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Thanks. I presume this was not a surprise?

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Monument Changes**

*Bullock points to protection of public lands, economic impact, and historical significance as reasons to recommend 'no changes' to designation of Upper Missouri River Breaks National*

## *Monument*

MONTANA – Governor Steve Bullock today sent a [letter](#) to Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke urging no changes be made to the designation of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.

**“I strongly recommend that no change in the size or to the designation of the Monument should be made,”** wrote Governor Bullock. **“The Missouri River Breaks offers world-class, once-in-a-lifetime public lands hunting opportunities for trophy mule-deer, elk and bighorn sheep.”**

Bullock also detailed the positive economic impact of the Monument to Montana’s economy.

**“Today, the area attracts over 130,000 visitors per year, providing an annual influx of approximately \$10 million to the local economy. The local economy has come to depend on this,”** Bullock wrote. **“In addition to attracting more visitors, the region has sustained growth in many measures of local economic health and prosperity...including a 23% increase in real capita income.”**

Bullock concluded the letter with a call to preserve the Monument for future generations, stating **“The Missouri Breaks has remained largely unchanged for over 200 years. The monument designation helps keep it that way for our children and our grandchildren.”**

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