. There is a better way to manage and ensure abundance of these herds and habitats for future generations. The voice of sportsmen was ignored as part of the monument designation process. This is particularly disappointing considering that for decades, Utah sportsmen have been the stewards of a massive effort to restore wildlife to these areas. We have restored natural mosaics to control wildfire, enhanced habitat for wild game and grazing, developed water resources, and reintroduced elk, mule deer, wild turkeys, and bighorn sheep. Even after all of these efforts, local sportsmen along with local and state wildlife managers were not consulted about the impacts of this Monument Designation. Unfortunately, one of the primary impacts would be on the very programs and management investment that are needed the most to protect the herds of elk, mule, big horn sheep, wild turkeys, and other wildlife we have worked so hard to restore. The results of these proactive and expensive conservation efforts have been amazing. The San Juan Elk unit is one of the top Elk Herds in the World with many 400-inch bulls and even world record elk harvested. The deer herds in this area are thriving. Two of Utah's premier Desert Bighorn Sheep hunting units also lie within the monument designation boundary. Proof of the success of these efforts is the over 50,000 applicants for hunting permits to these units every year. Not only does this show the popularity of these units, but also demonstrate how important sportsmen funding is to continue on-the-ground management and conservation in these areas. These herds only exist because of sportsmen funding, thousands of volunteer hours, predator control, and millions of dollars in on the ground habitat enhancement and water development efforts. Our experience with Grand Staircase has been disappointing. Habitat enhancement projects through pinyon/juniper management is significantly more difficult and a lot more expensive, if they are even allowed. Predator control has become very restricted and limited. As a result, the Escalante Desert Bighorn herd, once one of the top Desert Bighorn herds in the world, has dramatically declined. The area has become more susceptible to catastrophic wildfire. In essence, the preservationist mentality has been a failure for wildlife and the habitat work most needed to ensure abundant herds of wildlife. As a sportsman and Big Game Forever supporter, I strongly encourage you to rescind Bears Ears monument. It is the best way to ensure the continuation of the efforts, collaboration, and programs that are doing the most to protect, restore, and enhance the hunting, access, in this corner of the state of Utah. Our efforts have worked to make this area truly one of a kind for hunters, wildlife lovers, and all who appreciate the wild things and wild places that Utah hunters have worked so hard to restore. Please rescind the Bears Ears monument designation. We love hunting on these incredible public lands, and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management. Whatever the future plans are for these areas, Utah Hunters have earned a seat at the table. We encourage you to pursue solutions that will protect state management of wildlife, hunting, and the collaborative, common-sense management investment of Utah's hunters, families and hard working rural communities that has worked for generations.

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I am appalled that our treasured national parks and monuments, like the Bears Ears National Monument, are up for review at all. Bears Ears is one of our nation's newest monuments -- the American people are very lucky to now call this ancient site covering an expanse of 1.3 million acres a public resource protected for future generations. The monument protects ancient sites that are sacred to the Native American tribes in southern Utah's red-rock country. Utah is greatly enriched by the Bears Ears National Monument. Bears Ears National Monument also provides incredible spaces for outdoor activities-- it is one of best places in the world for rock climbing and bouldering. These public lands need to stay in public hands. No president has EVER attempted to abolish a national monument, and an attack on one park is an attack on all our parks. Secretary Zinke, I am adamantly opposed to any effort to eliminate or diminish protections for Bears Ears or any other national monument, and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I am writing in response to the Department of the Interior's request for comments on recently formed national monuments. I support the designation of these public lands as national monuments, and encourage the Department to maintain their existing boundaries and improve access for bicycles. Public lands such as national monuments play an instrumental role in supporting outdoor recreation. While these activities, including bike riding, are of personal significance to me as a bike rider, they are also critical to local economies in the communities that surround these monuments. Bike riding alone supports \$88 billion in economic activity and provides \$12 billion in federal, state and local taxes each year. Without quality places to ride on our public lands, these contributions are at serious risk. Some of the monuments that are subject to the Department's review provide bike riding opportunities. Of particular importance are Ironwood Forest (AZ), Sonoran Desert (AZ), Berryessa Snow Mountain (CA), San Gabriel Mountains (CA), Canyons of the Ancients (CO), Basin and Range (NV), Bears Ears (UT) and Grand Staircase-Escalante (UT). New opportunities for riding are also being considered in Sand to Snow (CA), Katahdin Woods (ME), Gold Butte (NV), Rio Grande del Norte (NV) and Cascade Siskiyou (OR). Many of these areas provide unique opportunities to explore cultural and natural resources that cannot be replicated. I encourage the Department to recommend that these lands be maintained as national monuments, and ensure that existing and planned bike riding opportunities in these locations be created and improved. Thank you for considering my comments. Thanks for taking action.

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact. I support the Bears Ears National Monument and don't want to see its boundaries changed.

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My family and I strongly support full monument protection of the spectacular landscapes and native antiquities of both Grand Staircase and Bears Ears national monuments. My family moved to Utah over 10 years ago precisely because of these kind of wild places. These places are crucial components of the most stunning, inspiring, and unique landscape on earth. There is no place else like them and they are far more valuable in their wild and untrammeled state than they ever could be if they are sold for mining, or drilling, or wasteful and inefficient grazing. We don't want West Virginia's fate - impoverished landscapes, creating sad and impoverished people. My children's future, both economically as well as emotionally, is inextricably tied to the fate of these wild places. Please resist the short-sighted push to trade the most sacred for the most mundane- and be remembered for taking a principled stand on the right side of history.

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Bears Ears National Monument looks like an incredible place to visit. There aren't a lot of untouched landscapes left in the world free of light pollution and oil rigs and parking lots. Whether or not I ever make it there, I believe it is critical to maintain its status as a National Monument if for nothing else than to give the earth a chance to breathe. What we don't need is more development in these areas. If that's the driving factor behind this, may I suggest alternative energy sources?

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I live in Utah and enjoy our protected lands on a regular basis. Having these protected areas for the enjoyment of all Americans and visitors from around the world is truly what makes this a special place to live. I'm asking for all lands under existing protection including all of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase to remain protected for the enjoyment of all. It is our duty to insure access for future generations.

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This pdf document contains 11 postcards from individuals (mostly Utahns) addressed to you asking that "you leave the Bears Ears National Monument boundary alone," and recommend "No Action" to President Trump regarding the Executive Order Review. This batch is from the Navajo Mountain Tribal Community (Summarize the source of the comments here if helpful AND known). Utah Din Bikyah spent the past seven years working with local Native American community members to document and research cultural values and uses across San Juan County in the writing of the Bears Ears proposal. Furthermore, we have requested meetings to introduce you to local people, deliver cultural data, and introduce you to the more than 70 elders who wrote the proposal. To our knowledge, you did not visit southern San Juan County, or meet with any of the community leaders or elders who will be most affected by changes to the monument boundary and/or status.

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**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Sec. Zinke, Please Rescind the Bears Ears Monument, and let's start over on how best to protect and manage these magnificent lands, and the wildlife herds and hunting in this 1.3 Millions. Local sportsmen, nor were local and state wildlife managers consulted about this Monument Designation. We want to have a Voice, and Be part of the process! Wildlife in this Monument largely exists because of our recent conservation efforts. We love hunting on these incredible Public lands, and want them protected. However, monuments are very restrictive on land and wildlife management, and all five of Utah's National Parks started out as Monuments. Parks are of course NO HUNTING!!

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Our national monuments help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments, and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to shrink or revoke our national monuments. An attempt to attack one monument, such as Bears Ears, by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for our national monuments and I urge you to recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I moved to Utah for the vast public lands available for climbing, hiking, skiing, and hunting. As a transplant from the southeastern United States, I quickly recognized the unique and amazing public lands that we have in Utah, including National Monuments. I first visited the Bear Ears region in 2012 to explore Indian Creek, a world-renown climbing destination. Indian Creek is best known for its splitter cracks, where all the climbing "holds" are simply a vertical crack. How can you twist and jam your body into and then up the crack? It's a completely unique climbing style requiring crazy body techniques - finger locks, stacked hands, chicken wings, squeezes, and more! As a sport climber and boulderer, my first Indian Creek adventure was a struggle. Despite the struggle to climb these cracks, I had a wonderful time. I was there for "Friends-giving" or "Creeks-giving." Each Thanksgiving, hundreds of climbers go to Indian Creek for Thanksgiving. The temperatures are perfect and eating leftover Thanksgiving turkey while climbing is hard to beat! When the Bear Ears region was designated as a National Monument, I was so excited. As mentioned earlier, it is one of the most revered recreation destinations in the U.S. The rock climbing resources are especially exceptional and annually draw tens of thousands of visitors from around the world to climb at Indian Creek, Lockhart Basin, Arch/Texas Canyon, Valley of the Gods, and many other locations. Additionally, the sacred lands and objects have been in jeopardy. By making Bear Ears a National Monument, we can finally have more sustainable and adequate protection of these public lands. Additionally, outdoor recreation is a huge industry in Utah and the United States. Utah is an international destination. By not protecting our public lands we will weaken the local economies and outdoor industry. A recent study of a rural area in Kentucky demonstrated that the outdoor industry, specifically rock climbing, contributes significant amounts of money into the local economy. In Utah, the owner of the Food Ranch in Orangeville, Utah, reported that climbers spend \$40.00 at his store when climbing at Joe's Valley, another amazing rock climbing location in Utah. We must protect public lands. Public lands grow local economies. Moreover, the Antiquities Act is a valuable tool for protecting America's heritage. Please protect the integrity of the Antiquities Act, which has been used by Presidents of both parties for over 100 years. These threats put all national monuments in jeopardy and place our special public lands at risk. Moreover, a thorough public process is always involved with Monument designations. For the Bears Ears region, these discussions have been occurring for many years. Your decision on public lands will have historical consequences. How will you be remembered? As Theodore Roosevelt said, Of all the questions which can come before this nation, short of the actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in the importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us, and training them into a better race to inhabit the land and pass it on. Conservation is a great moral issue for it involves the patriotic duty of insuring the safety and continuance of the nation. America's public lands are the birthright of all Americans and they serve as a cornerstone of the American experience. We must preserve them for future generations. Let's look for positive solutions, which move us forward. We should seek to preserve other lands and waters, in addition to maintaining current lands, such as Bear Ears National Monument. I urge you, keep public lands in public hands.

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The National Monuments of this country represent some of the most spectacular wilderness to be found anywhere. They are truly a national treasure, of which this country can be proud. Bringing them under review is one hundred eighty degrees of what should be done. They should be set aside in their natural state. Further, the Department of the Interior should increase protections, and seek additional lands for future protection. Ultimately, there should be more land set aside, safe from development of any kind, not less. I have spent considerable time in what is now Bears Ears National Monument. I can personally attest to the remarkable environment, and the archeological treasures hidden within the landscape. Its designation as a National Monument was a major step forward in protecting another wonderful piece of the Colorado Plateau. As an American, I am deeply proud of this country's National Parks, Monuments, Wilderness Areas, and Reserves. I am, at this time, deeply troubled and angered by the notion that our public lands may be stripped of their protected designations, and irreparably harmed through extraction or development. This review must not stand. The protection of the Bears Ears should.

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Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. There is no reason to change its status.

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Bears Ears National Monument is a valuable addition to our country's natural and cultural heritage. It deserves our protection along with all the other monuments and public landscapes we have across America. I urge you to keep our national monuments, including Bears Ears, protected and in tact.

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Our national monuments help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments, and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to shrink or revoke our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for review, is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as national monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain, these treasures are irreplaceable. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for our national monuments and I urge you to recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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Utah is one of the most beautiful states in this country because it's natural landscape has been protected. It's public lands belong to all Americans including myself. I want this land protected and shared with everyone. Bears Ears National Monument protects one of most significant cultural landscapes in the US, with thousands of archaeological sites and important areas of spiritual significance. Abundant rock art, ancient cliff dwellings, ceremonial kivas, and countless other artifacts provide an extraordinary archaeological and cultural record, all surrounded by a dramatic backdrop of deep sandstone canyons, desert mesas, and forested highlands and the monument's namesake twin buttes. These lands are sacred to many Native American tribes today, who use the lands for ceremonies, collecting medicinal and edible plants, and gathering materials for crafting baskets and footwear.

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Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. I support the Bears Ears National Monument and don't want to see its boundaries changed.

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"Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit, and as vital to our lives as water and good bread. A civilization which destroys what little remains of the wild, the spare, the original, is cutting itself off from its origins and betraying the principle of civilization itself." Edward Abbey, Desert Solitaire  
As a kid growing up in Colorado, the outdoors was my church: where I went in search of clarity and sanity, to experience the awe and calm that nature provides, and mostly to learn and grow with compassion, love, and most importantly, respect. Attending schools that provided the opportunity to explore the wilderness on guided trips for most of my initial 18 years, getting out and exploring twice a year was something that seemed normal to me. As an adult, I see that is not true and having access to wild places is not so simple. Even more complicated is protecting those wild places so that future generations are able to have access to the raw and pure experience of seeing a blanket of stars above them and feeling tiny in the expanse of the sky, for example. It is through the dedication of hard working men and women who have felt this power and are passionate about the environment that these places of refuge exist, but unfortunately policy is a large factor that can impinge the existence of these areas. The Executive Order of the Trump Administration is one such threat that is trying to undermine this hard working progress. Bears Ears National Monument, as well as the 26 other National Monuments in jeopardy deserve the protection of our laws, not only for environmental purposes, but for cultural, recreational, and historical reasons as well. The West is meant to stay wild. This is a plea not only from a young woman who hopes to share similar experiences she had as a child with her children, but from all the explorers, hikers, climbers, and indigenous peoples that taking away this sacred place would impact. National Parks and National Monuments are National Treasures for a reason. If the beauty of these areas continues endlessly, why shouldn't their immunity? Please continue to protect these special places. Thank you.

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Our public lands are vital to our national legacy. They're economically beneficial to our local communities, and to our nation as a whole. Actually, go ahead and remove national park status from the country's newest and smallest park because of different politics between executive regimes. I wonder, sir, if you could do something even smaller than that: write up an official speech or memoranda stating why the change is about something else entirely -- taxes or government overreach or he like ought to work nicely -- and then really try to believe that's why you are stripping status and funding. Maybe on the very last day Bears Ears is still a national park, you could take a nice hike, walk up to the top of a beautiful hill, expose yourself to humans and nature alike and shout, "Look! Look at how small I really am."

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My friends and I use public lands all the time. Many of my days off are spent on public lands riding bikes, hiking, camping, fishing, rock climbing, skiing, boating and so much more. These places have a very special place in my heart. Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review," is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and incredible outdoor recreation spots, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honor the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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Please preserve the designation of Bears Ears National Monument as it currently stands. This monument is exactly what the Antiquities Act was created for and protects unique cultural and archeological resources as well as unparalleled recreational opportunities. Thank you

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Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Natural beauty in life is limited. We are so fortunate to have such a pristine, beautiful place in nature to enjoy and escape to on a weekend or for a vacation. To get away from it all and enjoy the sunsets here is priceless. Protecting these places in nature should be given top priority. They are fading fast without thought to the future. We should be doing everything we can to keep this place and places like it sacred. I urge you to keep this protected so that we may enjoy it. So that my son may enjoy it. And so that his children may enjoy it. Sincerely, Kim Quapp

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"Dear Secretary Ryan Zinke, I strongly oppose any change in boundaries, status, or classification to any and all of the national monuments under review, especially Bears Ears National Monument, and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. Thank you."

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Bears Ears National Monument should not be seen or used as a political tool in our present bi-partisan climate. National monuments, parks, and protected lands were created as a way for the citizens of this great country to find common ground in their shared love and appreciation of nature and outdoor activities. Such common ground is now a rare occurrence and therefore so much more precious and deserving of protection. As an avid nature-lover myself, I know the unwritten rule that entering sacred places like Bears Ears requires little more than one's respect for nature and our fellow human beings. In the wide open expanses of our protected lands, there is no room for politics, selfish divisiveness, or petty partisan plays. Bringing that kind of toxicity into nature often leads to dangerous situations and poor decision making. Enjoying nature within the boundaries of respect and care, in fact, can and does provide perspective for how we conduct ourselves when in the safety of our communities. I have never felt more American - more free, empowered, and self-reliant - than I have while wandering through an America untouched and untainted by the less-appealing American traditions to develop, own, "fix", and exploit. Please leave this national monument and all other federally-protected lands as they are for future generations to learn from, grow in, and love. Our country's people are tearing apart from one another; please do not allow this horror to extend into its land.

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I am writing in response to the Department of the Interior's request for comments on recently formed national monuments. I support the designation of these public lands as national monuments, and encourage the Department to maintain their existing boundaries and improve access for bicycles. Public lands such as national monuments play an instrumental role in supporting outdoor recreation. While these activities, including bike riding, are of personal significance to me as a bike rider, they are also critical to local economies in the communities that surround these monuments. Bike riding alone supports \$88 billion in economic activity and provides \$12 billion in federal, state and local taxes each year. Without quality places to ride on our public lands, these contributions are at serious risk. Some of the monuments that are subject to the Department's review provide bike riding opportunities. Of particular importance are Ironwood Forest (AZ), Sonoran Desert (AZ), Berryessa Snow Mountain (CA), San Gabriel Mountains (CA), Canyons of the Ancients (CO), Basin and Range (NV), Bears Ears (UT) and Grand Staircase-Escalante (UT). New opportunities for riding are also being considered in Sand to Snow (CA), Katahdin Woods (ME), Gold Butte (NV), Rio Grande del Norte (NV) and Cascade Siskiyou (OR). Many of these areas provide unique opportunities to explore cultural and natural resources that cannot be replicated. I encourage the Department to recommend that these lands be maintained as national monuments, and ensure that existing and planned bike riding opportunities in these locations be created and improved. Thank you for considering my comments.

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I am writing to speak out against the Executive Order that threatens our national monuments. I am particularly writing to address the possibility of the rescinding of Bears Ears National Monument. You MUST uphold the monuments current boundaries! Bears Ears is a sacred landscape for ALL PEOPLE, including that Native peoples of North America. I am a part of an outfitter that has utilized Bears Ears National Monument to guide people into deeper connection with their own purpose and to understand their role in serving the earth community as a whole. This land has been instrumental in bringing thousands of contemporary Western people to a deeper understanding of their place within the planetary system, their ancestral heritage, and their gifts of service to the world. Humanity must have wild places in which they can listen to the deeper meanings of life here on earth. The national monuments of this country are the life blood of our souls. My livelihood and that of many others depends on being able to access wild places such as Bears Ears National Monument. Without wild places to guide people into, I would have no way to facilitate my work in the world. Bears Ears is a unique and irreplaceable cultural heritage site that is home to more than 100,000 Native American cultural sites. Bears Ears is also home to irreplaceable wildlife and biodiversity, and is vital to the local economy. For these, and many other reasons, it should be protected for future generations. The future generations are counting on us to preserve the resources, sacred lands, and precious biodiversity that we have inherited from those who came before us. We owe it to them to preserve this land for their lifetimes. YOU MUST leave Bears Ears National Monuments boundaries intact so that future generations will be able to explore, enjoy, and learn from this national treasure. We and the future generations are COUNTING ON YOU! Please do whatever you can to preserve this sacred land.

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I strongly oppose any change in boundaries, status, or classification to any and all of the national monuments under review, especially Bears Ears National Monument, and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. Thank you

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As a resident of eastern Utah, I want to put my unequivocal support behind President Obama's designation of Bears Ears National Monument. The use of the Antiquities Act to designate such an archaeologically rich area is clearly a reasonable use of this act and an intended consequence of its authors. If there is any area that should be a monument due to its antiquities, it is the Bears Ears area. The designation of this area provides a framework to support the burgeoning visitation driven by the archaeology of the area over the last decade and is supported by a majority of Utahns as well as the 5 sovereign native nations who regard the area as their ancestral home. I have never seen a monument designation with this much public input from communities across the region. We were very disappointed that the "impartial" review of the area by Sec. Zinke was led by and controlled by the most rabid anti-monument politicians in Utah. How can you possibly listen to the many sides of this debate with an open mind when almost all of your movements and interactions were guided by proponents of only one side? The economic impact of his designation extends beyond the communities along its borders. Utah is the most visited state in the union (23.5 million visitors in 2012) and many of those people are here to explore the areas of the Colorado Plateau that have been designated as important to our country through monument and park status. These people stay, eat, and buy in all of our communities throughout rural Utah as they travel to and from these monuments and parks. Study after study shows that money from this visitation reverberates through a community, touching more people's daily lives and standard of living, much longer than the monies associated with extraction and development, which gets put in a pipeline or train and generates profits for the corporations based far away from our area of rural America. I implore you, Sec. Zinke, to do what is right for rural Utahns, the five sovereign native nations who are partners in this monument, and our country. Leave Bears Ears as it is and let it be a place of wonder, awe, and reverence for generations to come.

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As an American citizen living in Canada and spending weeks of each year in the USA, I urge you to pay attention to this petition to save critical National Parks and Monuments. As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Americans want national monuments protected for future generations. We want our lands and waters to remain protected. Our national monuments, public lands, and waters define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am appalled that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. This action is unprecedented and something no other president has ever done. Executive Branch actions to reverse, shrink, or otherwise undermine a single monument could jeopardize all monuments and undermine the legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. The Mojave Trails, Giant Sequoia, San Gabriels and other national monuments in my home state of California are truly some of the treasures of our state. Mojave Trails National Monument, for example, features wonderful desert terrain, the Cadiz Dunes, lava flows, Cambrian and Miocene fossils, as well as important archaeological sites and ancient trading routes. The rich and varied landscape of the Giant Sequoia National Monument holds, as its proclamation accurately noted, a diverse array of scientific, natural, and historic resources including magnificent groves of towering giant sequoias, the world's largest trees, interspersed with a great belt of coniferous forest and important Mountain Meadows. Not only are these monuments incredibly worthy of protection, they bring enormous economic benefits to our state by providing opportunities for recreation and drive our thriving outdoor recreation economy. Additionally, Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review", is a textbook example of priceless historical, cultural, and natural wonders that are protected as national monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites, the monument honors the voices of five tribes who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Sportsmen and women have advocated for the responsible use of the Antiquities Act to protect some of America's finest hunting and fishing areas, including Oregon Mountains - Desert Peaks in New Mexico, Katahdin Woods and Waters in Maine, and Berryessa Snow Mountain in California. These and other areas were protected, in large part, because of support from the sportsmen's community and they are being managed to sustain the traditions of hunting and fishing. Instead of considering changes to existing national monuments, I ask that you seek to set an example for how the Antiquities Act should be used responsibly so that all future Administrations may follow in your footsteps. Sportsmen and women have set an exemplary model for the creation of new monuments that is worthy of your consideration and endorsement. An attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for shared history, culture, and natural treasures are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while sending a signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion dollar outdoor recreation economy. Businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Mojave Trails in California, Bears Ears in Utah, or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for national monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I am very disappointed and concerned that this Executive Order threatens the Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah and dishonors Tribes. Bears Ears was exactly the landscape the Antiquities Act - a law that has been used by 16 Presidents of both parties to safeguard our national treasures - was enacted to protect. I support the Bears Ears National Monument and strongly urge you to uphold the monument's current boundaries. Bears Ears is a sacred landscape with more than 100,000 Native American cultural sites. The proposal to establish it was developed by a coalition of five sovereign Tribal Governments (Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, Ute, and Zuni). The Bears Ears Commission representing these five tribes is proud to steward the Bears Ears National Monument. Bears Ears is also home to scientific wonders, irreplaceable wildlife and biodiversity and recreational opportunities that form a vital base to the local economy. That is why Utahns and Americans across the country like me have agreed it should be protected for future generations. This designation received an enormous amount of careful consideration, including years of listening to stakeholders. Dozens of community meetings and public discussions were held throughout 2016, including a well-attended public meeting with then-Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell in Bluff, Utah. The final monument designation boundaries are very close to what was proposed in the Utah delegation's Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and much smaller (550,000 acres) than the Tribally-led proposal. Please leave Bears Ears National Monument's boundaries intact so that future generations will be able to explore, enjoy, and learn from this national treasure.

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Americans want national monuments protected for future generations. We want our lands and waters to remain protected. Our national monuments, public lands, and waters define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am appalled that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. This action is unprecedented and something no other president has ever done. Executive Branch actions to reverse, shrink, or otherwise undermine a single monument could jeopardize all monuments and undermine the legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. The Mojave Trails, Giant Sequoia, San Gabriels and other national monuments in my home state of California are truly some of the treasures of our state. Mojave Trails National Monument, for example, features wonderful desert terrain, the Cadiz Dunes, lava flows, Cambrian and Miocene fossils, as well as important archaeological sites and ancient trading routes. The rich and varied landscape of the Giant Sequoia National Monument holds, as its proclamation accurately noted, a diverse array of scientific, natural, and historic resources including magnificent groves of towering giant sequoias, the world's largest trees, interspersed with a great belt of coniferous forest and important Mountain Meadows. Not only are these monuments incredibly worthy of protection, they bring enormous economic benefits to our state by providing opportunities for recreation and drive our thriving outdoor recreation economy. Additionally, Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review", is a textbook example of priceless historical, cultural, and natural wonders that are protected as national monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites, the monument honors the voices of five tribes who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Sportsmen and women have advocated for the responsible use of the Antiquities Act to protect some of America's finest hunting and fishing areas, including Oregon Mountains - Desert Peaks in New Mexico, Katahdin Woods and Waters in Maine, and Berryessa Snow Mountain in California. These and other areas were protected, in large part, because of support from the sportsmen's community and they are being managed to sustain the traditions of hunting and fishing. Instead of considering changes to existing national monuments, I ask that you seek to set an example for how the Antiquities Act should be used responsibly so that all future Administrations may follow in your footsteps. Sportsmen and women have set an exemplary model for the creation of new monuments that is worthy of your consideration and endorsement. An attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for shared history, culture, and natural treasures are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while sending a signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion dollar outdoor recreation economy. Businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Mojave Trails in California, Bears Ears in Utah, or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for national monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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Protect and preserve the Bears Ears National Monument in its entirety as designated under the Antiquities Act. Public lands are the legacy our federal government owns, preserves, and passes down to future generations of Americans. Acquiescing to the fossil fuel industry and mining companies to gain a short term profit will result in a long term decimation of this majestic part of America the beautiful. The far lighter footprint of those who recreate in this vast landscape will allow all of us to continue to be good stewards of this public land. And those who do will contribute to the economy of the area. Please honor the voice of the people who don't have the deep pockets of special interests who have a bigger monetary megaphone. Remember Teddy Roosevelt: "The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased; and not impaired in value."

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A rollback of one of our public lands is an attack on all our public lands. Bears Ears National Monument is a valuable addition to our country's natural and cultural heritage. It deserves our protection along with all the other monuments and public landscapes we have across America. As a citizen, I am extremely concerned that oil and gas drilling, mining, and over-fishing may become more valued than the collective responsibility of Americans to protect our natural resources that have brought millions of Americans a sense of wonder and awe. The places under review are also home to countless endangered and threatened species, as well as sacred Native American legacy. I urge you to keep our national monuments, including Bears Ears, protected and intact.



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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review", is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected. - See more at: <https://www.oceanchampions.org/sample-letter-to-the-department-of-the-interior/#sthash.FIU6ghkY.dpuf>

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I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Bears Ears should be RESCINDED!!! A Monument that size should not be designated without the consent and cooperation with the locally elected officials and local communities. Also there should be a consent or designation from Congress for a large Monument. 1.3 million acres is impossible to protect and it is a ridiculous amount of acres.

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I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bears Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bears Ears Monument--that I am writing. The Bears Ears National Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bears Ears National Monument continues.

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Please accept these written comments on Bears Ears National Monument, attached and uploaded as a PDF file.

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Bears Ears National Monument is a national treasure and a statement of the United States' recognition of and respect for tribal sovereignty - a solemn responsibility to Indian nations. To undo or diminish this monument would be a violation of the Trust responsibility and would be inconsistent with the proper care and management of the landscape that makes up the Bears Ears. Indeed, objects identified in the proclamation extend to each reach of the monument's boundaries - rendering its size the smallest necessary to protect these objects as the Antiquities Act demands. As the number of comments that you will receive urging you not to diminish or rescind the Bears Ears National Monument will indicate, the land currently protected by the Monument designation is sacred and precious to millions of Americans. From the recreational community to sportsmen to members of tribes across the Southwest - all find solace and joy in the Bears Ears landscape. Your legacy turns on this decision and I urge you to make it keeping in mind the future generations who will also find healing, adventure, and wonder in these lands. Without the protection that accompanies the Monument designation, the future of these lands is in question. Uranium mining, ill-placed oil and gas leases, and looting all threaten the Monument resources. Of the former, the temporary jobs that may result from the extractive industry are overshadowed by the sustainable and long-term job market and economic boon that will accompany the Monument. And the damage to the landscape that accompanies these industries, particularly uranium with its toxic legacy of contamination across the Southwest, cannot be overstated. Historically, the cost borne by taxpayers to remediate land in the Southwest devastated by extractive industries has far outweighed any temporary benefit these industries brought to our region - this pattern would only be furthered at Bears Ears in absence of the Monument designation. Now is the time to protect this intact wild place for future generations. Turning to looting, many have noted that monument designations may bring more visitors to this region, increasing disturbance at cultural sites. However, his age has already dawned as a result of technology that enables pinpointed GPS locations of kivas and panels to be distributed on the internet. Now is the time to increase management and to dedicate federal resources to preventing looters and vandals from desecrating the treasures of Bears Ears before it is too late. Finally, I write to express my support for the Bears Ears National Monument process. Representative Bishop's Public Land Initiative entirely lacked the good-faith, reach across the aisle, spirit of compromise spirit that was required to make such an effort successful. In absence of a workable solution from Representative Bishop, the previous administration took remarkable steps to hear concerns of the Southeastern Utah community - including numerous site visits, official meetings with policy-makers, and a public meeting in Bluff, Utah. This is a far stretch from a midnight designation and it is a disservice to those who have fought 80 years to protect this landscape to name it as such. In conclusion and as you consider your legacy as the Secretary of the Interior and as a keeper of the Trust responsibility to sovereign tribal nations, I urge you to uphold the Bears Ears National Monument with its current boundaries and its current management structure.

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Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it hurts one of our nations most incredible landscapes. Our public lands are vital to our national legacy, which belongs not only to us, but also to all future Americans. These are the wild places we love where we run, hike, camp, ski, fish, climb and spend important time with our friends and families. They're economically beneficial to our local communities, and to our nation as a whole. Please protect these lands.

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Protected public lands are part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. Don't do it!

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I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bears Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bears Ears Monument--that I am writing. The Bears Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from

development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of the Bears Ears National Monument continues.

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Bears Ears National Monument must be protected. For years, Tribal Nations with ancestral and spiritual ties to the 1.35 million acres that make up Bears Ears have fought to protect these lands. The value of Bears Ears lies in its long history as a sacred place for the Navajo, Hopi, Ute Mountain Ute, Ute Indian, and Pueblo of Zuni. Bears Ears is vital to tribal communities across the Colorado Plateau as a place of subsistence, spirituality, and healing. These lands are home to tens of thousands of important cultural sites, including the cliff dwellings, villages, and rock art panels of the Ancestral Puebloan people. This magnificent landscape, rich in biodiversity and of critical importance to the Colorado River Basin upon which 40 million people rely, must remain pristine and accessible for generations to come. The Department of the Interior's review of Bears Ears sets a dangerous precedence and undermines the rights of these Tribal Nations. On your first day as Secretary of the Interior, you said you would "do everything in my power to ensure respect to the sovereign Indian Nations and territories." Here is your first opportunity to do so. Please stand with Bears Ears.

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**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Utah Does Not Support Bears Ears I have been watching the activity regarding this National Monument since learning that it could be enacted by President Obama. It is very discouraging that such Monuments can be established with no input from the citizens of the State that is affected. I wish to add my voice in opposition to such a move for the following reasons 1) there was no open forum/discussion/vote taken regarding this action, 2) citizens, and especially native Americans, have rights to this land that are being trampled upon, 3) the area designated is well beyond the size limitations that are currently in place, 4) this designation will bring more visitors to the area who will desecrate the sacred and archaeology sites that are hidden there, and 5) its designation and the land involved is being driven by individuals outside the State of Utah who do not appreciate or understand the rights of the citizens of the State. Utah appreciates very much the interest of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Secretary Ryan Zinke for his visit to the site and hopes that he now has a better understanding of the issues and will either rescind the enactment or dramatically reduce the size of this monument along with the other monuments in the State of Utah that have been recently enacted.

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Please preserve Bears Ears National Monument.

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Greetings Secretary Zinke, Congratulations on your recent appointment to serve as the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. And thank you for providing a public comment period for citizens to present their input regarding President Trump's executive order to review certain national monument designations. I have been working with the National Park Service as a seasonal employee for the past five years, four of those years in the western states of Utah, Idaho and California. I lived and worked last season (2016) at Natural Bridges National Monument, (NABR). As you know from your recent trip, NABR is situated five miles from the pair of buttes that define the Bears Ears Monument and is essentially at the heart of the 1.35 million acre monument. During my six month stay at NABR, I explored and visited many of the areas within the Bears Ears Monument. I had the unique experience to work with local residents and meet and interact with many residents of San Juan county and the region. When I moved to NABR, I knew very little about the 1.9 million acre Bears Ears tribal proposal and made an effort to learn more about it while remaining open minded as to the outcome. I would like to share with you my observations that convinced me to support the current monument designation. First off, I believe it was a wise choice that Secretary Jewell and the DOI decided to reduce the size of the original proposed monument from 1.9 to 1.35 million acres. Removing the 580,000 acre Abajo Mountain region of the Manti-La-Sal National Forest was a significant concession for those opposing the monument. This section, I believe, was the most contentious area for the residents of Blanding and Monticello on account of it being essentially "in their back yard" and the most heavily used area of the proposed monument for hunting, wood gathering, and recreation. It is also the region that provides the water supply to both of the communities. Locals were concerned about the potential additional government control and management of these water resources. As for public input, I consider there were ample opportunities for this with numerous meetings and public hearings including the four day visit in July 2016 from Secretary Jewell and the delegation representing the NPS, BLM and Forest Service. A common complaint among the locals was their opposition to the "outsiders and environmentalists" that we're attending and influencing public hearings and offering support for the monument. They felt strongly that the use of his land in question should be up to the residents of San Juan County and those living in Utah. Much of this land has been federally owned and managed for over a hundred years, the result of Teddy Roosevelt's effort to establish 230 million acres of public lands that he helped establish during his presidency. The idea was to conserve forests and lands for continued use and insure the sustainability of those resources. It is my opinion that ALL citizens of the United States should have a say in how these lands in question are managed and used. I consider the vast tracts of public lands in the west to be owned and accessible by the entire American public. What I found to be discouraging was the amount of misinformation that was published and presented, primarily from those opposing the monument, but also from those in support of it. The propagation and repetition of misinformation made it difficult and in some cases, impossible to have constructive conversations to form factual opinions on what the designation would result in. Here are a sampling: 1. With the proposed monument, the government is going to make it a wilderness area,

restricting motorized access, closing the roads, not allowing wood harvesting, hunting, grazing, herb gathering, or resource extraction.<sup>2</sup> Many false claims were made about the supposedly imposed restrictions in the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Canyon of the Ancients monuments. I spent time in both of these monuments. Both are managed by the BLM and allow hunting, grazing, mining, wood harvesting, herb collecting and are accessible by many forms of motorized and non-motorized travel.<sup>3</sup> Concern that Native Americans will be restricted in participating in traditional and ancestral activities throughout Bears Ears. In my four seasons working at NPS monuments and parks in the west, I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with hundreds of American and international visitors. I've heard first hand of the impacts their visits to our scenic and diverse public lands have had on them. The overwhelming majority consider our parks, monuments, and public lands to be one of America's greatest treasures and have high regards to those that have come before us that had the foresight to preserve these precious lands. Thank you for taking the time to read my views and comments. I wish you well as Secretary of the Interior and supporting the mission of the DOI. Dean Talbott  
Duluth, MN

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I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the revaluation of our National Monuments, including Bear Ears. The entire concept of preserving natural lands for the enjoyment of all citizens, in perpetuity, is a uniquely American idea. Our national park system is envied by countries across the globe and enjoys overwhelming support here at home, regardless of political leanings or trends. In perpetuity, is the central pillar on which this reputation lies. Opening up any national monument, park, or historic site to review and loss of status threatens the fundamental basis of our parks. Without that guarantee of in perpetuity, we lose what makes our public lands the envy of the world and the birthright of countless future Americans. Please do not risk destroying one of the universally praised gifts of America to its citizens and the world for short term political and monetary gain. Bear Ears was created after extensive public discourse and consideration; it was not made in haste. It deserves to remain part of our National Park System, and this system deserves to have its founding promise of in perpetuity protected by our government.

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Last year, in honor of my thirtieth birthday, and the centennial of America's National Parks system, I decided to try and visit thirty national park sites (including national parks, monuments, historic sites, military parks, battlefields, etc) in one year. Having grown up in the great state of Utah, my childhood and adolescence consisted of regular visits to all of its national park sites for recreation and enjoyment. My most formative memories consist of mountain biking and river rafting the White Rim Trail in Canyonlands National Park, camping and hiking in Grand Escalante National Monument and what is now Bears Ears National Monument, traveling our entire great state from north, south, east and west to experience its treasured lands and cultural sites. On these many adventures in the wilderness, my father and mother taught us to always leave the land better than we found it, to leave no trace, and to respect the land and its inhabitants, great and small. Our NPS park rangers helped us learn more about the biodiversity of the desert lands and mountain vegetation, how to safely enjoy our time outdoors, and why these treasured lands were set aside and protected--so that future generations would have the opportunity to experience the land in as undisturbed a state as possible. For my "thirty for thirty" challenge, I wanted to re-visit these incredible Utah sites, but also see what other treasured lands and sites of importance existed across America. I didn't quit my day job to do it, but over the course of the year my husband and I were able to visit ten national parks: Acadia, Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Canyonlands, Arches, Joshua Tree, Haleakala, and Hawaii Volcanoes; eight national monuments: Cabrillo, Cedar Breaks, Timpanogos Caves, African Burial Grounds, Castle Clinton, Governor's Island, Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty, and Pipe Springs; and twelve other national parks sites: Federal Hall, Minute Man Historical Park, Weir Farm, Adams NHS, Kennedy NHS, Frederick Law Olmsted House, Tupelo Battlefield, Longfellow House NHS, New Bedford NHS, Kaloko-Honokahu NHP, Pu'uhonua O Hanaunau NHP, and Pu'ukohola Heiau NHS. We hiked over 200 miles, gained and lost over 19,000 feet of elevation, traveled to ten different states, brought family and friends to journey with us, and met countless new and interesting people along the way. Each and every site helped us to learn more about our country's rich and diverse history, and I was continually delighted to come away from our visits with greater understanding of how our national fabric was woven together. Seeing the care and pride that each NPS employee took in tending to their sites instilled in me a sense of unmatched patriotism for my country. That men and women would dedicate their lives so that fellow Americans and world citizens could experience pristine, unique, unparalleled beauty and culturally significant places humbled me to my core and, in the midst of a politically tumultuous and fractious year, gave me hope that our nation's principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness would endure for generations to come. I hope that the national monuments currently in question can remain as they are--the land is precious and fragile, and without the protection of some of our nation's finest caretakers, I fear that they will not remain the treasured, hallowed places of sanctuary and solitude that they are now for so many living creatures, great and small.

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As a volunteer with the Trust for Public Land, I wish to register my concern with President Trump's executive order attempting to undermine our national monuments. Our public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural, and natural heritage. Attempts to rollback protections for national monuments would be terribly misguided and I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. I understand that you are doing an expedited review of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, whose priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders are exactly what should be permanently protected as a National Monument. Monument status for Bears Ears protects 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and the incredible outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing and general solitude and peace they contain -- these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honors the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions, Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, a threat to one monument is a threat to them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy - they are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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Please maintain full protections for Bears Ear Monument. The area protects thousands of cultural and archaeological sites with tribal artifacts that are vulnerable to looting (more than 100,00 archaeological sites according to Science). The additional law enforcement from the monument help keep fossil thieves and artifact thieves at bay and provide funds for necessary education. The monument designation already dropped the Red Canyon from its final boundary. There is a history of tension in the designation of monuments. Yet the Grand Canyon, which faced strife during its designation, is now one of the most popular and renowned tourist destinations in the world. The Grand Staircase, initially opposed by local interests, now has strong support by local business leaders. Monuments are not bad for local economies, but inertia is. Bears Ears has support from a wide range of groups: environmentalist, sportsmen, business leaders, and tribes, while facing resistance from some local parties. However, Bears Ears monument can become welcomed by local parties and can help with the local economy. Please conserve Bears Ear Monument as it is. One of the best records the US has of the era of the rise of dinosaurs.

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The lands and oceanic territories which have wisely been designated in the past as national monuments and treasures by Republican and Democratic Presidents and administrations alike, after serious and prolonged thought, consideration, and a prolonged period of public comment, should not now be re-considered for removal of federal protections. If anything, the need for federal preservation and protection of these remarkable areas of historical, cultural, Tribal, natural, environmental and recreational interest has increased as development and consumption of these pristine areas have escalated at an alarming rate. The present administration has the ability to leave a lasting positive legacy by continuing the BI-PARTISAN legacies of the past administrations in setting aside these areas for the benefit of each private citizen of the United States. Please do NOT disturb the protected status of either Bears Ears National Monument or any of the other 25 areas under consideration. Thank you, and your heirs thank you.

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Our public lands are vital to our national legacy. They're economically beneficial to our local communities, and to our nation as a whole. I support the Bears Ears National Monument and don't want to see its boundaries changed.

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Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. I struggle to understand the value of turning the treasures of the United States into short term profits. The idea of National monuments is to protect a natural beauty for future generations to enjoy. Clearly as a race, mankind has already done enough damage to this planet.

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National Monuments have many important benefits, not least of which is that they are an integral part of American heritage. In addition, they provide both economically-important travel and tourism jobs and environmentally-important habitat preserves. Reducing or eliminating these national treasures would be a short-sighted travesty, with negative long-term economic consequences. For these reasons, among others, I strongly oppose any efforts to reduce or eliminate any of the U.S. National Monuments, including, but not limited to: Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs, Katahdin Woods and Waters.

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I write in support of preserving the boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument and all national monuments. As a college student I was fortunate to travel to Southwest Utah and visit some of the sites of antiquity now incorporated in Bears Ears Monument. While I had learned in school that our nation's story was older than 1492, it wasn't until seeing the tangible prehistoric resources in that region that I truly connected to this past. It was a formative experience for me and one I want my children and their children to enjoy. I also believe that we should be highly deferential to the majority view among tribes who have deep ancestral connections to the Bears Ears region. As a Christian I would be deeply offended by any efforts to reduce protection for sites sacred to my faith. From its earliest days, our Republic has aspired to tolerate all religious views, which makes me proud to be

American. The tribes that value Bears Ears deserve our commitment to protect places on public lands that have great meaning in their traditions. Finally, I strongly urge you to advise in your forthcoming report that it is Congress and only Congress who holds the power to revise boundaries of existing National Monuments. The Antiquities Act provides only a limited delegation of power to protect places of great importance on America's public lands. Any executive action to reduce protections for monuments would defy Congress's original intent to protect these cultural treasures. I deeply appreciate your consideration of these comments.

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Bears Ears National Monument needs to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation.

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I am writing to express my deep concern for the future of America's national monuments. The network of protected, publicly-owned lands in this country is, in my opinion, America's greatest asset, and represents the very best of American values. These lands provide sustainable economic benefits to the surrounding communities, outstanding, healthy, and affordable vacation options for families, and preserve unique ecological systems and cultural relics. Many national monuments have since been turned into national parks, which are critical to the economies of many states, including Utah. Under the current administration, the future of America's national monuments is at risk. Two national monuments facing an imminent threat are Grand Staircase-Escalante and the newly formed Bears Ears. The most memorable experiences in my life have taken place exploring these wilderness regions. I first visited Utah a decade ago; these locations captured my imagination and my heart, and I have returned every year since. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument provides world-class recreational opportunities. I have experienced the solitude of Coyote Gulch, the grandeur of the Golden Cathedral, and the exhilaration of exploring Peekaboo and Spooky Canyons. Further, over its twenty years of existence, Grand Staircase-Escalante has afforded many significant paleontological and archeological finds. Bears Ears National Monument is also an American treasure. Here, I have hiked to native ruins, explored tributaries to the White Canyon, and more recently, backpacked part of Grand Gulch. I was privileged to witness firsthand the extensive network of archeological sites and the beautiful wilderness landscape. In addition to the environmental and recreational opportunities offered, this monument preserves critical cultural sites and artifacts of the indigenous peoples. In fact, the monument was created in consultation with a coalition of native groups; regarding future decisions affecting the monument, the intent was always to continue this collaboration. Significantly, a recent recommendation from this coalition was to add over six hundred thousand acres to this protected area, indicating that Bears Ears National Monument should be increased in size, not reduced. Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears are national treasures, which belong to all Americans, and to future generations. In Utah and other western states, huge swaths of public lands have been turned over for industrial development. To do the same with these national monuments would be not just short-sighted, but a true travesty, denying future generations their rightful heritage. Once these lands and all they have to offer are gone, they are gone forever. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Bears Ears Monument must be preserved. And the polls indicate that in Utah alone, this opinion is held by the majority of citizens. Any action other than expanding these beautiful and economically valuable national monuments does great disservice to the public at large. Historically, decisions to preserve land have been decisions which have yielded greater dividends to the population. I implore you to fight to maintain these national monuments for the benefit of all Americans.

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As a member of the strong outdoors community within this country, I implore you to not review the 27 national monuments whose futures are currently at stake. Please remember the following: - The national monuments under review, specifically Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante and several others were designated after extensive local input and review. - The national monuments under review have provided numerous benefits to the surrounding communities, including economic benefits associated with outdoor recreation, travel and tourism. - Net job loss due to monument designations is demonstrably false. In fact, monument designations have clearly resulted in net job gains in local communities. - Protection of America's public lands, including the national monuments under review, are critical to supporting 7.6 million American jobs that drive an \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy. - Revisions to already designated national monuments is a direct threat to the surrounding local economies and to the vitality of those communities. These places are a vital part of our country and to lose them would be a devastating loss.

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I am commenting today to tell you that is absolutely integral to the well being of our economy, society, culture, and environment to keep all National Monuments under review as National Monuments, maintaining their current protections and land uses. I have spent all of my short life thus far recreating on these National Monuments. Places like Vermillion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Grand Canyon-Parashant, and Bears Ears have been very special places in my life. I have camped, hiked, rock climbed, and more countless times on these lands. I have had incredible times with loved ones on these lands. They are an escape and a home of sorts. You know what it is like to form key memories and spend times integral for your growth in these places, and it would be heart-breaking to see National Monuments across the country dismantled. But my selfish reasons aside, there is a whole lot more reason to maintaining National Monuments all around the country. For all of the years and years of hard work it took to make these places - comprehensive economic, social, cultural, environmental reviews; countless community meetings, public comments, and more - to be written off after just a few months of review: that is just disgraceful and completely inadequate. These National Monuments hold incredible importance for local communities. They create jobs, bolster the economy, protect our environment upon which we depend for life, and preserve cultural heritage that is so important to understanding our story and ourselves as Americans, whether that is Native Americans or immigrants. All of these reasons alone are enough to preserve National Monuments, let alone all of them together. People come from all over the world to see these important places. That says

so much about how important National Monuments are to not only our economy, environment, and culture, but also to our international identity. They help form relationships between us and other nations because the beauty that they hold is universal. I hope you take all of these comments into account and come to the decision that is right for ALL Americans and our land that we depend on. Thank you for your time and consideration of my comment.

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I am writing in STRONG support of Bears Ears National Monument. I do not want to see its boundaries changed. These protected public lands are an essential part of our national heritage. An attack on Bears Ears, or any of our national monuments, is an attack on America. In your new role as Secretary of the Interior, you must support protecting our public lands and stand up for tribal sovereignty, not consider rolling back protections for places like Bears Ears National Monument. On your first day in office, you said that you will "do everything in my power to ensure respect to the sovereign Indian Nations and territories." Keep your word and protect Bears Ears! Also protect our other National Monuments! These are essential to our culture and heritage! Do not let U.S. citizens down!

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I am requesting that you please protect the following monuments: Arizona Ironwood Forest Grand Canyon-Parashant Sonoran Desert Vermilion Cliffs Atlantic Ocean Northeast Canyons and Seamounts California Berryessa Snow Mountain Carrizo Plain Giant Sequoia Mojave Trails Sand to Snow San Gabriel Mountains Colorado Canyons of the Ancients Idaho Craters of the Moon Maine Katahdin Woods and Waters Montana Upper Missouri River Breaks Nevada Basin and Range Gold Butte New Mexico Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Rio Grande del Norte Oregon Cascade Siskiyou Pacific Ocean Marianas Trench, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Pacific Remote Islands Papahānaumokuākea, Hawaii Rose Atoll, American Samoa Utah Bears Ears Grand Staircase-Escalante Washington Hanford Reach This is essential to AMERICANS and individuals WORLDWIDE!

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I strongly oppose the rescinding or reducing of the Bears Ears Monument designation. I support the Hopi, Navajo, Ute and Pueblo of Zuni peoples desire to protect this area, which contains extremely important, culturally significant archaeological sites. This is one of the sites of the ancient Puebloan culture, and the dwelling place of their ancestors, who inhabited this landscape for at least 2,000 years. Many of these sites have been desecrated by illegal pothunting, vandalism and artifact collecting. The National Monument designation will bring needed resources to enforce existing laws and regulations, as well as educate the public about the importance of these beautiful cultural resources. In addition, a preserved Bears Ears will also serve to protect clean water and wildlife habitat. As such, it will also contribute to the local outdoor recreation economy which is so important to Utah. It produces \$856 million in state and local tax revenue as well as \$3.6 billion in wages and salaries yearly, and supports 122,000 jobs in Utah. The new monument would also have great potential to spur economic growth in the surrounding areas. For all of these reasons, I strongly urge the Administration not overturn or reduce the size of the 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument designation.

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Please protect Bears Ears.

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I strongly urge you to protect Bears Ears and keep its designation as a national monument. National monuments are utilized by a diversity of people and cultures engaging in various types of outdoor recreation, with notable mental and physical benefits to Americans as a result. Additionally, there are significant economic benefits to the local community. Outdoor recreation is one of the biggest industries in the country, and can only be sustained when our wild places are kept protected. Rescinding or reducing the Bears Ears National Monument designation would put the value of these areas for outdoor recreation, and the economic benefits that come from it, at risk for generations to come.

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Secretary Zinke, I urge you to Honor Tribes, Honor our Sacred Earth and lands and Honor Bears Ears by leaving ALL of this land protected as said 12/28/2016 designated monument. Bears Ears Monument designation was requested by and granted to affected Tribes in the protecting of our sacred ancestral homelands. Not only is this a request of Tribal members and representatives, but of MANY others throughout the State of Utah, as well as

nationally and internationally. It is OUR DUTY to protect Mother Earth for not only our generation, but FUTURE generations - our children and grandchildren and, so on. This is SACRED, Native land deserving of protection. Salt Lake City, Utah currently has the worst air quality in the nation. Focus needs to be on natural energy - wind and solar, NOT coal, NOT pipelines pumping poison through our communities. It is not a question of 'if' this will happen in the protected area, but 'when'. Consequently, it will not be a question of 'if' a pipeline will burst and destroy the protected, sacred land, but also 'when'. Pro-rescind constituents repeated the weak reasoning that this is a poor community, the poorest county in the State. Bears Ears National Monument was proclaimed on December 28, 2016. The designation did not make this a poor county, if in fact it is the 'poorest' in the State. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument has proven to bring positive economic expansion. Bears Ears National Monument can do the same. Utah has LOST MILLIONS due to even a threat of rescinding the designation by the loss of Outdoor Retailers and will only continue to lose millions more. This is reality. Rescinding this monument most importantly retracts governmental promises (again, as historically) to Native peoples. It is time to change a sad reality of governmental disregard to this country's NATIVE PEOPLES AND LANDS. The few who have claimed to represent a Nation of Native Americans DO NOT represent the majority. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT. LEAVE BEARS EARS MONUMENT AS DESIGNATED, FULLY AND RESPECTFULLY.

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Keep all of our National Monuments intact as they are now!!! All of these places were designated after extensive public comment and due process. They greatly benefit local economies and are gifts to future Americans of all descriptions. And they represent the highest and most eternal American ideals, a tremendous boon to our heritage going back to Teddy Roosevelt. Specifically, this comment is in support of Bears Ears in Utah, Katahdin Woods and Waters in Maine, Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks in New Mexico, Grand Canyon-Parashant in Arizona, Cascade Siskiyou in Oregon, Canyons of the Ancients in Colorado, and Giant Sequoia in California PLUS all of the National Monuments on land and in Marine areas. To be clear, I strongly urge the full protection and no shrinkage of ALL the following National Monuments: Bears Ears, Katahdin Woods and Waters, Basin and Range, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs, Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, Rose Atoll

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Please keep the Bears Ears National Monument designated as such. The area is the main reason I travel to Utah, and if it is left unprotected and developed at some future point, a great natural area will be lost.

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Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please don't change it. Please consider a compromise to support both sides of this debate on the future of this beautiful National Monument. As a rancher I understand the need to provide food for the masses but to forfeit the natural beauty and history of the Bears Ears National Monument seems to be a travesty for our future generations.

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Bears Ears National Monument is a valuable addition to our country's natural and cultural heritage. It deserves our protection along with all the other monuments and public landscapes we have across America.

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The boundaries of Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument should be maintained and those of Bears Ears expanded!

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I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bears' Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in



our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bears' Ears National Monument-- that I am writing. The Bears' Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. As a University Educator who manages a large archaeology program at a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, I know firsthand how the Bears' Ears Monument can be a positive resource for education, outreach, and the preservation of cultural heritage. At New Mexico State University, we have had numerous students complete the requirements for their B.A. and M.A. degrees through investigation of archaeological sites, development of museum exhibits, critical examination of Native American cultural representation and appropriation, and by delivering extension and outreach programs to K-12 students and teachers and the public, which involved cultural resources located on the Bears' Ears National Monument. The cultural resources on the Bears' Ears National Monument contain prehistoric astronomical information of vital importance to Native American and Hispanic descendant communities. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of the Bears' Ears National Monument continues.

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Please keep Bears Ears a national monument.

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Please keep Bears Ears National Monument intact.

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Tell the Department of the Interior why you love Bears Ears and want it to remain protected. Your comment will be delivered to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). I visited bears ears on vacation and I cannot imagine future generations not being able to enjoy the area in the same way I did.

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Bears Ears National Monument is a national treasure that belongs to all Americans and honors Tribes. I stand with the historic coalition of sovereign tribal nations in asking you to respect the Bears Ears National Monument boundary and leave this historic designation fully in tact. The public outreach process leading to designation of Bears Ears National Monument was fully adequate. The Bears Ears National Monument designation was based on rigorous cultural mapping, dozens of community meetings, years of dialogue with county, state, and congressional leaders, and a day-long public listening session in San Juan County hosted by federal officials. Coordination with tribal, state, and local governments and other stakeholders was extensive and ongoing. Bears Ears National Monument entirely fulfills the requirements and objectives of the Antiquities Act. The Bears Ears living cultural landscape is exactly the type of area that the Antiquities Act was enacted to protect, and protection of these cultural resources is essential to Tribes.

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**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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As a member of the American Motorcyclist Association and an off-highway vehicle recreation enthusiast, I applaud the U.S. Department of the Interior for the opportunity to comment on its review of certain National Monuments designated or expanded since 1996 under the American Antiquities Act of 1906, to implement Executive Order 13792 of April 26. I, along with the AMA, support the review as a way to determine whether some monument designations included more land than necessary as defined by the Act. I also believe presidents should solicit input from the public before making such designations, even though the law does not require it. I oppose sweeping monument designations by administrations that fail to consider input from all

stakeholders. Such designations can restrict or eliminate opportunities for responsible off-highway motorized recreation on public lands and negatively affect the economies of the communities surrounding the monuments. The Antiquities Act grants the president authority to designate national monuments to protect "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures and other objects of historic or scientific interest" that are on federal lands. The law limits the size of the designations to "the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Previous administrations have used the broadly defined stipulations of the Antiquities Act to create monument designations. Unfortunately, these broad designations have closed larger-than-necessary territories that were previously used for wholesome recreation, such as responsible motorized recreation that supports small business and local economies. The designation of National Monuments on public lands may reduce or end access for responsible motorized recreation. Designations can be made that will benefit all groups, as long as these groups are given the opportunity to contribute their perspectives. Excerpts from an AMA guest blog written by Cliff Koontz address the Grand Staircase-Escalante, Canyons of the Ancients and Bears Ears National Monuments. Koontz is the executive director of Ride with Respect, a nonprofit organization based in Moab, Utah, that conserves shared-use recreation through trail work and education. Koontz states, "The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument closed half of the existing routes open to motorized recreation. The federal land managers even prohibited off-highway motorcyclists from riding the graded, gravel roads." He added, "Fortunately, the affected county asserted its jurisdiction over those roads, but not before having to fight the federal land managers in court." At the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Koontz says, federal land managers first closed the single-track trails, then prohibited motorcycles from "motorcycle trails" that actually were roads for four-wheeled vehicles. Those roads are a far cry from the actual single-track trails they had closed to responsible recreation. "For the new Bears Ears National Monument, Koontz states, it "encircles many 4WD roads, ATV trails and motorcycle trails where Ride with Respect has worked. ... If history is any guide, these routes will eventually be closed due to the national monument status, despite the fact that we've made them sustainable, not to mention that they avoid archaeological sites." However, the AMA believes some previous monument designations go beyond the "requirements and original objectives of the Act." Moreover, these designations did not consider the multiple-use policy of section 102(a)(7) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701(1)(7)). The AMA and I support the protection of our national treasures by using a process that involves state officials, local stakeholders, governors and Congress. Again, I applaud the Interior Department for seeking public comments on its review of certain National Monuments.

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I am writing in response to the Department of the Interior's request for comments on recently formed national monuments. I support the designation of these public lands as national monuments, and encourage the Department to maintain their existing boundaries and improve access for bicycles. Public lands such as national monuments play an instrumental role in supporting outdoor recreation. While these activities, including bike riding, are of personal significance to me as a bike rider, they are also critical to local economies in the communities that surround these monuments. Bike riding alone supports \$88 billion in economic activity and provides \$12 billion in federal, state and local taxes each year. Without quality places to ride on our public lands, these contributions are at serious risk. Some of the monuments that are subject to the Department's review provide bike riding opportunities. Of particular importance are Ironwood Forest (AZ), Sonoran Desert (AZ), Berryessa Snow Mountain (CA), San Gabriel Mountains (CA), Canyons of the Ancients (CO), Basin and Range (NV), Bears Ears (UT) and Grand Staircase-Escalante (UT). New opportunities for riding are also being considered in Sand to Snow (CA), Katahdin Woods (ME), Gold Butte (NV), Rio Grande del Norte (NV) and Cascade Siskiyou (OR). Many of these areas provide unique opportunities to explore cultural and natural resources that cannot be replicated. I encourage the Department to recommend that these lands be maintained as national monuments, and ensure that existing and planned bike riding opportunities in these locations be created and improved. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Hi, I am a resident of the four-corners region, and an owner of four small businesses-- a cafe, a bookstore, a production company and a guitar store-- and I feel very strongly that preserving the Bears Ears National Monument is the best possible course of action for our region and for the western US. This landscape is not only unique in North America, but very fragile and must be carefully preserved. Tourism within our region is a critical part of our economies, and it is for the unique geological features that tourists visit. Please keep the designation of National Monument on this extraordinary and precious area.

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Bears Ears National Monument must remain fully protected as a National Monument. Bears Ears must be protected from mineral leasing and other development. Bears Ears houses over 100,000 archeological sites, encapsulating rich American history. Protection as National Monument can provide protection from looting of these sites. Also, protection of Bears Ears strengthens Utah's recreation economy, including bike riding and climbing. Bears Ears is a unique area that shouldn't be ruined by fracking wells and other development. Protecting the viewshed is essential in preserving a slice of the epic natural beauty of America, of which there is less and less. Protect Bears Ears from mineral leasing and development. Preserve Bears Ears National Monument as originally intended, as a unmarked jewel of America.

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Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation.

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I ask that as you consider the future of Bears Ears, you think about the thousands of years that humans have lived on this landscape in a sustainable manner. They knew the value of protecting the resources so that future generations could continue living here. I also ask that you think of the future generations of modern Americans, and allow this land to remain protected so that we may continue to enjoy these lands through recreation, hunting, and other traditional uses, without the threat of destruction from extractive industries. The vast area protected under the Antiquities Act known as Bears Ears National Monument allows the landscape to function as a whole, without fragmentation from development. Removing these protections will threaten the existence of many species of wildlife, as well as the unique geologic and other natural aspects of the land. Human history on this continent is tied to this landscape, which continues to be a source of spiritual and physical renewal for current and hopefully future generations. It is my belief, as someone who has witnessed the canyons, forests, cliff dwellings, and wildlife of this Monument that it should remain as is, and be protected as Bears Ears National Monument.

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Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it hurts one of our nations most incredible landscapes. Our public lands are vital to our national legacy, which belongs not only to us, but also to all future Americans. These are the wild places we love where we run, hike, camp, ski, fish, climb and spend important time with our friends and families. They're economically beneficial to our local communities, and to our nation as a whole.

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Bears Ears National Monument was created through a process of public input and diverse interests coming together for a common goal. Please keep it protected!

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This pdf document contains 20 postcards from people who support of the Bears Ears National Monument. Utah Din Bikyah spent the past seven years working with local Native American community members to document and research cultural values and uses across San Juan County in the writing of the Bears Ears proposal. Furthermore, we have requested meetings to introduce you to local people, deliver cultural data, and introduce you to the more than 70 elders who wrote the proposal. To our knowledge, you did not visit southern San Juan County, or meet with any of the community leaders or elders who will be most affected by changes to the monument boundary and/or status.

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As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations. We need to take better care of what is left of our environment.

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I grew up in Southern Utah. I got to experience a magic on a daily basis that few do in their lives--unfettered access to some of the most beautiful public lands in the world. Hiking through deep canyons, on top of towering mesas, and through dusty flat lands filled with flowering cacti and sage brush have left an imprint on me that I will never be able to leave behind. Being in the middle of the desert is perhaps the most serene sensation I know. Being hundreds of miles from development, car motors, and noise makes one humble. It drives the realization that you are part of some magnificently huge whole. It fuels the imagination and invigorates your spirit. It's one of the most special things that I know, and it saddens me to see

our desert under threat of privatization and development. A public monument designation protects our access to land, and protects the land from the hustle and bustle of development. It's the remoteness, the wildness of the land that makes it special. Developing it will ruin the magic for generations to come. I remember a camping trip I took in Dark Canyon when I was a young child. It's a really neat place--the cryptobiotic soil there has built cas les taller than I have seen anywhere else. Why? Because there has never been cattle grazing, and it has been a remote wilderness destination with little developed access. It's a gem in the middle of the desert. It's just as special as the amazon, simply a different biotope. My memory of it sticks with me. To this day, I see a developed patch of crypto, and i think back to the dark canyon wilderness, where the crypto grew as tall as my shin. It's such an emotional topic. It deeply saddens me to think that we may destroy the area that is so close to my heart. We need to leave the monument designation intact. This land deserves our respect and admiration. I want to preserve the experience that I had for my children, for my peers, and even for you. The environment is under threat as well. Preserving large swaths of land is vital to keeping our planet beautiful and healthy, with diverse fauna and flora. Every oil pipeline, derrick and road disrupts habitat, causes unnatural erosion, and scars the otherwise pristine vista. Leave our wild lands wild, our public lands public. Do not sell, auction or lease our land for development. Keep it as it is, cherish and protect it, take your children camping and expose them to the magic that is our planet. Let us not be a scourge upon this planet, let us be its steward. I fully support the Bears Ears National Monument designation. Leave it wild, leave it free. (Don't build roads and buildings)

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Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. Do the right thing.

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As a supporter of conservation and our public lands, I strongly urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Protect Bear's Ears National Monument

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Keep Bears Ears a National Monument!

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It is deeply distressing that this Review of Certain National Monuments is really an effort to turn over protected lands to the fossil fuel industry and other high-bidding development interests. Bears Ears is sacred ancestral land that must be protected for its spiritual integrity and traditional cultural uses that are customary to the Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, Uintah and Ouray Ute, Hopi, Zuni and other Southwestern tribes. It is no secret, however, that this area lies near where the Texas company EOG Resources has been approved to drill. As a Native American person and Indigenous peoples' advocate, I strongly oppose this attempt to sell off our cultural heritage, national parks, public lands, and oceans to appease outdated industry that is destroying our environment. Many of these national monuments exist in sensitive areas where Native American and other local citizens are living in a state of climate change emergency. We consider this an attack on our lands and our people who have been stewards in preservation of the earth and water for thousands of years. It is imperative that the Department maintain the designation of these public lands as national monuments. For the sake of our future generations, do not sell out and continue contributing to the devastating degradation of these lands.

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I am writing you today to support preserving the current National Monuments as created by past Presidents under the Antiquities Act. Specifically, I support keeping Bears Ears as a National Monument. As an avid outdoorsman, I have visited Bears Ears many times in my life and believe it is a special place that deserves the highest level of protection. As a climber, I have visited Indian Creek on many occasions to climb the red rock walls and explore the unique canyons. As a boater, I recently enjoyed rafting the San Juan River with my family and felt fortunate to share the experience with my children who are just now discovering the dramatic desert landscapes for the first time. Following our river trip, we were fortunate enough to tour Hovenweep National Monument and see ancient ruins similar to those protected in Bears Ears and marvel at their living connection to the past occupants of the region. I feel that for all of these recreational and historical reasons, not to mention the significance to local tribes, Bears Ears and similarly designated Monuments must continue to be protected as Monuments. It seems that there was appropriate support found for the Monument through comments and studies conducted before the designation to warrant its continued preservation in this manner. I do not have faith that it would be as well protected if it were to revert back to mostly BLM lands. I furthermore believe that the State of Utah would do even less to protect the area on any lands that would revert back to state control. As a Coloradan, I have traveled often to the National Parks and Monuments in Utah and feel that the State receives a substantial economic gain due in part to these special places and the tourism monies they receive. I feel that this is just another reason to not revoke the Bears Ears National Monument. Although I respect the need for US energy independence I believe it must not come at too high a price, and too high a price is permanent damage to the remaining precious natural resources that our country must protect for its citizens and all of the future generations of citizens to come. Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts on this issue and for accepting my comments.

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Monuments such as Bears Ears National Monument, Vermillion Cliffs National Monument, and the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument protect some of the most historic and beautiful land in the United States. This land belongs to the American people, and should not be sold off to developers or for mining operations. These places are more valuable to our culture, our society - and not to men, our ECONOMY - if they are protected and preserved for all to enjoy. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Please Write Your Comment Here: Please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument. Thank you.

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As Secretary of the Interior, you hold the solemn responsibility to steward America's public lands and waters on behalf of the American people who own them. Our public lands, including the National Monuments you are now reviewing, represent a vital part of our nation's heritage - a legacy that belongs not just to us, but to all future generations of Americans. It is an important part of your job to safeguard this legacy by making careful and informed decisions about what federal lands can be used for development and what special or vulnerable areas should be preserved for the future. That is why the arbitrary 120-day deadline for you to review whether to shrink or rescind dozens of National Monuments is absurd. As you know, the process to establish a National Monument often takes years, if not decades. It involves significant study of the area of the proposed monument - including its ecological, cultural, archeological, economic and recreation value - and robust consultation with local communities and their elected representatives at every level. Given the unique and complex histories of each monument, there is simply no way to meaningfully review dozens of individual monuments in such a short period. You justify this review on the false premise that the American people have not yet been heard on the designation of these National Monuments. But the communities near the National Monuments under your review have already made their voices heard during public input and stakeholder engagement periods prior to designation. For example, notwithstanding the rhetoric of Utah Governor Gary Herbert and members of the Utah Congressional delegation, the designation of Bears Ears National Monument involved years of public input gathered by the Obama administration. This process included a series of public meetings in Southeastern Utah in 2016, including several sessions attended by former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. It also included significant engagement with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, which represents tribal nations for whom the land is sacred and contains archeological artifacts with immense cultural value. Additionally, in a recent poll, 68 percent of voters in seven Western states said they prioritize the protection of land, water and wildlife for recreation on public land, compared with 22 percent who prioritized increased production of fossil fuels. Your review must account for his extensive record of consultation as you purport to seek public input. As you undertake this review, we urge you to consider the enormous economic benefits of protected public lands for nearby communities, including many rural areas. A recent study showed that areas in the West with protected lands consistently enjoy better rates of employment and income growth compared to those with no protected lands. In the 22 years since the Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah was declared a National Monument, jobs grew by 38 percent in two neighboring counties. The designation of 17 national monuments - including nine monuments covered under your review - led to significant increases in per capita income in regions adjacent to the newly-protected areas. Rescinding or shrinking the National Monuments under review also threatens the fast-growing outdoor recreation economy, which relies significantly on recreation access to protected public lands. These lands are not "locked up," as the Trump administration has said repeatedly declared - they are extremely productive. As you know, since you participated in the

outdoor industry's announcement of a new economic study last week, the recreation economy drives \$887 billion in consumer spending every year and supports more jobs (7.6 million) than oil, natural gas and mining combined. Rescinding or shrinking the National Monuments under review would significantly impact the strength of the outdoor recreation economy and limit our ability to create and sustain jobs. Patagonia has been outfitting outdoors people and protecting public lands for more than thirty years. The debate over land and water conservation is always complex and sometimes divisive. But we have never witnessed the legacy of America's federal lands encountering greater risk than we see right now. As you visit these protected places and report back to the president, I urge you to follow in the tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt and conserve our shared public lands for future generations.

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Save bear ears!!

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rescind the Bears Ears National Monument

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**Unit Codes:**

**Code 'Supporting Review' (1)** Randal Bowman

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Please Rescind the Bear Ears National Monument today!

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As a proud citizen of the United States of America and patron of our public lands, National Parks, National Forests, and National Monuments, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Department of the Interior's Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996. In general, I strongly encourage DOI to preserve all existing National Monuments, including those established since 1996. While the history of our country has seen its fair share of controversies surrounding the designation of national landmarks and the preservation of lands now enshrined as National Parks and National Monuments, it is my firm belief that we are far better off as a nation as a result of having set aside these national treasures for ourselves and future generations. In addition to preserving wild spaces, unique natural wonders, and fragile ecosystems, National Parks and National Monuments provide Americans with opportunities for recreation that are unrivaled elsewhere on the planet. Whether hunting, climbing, hiking, fishing, or simply sitting, these are the places where Americans can engage in activities that bring us closer to ourselves, our fellow citizens, our planet, and our history. Furthermore, many of these lands hold great cultural significance for Americans and especially for native peoples who came before us. Bears Ears National Monument is one such place. Containing more than 100,000 cultural and archaeological sites, Bears Ears is truly a living museum and one that has few peers in terms of scope and level of preservation. In addition, Bears Ears features a wide variety of recreational opportunities. Given its diverse and unique landscape, Bears Ears National Monument is sure to draw an increasing number of sports enthusiasts and outdoorsmen, all of whom contribute to the local, state, and national economies. In fact, as of 2016, National Park visitors alone spent more than \$18.4 billion in the areas surrounding public lands, supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs at the state and local levels.[1] Overall, National Park visitor spending provides more than \$32 billion to the nation's economy and every dollar invested in public lands, returns at least \$10 [2] While I appreciate the importance of state sovereignty and the need for public lands available for mixed use, National Monuments have been designated to preserve landscapes, objects of historical significance, and natural features that without such designation, could be lost forever. These lands should be unsullied by industry, guarded against those who would seek to loot or deface them, and set aside for Americans to enjoy as a source of patriotic pride, escape, and acquaintance with nature. As such, I implore you to maintain all of the following as national monuments and, if anything, increase the resources dedicated to preserving and maintaining them for generations to come: Basin and Range, Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade-Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Trails, Katahdin Woods and Waters, Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, Rio Grande del Norte, Rose Atoll, San Gabriel Mountains, Sand to Snow, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Vermilion Cliffs. As an outdoorsman yourself, I hope you will respect the need to maintain the status of these National Monuments for the benefit of all Americans.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please Write Your Comment Here: Please rescind the Bears Ear National Monument

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please Write Your Comment Here: please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument.

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I would like to register my OPPOSITION to the the proposal to create a new National Monument "The Bears Ears" in San Juan County Utah (sou h-eastern Utah).I live in San Juan County Utah six months a year, and my volunteer job is cleaning toilets (vault toilets, i.e. concrete outhouses) in a US Forest Service Campground. My wife Sharla and I gladly do this because we get to live in south-eastern Utah, in what is proposed to become "The Bears Ears" National Monument. We, and ALL the people we know here do not want any more restrictions on this, our public land.We are law abiding ci izens here In San Juan County Utah. This monument is breaking our hearts because it will come will a HUGE list of restrictions, a giant list of NO!, and prohibit many of our favorite activities.If the concerns are related to the loss or damage of ancient American Indian items or structures, then I would like to propose an alternative to National Monument status. The better solution would be to hire more Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's).I suggest hiring an additional four Full Time BLM LEO's. This would cost about \$1.5 Million a year, and would much more effective, would cost less than one-tenth of monument status, and be far less intrusive to the PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE.1.36 MILLION acres which is 2,500 square miles. Besides being one-third of the entire area of San Juan County Utah, This is the same AREA as:THIRTY times the area of Washington, DC, or,MORE THAN TWO times the entire state of Rhode Island or,One-third of the entire state of Massachusetts, or,2/3rd of the area of Connecticut orthe ENTIRE area of Delaware or,2.5% of the entire area of Utah.If that type of land grab were made on he east or west coasts, what do you think the people there would say? There are only 15,000 people living in San Juan County Utah. Our county is 8000 square miles with one (1) traffic light. The people who live here - choose to live here. They LOVE this area, and conserve the land very well. Much better than I believe you have been told. They love the land, and love to recreate on it. I know, I freely travel all over San Juan County, and I want to keep it that way! Much will be freedom lost, and nothing will be gained by making this PUBLIC LAND into a restrictive National Monument.Below my name is a partial list of ac ivities which will be BANNED if the area receives Monument status.Mike DempseyP.O. Box 5058White Rock, NM 87547Here is a PARTIAL LIST of banned activities:<https://www.nps.gov/elma/learn/management/upload/ELMA-Superintendents-Compendium-2015-2.pdf>No non-street legal vehicles which means no ATVs, UTVs or dirt bikes.Many trails and roads will be closed,No cattle grazingNo horse back ridingMany areas will only be open from 8AM to 5PM.No camping except in campgrounds.No hunting.No firearmsNo pinion pickingNo berry pickingNo woodcutting or collection of dead and down wood.No rock climbingNo rock collectingNo petsNo mining or oil or gas drilling.No assembly of groups of more than 25 people. TRUTH LOOK IT UP!Permits for everything. Permits only available in a few locations 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

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Please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument right now

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please undo Obama's land grab by rescinding the Bears Ears National Monument.

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Help undo Obamas land grab by contacting the Trump Administration right now. Urge them to rescind the Bears Ears National Monument today.

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I urge you to rescind the Bears Ears Na ional Monument.

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Rescind the Bears Ears National Monument today!

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Please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument today!

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**Unit Classifications:**

Rescind the Bears National Monument.

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I urge you to rescind the Bears Ears Na ional Monument today.

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I support retaining all National Monuments as they are, with no changes in boundaries or reductions in acres. Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante are national treasures needing protection, and other national monuments are proving to be great for their local economies. Protected areas create jobs in the outdoor industry and tourism that make lasting, positive changes in communities nearby, and spur increasing economic activity much wider through the outdoor gear industry and in other ways.The Antiquities Act was created to protect our national treasures and it has worked well. Leave it alone.

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I've spent several weeks in the Bear Ears area, and it was one of the highlights of my life. In the fall the desert is cold and crisp, without insects or rain. I could sleep under the stars, without a barrier between my face and the sky. I could watch dawn bleed into the east, see the horizon go from black to navy to blue.My campsite was less than 10 peopleand they represented five countries. People had come to Bear Ears from Canada, New



Zealand, Australia, Norway, and other parts of America. There were hundreds of sites like this, and several of her whole camping areas. In that one month, thousands of people were in Bear Ears just to rock climb. Many more people come for less technical stuff. They hike and mountain-bike, or just take in the desert beauty. Bear Ears is one of the best parts of America. Tourists come from around the world to be there, and spend money when they do. Protected public land isn't an economic waste. It's one of the best things America has ever done. Let's keep it that way.

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**Unit Classifications:**

please rescind the Bear Ears National Monument

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I respectfully submit these comments as a member of the Society for American Archaeology in support of the Bear's Ears National Monument. The Antiquities Act itself is the result of advocacy by the public and archaeologists concerned about the preservation of the cultural heritage contained in our federal lands. It is for the continued protection of cultural resources--specifically those located within the Bear's Ears Monument--that I am writing. The Bear's Ears Monument, which is subject to the review procedure outlined in the Executive Order (E.O.) signed by President Trump on April 26th, contains many known archaeological sites. There are likely even more as-yet unknown sites as portions of the land have never been surveyed to locate archaeological resources. In addition to playing active roles in the cultural lives of many people today, the historic and scientific value of these places and the objects they contain cannot be overstated. They are physical ties to the past, and hold irreplaceable information about the peoples who came before us, how they lived, and how they adapted--or not--to the ever-changing natural and social environments surrounding them. If these sites are looted or destroyed, those connections, and that data, are lost forever. Some are questioning the size of recent monument designations, given that the Antiquities Act states that monument boundaries should be limited to the smallest area compatible with effective management of the assets to be protected. As far as cultural resource protection is concerned, it is important to note that the science of archaeology has evolved greatly since the time the Act was signed. We've come to recognize that archaeological sites are best interpreted as part of the landscapes that surround them. It is only from this perspective that we can gain the clearest understanding of the lives of our forebears. I understand that preserving every acre of federal land from development is clearly neither possible nor even desirable. Setting aside lands containing the most sensitive cultural values, however, is vital to the continued growth of our knowledge of the past, without which the nation's future will be greatly diminished. It is possible to achieve both outcomes. Designation of land as a monument does not have to completely preclude economic development within its boundaries. Some activities compatible with resource preservation could take place, while still giving archaeological sites a higher level of protection than is afforded on lands outside monuments. I urge you to keep these realities in mind as the Department's review of Bear's Ears National Monument continues.

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Please protect Bears Ears National Monument!

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I stand in support of Bears Ears National Monument and all of the other 26 National Monuments under review after the overreaching Executive Order 13792. These lands are our shared national heritage and are steeped in cultural significance. I stand for our public lands, for our wild places, for intact healthy ecosystems that provide refugia for life, both wild and human. These are the places we hike, bike, hunt, and fish. Places one can experience solitude and connection to the natural world. Many National Monuments have later become our greatest National Parks. Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Bryce, Zion, Acadia, Olympic, and many others were designated Monuments before becoming National Parks. The forefathers of the Antiquities Act had great foresight in allowing for the proclamation of Monuments. No where in the Act does it allow a President to revoke a previous President's proclamation. And Executive Order 13792 also arbitrarily chooses 100,000 acres as qualifying for review. In the case of the Grand Canyon, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the Grand Canyon was indeed "an object of historic or scientific interest" and could be protected by presidential proclamation setting a precedent for the use of the Antiquities Act to preserve large areas of land. This precedent exists to this day. The courts have rejected every challenge to the President's use of the Antiquities Act, consistently ruling that the law gives the president exclusive discretion over the determination of the size and nature of the objects protected. Bears Ears National Monument was proclaimed a monument after over 5 years of work by a coalition of Southwestern Native American tribes, local community members, and politicians both locally and nationally. After conceding nearly 600,000 acres in the final designation for timber, mining, OHV, and other high intensive uses, it appears Rep. Rob Bishop and the other Utah politicians were negotiating in bad faith. This monument still allows traditional use and was already federally owned public lands so to describe it as a land grab is absurd. Bears Ears is an incredibly gorgeous place of spiritual significance to many. It is filled with the history of many people. Cliff dwellings dot the deep sandstone cliffs. Granaries filled with pottery sherds and old corn cobs echo of a time long ago. The mesas, meadows, and canyon systems of Bears Ears National Monument are filled with ruins, petroglyphs, and pictographs. This place is beautiful and incredibly important. I am very thankful for the years of hard work that were put in and the foresight in protecting Bears Ears as a National Monument.

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Please protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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Keep Bears Ears public

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Please Write Your Comment Here: Please undo Obama's Land Grab. Rescind the Bears Ears National Monument today.

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please rescind the bears ears national monument. Thank you.

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Bears Ears National Monument should have been protected 50 years ago and deserves to be protected for all future generations. Please don't rescind or change its designation. Thank you!

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**Unit Classifications:**

Please rescind the Bears Ears National Monument

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KEEP AND SAVE CRATERS OF THE MOON! AND BEARS EARS! AND ALL THE OTHERS! KEEP THEM DESIGNATED MONUMENTS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! I am very familiar with the value of these places...the conservation value, the value to people's spirits, to wildlife, to so many things. It's one of the absolute greatest things about this country. It's why I LIVE IN IDAHO! THANK YOU!

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Our national monuments and public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation by telling the story of our historical, cultural and natural heritage. I am extremely disappointed that President Trump has signed an executive order that attempts to undermine our national monuments. Attempts to roll back protections for national monuments would be both illegal and terribly misguided. I strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to eliminate or shrink our national monuments. Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this "review," is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected as National Monuments. Protecting 100,000 archaeological and cultural sites as well as stunning mesas, canyons and arches and incredible outdoor recreation spots, these treasures are irreplaceable. The designation and boundaries of the monument honor the voices of five sovereign tribal nations who joined together to seek protection of their shared ancestral lands and traditions. Bears Ears National Monument should remain protected permanently. Additionally, an attempt to attack one monument by rolling back protections would be an attack on them all. Sending a signal that protections for our shared history and culture are not permanent would set a terrible precedent. This would discourage business investment and community growth around all national monuments while also sending the signal that our history and natural wonders are negotiable. National monuments have already been shown to be tremendous drivers of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and businesses in gateway communities rely on the permanency of these protections when making decisions about investing in these communities. Whether at Bears Ears or other monuments across the country, our national monuments should remain protected for future generations to enjoy. They are a gift that belongs to all Americans. I am firmly opposed to any effort to revoke or diminish protections for National Monuments and I urge you to support our public lands and waters and recommend that our current national monuments remain protected.

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I am vehemently opposed to any alterations to the size of Bears Ears National Monument. Our national heritage is precious. It is our cultural bedrock. It is what our predecessors paid for on our behalf in blood, sweat and tears. It is what forged us into the American People. If we destroy that, we forget who we are. What would Rome be if it sold off its Coliseum, or Greece if it paved over the Acropolis, or Egypt if it razed its Pyramids just to make some quick bucks? American monuments are not just buildings. They are the magnificent lands on which the Native tribes hunted and worshipped. The stark, beautiful deserts that pioneers in wagon trains crossed, or died trying, bearing few possessions other than their hopes and dreams. Bears Ears National Monument, together with Canyonlands National Park and other national park sites, protect 100,000 archaeological and cultural landmarks so that our children and theirs and theirs, down through the centuries, can learn where they came from and what it means to be American. Do not rob them of their birthright. To steal their heritage from them just to mine uranium or for other quick-buck commercial purposes, would be a travesty and an insult to them, and to the Nation. Don't be evil. Act responsibly for once. Stop earning our hatred and try earning our respect.. You have the power to irrevocably destroy America's precious heritage. Don't do it!

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From the Katahdin Wood and Waters in Maine to the Cascade - Siskiyou monument expansions on the Pacific Rim, from the Upper Missouri Breaks of Montana in the north to the Ironwood National Monument in the south, America's National Monuments are national treasures, and I oppose any effort to shrink them, abolish them, or weaken their protections. These National Monuments offer great benefits to the American public, providing recreation, historic ruins and rock art, wildlife habitats and natural landscapes that are priceless in value. In many cases, they limit commercial uses of many types that are damaging to the land. But these are public lands belonging to all Americans, and as one of the landowners I insist that the public interest must come first, and private profits should not be pursued on my lands where they conflict with the public interest. The National Monuments that are subject to this review - Bears Ears, Basin and Range, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Canyons of the Ancients, Carrizo Plain, Cascade Siskiyou, Craters of the Moon, Giant Sequoia, Gold Butte, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Hanford Reach, Ironwood Forest, Mojave Trails, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, Sonoran Desert, Upper Missouri River Breaks, and Vermillion Cliffs National Monuments, and the Marianas Trench, Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, Pacific Remote Islands, Papahānaumokuākea, and the Rose Atoll National Marine Monuments - all contain important cultural artifacts, important habitats, unparalleled beauty and fragile landscapes, making them a priceless heritage that we must pass down unspoiled to our grandchildren. The Antiquities Act was signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt, who in 1910 proclaimed, "[S]pecial business interests too often control and corrupt the men and methods of government for their own profit." Today, I see the Trump administration trying to undermine President Roosevelt's proud legacy and steal from the American people protections for the land and its cultural sites. Stop attacking Theodore Roosevelt's conservation legacy. These National Monuments afford great benefits for the Americans who visit and enjoy them, and their economic value to surrounding communities is far greater protected than despoiled. I urge you to respect the public interest in protecting these special places, and leave these National Monuments in place in an undiminished state.

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Bears Ears National Monument is a national treasure. It should be permanently maintained in its entirety as a National Monument due to its significant cultural, archeological, and economic value to local Native American tribes, the state of Utah, and the United States. Despite its recent designation, the establishment of a National Monument surrounding Bears Ears is far from a new concept, as its public value has been recognized for nearly a century. The area has been the object of National Monument designation since the 1930s attempt to create an Escalante National Monument three times the current size of Bears Ears National Monument. More recently, Native American tribes in the Four Corners area have sought the protection of Bears Ears for nearly a decade prior to President Obama's executive order creating Bears Ears National Monument. The Bears Ears buttes and surrounding land are spiritually important to multiple Native American tribes in the area. Among other antiquities, Bears Ears holds the burial grounds of the Navajo leader Manuelito, which are sacred to the Navajo people. The president of the Navajo Nation has stated on the record that the tribe has "always looked to Bears Ears as a place of refuge, as a place where we can gather herbs and medicinal plants, and a place of prayer and sacredness," while a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has stated that the monument is important to him "because these are ancestral lands...there are sacred sites and stories of our lives." Bears Ears is home to a number of such antiquities, including architecturally significant ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings that date to 1500 BC. In total, the National Monument contains an estimated 100,000 archeological sites, many of which have previously been victim to, and need protection from, looting and vandalism. Executive Order #13792 directs Secretary Zinke to review Monuments in part based on "concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation," as well as "whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic and scientific interest." Clearly, Bears Ears possesses significant value in both categories, given the extensive archeological relevance of the area as well as its spiritual and ancestral importance to Native peoples who have called it home for many generations. It would be deeply irresponsible to ignore these factors, each of which align Bears Ears National Monument with the very essence of the Antiquities Act, to shortsightedly pursue profit from destructive industrial use of this land. Notably, Bears Ears National Monument borders Canyonlands National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and Natural Bridges National Monument, demonstrating that its surrounding region has previously and separately been deemed to carry notable value to the American public. Furthermore, it is important to note that a large portion of the land for which an intertribal coalition requested protection in Bears Ears National Monument was not included in the Monument's eventual borders. Given the Secretary's instructions to consider "that reservations of land not exceed the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management..." it is evident that the borders of Bears Ears National Monument were already drawn with an eye towards omitting unnecessary lands. The economic value of Bears Ears National Monument is also not to be understated. Beyond its importance to local Native tribes, Bears Ears is prized by the outdoor industry. Secretary Zinke is also instructed to consider the effects of the National Monument on "the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities." It is notable that Outdoor Retailer Market, with a cumulative economic impact of an estimated \$45 million each year, withdrew indefinitely from the state of Utah in protest of the Utah government's opposition to Bears Ears, with the weight of major companies such as Patagonia, REI, and The North Face behind this decision. Although a remote area for much other economic activity, Southeast Utah is a hub for the outdoor industry and a major destination for adventure and outdoor tourism in large part due to its protected lands such as Bears Ears. According to NPS, nearby national parks such as Zion and Arches generated about \$850 million in annual visitor spending and created 14,000 jobs - overall, Utah receives a \$1.3 billion economic boost annually from parks and monuments. In light of all of the above considerations, it is unsurprising that in a recent poll, 71% of Utah residents supported the continued protected status of Bears Ears. Given the major archeological, spiritual, cultural, and economic importance of Bears Ears National Monument, I strongly support its continued preservation in the entirety of its current dimensions.

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Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument should be permanently maintained in its entirety as a National Monument due to its significant cultural, archeological, ecologic, and economic value to local Native American tribes, the local region, the state of California, and the United States. Executive Order #13792 directs Secretary Zinke to review Monuments in part based on "concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities." Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument holds great value to the Bay Area region, the state of California, and the United States. Prior to its 2015 establishment as a National Monument by President Obama, Berryessa was under consideration by Congress as a National Conservation Area. Local Congressmen Mike Thompson and John Garamendi led this effort and championed the National Monument designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain, with the support of the California State Legislature, the Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians, local political leaders from Lake County, Yolo, and Solano, local conservationists, recreation enthusiasts, business owners, and landowners. Congressman Garamendi recently penned a public letter in support of Berryessa's continued protection in the Record-Bee (<http://www.record-bee.com/article/NQ/20170504/LOCAL1/170509901>). Rarely do so many diverse stakeholders express such unified support for protection of important lands. Consequently, in response to President Trump's executive order, the local area has expressed its readiness for a political and legal fight to protect the National Monument. Clearly, the "concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by [the] designation" are aligned in favor of the permanent protection of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. As a large, beautiful, protected area within easy driving distance of the Bay Area metro region, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument will draw visitors year-round to the area, creating jobs and growing the local economy. In fact, many businesses in the local area are driven by tourism supported by the protection of these lands. Over half of CA residents participate in outdoor recreation, and preservation of areas like Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument provides important support for CA's \$6 billion outdoor recreation economy. Notably, no private lands were impinged by the National Monument designation, nor were water rights, ranchers' grazing rights, motorized recreation, hunting, or fishing. The National Monument protects Lake Berryessa, which provides both water and hydro-powered electricity to the North Bay area. Short-sighted resource exploitation would endanger all of this, and would not be in the economic best interest of the region, CA, or the US. Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is also an ecologically important location that demands protection in its entirety. Snow Mountain in particular is an ecologic hotspot, with one of the highest densities of biodiversity in the state. The region is home to California's second largest population of wintering bald eagles, as well as the nearly-extinct Pacific Fisher, golden eagles, northern spotted owls, martens, black bears, mountain lions, river otters, black-tailed deer, tule elk, chinook salmon, and steelhead, among other notable ecological highlights such as a variety of rare plants. These lands are especially in need of permanent preservation to ensure a block of contiguous, intact habitat for at-risk species. Executive Order #13792 further instructs Secretary Zinke to consider "whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic and scientific interest." Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument has been home to a long history of native peoples, including the Yuki, Nomlaki, Patwin, Pomo, Huchnom, Wappo, Laki Miwok, and Wintum indigenous peoples. The significance of this legacy is evident in the cultural sites that cover the National Monument, from seasonal hunting and gathering camps to ancient villages, quarries, tool artifacts, petroglyphs, and trade routes of ancient indigenous peoples. More recent remains of homesteading dating to the 1840s gold rush, milling, and railroad logging are additional important historic artifacts. This history is archeologically significant, of obvious public interest, and in need of continued preservation. Located near the Bay Area, Berryessa Snow Mountain provides the rare refuge and recreation spot that is simultaneously wild yet highly accessible to a major population center.

Due to the significant cultural, archeological, and historic importance of the area, its notable biodiversity, and the strong support for its preservation by diverse stakeholders, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument should be permanently protected under its current status.

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Bears Ears National Monument is ecologically rich and culturally valuable. Rescinding or changing it only hurts one of our nations most incredible landscapes.

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As a supporter of bird conservation and our public lands, I urge you to protect all national monuments under review, and to reject any changes to these iconic landscapes. The national monuments created in the past twenty years have protected vital bird habitat, helped safeguard our heritage, and benefited communities across the country. Reversing any of these designations would be a tragic mistake with harmful consequences for all that depend on our magnificent public lands. From the buttes of Bears Ears that support birds like the Golden Eagle, to the underwater canyons of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument that support a critical ecosystem for Atlantic Puffins, to the rocky peaks of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, the shrub-steppe habitat of Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington, and out to the pristine Pacific waters of the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, all of these lands and waters are indispensable to birds and other wildlife. These monuments are a legacy of Teddy Roosevelt. He and all fifteen subsequent presidents--of both parties--have recognized the need and value of protecting these public lands with the Antiquities Act. I urge you to uphold Roosevelt's legacy and maintain these monuments for current and future generations.

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