



THIS IS THE GRAND LEGACY OF ONE NEW YORK REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT.

WILL PRESIDENT TRUMP'S LEGACY MEASURE UP?

In 1906, President Teddy Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act, allowing presidents to protect historic landmarks by declaring them national monuments. He used this power to protect more than 800,000 acres of the Grand Canyon for all Americans. At the time, Arizona's congressional delegation called it a "land grab," but today, Grand Canyon National Park is revered as a living symbol of America and a vital economic driver attracting more than five million enthralled visitors every year.

On April 26th, another New York Republican, President Trump, signed an executive order requiring Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review 27 national monuments, specifically targeting Utah's Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments. Within weeks, the president will decide their fate.

The Bears Ears region, with its thousands of archeological sites, is sacred ancestral ground to Native Americans who have long fought to protect its treasures from looting and desecration. At the urging of five tribes, Bears Ears National Monument was created last year. By upholding this commitment to the tribes and rejecting the misguided pleas of Utah politicians, President Trump can protect one of America's greatest living cultural landscapes. At Grand Staircase-Escalante, local chambers of commerce are among many that want the monument to keep its protections. After all, their communities have relied on it for 20 years, and their economies depend on it.

We must safeguard spectacular American landscapes like Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante so Americans can forever hunt, fish, graze livestock, and explore these lands that belong to us all. That's how President Theodore Roosevelt secured his place in history. Will President Trump tarnish his by devaluing these national treasures? Or will he protect what truly makes America great?



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