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All: It's now time, like never before, to send in your comments of support for National Monuments lands including Marine Monuments and Sanctuaries. The current administration through the U.S. Dept. of Interior (Sec. of Interior Ryan Zinke) is holding public comment periods; one that ends this coming July 10 (THIS MONDAY!; see below) for review of National Monuments designated or expanded since 1996. Another public comment period is open until July 26 for review of Nat'l Marine Sanctuaries and Monuments (see below). This is a dark time for environmental protections and restoration programs; no further need here to say more on that because you are all aware. However, you may not be aware of specific actions in play. Here are a couple being considered via U.S. Dept. of Interior (below). So, take heed and let your voice be heard now!

BTW, Sec. Zinke has an Instagram account @RepRyanZinke where he displays the majestic beauty of Montana landscapes (his home). If you have Instagram, contact Zinke directly and "like" his photos of Montana and express your desire for their protection and for the Interior Dept. to do likewise for other Nat'l parks, monuments, and sanctuaries.

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Summary

The U.S. Department of the Interior is conducting a review of certain National Monuments designated or expanded since 1996 under the Antiquities Act of 1906 in order to implement Executive Order 13792 of April 26, 2017. The Secretary of the Interior will use the review to determine whether each designation or expansion conforms to the policy stated in the Executive Order and to formulate recommendations for Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other

appropriate actions to carry out that policy. This Notice identifies twenty-seven National Monuments under review and invites comments to inform the review.

Dates

To ensure consideration, written comments relating to the Bears Ears National Monument must be submitted before May 26, 2017. Written comments relating to all other National Monuments must be submitted before July 10, 2017.

Addresses

You may submit written comments online at <http://www.regulations.gov> by entering "DOI-2017-0002" in the Search bar and clicking "Search," or by mail to Monument Review, MS-1530, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

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Review of National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments Designated or Expanded Since April 28, 2007; Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

ACTION: Notice; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Executive Order 13795—Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, signed on April 28, 2017, the Department of Commerce is conducting a review of all designations and expansions of National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments since April 28, 2007. The Secretary of Commerce will use the review to inform the preparation of a report under Executive Order 13795, Sec. 4(b)(ii). This Notice identifies 11 National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments subject to the review and invites comments to inform the review. The Department of Commerce seeks public comments related to the application of factors in Sec. 4(b)(i)(A), (B) and (C), as stated in Executive Order 13795, for six National Marine Sanctuary expansions and five Marine National Monument designations and expansions.

DATE: Written comments must be submitted no later than July 26, 2017.

FEDERAL REGISTER: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/06/26/2017-13308/review-of-national-marine-sanctuaries-and-marine-national-monuments-designated-or-expanded>

ADDRESSES:

You may submit comments, identified by docket ID NOAA–NOS–2017-0066 by one of the following methods:



ELECTRONIC

Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NOS-2017-0066>, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.



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