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## Between photo ops, Zinke rolls back conservation

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In his brief tenure as Interior Secretary, Ryan Zinke has carefully curated his image as an aw-shucks Boy Scout that loves our national parks. But a [profile by the New York Times](#) shows that **in between all of the cable TV interviews and photo ops, Zinke has hired a squad of oil and gas lobbyists to roll back conservation policies at a breakneck pace.**

On Tuesday, Zinke's staff of former oil industry lobbyists took the [first steps](#) towards **eliminating safety regulations for hydraulic fracturing on public lands**. Previously, Zinke's staff [refused to implement](#) rules on the books to

prevent wasteful leaking and flaring of natural gas from public lands drilling operations.

All of this comes as the self-described "Teddy Roosevelt guy" considers eliminating national monuments across the country.

## **Quick hits**

### **Anadarko to restart 3,000 Colorado wells shut down after fatal home explosion**

[Denver Post](#)

### **Interior Department moves to eliminate updated safety rules for hydraulic fracturing on public lands**

[Grand Junction Daily Sentinel](#) | [E&E News](#) | [The Guardian](#)

### **Secretary Zinke expected to visit New Mexico to review possibly eliminating or shrinking national monuments**

[Las Cruces Sun-News](#) | [Associated Press](#)

### **Traveling to three national monuments threatened by Interior review**

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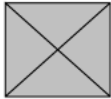
### **Final Outdoor Retailer show brings products, politics to Salt Lake City**

[Deseret News](#)

### **In Utah, coal industry fades as outdoor recreation industry surges**

[Salt Lake Tribune](#)

## Quote of the day



*Zinke has been a disappointment. His first meetings were with the sportsmen's community, and we were encouraged that he would be great - or at least someone we could work with. Since that time, it's been nothing but rolling back conservation.*  
—Whit Fosburgh, President, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, *New York Times*

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