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Hi Micah,

Attached is a joint letter from Senators Risch and Crapo responding to Secretary Zinke's May 12 request for input on DOI's review of the Craters of the Moon National Monument. I have CC'd Darren Parker with Senator Risch's office on this email. Please feel free to reach out to one or both of us should you have any questions or need further information. I will also send a hard copy of the letter to your office via mail.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you and all the best,

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 6, 2017

Mr. Micah Chambers  
Acting Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs  
U.S. Department of Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Chambers,

We write today in support of the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve. In a letter from Secretary Zinke dated May 12, 2017, he indicated that the Craters of the Moon National Monument is under review as the Department of Interior responds to President Trump's Executive Order 13792, and asked us to provide our written thoughts on it. It is important to note that there is currently an active debate within the State of Idaho about a locally-generated proposal to rename Craters of the Moon National Monument as a National Park. This letter addresses only President Trump's executive order with regard to national monuments and should not be construed as taking a position on the national park proposal.

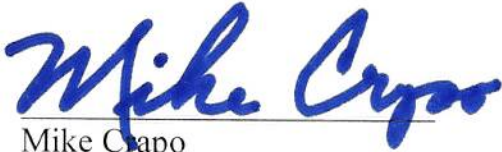
We have consistently opposed arbitrary monument designations in the past, as they often negatively impact the ability of local stakeholders to have meaningful input in land management decisions. For precisely this reason, then-Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne and the entire Idaho delegation opposed President Clinton's expansion of the Craters of the Moon Preserve in 2000. A newspaper account from the Idaho Mountain Express quoted an Idaho delegation letter to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt as follows, "We are very disturbed by your effort to accomplish this land lockup without providing proper public process, and once again bypassing Congress. We urge you to provide a more open dialogue with the people of Idaho and the Congressional Delegation on this or any proposal affecting Idaho."

Only after Idaho Representative Mike Simpson introduced corrective legislation did the expansion of the Craters of the Moon Monument become acceptable to a much wider range of Idahoans, and consensus was achieved. This legislation became law in 2002. The enactment of this corrective legislation (PL 107-213) did result in a Craters of the Moon management plan that has broad public support. Therefore, with regard to President Trump's Executive Order 13792, we urge you to recommend to the President

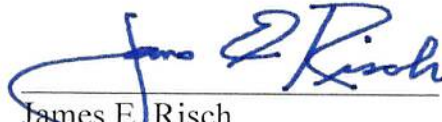
that there are no needed administrative changes for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve.

Should you have any further questions, please contact our offices.

Sincerely,



Mike Crapo  
United States Senator



James E. Risch  
United States Senator