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WASHINGTON -- Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and House Republicans have escalated their feud with Patagonia after the outdoor retailer told Americans that President Donald Trump "stole your land" in his move to shrink two sprawling Utah national monuments.

More to post and tweet on Bears Ears and Grand Staircase

There are so many great items right now, we are going to keep passing the best on to you. Please post and tweet widely!

With the Utah delegation introducing bills to make Trump's repeal of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase permanent, we need to keep the spotlight on voices for these monuments.

Gives these a read, and then share!

Political Bagley Cartoon

POST: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernUtahWildernessAlliance/posts/10157402145768644>

RETWEET: <https://twitter.com/UtahDineBikeyah/status/938527004239978496>

Scientists decry Trump's move to strip fossil treasures from Utah's Grand Staircase monument 12/10

POST: <https://www.facebook.com/MonumentsForUSA/posts/1989068414702034>

RETWEET: <https://twitter.com/MonumentsForUSA/status/939904077407948811>

Chicago Sun-Times Editorial - Trump's attack on public lands is assault on our heritage

POST: <https://www.facebook.com/MonumentsForUSA/posts/1988554354753440>

RETWEET: <https://twitter.com/MonumentsForUSA/status/939590980805775361>

Tweet:

- Editorial by @Suntimes: "@realDonaldTrump offers no persuasive, overarching argument that despoiling areas long marked for conservation would benefit us." <http://bit.ly/2BpPv4j> #MonumentsForAll #StandWithBearsEars #SaveGrandStaircase
- "Once we designate a cherished natural area for protection, it should stay protected as part of our national heritage." <http://bit.ly/2BpPv4j> #MonumentsForAll #StandWithBearsEars #SaveGrandStaircase @SecretaryZinke @WhiteHouse

Salt Lake Tribune OpEd by Brooke Larsen: We stand with Bears Ears and Grand Staircase for the long haul

POST: <https://www.facebook.com/protectbears/posts/1482261488558273>

RETWEET: <https://twitter.com/SouthernUTWild/status/939185932686602241>

TWEET:

- "Despite the grief and rage that fills many hearts, the people's response should also inspire hope that the future of these lands doesn't rest with @realDonaldTrump." <http://bit.ly/2Bh60Q5> #MonumentsForAll #StandWithBearsEars #SaveGrandStaircase
- "The idea that Bears Ears National Monument was too big displays disgusting ignorance of the fact that we stand on stolen land." <http://bit.ly/2Bh60Q5> #StandWithBearsEars #MonumentsForAll @senorrinhatch @SecretaryZinke
- "As we chanted '#SaveGrandStaircase,' we weren't just standing up for wildness, but also a stable climate, clean air, and clean water in this precious desert landscape." <http://bit.ly/2Bh60Q5> #MonumentsForAll @WhiteHouse

And

Most important, there is a hearing tomorrow(12.13) on Utah Rep Stewart's horrible "Grand Staircase Giveaway" bill (HR 4558)!

We need to shine the spotlight on the public opposition to this bill. Several hundred people showed up at the Utah State Capitol to stand with conservationists speaking out against the bill.

Please post and tweet the items below!

Press Conference (and Protest) opposing Rep Stewart's Grand Staircase Giveaway bill
POST: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernUtahWildernessAlliance/posts/10157413161858644>

Also POST: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernUtahWildernessAlliance/posts/10157413390498644>

RETWEET: <https://twitter.com/SouthernUTWild/status/940745024786100225>

And have fun RETWEETING these tweets from people who were at the Press Conference/Protest. : <https://twitter.com/search?f=tweets&vertical=default&q=%23savegrandstaircase&src=typd>

If you want to watch the livestream of the press conference: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernUtahWildernessAlliance/videos/10157412734908644/>

New York Times Editorial: The Looting of America (*this is a really important Editorial*)

POST: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernUtahWildernessAlliance/posts/10157406198043644>

RETWEET: <https://twitter.com/SouthernUTWild/status/940746200520593408>

RETWEET THIS COOL FLASHING MEME

<https://twitter.com/MonumentsForUSA/status/938156003257860096>

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History repeating:

A Nasty, Nafta-Related Surprise: Mexico's Soaring Obesity

By ANDREW JACOBS and MATT RICHTER

Few predicted when Mexico joined the free-trade deal that it would transform the country in a way that would saddle millions with diet-related illnesses

Question: Where did the largest snowball fight take place, according to the Guinness Book of World Records?

- 1. Anchorage, Alaska**
- 2. Fargo, North Dakota**

3. **Saskatoon, Canada**
4. **Seattle, Washington**

Today's selection -- from *Divided Highways* by Tom Lewis. The America of the 1800s was exploding in size and wealth but lacked the trained engineers to keep this momentum. The federal government came to the rescue with "land-grant colleges," which blossomed across the country. One beneficiary was Thomas MacDonald, the "founding father" of America's early system of roads:

"The man who created the interstate routes did as much as Henry Ford or Alfred Sloan to put America on wheels. He funneled billions of federal dollars to the forty-eight states to build roads. His momentous decisions transformed the American landscape and affected the daily lives and movements of almost every citizen. Yet few in America in 1926 knew his name or even his office; today, almost no one does. He was Thomas Harris MacDonald, chief of the Federal Bureau of Public Roads. ...



"The foresight of a conservative Republican congressman who had quit school at age fifteen enabled Thomas MacDonald and thousands like him to attend college. In 1862, Representative Justin Smith Morrill of Vermont introduced a bill granting public lands in each state for the

'endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college ... to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts.' The Senate approved the measure, and President Lincoln signed the Morrill Land Grant Act into law. In 1890, Congress passed a second Morrill Act (the octogenarian Vermonter, now serving in the Senate, knew nothing of term limits). It provided money to colleges and universities, the first federal aid for education.

"As a result of Morrill's act, western American states in the closing years of the nineteenth century blossomed with agricultural and technical colleges. They were past due. Prior to 1862, there were just six schools of engineering in the United States -- including those at the military academy at West Point, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Harvard, Yale, and MIT. By 1872, there were seventy, most in land-grant colleges, opening opportunities for people like Thomas MacDonald who likely would not have ever considered attending a traditional college or university. Armed with a practical degree, many went on to careers in American industry, producing petroleum, steel, and of course automobiles. Still others built modern America's great civil engineering works -- its bridges, skyscrapers, subways, tunnels, and roads.

"The Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Ames, established in 1868, testified to Justin Smith Morrill's vision. While the college stressed the mechanic arts, it also took care to include the 'other scientific and classical studies,' as stipulated by the Land Grant Act. In addition to physics, chemistry, mathematics, and civil engineering, (twenty-nine courses), the curriculum also demanded four terms of English and two each of Latin, military science, and library. MacDonald's grades hovered about 3.85 on a 4-point scale, more than enough to qualify him for honors.

"At Iowa State, MacDonald fell under the tutelage of the school's dean, Anson Marston, who taught courses in road building and was an early and important advocate of the 'good roads' movement.

"Thomas Harris MacDonald regarded road building as something more than a mere livelihood; it was a calling of higher moral purpose. 'Next to the education of the child,' he wrote, road building ranked as 'the greatest public responsibility.' It contributed to the common good and did more to increase the 'possibilities of enjoyment and happiness of life than any other public undertaking.'"

Divided Highways Author: **Tom Lewis** Publisher: **Cornell University Press**

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One Planet Summit: World Bank to Stop Financing Oil, Gas Projects

<https://www.ecowatch.com/world-bank-oil-gas-2516920939.html>

Grand Canyon Uranium Mining Ban Upheld by Appeals Court

<https://www.ecowatch.com/grand-canyon-uranium-mining-2517137546.html>



About Salish Style - Northwest Coast Contemporary Native art

Salish Style is a modern lifestyle brand that embodies the artistic spirit of Northwest Native American and First Nations design and culture. Based in Seattle, Coast Salish owned, we collaborate with artists throughout the Pacific Northwest from numerous Native American tribes and First Nations to create clothing inspired by our cultural heritages as well as contemporary culture, that stand out and share a story.

Each of our nations maintain their own distinct art, language, and traditions, however we all share strong connections with the land, waters, and wildlife found in the Northwest region that we and our ancestors call home.

We pride ourselves on making meaningful products that not only exemplify our lifestyle, but promote recognition, preservation, cultural appreciation and authenticity of Native art in a manner that is accessible for all. [READ MORE](#) *



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Congratulations to the First Navajo UFC Champion!

Not only did Navajo fighter Nicco Montaño win the inaugural UFC women's flyweight title on Friday night, she did it with a broken bone in her foot! Talk about tough!

Social media was blowing up over the weekend with congratulatory posts and video from the fight.

One video that everyone loved is when Nicco spoke in Navajo after winning the fight:

[VIDEO; Nicco Montano accepting her awards in the Navajo I](#)

And a lot of folks were giving her props before the fight when she picked "Indian Car" to walk out to! [READ MORE](#)

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## What Happens When Kids Meet a Native Politician?

These "Kids Try" videos are always cute as kids say the darnedest things right? In the latest video from HiHo Kids, these kids meet with Asa Washines, a Tribal Council Member for the Yakima Nation Tribe in Washington State.

Let's hear what they already know about Native Americans and see what they learn.

### [Kids Meet a Native American Politician](#)

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## Judge Stops Walmart Shopping Center From Being Built on Endangered Florida Forest

<https://www.ecowatch.com/florida-forest-walmart-2516626710.html>

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*"One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth the doing is what we do for others."*

— Lewis Carroll

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## Last Chance to watch over 40 Speakers for only \$25 ending on December 31, 2017

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Answer: **Saskatoon, Canada (7681 snowball fighters)** (Thanks Buckaroo News)

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## Ancient Rock Art Mapped in Amazing Detail, Revealing 100-Foot Snake

<https://www.livescience.com/61155-drone-maps-ancient-rock-art-venezuela.html>

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### Ceremonial Weaving: Mary Snowden, weaver/sculptor

Elizabeth Hickox, master basketmaker of the Wiyot, northwestern California, where these lidded baskets were common. The patterns resonate with a larger region, ... [See More](#)

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### FCC Set to Roll Back Digital Civil Rights With Vote to Repeal Net Neutrality

**Amy Goodman and Juan González, Democracy Now!:** The Federal Communications Commission is set to vote Thursday on whether to repeal the landmark net neutrality protections passed under President Obama in 2015. The move could allow internet service providers to cut speeds and jack up prices. The repeal proposal drew a record 22 million comments to the FCC, which critics say the agency has not fully reviewed. [Watch the Video and Read the Transcript](#)

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### **20 Companies Pledge to Phase Out Coal**

<https://www.ecowatch.com/coal-companies-one-planet-summit-2517129095.html>

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**Arctic Report Card 2017: Ice Cover Is Shrinking Faster Compared With Prior 1,500 Years** <https://www.ecowatch.com/arctic-report-card-2017-2517131054.html>



***Bears repeating:***

- This is a short [history of the politics](#)
- Here is the film: <http://www.patagonia.com/the-refuge.html>
- This is the Gwich'in Steering Committee's [website](#)
- This is the [Gwich'in tribal council's](#) page

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**From:** [Twcobb@aol.com](mailto:Twcobb@aol.com)

**Subject: Protect Native American Antiquities, But Stop Government Overreach**

*Colleagues: Below please find an op ed by Stan Paher and myself arguing in favor of set asides to protect valuable Native American antiquities and historic sites, but not by designations bigger than the state of Rhode Island!*



*This op ed appeared in the print edition of the RGJ today, but unfortunately only with the first part of our suggested headline, "Protect Native American Antiquities", but failed to include the call to stop government overreach!*

*Here is the op ed, followed by an interesting chart that illustrates the sheer size of the designations made in the last days of the Obama administration, which we object to. Ty*

RGJ, Wednesday, December 13

### **Protect Native American Antiquities, But Stop Government Overreach**

By Stanley Paher and Tyrus W. Cobb

Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke has mandated an extensive reduction of national monuments in Utah and Nevada promulgated by the Obama Administration. Without any real consultation with residents of the two states, the Obama designated land twice as big as the state of Rhode Island as "Monuments", including Utah's Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante, and Basin and Range and Gold Butte in Nevada.

While there are pockets of antiquities in these three designations that deserve protection, we maintain that setting aside areas of this magnitude and prohibiting any mineral exploitation there represents serious government overreach. There is no compelling argument that would rationalize restricting 3.2 million acres of southeastern Utah and over 1 million acres in Nevada from development.



We have previously outlined the unease of many concerning the grandiose size of Nevada's two new monuments, Basin & Range and Gold Butte. We concur that there are antiquities and Native American sites that deserve protection, including the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument adjacent to Las Vegas, which more than adequately meets the criteria of protecting and preserving sensitive areas, in accordance with the 1906 Antiquities Act. There are a few other historical sites in the four designations that the Trump administration wants to protect, but the Zinke goal that we agree with is to include only areas that are truly manageable and worthy of the protection: significant rock art panels and petroglyph, as well as unique landscapes.

Proponents apparently are not open to compromise, loading the debate with improbable superlatives and many outright misstatements of fact. For instance, in Nevada's Gold Butte monument, there are not "thousands" of Indian petroglyphs as Patagonia alleges. Instead, the significant ones worth protection can be counted on one hand.

The Administration is not stealing lands, or engaging in disgraceful attacks on America's heritage, or provoking a land heist.

There is a pervasive unwillingness to see alternative uses of public lands by opposition groups, who have posted inflammatory advertising in Nevada and Utah newspapers and other media. Of course, one should note that these firms have a vested interest in selling a large line of products for hikers, backpackers and other

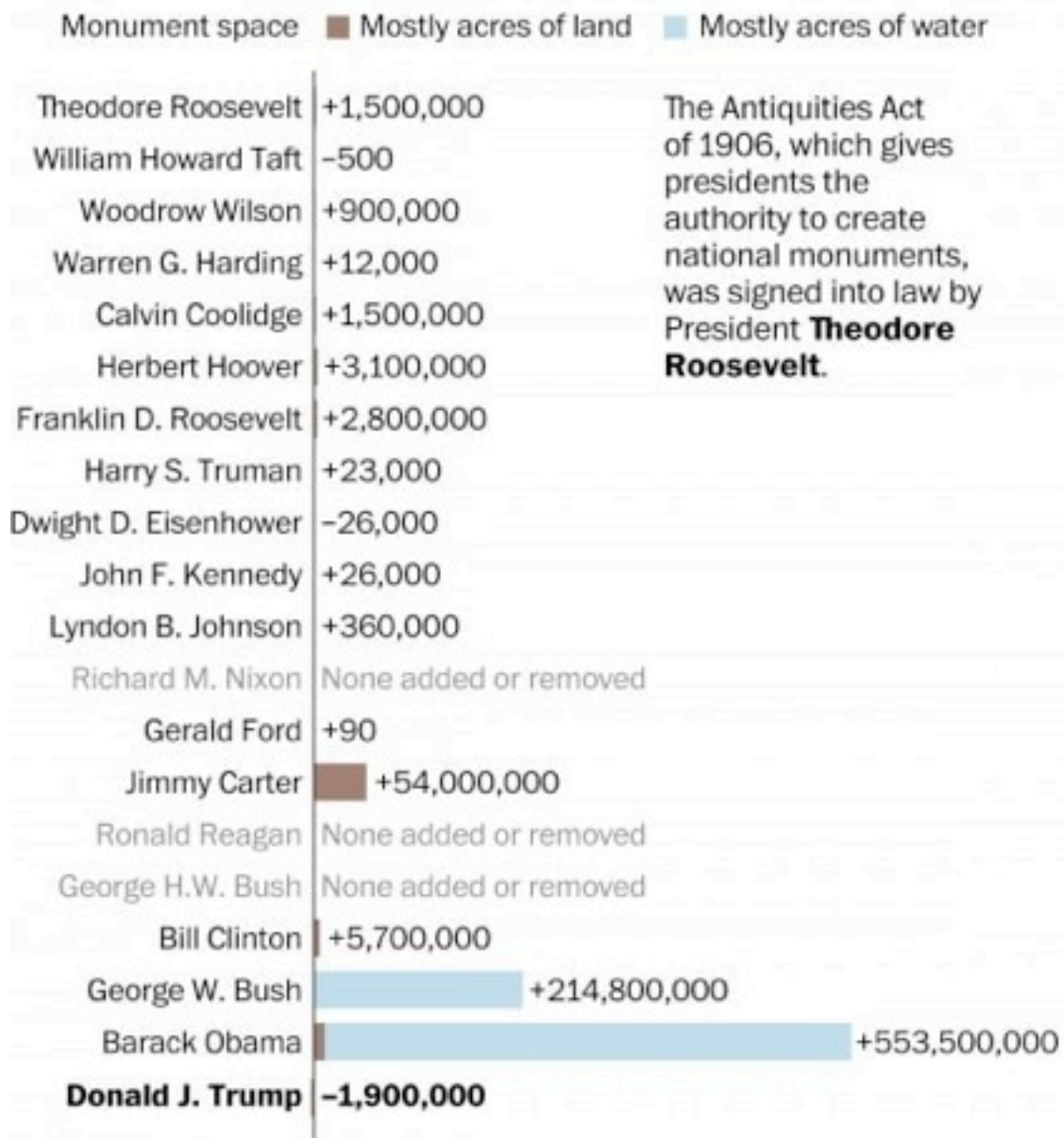
outdoor recreation enthusiasts! We are suspicious particularly of Patagonia's specious concern for culture heritage, history or the purported rights of native Indian tribes, disguised as "sacred lands."

Backers of the previous far-reaching Monument designations selfishly wish to preserve their own interests in public lands to the detriment of "healthy hunting and fishing" (in the words of the President's chief of staff, John Kelly), the mining of rich coal, oil and uranium deposits, and ranchers seeking grazing rights—in short a varied usage of the land.

We love the outdoors and recognize that the desert is fragile. I, Stan Paher, have jeeped and hiked to all significant sites in the Gold Butte and other Monuments and have recorded them in my published atlases and guide books on hiking, gold and gem hunting, ghost towns, and identifying desert artifacts. I, Tyrus Cobb, served on the Board of the Nevada Rock Art Foundation and as CEO of the Yosemite National Institutes, a group that teaches environment and science education using the National Parks as the venue. We advocate for responsible and reasonable designations for protection, not for oversized "Monuments" whose boundaries extend well beyond the valuable sites.

And here is an illuminating chart depicting the size of these designations made by the Obama administration compared to those set aside by previous Presidents.

## Total national monument acreage added or removed by each U.S. president



Note: Compiled from data from the National Park Service and presidential executive orders; totals have been rounded.

Source: Interior Department

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## How Legal Is the “Bloodwater” Dump in B.C.? | DeSmog Canada

Serious salmon aquaculture issue for wild salmon.

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/05/how-legal-bloodwater-dump-b-c>