Monument Reviews

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U.S. Department of the Interior

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*Dear Secretary Zinke,*

*We, the American people worked long and hard to establish the Bears Ears National Monument. Many Native Nations, individual tribal people, Utahans, and citizens across the United States use and appreciate this beautiful and sacred land. It is unique for its diverse plants and wildlife, its extensive recreational opportunities, its cultural and historical treasures, and its incredible natural landscape.*

*The designation as a national monument protects our land for our use. I am very disappointed and concerned that President Trump has issued an Executive Order, which threatens the Bears Ears National Monument. The national monument designation protects Bears Ears from corporate interests, political forces, and ensures that this wonderful, historical, recreational resource and cultural jewel is intact and available for us, for our children, and for generations to come.*

*The Bears Ears designation came to fruition after years of input—not just 120 days of comments. It was made after many meetings with local citizens, tribal representatives, and other stakeholders, not just one short visit to the region.*

*You were tasked with determining if the process for designating Bears Ears National Monument was appropriate, open, and inclusive. It was.*

*The people have spoken. A majority of people support the national monument designation of Bears Ears as it stands today. We want our land protected from corporate interests, and from political forces who would seek to take our land away from us.*

*Leave Bears Ears as is. Leave the monuments as is. Leave our land alone.*

*Sincerely,*