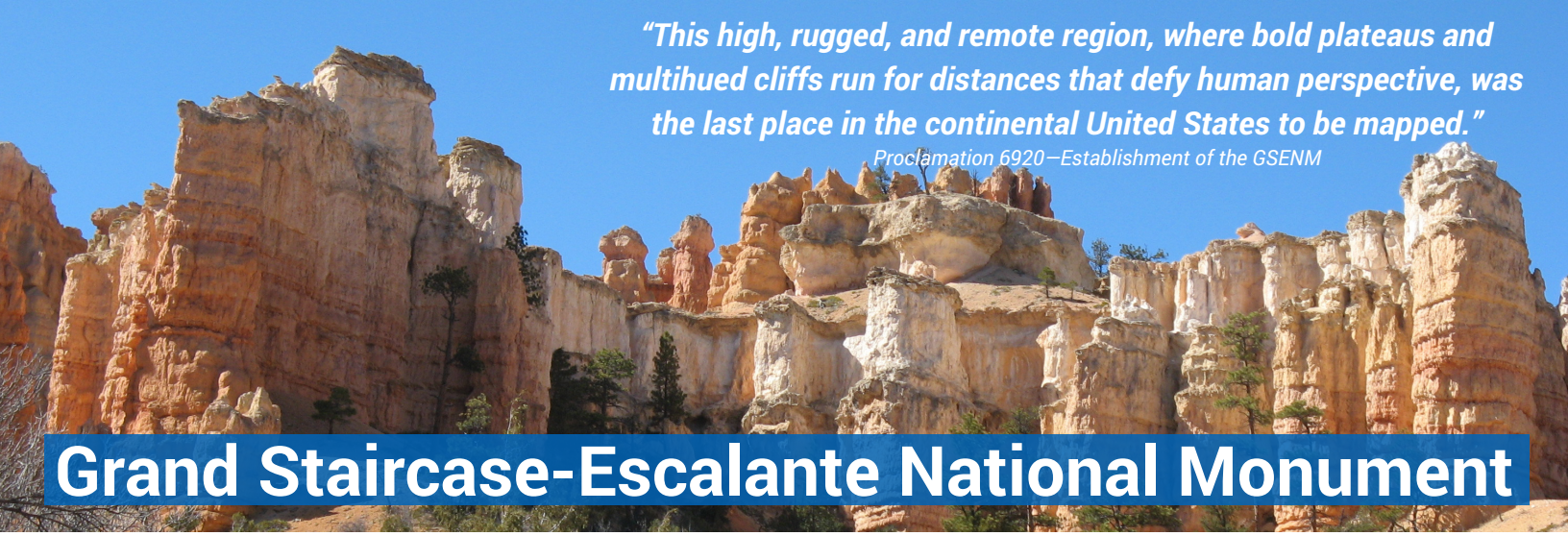

"This high, rugged, and remote region, where bold plateaus and multihued cliffs run for distances that defy human perspective, was the last place in the continental United States to be mapped."

Proclamation 6920—Establishment of the GSENM

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

ABOUT THE GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT (GSENM)

- Located in southeastern Utah, the monument is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- The 1,700,000 acre monument was designated in 1996 by President Clinton.
- The GSENM received its name from its spectacular Grand Staircase of cliffs and terraces. The stair steps rise 5,500 feet and range from the North Rim Grand Canyon through Zion National Park to the pink cliffs of Bryce Canyon.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

- The GSENM area has been inhabited by man for more than 13,000 years.
- Projectile points ("arrowheads"), other tools, pottery shards, rock art, camp sites, and residential Ancestral Puebloan sites such as pit houses can be found across the landscape.
- These artifacts are extremely important to the Native Americans who still live here today and view them as direct connections to their ancestors.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND USE OF THE GSENM

- The GSENM provides fantastic recreation opportunities, including hiking, waterfall viewing, swimming, canyoneering, rock climbing, camping, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, and boating.
- As is the case with many national monuments, grazing is authorized inside the monument boundaries.
- The pristine landscape and unparalleled recreational opportunities attract thousands of Americans each year.

LOCAL SUPPORT & OUTDOOR ECONOMY

2X as many Utahns describe the Grand Staircase as a good vs a bad thing for Utah, 52% to 23% *(Pew Charitable Trust, 2016).*

69% of Utah voters believed the Grand Staircase is good for Utah, while **62%** felt that the monument is a significant economic benefit *(Republicans for Environment Protection, 2011).*

In Utah, the outdoor recreation economy supports **122,000** jobs & contributes **$856M** in state and local tax revenue *(Outdoor Industry Association, 2017).*

"Our story in Escalante is just one of many examples of communities across our nation benefiting economically from national monuments and the protection of public lands."

-Kristina Waggoner, Vice President of the Boulder-Escalante Chamber of Commerce

Protect Our National Monuments!

President Trump and Republicans in Congress want to take public lands away from everyday Americans and hand them over to oil, gas and mining companies. In April 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order directing the Department of the Interior to review the establishment history and current status of 27 national monuments created since 1996 under the Antiquities Act, a law Congress passed more than a century ago that authorizes the president to designate national monuments on existing federal land. In August 2017, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke recommended shrinking at least four national monuments and modifying 10 others. On December 4, 2017, Trump drastically shrank two of Utah's National Monuments - Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante - through a presidential order with no legal basis.