

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

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Hon. Ryan Zinke
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On April 26, 2017, President Trump ordered a sweeping review of a wide range of national monuments established under the Antiquities Act in the last twenty years. The Executive Order directed the Department of Interior within 45 days to issue a report on the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and any other monument determined appropriate for inclusion in the interim report. This review, one of the first big undertakings in your tenure as Interior Secretary, included a visit to Utah and the launch of a public comment period to solicit input from concerned citizens.

The justification for this review was the allegation that certain monument designations were made without sufficient public input and a review was needed to allow the American people to comment on their national monuments.

1. In the spirit of transparency and open government, please provide a detailed itinerary and list of your meetings while in Utah and any other location associated with the review of national monuments.
2. Additionally, please provide an account of all comments received during the public comment period that includes a tally of positive and negative submissions.

As you prepare to make recommendations on the future of beloved national monuments, the American public deserves to know and understand the basis for your decisions. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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