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Hi Randal - have you received this comment from Phillips County Commissioners?

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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We the Commissioners of Phillips County in the State of Montana would like to ask for your help in the National Monument designations. One in particular the UMRBNM that was established in the last days of an administration without input from local communities and residents.

It encompasses private and state lands, the people who make a living within the monument area have seen there property values affected and not for the good. The management of the Federal Lands that they lease affect the way the ranchers have operated in the past under BLM management.

The added layer of designation just adds more bureaucracy and expenses to management of lands that have been managed by the BLM the last 50 plus years.

Wild and Scenic River designation that was in place before the monument on lands within a mile of the river was adequate to cover what the public most wanted to see.

We support the decision to remove the UMRBNM, also would like to see you look into other monument designations. Thank you for taking the time to read this and for all you are doing for our great state of Montana.

Phillips County Commissioners

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