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NPCA Analysis of Secretarial Order Impact on National Monuments

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Interior Secretary Doug Burgum issued the Secretarial Order “Unleashing American Energy,” which instructs an internal review of oil, gas and minerals in national monuments designating under the Antiquities Act. NPCA has reviewed this order and, using data from the Department of Energy, has identified key places at risk of losing federal protections which could have devastating and lasting impacts.

The Colorado Plateau and the Four Corners Region of the Southwest

These national monuments contribute to a connected and protected corridor across the Southwest, linking dramatic canyons, world-renowned geological features and archaeological sites, and preserve Tribal history since time immemorial. They sustain the greater Grand Canyon ecosystem and protect critical habitat along the Colorado River and its tributaries.

Managed by the National Park Service (NPS)

- Aztec Ruins National Monument (est.1923)
- Dinosaur National Monument (est.1915)
- Hovenweep National Monument (est.1923)
- Natural Bridges National Monument (est.1908)
- Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument (est.1930)

Managed by other Agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), US Forest Service, and Tribal Co-Management

- Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni National Monument (est. 2023)
- Bears Ears National Monument (est. 2016)
- Grand Canyon–Parashant National Monument (est. 2000)
- Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (est.1996)
- Vermillion Cliffs National Monument (est. 2000)

The Northern Rockies and Great Plains

Devils Tower National Monument, established in 1906 by President Teddy Roosevelt as the first national monument, is an enduring symbol of our rich natural heritage. These monuments, at the edge of the Great Plains, protect dramatic formations and cultural landmarks for future generations.

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- Devils Tower National Monument (est.1906)
- Jewel Cave National Monument (est.1908)
- Scottsbluff National Monument (est.1919)

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