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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

As hunting- and fishing-dependent businesses, we are writing in regards to your Administration’s review of 27 national monuments created using the Antiquities Act. This valuable conservation law was signed by Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and has been used by 16 presidents over the last 110 years—eight Democrats and eight Republicans—to protect some of the nation’s best public lands and waters. In recent years, sportsmen and women have advocated for the responsible use of the Antiquities Act to protect some of America’s finest hunting and fishing areas, including Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks in New Mexico, Katahdin Woods and Waters in Maine, and Berryessa Snow Mountain in California.

From trout and bass fishing to deer and quail hunting, national monuments protect some of the best hunting and fishing destinations in America and they support the $887-billion outdoor recreation economy. Because our bottom lines depend on it and because of our commitment to the outdoors, we want to make it clear that we strongly support the Antiquities Act and the special places that have been protected as national monuments.

As a result of E.O. 13792, “Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act,” we understand that you recently received a report from the Department of the Interior Secretary, Ryan Zinke, with recommendations for reducing the size of four land-based monuments and potentially two marine monuments.

Instead of considering the repeal of national monuments, we ask that you seek to set an example for how the Antiquities Act should be used responsibly, so that all future presidents may follow in your footsteps. No president of the modern era has attempted to significantly alter the boundaries of a national monument, and no president has ever acted to reverse a monument. Such executive actions are not only of questionable legality, they would put the future status of all monuments in question, including those that your office might want to recognize in the future. If you believe that a monument needs to be resized, we encourage you to make recommendations to Congress with the request that they make the changes legislatively. That’s how the Act is intended to work and a legislative path will protect your presidential powers.

Thank you for your consideration of our request on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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- Echo Flyfishing
- First Lite
- Fishpond USA
- Frontiers Travel
- Hunt To Eat
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- Waterworks-Lamson