

President Trump
Department of Interior Secretary Doug Burgum
CC: Members of Congress

Our national parks and monuments are among our country's most precious places. These cherished spaces protect Tribal and Indigenous homelands, outdoor access, drinking water, and wildlife habitats. They sustain rural economies and support family businesses. They belong to all Americans.

Public lands and waters have been stewarded by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. The recent gutting of protections for over 90% of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments is a direct affront to Tribal sovereignty, government-to-government consultation, and the U.S. Government's trust and treaty obligations to Tribes.

On Monday, July 13, President Trump - backed by the Utah delegation and Gov. Cox - betrayed the American people, with particular disregard for Tribal Nations. The Administration [attempted](#) to brutally roll back protections for about 90%, or 3 million acres, in [Bears Ears](#) and [Grand Staircase-Escalante](#) national monuments. This is a major escalation of the 2017 rollbacks, which attempted to eliminate about 2 million acres of protections. It is one of the ***largest rollbacks of public land protections in U.S. history.***

In a particular act of cruelty from the administration and the Utah delegation, the proclamation for Bears Ears explicitly "terminated" the longstanding and ground-breaking [Bears Ears Commission](#) (BEC). The proclamation for Grand Staircase-Escalante essentially erases a landmark co-stewardship framework established between the [Grand Staircase-Escalante Inter-Tribal Coalition](#) and the Bureau of Land Management.

The administration has also illegally attempted to roll back protections for marine monuments in both the [Atlantic and Pacific oceans](#). The Interior Department is conducting a review of these places to potentially turn them over to industrial fishing companies.

The below listed Tribal and Indigenous entities, organizations, faith groups, veterans, businesses, scientists, and local communities **STRONGLY OPPOSE rollbacks, reductions, and reduced protections of any kind to our national monuments.**

National monuments have the unwavering support of the Tribal nations, Indigenous and local communities, and businesses that have worked for years to ensure their protection.

Many of our nation's most treasured places, including the Grand Canyon and the Statue of Liberty, were originally protected under the Antiquities Act, which sets aside national land for public use in the interest of all Americans. Since Congress passed the 1906 Antiquities Act, and Republican President Theodore Roosevelt signed it into law, it has been used by 18 presidents—an equal number from both parties—to preserve historical and natural treasures across the country. Many of our most iconic national parks, such as Zion, Joshua Tree, and Acadia, were initially set aside for public use as national monuments. Handing these places over to developers, reducing their size, and otherwise rolling back protections shuts down outdoor access, destroys wildlife habitat, and threatens drinking water for local communities across the country.

National monuments [create jobs](#) and help boost local outdoor recreation economies, which contributed [2.4 percent \(\\$697 billion\) of current-dollar gross domestic product \(GDP\) for the nation in 2024](#). In 2024, a record-setting [332 million people visited a national park unit](#). Removing conservation protections on our shared public lands and waters, and opening them to mining, drilling, logging, and industrial fishing reduces access for activities like camping, hiking, hunting, and general nature enjoyment. Monuments also protect critical wildlife habitat, including [1.2 million acres of big-game migration corridors](#).

Since the first day of his second term, President Trump has trumpeted his "energy dominance" agenda. Yet this **is in fact a corporate giveaway**. Every place handed over to oil, gas, logging, livestock, and mining special interests is a place where [recreation and wildlife are lost](#).

[Oil and gas drilling broke records under President Biden](#). The United States is the [world's largest oil producer](#) and has produced more crude oil than any other nation in history for at least [six years in a row](#). [Eighty-one percent of national public land is already open to oil and gas leasing](#). That's over 200 million acres - or twice the size of California.

Even speculative mining does irreparable harm to these landscapes by fracturing wildlife habitat with roads and heavy machinery. Large industrial mines like the ones on the boundaries of Ironwood Forest National Monument and Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni National Monument can, among other harms, permanently destroy a region's drinking water and wildlife habitat.

For all those reasons and more, slashing protections of our country's bi-partisanly supported national monuments is deeply unpopular. Ninety-one [percent of Western voters](#) say existing national monument designations should be kept in place and [85 percent](#) of Western voters support creating new national parks, national monuments, and national wildlife refuges and Tribal protected areas to protect historic sites or areas of outdoor recreation. Among self-identified MAGA supporters, a majority favor protecting public lands. In Utah, voters - Republicans and Democrats - overwhelmingly support [Bears Ears](#) and [Grand Staircase-Escalante](#), with over 70 percent in favor of keeping them as national monuments. In Arizona, [80 percent of voters support the new Grand Canyon national monument](#), Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni. Additionally, a 2022 [poll](#) revealed that New Englanders largely favor the establishment of permanently protected areas in the ocean.

The overwhelming love for our national monuments continues to be upheld. An attempt to sell off our public lands in 2025 led by Utah Senator Mike Lee was an exceptional failure after vehement bipartisan opposition. Similarly, Tribal resolutions and actions; letters from faith communities, scientists, national and local organizations, and businesses; along with 600,000 actions flooded Congress in the spring of 2026 opposing the Utah delegation's effort to fast-track an attack on the [Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument](#) Management Plan using the Congressional Review Act (CRA). That effort also failed.

For the sake of all current and future generations of Americans, these places must not be handed over to foreign interests and corporations, cutting off public access, destroying wildlife habitat, and desecrating cultural sites. We object to the administration's commercialization of our shared public lands and waters. In response to both secretive threats and overt attacks on our public lands and waters, we say simply that our national monuments are not for sale.

Sincerely,
(as of July 30, 2026)

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| 1. 350 Eastside | 21. Arctic Treks |
| 2. 350 Hawaii | 22. Arizona Mountain Mamas |
| 3. 350 New Hampshire | 23. Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement |
| 4. 350 Seattle | 24. Athens County's Future Action Network (ACFAN.org) |
| 5. 7 Directions of Service | 25. Augustina's Winery |
| 6. A Walk in the Woods Guide Service | 26. Backbone Media |
| 7. Adventures Southeast | 27. Backcountry Essentials |
| 8. AK Adventures, Inc. | 28. Bale Breaker Brewing Co |
| 9. Alaska Community Action on Toxics | 29. Basin and Range Watch |
| 10. All About Adventure | 30. Bay Point Inn |
| 11. Alpacka Raft | 31. Berkshire Bike Path Council |
| 12. Amargosa Conservancy | 32. Bigfoot Trail Alliance |
| 13. American Outdoor Products | 33. Bikepacking Roots |
| 14. American Packrafting Association | 34. Birds of Prey NCA Partnership |
| 15. Amigos De Los Rios | 35. Black Hills Clean Water Alliance |
| 16. Animal Welfare Institute | 36. Blacks In Nature |
| 17. Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc. | 37. Blue Crow Gear & Gifts |
| 18. Anza Trail Foundation | 38. BOCO Gear |
| 19. A.R.I.S.E. Appalachia | 39. Bonfire Collective |
| 20. Archaeology Southwest | 40. Boulders Climbing Gym |

41. Boulder Mountain Lodge
42. Bret Webster Images Gallery
43. Brown Folks Fishing
44. CactusToCloud Institute
45. CalWild
46. California Environmental Voters
47. Californians for Western Wilderness
48. Carolina Ocean Alliance
49. Carrizo Plain Conservancy
50. Carter Family Trust
51. CASE Citizens Alliance for a Sustainable Englewood
52. Center for Biological Diversity
53. Chavurah B'Yachad
54. Chequamegon Audubon Society
55. Chicago Bird Alliance
56. Citizens' Committee for Flood Relief
57. Climate Action Campaign at the Humboldt UU Fellowship
58. Climate Action Now, Western Massachusetts
59. Climate Communications Coalition
60. Climate Hawks Vote
61. Climate Justice Alliance
62. Climate Museum
63. Climate Relations LLC
64. Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection
65. Coalition to Protect America's National Parks
66. Cocktail Caravan
67. COFEM
68. Colin Tyler Photography
69. Colorado Mountain Club
70. Colorado Wildlands Project
71. Conservation Colorado
72. Conservation Communications
73. Conservation Lands Foundation
74. Conservation Law Foundation
75. Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship
76. Continental Divide Trail Coalition
77. Cottonwood Institute
78. Creation Justice Ministries
79. Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action
80. Decatur Area Retired Teachers Association
81. Desert Wildlife Consultants, LLC
82. Devil's Foot Beverage Company
83. Dolores River Boating Advocates
84. Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa Peace and Justice Office
85. Dreamland Safari Tours
86. DTL Sales & Consulting
87. Duct Tape Then Beer
88. Durango Compost Company, LLC
89. Durango Outdoor Exchange
90. Earth Ethics, Inc.
91. EarthEcho International
92. Earthjustice
93. Eco-Justice Collaborative

94. ECO-resolutions
95. Eco-Stylist
96. EcoFlight
97. Ecology Sports
98. Elders Climate Action
99. Elders Climate Action Massachusetts Chapter
100. Elevenate
101. Emerald Water Anglers, LLC
102. Endangered Species Coalition
103. Engearment
104. Escalante Outfitters
105. Escape Goats
106. Fish On
107. Fort Ord Recreation Trails (FORT) Friends
108. FraTracker Alliance
109. FreshWater Accountability Project
110. Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
111. Friends of the Amargosa Basin
112. Friends of Avi Kwa Ame
113. Friends of Basin & Range National Monument
114. Friends of Bell Smith Springs
115. Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve
116. Friends of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument
117. Friends of the Desert Mountains
118. Friends of the Dunes
119. Friends of the Earth US
120. Friends of Gold Butte
121. Friends of the Inyo
122. Friends of Ironwood Forest
123. Friends of the Lost Coast
124. Friends of the Mariana Trench
125. Friends of Nevada Wilderness
126. Friends of the Niobrara, Inc.
127. Friends of the Notch Forest
128. Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks
129. Friends of the Owyhee
130. Friends of Plumas Wilderness
131. Friends of Point Arena- Stornetta
132. Friends of Red Rock Canyon
133. Friends of Rio Grande del Norte
134. Friends of Sloan Canyon
135. Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses
136. Georgia Interfaith Power and Light
137. Get Outdoors Nevada
138. Glenn Randall Writing & Photography
139. Grain Surfboards
140. Grand Canyon Trust
141. Grand Staircase Escalante Partners
142. Grand Staircase Regional Guide Association
143. Great Bear Foundation
144. Great Old Broads for Wilderness
145. Green Arlington MA
146. GreenLatinos
147. Greenpeace USA
148. Groene Construction

149. *GU Energy Labs*
150. *Hawaii Fishing & Boating Association*
151. *Healthy Ocean Coalition*
152. *Heartwood*
153. *Hellbent Brewing Company*
154. *Hell's Backbone Grill & Farm*
155. *HG Conservation Solutions*
156. *High Country Conservation Advocates*
157. *Indivisible Denver*
158. *Inland Ocean Coalition*
159. *Inside Out Communications*
160. *International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute*
161. *Islanders for the San Juan Islands National Monument*
162. *Kahtoola, Inc.*
163. *Kids for Saving Earth*
164. *Kids Speak For Parks*
165. *Klamath Forest Alliance*
166. *Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center*
167. *Knit*
168. *La Sportiva N.A., Inc.*
169. *Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce*
170. *Latino Outdoors*
171. *Laughing Whitefish Bird Alliance*
172. *League of Conservation Voters*
173. *Lighthouse Roasters*
174. *Lisa's Luscious Kitchen*
175. *Little Bone Food Truck*
176. *Live to Play, LLC*
177. *Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network*
178. *Lockwood Animal Rescue Center*
179. *Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy*
180. *López-Wagner Strategies*
181. *Los Padres ForestWatch*
182. *Madhvi4EcoEthics*
183. *Mahoosuc Guide Service*
184. *Maine passive house*
185. *Malach Consulting*
186. *Marine Conservation Institute*
187. *Massachusetts Pollinator Network*
188. *Matt Witt Photography*
189. *MiiR*
190. *Missouri River Outfitters*
191. *Momentum Conservation*
192. *Montana Conservation Voters*
193. *Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center*
194. *Mountain Shadow Adventures*
195. *Mountain Sports Flagstaff*
196. *Movement Rights*
197. *My Bougie Bottle*
198. *N15 Architects*
199. *Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department*
200. *National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)*
201. *National Ocean Protection Coalition*
202. *National Religious Partnership for the Environment*
203. *Native American Rights Fund*
204. *Native Organizers Alliance Action Fund*
205. *Native Voters Alliance Nevada*
206. *Nature for All*
207. *NDN Collective*
208. *Neptune Mountaineering*
209. *Nevada Conservation League*
210. *New Mexico Wild*
211. *New Mexico Wildlife Federation*
212. *Next 100 Coalition*
213. *North American Climate, Conservation and Environment(NACCE)*
214. *Northcoast Environmental Center*
215. *NorthFlats Guiding Ilc.*
216. *Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association*
217. *Nuclear Information and Resource Service*
218. *Nuestra Tierra*
219. *Ocean Defense Initiative*
220. *Old-Growth Forest Network*
221. *Onus iV Therapy + Longevity*
222. *Oregon League of Conservation Voters*
223. *Oregon Natural Desert Association*
224. *Oregon Wild*
225. *Oregonians For Wild Utah (OFWU)*
226. *Oregonizers*
227. *Outdoorsense*
228. *Outward Bound Adventures (OBA)*
229. *OVTA*
230. *Pacific Crest Trail Association*
231. *Pacific Islands Heritage Coalition*
232. *Pacific Whale Foundation*
233. *PaleoResearch Institute*
234. *Papahānaumokuākea Coalition*
235. *Parks Project*
236. *Partnership for Policy Integrity*
237. *Partnership for Responsible Business*
238. *Patagonia*
239. *Peter Kleppinger McLean, Ph.D.*
240. *Pine Needle Mountaineering*
241. *Project Coyote*
242. *Protect Our Winters*
243. *Puha Inter-Nations Coalition (PINC)*
244. *Purple Fiddle LLC*
245. *Quiet Use Coalition*
246. *Ranch Dog Pack Station*
247. *Raptors Are The Solution*
248. *Ravenstone Tiles*
249. *RESTORE: The North Woods*
250. *Ridge to Reefs*
251. *River Ridge Ranch*
252. *Rivers & Birds*
253. *Rivers Without Borders*
254. *Rocky Mountain Wild*

255. *Ruris*
256. *Rustek*
257. *Rutabaga Paddlesports*
258. *SAFE Alternatives for our Forest Environment*
259. *San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council*
260. *Sanctuary Forest*
261. *Santa Barbara Botanic Garden*
262. *Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History & Sea Center*
263. *Save Massachusetts Forests*
264. *Save Ohio Parks*
265. *Save Our Illinois Land*
266. *Save Our Parks*
267. *Save Red Rock*
268. *Scenic Utah*
269. *Seek Outside*
270. *Selberg Institute*
271. *Sheep Mountain Alliance*
272. *Sierra Club*
273. *Sierra South Mt. Sports*
274. *Siskiyou Land Conservancy*
275. *Sisters of Mary Reparatrix*
276. *Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York*
277. *Small World Adventures*
278. *Society of Vertebrate Paleontology*
279. *Soda Mountain Wilderness Council*
280. *South Seattle Climate Action Network*
281. *Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance*
282. *Standing Trees*
283. *Starry Eyes Media, LLC*
284. *Stoney Point Farms*
285. *Surfrider Foundation*
286. *Sustainable Advisors Alliance, LLC*
287. *Terra Advocati*
288. *Teton Backcountry Guides*
289. *The Enviro Show*
290. *The Mountain Pact*
291. *The Ocean Project*
292. *The Rewilding Institute*
293. *The Suffer Better Foundation (dba Suffer Better)*
294. *The Wilderness Society*
295. *Tim Peterson Photography*
296. *Timberline Events LLC*
297. *Toad&Co*
298. *Topa Topa Brewing Company*
299. *Torrey House Press*
300. *Trinidad Coastal Land Trust*
301. *Trust for Public Land*
302. *Tuleyome*
303. *Tumbleweed Farms*
304. *Turtle Island Restoration Network*
305. *Unite North Metro Denver*
306. *Upper Gila Watershed Alliance*
307. *Ute Mountaineer*
308. *Vet Voice Foundation*

309. *Wall of Women*
310. *Washington Wild*
311. *Wendell State Forest Alliance*
312. *Western Slope Conservation Center*
313. *Western Leaders Network*
314. *Western Slope Conservation Center*
315. *Western Watersheds Project*
316. *Wild Earth Visions*
317. *Wild Hope*
318. *Wild Montana*
319. *Wild River Paddling*
320. *WildEarth Guardians*
321. *Wilderness Exchange*
322. *Wilderness Inspiration*
323. *Wilderness Workshop*
324. *Wildlife for All*
325. *Winter Wildlands Alliance*
326. *With Gaia Design LLC*
327. *World Ocean Day*
328. *Yale Peabody Museum*
329. *Yellowstone to Uintas Connection*
330. *Yoga for Health Education, LLC*
331. *Yonder Star Christmas Shop, LLC*
332. *Yosemite Close Up Tours*