

**From:** Mr. Barbara Richey**Submitted:** 5/16/2017 6:12 PM EST**Email:** (b) (6)**Phone:** (b) (6)**Address:** (b) (6), Bellingham, Washington 98225 (Valid)**Subject:****Message:** Dear Pres Donald Trump,

Dear President Trump and Secretary Zenke,

I urge you, and the Department of the Interior, to protect the integrity of the Antiquities Act, which has been used by Presidents of both parties for over 100 years. Please do not mess with the legal designation of existing National Monuments, or with the ability of future presidents to create new ones. The Antiquities Act is used to protect historical, cultural, and natural resources that are important and valuable to ALL American citizens. The voices of many demanding protection should outweigh the cries of the few living near National Monuments who think the land has been "grabbed" by the government. Or to those who think they should be made available for rape and pillage for marginal profit for a few corporations that offer nothing back to the public. The non-renewable energy resources extracted from these lands is marginal to the scale of renewable resources that are available with far less destruction to public land. The fees corporations pay for use of public land is pennies compared to their corporate gain. Why should my land (public land belongs to EVERYONE), be used and abused in this matter without my consent? I do not approve of rescinding, or removing public lands from National Monument designation.

Do the right thing. You were voted and confirmed into office by the citizens of the United States to preserve and protect our lands and values, not the profits of corporations.

Thank You,  
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Sincerely,  
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