

Congressman
RAÚL M. GRIJALVA



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Grijalva to Host Press Conference at Ironwood Forest National Monument

TUCSON – Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ) will be hosting a press conference with local environmental advocates highlighting the threat to Ironwood Forest National Monument and other national monuments across the country posed by the Trump Administration. On April 26, President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#) requiring Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke to review the monument statuses of 27 national monuments, including Ironwood Forest National Monument. The Order is part of broader GOP attempts to undermine the Antiquities Act, and roll back environmental protections to open up public lands to mining interests. At the end of the press conference, a family of Harris hawks will be released, emphasizing the need to protect the biological diversity of the Ironwood Forest.

~~~~EVENT DETAILS~~~~

**\*This event is open to the public and members of the media**

**WHO**

Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva  
Maria Klucarova on behalf of Supervisor Sharon Bronson – Pima County Board of Supervisors  
Vice Chair Jose Vernon – Tohono O’odham Nation  
William Thornton – Friends of Ironwood Forest  
Carolyn Campbell – Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection  
Kevin Dahl – National Parks Conservation Association  
Mike Quigley – The Wilderness Society  
Sandy Bahr – Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter

**WHAT**

Press Conference highlighting President Trump and the GOP’s attacks on national monuments

**WHEN**

Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM

**DIRECTIONS TO PRESS CONFERENCE LOCATION**

Ironwood Forest National Monument  
Take I-10 exit 242 onto Avra Valley Rd. and travel west.  
Proceed past Pump Station Rd. and Waterman Mountain Rd.  
Turn left onto Johnstone Mine Rd. (approx. 20 miles west of I-10)  
Johnstone Mine Rd. is unmarked but will have someone at the intersection of Avra Valley and Johnstone directing press conference attendees  
Stay left when you reach the fork in the road and proceed for 300 yards

If you have any difficulties locating the press conference location, please call Nate at [\(520\) 444-3007](tel:5204443007)