



Be an Original Co-Sponsor | *National Monument Creation and Protection Act*

The “*National Monument Creation and Protection Act*”, or “*National Monument CAP Act*”, restores the original Congressional intent of the Antiquities Act while modernizing the law for the 21st Century and introducing new accountability measures. This comprehensive reform legislation includes provisions to protect endangered antiquities, prevent abuse of executive authority, empower impacted communities and protect property rights. These reforms balance the protection of archeological resources with the need to check executive overreach.

Retains Executive Flexibility to Protect Archeological Artifacts in Imminent Danger

Retains full flexibility to designate a National Monument up to 640 acres, allowing the President to rapidly protect objects of antiquity in imminent danger and restoring the original intent of the Antiquities Act.

Ensures Comprehensive Review of Monument Designations

Ensures all new monument designations between 640 acres and 10,000 acres are reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to being finalized. Proposed new monument designations between 5,000 and 10,000 acres must be reviewed under an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. Requires that the President release a public report prior to proclaiming a monument detailing all impacted economic, recreational, and other interests, impacts to protection, and basis for protection.

Empowers State and Local Voices in National Monument Designations

Requires the approval of all county commissions, state legislatures, and governors impacted by a national monument for any designation between 10,000 and 85,000 acres. Protects the economic vitality of local lands by requiring prior written consent of impacted state and private landowners before private property is included in a national monument. For transparency, requires disclosure of all lobbying efforts prior to proclamation.

Creates New Emergency Authorities to Swiftly Protect Threatened Areas

Allows the president to designate new “Emergency National Monuments” for up to one year to protect areas of any size in times of emergency. After invoking this authority, the president may never designate any of the affected lands as a future National Monument.

Prohibits Marine National Monuments

Redefines the terms used in the Antiquities Act to prohibit the designation of marine national monuments, restoring the original purpose of the Act to only protect objects on lands owned by the federal government.

Provides Congressional Direction on Presidential Monument Reductions

Requires monument reductions greater than 85,000 acres in size to be approved by the impacted counties, state legislatures and governors and to have undergone NEPA analysis.