

October 20, 2021

Dear President Biden, Secretary Haaland, Secretary Raimondo, Secretary Vilsack, Chair Mallory, Ms. Gina McCarthy and Administrator Spinrad,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and the millions of members and supporters we collectively represent, we enthusiastically thank you for your actions restoring full protections to Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine national monuments.

By acting to protect Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, you honor the sacred landscape home to Indigenous Peoples, including the Paiute, Hopi, Zuni, Diné/Navajo, Ute, Acoma and Jemez Pueblos, and Ute Mountain Ute.

Because of your actions, we can rest assured that these irreplaceable national monuments will exist for generations to come. Thank you.

All three of these monuments protect biodiversity and critical habitat and we hope that last week's proclamations will be precursors to future actions in pursuit of the administration's goal of protecting 'America the Beautiful.' In his address, the President mentioned the Tongass National Forest, Bristol Bay and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Our old growth forests and many other special, sacred and important places must be permanently protected from development if we are to achieve our shared goal of protecting 30 percent of our lands and waters to combat the climate crisis, preserve biodiversity and address inequitable access to nature.

We also look forward to Bears Ears National Monument serving as a new model of collaborative management between Tribes, state and federal land agencies. The traditional knowledge and place-based conservation strategies of Tribal communities should play a significant role in shaping efforts to conserve and plan for a resilient future for this landscape that we all hold dear.

We are thankful to have leaders like you working to protect our lands and waters.

Sincerely,

Alaska Wilderness League  
Archaeology Southwest  
Association of Zoos and Aquariums  
Azul  
Brown Girl Surf  
California Environmental Voters  
California Institute for Biodiversity  
Californians for Western Wilderness  
Center for Large Landscape Conservation

Citizens Campaign for the Environment  
Coalition to Protect America's National Parks  
Connecticut Clean Water Action  
Connecticut League of Conservation Voters  
Connecticut Ornithological Association  
Conservation Colorado  
Conservation Council For Hawaii  
Conservation Lands Foundation  
Conservation Law Foundation

Conservation Minnesota  
Conservation Voters of Idaho  
Conservation Voters of PA  
Continental Divide Trail Coalition  
Creation Justice Ministries  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Dolores River Boating Advocates  
Earth Ethics, Inc.  
EarthEcho International  
Earthjustice  
EarthKeepers 360  
EcoFlight  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environment America  
Environment California  
Environment Colorado  
Environment Connecticut  
Environment Georgia  
Environment Illinois  
Environment Maine  
Environment Maryland  
Environment Massachusetts  
Environment New Jersey  
Environment North Carolina  
Environment Oregon  
Environment Texas  
Environment Virginia  
Environment Washington  
Environmental League of MA  
Florida Conservation Voters  
Friends of Animals  
Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks  
Friends of Plumas Wilderness, Quincy, CA  
Friends of the Earth  
Grand Canyon Trust  
Grand Staircase Escalante Partners  
Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
GreenLatinos  
Greenpeace USA  
Gundalow Company  
Healthy Ocean Coalition  
HG Conservation Solutions  
Hispanic Access Foundation  
Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting, and the  
Outdoors (HECHO)  
Illinois Environmental Council  
Inland Ocean Coalition  
Interfaith Power & Light  
International Marine Mammal Project of Earth  
Island Institute  
Kentucky Conservation Committee  
League of Conservation Voters  
LEGACY-The Landscape Connection  
Maine Audubon  
Maine Conservation.org  
Marine Conservation Institute  
Michigan League of Conservation Voters  
Mission Blue  
Mojave Desert Land Trust  
Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund  
Mystic Aquarium  
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club  
National Aquarium  
National Ocean Protection Coalition  
National Parks Conservation Association  
Native Movement  
Native Voters Alliance Nevada  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Nature for All  
NC League of Conservation Voters  
Nevada Conservation League  
New England Aquarium  
New Jersey League of Conservation Voters  
New Mexico Wild  
New Mexico Wildlife Federation  
New York League of Conservation Voters  
NH Audubon  
Northern Alaska Environmental Center  
Nuestra Tierra  
Nz2  
Ocean Conservation Research  
Ocean Defense Initiative  
Ocean River Institute  
Oceana

Ohio Environmental Council  
Only One  
Open Space Institute  
Oregon Natural Desert Association  
Oregon Wild  
Oregonians For Wild Utah  
Patagonia  
PennEnvironment  
Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania  
Presbyterians for Earth Care  
Rachel Carson Council  
REI Co-op  
Resource Renewal Institute  
Restore America's Estuaries  
Rivers Alliance of Connecticut  
Roger Williams Park Zoo  
San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council  
Save Massachusetts Forests  
Save Our Shores  
Save the Sound  
Seacoast Science Center  
Seattle Aquarium  
Seeding Sovereignty  
Sheep Mountain Alliance  
Sierra Club  
Soda Mountain Wilderness Council  
South San Juan Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council  
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance  
Standing Trees Vermont  
Surfrider Foundation  
TAO  
The Chaparral Lands Conservancy  
The Mountain Pact  
The Ocean Project  
The Student PIRGs  
The Trust for Public Land  
The Wilderness Society  
Tuleyome  
TwoRivers ActionCoalition  
Vet Voice Foundation  
Virginia League of Conservation Voters

Waitt Foundation  
Waitt Institute  
Washington Conservation Voters  
Washington Environmental Council  
Washington Friends of Wild Utah  
Western Colorado Alliance  
Western Slope Conservation Center  
Whale and Dolphin Conservation  
Wild Montana  
Wisconsin Conservation Voters  
Wisconsin Environment  
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network  
Zoo New England: Franklin Park Zoo & Stone  
Zoo