

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 23, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable Jeff Sessions  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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Washington, DC 20530

Dear Secretary Zinke,

We continue to be very concerned about your efforts to remove protections from America's most treasured places by rescinding national monument designations through the Administration's 'Monuments Review'. We request that you meet with us in Senator Durbin's office to explain the any recommendations you have to alter existing national monuments and provide maps, documentation, and justification for the changes you are pursuing and what authority you will use to enact the changes. In addition, we request that you:

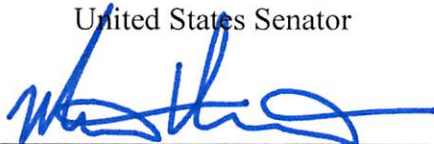
- Publicly release your memo to the President regarding the Monuments Review, as received by the Washington Post and Wall Street Journal on September 18, 2017;
- Make all of the comments the Department of the Interior received regarding the Monuments Review public;
- Respond to all substantive public comments before finalizing the review; and
- Provide copies of any and all updated Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel memos regarding the President's authorities under the Antiquities Act of 1906.

We look forward to meeting with you as soon as possible and receiving the requested documents. Until that time, we will reserve the right to object to nominees for the Department of the Interior being confirmed by the United States Senate.

Sincerely,



RICHARD J. DURBIN  
United States Senator



MARTIN HEINRICH  
United States Senator



TOM UDALL  
United States Senator



JEFF MERKLEY  
United States Senator