

Trump Attacks National Monuments and Antiquities Act

Donald Trump has signed an Executive Order attacking national monuments and the Antiquities Act of 1906.

This is an egregious and irrational act, and we are angered by it.

We have learned that Secretary Zinke will target national monuments 100,000 acres or larger designated under the Antiquities Act since 1996 - six of which are in California: Berryessa Snow Mountain, Carrizo Plain, Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, San Gabriel Mountains, and Giant Sequoia, however all national monuments designated in this timeframe are at risk.

National monuments are part of our American Heritage and they safeguard many of our most awesome landscapes and waterways. They also preserve and respect Native American cultural sites, drive tourism and outdoor recreation which support jobs.

Our own Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument tells the story of plate tectonics and biological diversity, protects wildlife corridors, and mitigates for climate change. Conservation groups; user groups including hikers, mountain bikers, horse riders, legal off-highway-vehicle users, hunters, anglers and others; businesses; elected officials; and many more worked to protect this special place. We cannot allow the partisan tactics and destructive ideology of Donald Trump destroy what nature and we have worked so hard to build and protect.

Since it was signed into being by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, the Antiquities Act has been used on a bipartisan basis by the majority of U.S. presidents (16; 8 Republicans and 8 Democrats). There are now over 150 monuments - including 20 in California -- that shield and preserve America's cultural, historical, and natural heritage for future generations, including the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument which was signed into being by President Obama on July 10, 2015.

No president in the history of our nation has ever attempted to revoke a predecessor's monument designation, even where some public disagreement over the designation existed. And legal scholars agree that no president has the legal authority to eliminate or significantly alter a national park or national monument. Yet Donald Trump seeks to do just that.

His Executive Order is not only an attack on America's public lands legacy and our native and cultural heritage, it is an attack on the surrounding communities and small businesses that have come to rely on access to these places. Outdoor recreation alone drives a \$887-billion economy and supports 7.6 million jobs. Numerous studies have

proved that communities located near monuments and other protected public lands have stronger economies, and that the outdoor and recreational opportunities they provide increase residents' quality of life, making areas near monuments more attractive to new residents, entrepreneurs and small businesses, and investment.

An attack on one national monument is an attack on all of them.

On this issue, Tuleyome is standing as a vanguard, working to protect the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (and other national monuments across the country). We are fighting for the preservation of the Antiquities Act and to safeguard our National Conservation Lands. This year we launched our CERE Guardian fundraising effort to Conserve, Enhance, Restore and Enjoy our public lands; and, yes, we need your contributions to support our efforts. Please donate today (and your gift today will also count toward the Big Day of Giving). Go to <https://www.bigdayofgiving.org/tuleyome>.

If you want to help, please feel free to email or call.

Together, we will protect our wild heritage against this egregious onslaught.

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