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Hi Randal, do we send these letters to you?

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May 9, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

I write today to encourage you to refrain from pursuing changes to the Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve as it relates to the Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act.

In Idaho, we believe that cooperative efforts produce long term solutions and in this instance, Craters of the Moon fits that definition. Craters of the Moon, in its current form, adequately suits the diverse interest of Idahoans. This is due in large part to a collaborative planning process, in concert with compromise legislation that I authored and was signed into law in 2002, which ultimately resulted in a truly Idaho solution.

With that in mind, I extend an invitation to you and your department to contact my office should you have any further questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your leadership at the Department of the Interior.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Simpson".

Mike Simpson  
Member of Congress