

President Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW,
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Re: Outdoor Business Support for the Restoration of National Monuments

Dear President Biden and Secretary Haaland,

The undersigned outdoor businesses from across Utah and the country request that your administration prioritize taking immediate action to restore Bears Ears National Monument to its original size pursuant to President Obama's Proclamation 9558 and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument to its original size pursuant to President Clinton's Proclamation 6920.

Our companies and the outdoor industry care deeply about public lands, and we are concerned about the integrity of the Antiquities Act and the protection of our national monuments. Both the Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments boast incredible terrain and awe-inspiring landscapes that attract outdoor enthusiasts from around country and the world. On any given day, nearly all of the products or services we provide are being used and tested in these uniquely American landscapes.

In addition, the designation of Bears Ears National Monument in 2016 was an historic act that recognized and embraced the views of the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Ute Mountain and the Ute Indian Tribes that collectively called for the protection of this unique cultural landscape in southeastern Utah.

Looking to the future, your administration must work to both protect these unique landscapes and respect Native American leadership. As your administration considers the needs of the people who live in these regions, it is clear that access to land in its natural state is a strong and durable economic driver. Rural communities like those adjacent to these monuments have begun the work to reduce their dependence on resource extraction industries, and attract both visitors and new quality-of-life residents who value these protected landscapes while providing reliable future jobs and local government revenues.

Yet on December 4, 2017, President Trump disrupted this work and drastically reducing the size of these monuments —an unprecedented and divisive action that is still being reviewed by federal courts. Both monuments protect many objects of historic and scientific value while also providing world-class recreation opportunities and solace for many Americans seeking the quiet beauty found in these areas. Many of these important cultural, recreation, and conservation values were removed from protection when the monuments were downsized.

Accordingly, the undersigned outdoor businesses urge you to take immediate action and fully restore Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument to their original boundaries. In addition, we ask you to restart the management plans for both monuments to bring landscape-level analyses to those efforts and better incorporate the views of the Tribal community.

Sincerely,

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