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Washington, DC

Secretary Ryan Zinke  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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Washington, DC

Secretary Wilbur Ross  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW,  
Washington, DC

**RE: Efforts to Repeal or Undermine Protections for Parks and Monuments**

April 28, 2017

Dear President Trump, Secretary Zinke, and Secretary Ross,

On behalf of the over 400 undersigned organizations and our millions of members across the country, we are writing to express our deep concern with your recent Executive Orders and our unified opposition to any efforts to remove or decrease protections for any national monuments.

Since its enactment over a hundred years ago, the Antiquities Act has been one of our nation's most critical conservation tools for preserving our nation's most important public lands and waters. Our national parks and monuments and other protected public lands and waters unite all Americans by protecting our shared American heritage for future generations to enjoy. The sheer diversity of historic, cultural, and natural treasures that have been protected by the Antiquities Act is the reason why hundreds of groups representing sportsmen, cultural heritage organizations, evangelicals, conservation, recreation businesses, historic preservation, social justice, and many others all oppose efforts to undermine our national monuments and view an attack on any one national monument as an attack on them all.

Whether focused on the Bears Ears National Monument and the over 100,000 irreplaceable cultural and archaeological resources protected in this landscape or the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument which protected unique and pristine ocean habitats and marine life, or any other monument that protects our cultural, historic and natural treasures, an attempt to undermine protections for these uniquely American places would not only rob the American people of our shared heritage but establish a dangerous precedent that we can no longer trust that park or monument can be considered fully safeguarded for future generations.

The American people, including the millions of members we represent, overwhelmingly oppose efforts to roll back protections for the parks, monuments, marine sanctuaries and other public lands and waters they love. According to Colorado College's Conservation in the West Poll, 80% of western voters support keeping existing national monuments protections in place while only 13% of western voters supported removing protections for existing monuments. This poll reinforces other surveys that document widespread public opposition to congressional attacks on new parks. In a December 2014 Hart Research Poll, 90% of Americans support the permanent protection of some public lands, monuments, wildlife refuges and wilderness. Americans want more protected public lands and waters, not less!

We are concerned that this review is a pretense to advance efforts to undermine or strip protections for current national monuments. This review and the implied effort to roll back our monuments worries those who love our national monuments and the communities that rely on them to power their local economies. Just this week the Outdoor Industry Association unveiled a study that shows the outdoor recreation economy generates \$887 billion in economic activity and is responsible for 7.6 million jobs. Protected public lands and waters are the backbone of this economy and any effort to introduce uncertainty by implying that the national monuments that drive local economies may not be permanent will hurt those gateway communities and businesses that depend on them.

We believe that any review that is rigorously fact based, includes robust public input and is cognizant of the resources on the ground will undoubtedly show that our National Monuments are beyond deserving of their status and protections and should be safeguarded in their current states for future generations. We encourage the Department of the Interior to listen to the American people and reflect deeply on the values and resources they are sworn to protect and believe that this can lead to only one recommendation – that our national monuments are treasures worthy of the utmost protection.

Our organizations and the diverse array of members and interests we represent are united in our support for our national parks and monuments. Our national monuments protect our uniquely American heritage and we stand with the overwhelming majority of our fellow Americans in defending them from efforts to undermine protections for parks and monuments. We urge you to refrain from any effort to shrink, repeal or otherwise undermine any National Monuments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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ACORN Partners in Education  
African American Nature and Parks Experience  
Agua Fria Open Space Alliance  
Alabama Hills Stewardship Group  
Alaska Wilderness League  
Amargosa Conservancy  
American Association of Independent & Minority Enterprises  
American Bird Conservancy  
American Rivers  
Amigos Bravos  
Anchorage Audubon Society  
Appalachian Mountain Club  
Applegate Neighborhood Network  
Aquarium of the Bay  
Archeology Southwest  
Arizona Conservation Partners  
Arizona Joshua Tree Forest  
Arizona Wilderness Coalition  
ARTFARM

Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON)  
Association of Zoos & Aquariums  
Audubon Alaska  
Audubon Connecticut  
Audubon Great Lakes  
Audubon New York  
Audubon Society of Rhode Island  
Audubon Society of the Capital Region  
Audubon Washington  
Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico  
Bad River Watershed Association  
Basin and Range Watch  
Bay Area Coalition for Headwaters  
Bedford Audubon Society  
Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation  
Birds of Prey Partnership  
Black Metropolis National Heritage Area Commission  
Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership  
Bozeman Broadband - Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Braided River  
Bronx River – Sound Shore Audubon Society  
Bronzeville Historical Society  
Buffalo Audubon Society  
Business for Water Stewardship  
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium  
California Coastkeeper Alliance  
California Native Plant Society  
California State Parks Foundation  
California Wilderness Coalition  
California Wilderness Project  
Californians for Western Wilderness  
Calumet Collaborative  
Calumet Heritage Partnership  
Carrizo Plain Conservancy  
Cascade Forest Conservancy  
Center for American Progress  
Center for Aquatic Sciences at Adventure  
Aquarium  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Center for Diversity and the Environment  
Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation  
Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition  
Central Oregon Bitterbrush Broads  
Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center  
Central Westchester Audubon Society  
Chaffee County, Colorado  
Chemung Valley Audubon Society  
China Ranch Date Farm  
Clean Water Action  
Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection  
Coalition to Protect America's National Parks  
Coloradans for Utah Wilderness  
Colorado Canyons Association  
Colorado Mountain Club  
Colorado Native Plant Society  
Colorado Sierra Club  
Computer Sprout  
Conejos Clean Water  
Connecticut Fund for the Environment  
Connecticut Land Conservation Council  
Connecticut Ornithological Association  
Conservation Colorado  
Conservation Lands Foundation  
Conservation Law Foundation  
Conservation Southwest Utah  
Conservation Voters for Idaho

Conservation Voters New Mexico & CVNM  
Education Fund  
Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship  
Conserve Southwest Utah  
Council of Mexican Federations (COFEM)  
Craighead Institute  
Crow Canyon Archaeological Center  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society  
Diverse Environmental Leaders (DEL) National  
Speakers Bureau  
Dolores River Boating Advocates  
Earth Island Institute  
Earth Ministry  
EarthEcho International  
Earthjustice  
Earthworks  
East West Printing, Inc.  
EcoFlight  
Elders Rising  
Ellen's Homemade Ice Cream  
Environment America  
Environment Arizona  
Environment California  
Environment Colorado  
Environment Connecticut  
Environment Florida  
Environment Georgia  
Environment Illinois  
Environment Iowa  
Environment Maine  
Environment Maryland  
Environment Massachusetts  
Environment Michigan  
Environment Minnesota  
Environment Missouri  
Environment Montana  
Environment Nevada  
Environment New Hampshire  
Environment New Jersey  
Environment New Mexico  
Environment New York  
Environment North Carolina  
Environment Ohio  
Environment Oregon  
Environment Rhode Island  
Environment Texas  
Environment Virginia

Environment Washington  
Environmental Justice Coalition for Water  
Environmental Law and Policy Center  
Eric Larsen Explore  
Eyak Preservation Council  
Farmington River Watershed Association  
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs  
First Unitarian Church, Salt Lake City  
Footsteps of Leopold Broadband - Great Old  
Broads for Wilderness  
Forest Issues Group  
Fort Ord Recreation Trails  
Fort Stanton Cave Study Project  
Four Harbors Audubon Society  
Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon  
Area (FANs)  
Friends of Agua Fria National Monument  
Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges  
Friends of Basin & Range  
Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve  
Friends of Browns Canyon  
Friends of Cascade Siskiyou National Monument  
Friends of Cedar Mesa  
Friends of Gold Butte  
Friends of Ironwood Forest  
Friends of Nevada Wilderness  
Friends of Oregon Badlands Wilderness  
Friends of Organ Mountains - Desert Peaks  
Friends of Peru State Forest  
Friends of Point Arena - Stornetta Lands  
Friends of Pompeys Pillar  
Friends of Sloan Canyon  
Friends of the Bitterroot  
Friends of the Cheat  
Friends of the Cliffs  
Friends of the Desert Mountains  
Friends of the Earth  
Friends of the Forest Preserves  
Friends of the Inyo  
Friends of the Kalmiopsis  
Friends of the Owyhees  
Friends of the Sonoran Desert  
Friends of the Yampa  
Gathering Waters  
Genesee Valley Audubon Society  
Geos Institute  
GLSEN  
Grand Canyon Trust

Grand Canyon Wildlands Council  
Grand Junction Chapter - Great Old Broads for  
Wilderness  
Grand Staircase Escalante Partners  
Grand Valley Audubon Society  
Great Basin Eastern Nevada Broadband - Great  
Old Broads for Wilderness  
Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
Great Salt Lake Audubon  
Greater Yellowstone Coalition  
Greenbelt Alliance  
GreenLatinos  
Greenpeace  
Hells Canyon Preservation Council  
High Country Conservation Advocates  
Hills For Everyone  
Hispanic Access Foundation  
Hispanic Federation  
Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting, and the  
Outdoors (HECHO)  
Historic Pullman Foundation  
Hoosier Environmental Council  
Housatonic Valley Association  
Human Rights Campaign  
Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon  
Huron River Watershed Council  
Idaho Conservation League  
Indivisible Ogden  
Institute for a Progressive Nevada  
International Fund for Animal Welfare  
Islanders for the San Juans Islands National  
Monument  
Izaak Walton League of America, Headwaters  
Chapter  
Kanawha Forest Coalition  
Keep the Woods  
Kentucky Heartwood  
Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center  
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County  
Landmarks Illinois  
Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce  
Lassen Forest Preservation Group  
League of Conservation Voters  
Lee International  
Lider Engineering  
Loo Wit Group  
Los Angeles Waterkeeper  
Los Padres ForestWatch

Lost Coast Interpretive Association  
Lutheran Office of Public Policy  
Maine Conservation Voters  
Maine Public Health Association  
Maine Rivers  
Marine Conservation Institute  
Mattole Restoration Council  
Mendocino Land Trust  
Michael Gordon Photography  
Milwaukee River Keeper  
Mission Blue  
Mississippi Park Connection  
Mojave Desert Land Trust  
Mojave National Preserve Conservancy  
Mono Lake Committee  
Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund  
Montana Wilderness Association  
Montana Wildlife Federation  
Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance  
Mountain Lakes Preservation Alliance  
Mystic Aquarium  
NAACP  
National Association of Tribal Historic  
Preservation Officers  
National Audubon Society  
National Center for Transgender Equality  
National Ocean Protection Coalition  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Refuge Association  
Natural Resources Council of Maine  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Nature Abounds  
Nevada Conservation League  
New Hampshire Audubon  
New Hampshire Lakes Association  
New Hampshire Rivers Council  
New Mexico Friends of Utah Wilderness  
New Mexico Sportsmen  
New Mexico Wilderness Alliance  
New Mexico Wildlife Federation  
North Carolina League of Conservation Voters  
North Shore Audubon Society  
Northern Alaska Environmental Center  
Northern Catskills Audubon Society  
Northern Initiatives  
Northern San Juan Broadband - Great Old  
Broads for Wilderness

Northwest Indiana Restoration Monitoring  
Inventory  
Ocean Conservancy  
Ocean Conservation Research  
Oceana  
Ohio Environmental Council  
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition  
Onondaga Audubon  
Openlands  
Orange County Audubon Society  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Oregon Natural Desert Association  
Oregon Wild  
ORV Watch Kern County  
OUT There Adventures  
Outdoor Afro  
Outdoor Project  
Outside Las Vegas Foundation  
Partnership for Responsible Business  
Partnership for the National Trails System  
Patagonia Area Resource Alliance  
Patagonia, Inc  
Pathways - Wildlife Corridors of New Mexico  
Peaceful Uprising  
Penn Center  
PennEnvironment  
Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers, Inc.  
Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium  
Praxis Project  
Protection of New Hampshire Forests  
Public Citizen  
Pullman Civic Organization  
PullmanArts  
Putnam Highlands Audubon Society  
Quaker Voice  
Quiet Use Coalition  
Reno Broadband - Great Old Broads for  
Wilderness  
RESTORE: The North Woods  
Rio Grande del Norte  
Rivers & Birds  
Rivers Alliance  
Roaring Fork Broadband - Great Old Broads for  
Wilderness  
Rocky Mountain Wild  
Salt Lake Indivisible  
San Bernardino Valley Audubon  
San Gabriel Mountains Forever

San Gorgonio Wilderness Association  
San Juan Citizens Alliance  
San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council  
Sanctuary Forest  
Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society  
Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce  
Save The Bay  
Save the Sound  
Scenic America  
Seattle Aquarium  
Sempervirens Fund  
Shedd Aquarium  
Sheep Mountain Alliance  
Shoshone Village  
Sierra Club  
Sierra Club Military Outdoors  
Sierra Foothills Audubon Society  
Sky Island Alliance  
Soda Mountain Wilderness Council  
Soul River Inc. Runs Wild  
Southeast Environmental Task Force  
Southern Adirondack Audubon Society  
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance  
Southwest Environmental Center  
St. Croix River Association  
Surfrider Foundation  
Swan View Coalition  
Territory Run Co.  
Teton Valley Chapter - Great Old Broads for  
Wilderness  
The Bay Institute  
The California Chaparral Institute  
The City Project  
The Friends of Sparta Mountain  
The Mountain Pact  
The National Aquarium  
The Ocean Project  
The Trail Posse  
The Wilderness Society  
Torrey House Press  
Transition Habitat Conservancy  
Trinidad Coastal Land Trust  
Trout Unlimited, Illinois Chapter  
Trust for Public Land  
Tucson Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
Tuleyome  
Tuolumne River Trust  
Uplift Climate

Upper Gila Watershed Alliance  
Utah Dine Bikeyah  
Utah Indivisible  
Utah Interfaith Power & Light  
Utah Professional Archaeological Council  
Utah Rivers Council  
Utah State University's Student Organization for  
Society and Natural Resources (SOSNR)  
Utahns Speak Out  
Vet Voice Foundation  
Voces Verdes  
Voyageurs National Park Association  
Waitt Foundation  
Waitt Institute  
Wasatch Broadband - Great Old Broads for  
Wilderness  
Wasatch Mountain Club  
Washington Conservation Voters  
Washington Environmental Council  
Washington Trails Association  
Washington Wild  
WasteWater Education  
West Virginia Highlands Conservancy  
West Virginia Land Trust  
West Virginia Rivers Coalition  
Western Colorado Congress  
Western Environmental Law Center  
Western Resource Advocates  
Western Slope Conservation Center  
Western Watersheds Project  
Western Wildlife Conservancy  
Wild Utah Project  
Wild Virginia  
WILDCOAST  
Wildearth Guardians  
Wilderness Workshop  
WildLands Defense  
Wildlands Network  
Wildlife Conservation Advocacy Southwest  
Willamette Valley Broadband - Great Old  
Broads for Wilderness  
Winter Wildlands Alliance  
Wisconsin Environment  
Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters  
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation  
Wyoming Outdoor Council  
Yellowstone to Uintas Connection