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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 2nd 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)
Johnston 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