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Hi Micah,

Attached is a letter from McCain/Flake supporting the DOI monument review. Our state almost got smacked with a 1.7 million acre monument by Obama, and it created a lot of blowback in AZ for the integrity Antiquities Act. Let me know how we can help. Hope all is well and have a good weekend.

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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write in support of the Department's review of recently created national monuments. Thank you for your willingness to engage in meaningful stakeholder consultation concerning the impact of monument designations issued under the Antiquities Act of 1908.

As you know, approximately 70% of the land in Arizona is owned, managed, or restricted by the federal government. At the same time, our state is host to 18 national monuments—the largest number of national monuments in the nation. Recently, the State of Arizona narrowly dodged a proposed monument, commonly called the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument, which would have locked away 1.7 million acres of land in northern Arizona. This “watershed monument” was opposed by a broad coalition of local stakeholders over its potential to disrupt the lives and livelihoods of small businesses, ranchers, hunters, and state wildlife