Based in Denver, CO, the Center for Western Priorities is a regional nonpartisan conservation and advocacy organization that serves as a source of accurate information, promotes responsible policies, and ensures accountability at all levels to protect land, water, and communities in the West.
WHAT WE DO

Build the public case for elected leaders and administration officials to provide protections for America’s public lands. Defend foundational conservation laws, while working to advance policies to protect public lands.
CAMPAIGNS

MONUMENTS TO AMERICA

WINNING THE WEST
Land conservation is a **winning campaign issue**.

Western voters identify with the region’s outdoor spaces and deeply value access for hiking, hunting, fishing, and camping.
One thing that makes Colorado beautiful is the reason that we have so much land.
Now I am going to read you a couple of descriptions of potential political candidates. Between the following two candidates, which would you be more inclined to vote for?

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78% of Colorado swing voters are more likely to support a candidate who will protect access to outdoor spaces. Read the poll and learn how to win the West:
http://goo.gl/Vry1ry
Bipartisan Group of Senators Look to Gain Permanent Reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- U.S. Senators Cory Gardner (R-CO), Richard Burr (R-NC), Michael Bennet (D-CO), and others today introduced legislation to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which would fully realize LWCF’s promise to conserve parks, open spaces, and wildlife habitat for the benefit of hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation. Sens. Susan Collins (R-ME), Steve Daines (R-MT), and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) also cosponsored the legislation.

“LWCF is essential to protect Colorado’s natural treasures and I have long supported a permanent reauthorization of this program,” said Senator Gardner. “This bipartisan, commonsense legislation is supported by countless Coloradans and Americans who want to protect our country’s public lands for future generations to enjoy. I’ll continue to work with my colleagues to see permanent reauthorization of LWCF signed into law.”
JAN 26, 2018

TESTER BLASTS ADMINISTRATION’S PROPOSAL TO SELL PUBLIC LANDS

Senator Vows to Fight for Montana After Leaked Infrastructure Plan Suggests Public Land Sell-Off
NATIONAL MONUMENT CAMPAIGN

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument | Tim Peterson
According to 2018 Conservation in the West Poll, **76% of Westerners identify as conservationists**

**SURVEY DATA**

- Montana: 82%
- Wyoming: 80%
- Idaho: 76%
- Nevada: 68%
- Arizona: 77%
- Utah: 76%
- Colorado: 75%
- New Mexico: 76%
According to the 2017 Conservation in the West Poll, 80% of Westerners believed national monument protections should be kept in place by the incoming administration.
According to the 2018 *Conservation in the West Poll*, Westerners overwhelmingly attribute **positive attributes to national monuments**—and reject negative ones.

I'm going to read you a list of words and phrases, and please tell me whether you think each one describes national monuments in the West. **Does it describe them—very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not at all?**

- **Places I want my children and grandchildren to see someday**: 80% Very Well, 95% Overall.
- **Important places to be conserved for future generations**: 64% Very Well, 90% Overall.
- **Places to learn about America’s history and heritage**: 64% Very Well, 90% Overall.
- **National treasures**: 56% Very Well, 86% Overall.
- **Help the economy of nearby communities**: 46% Very Well, 82% Overall.
- **Hurts the economy of your state**: 10% Very Well, 24% Overall.
- **Ties up too much land that could be put to other uses**: 9% Very Well, 27% Overall.
UTAH’S NATIONAL MONUMENTS

Bears Ears

Grand Staircase-Escalante
Eliminating national monuments is un-American. But the White House just announced a plan that could erase or roll-back national monuments. National monuments honoring our land and heritage should be protected, not eliminated.

Don’t erase America’s land and heritage.

National monuments honor America’s land, history, and heritage. The White House just announced a plan to sell-out American monuments to special interests.

Respect America’s land and heritage.
Trump signs executive order to reconsider national monuments

Trump orders review of national monuments, vows to ‘end these abuses and return control to the people’

PHOTOS: See The Sweeping American Landscapes Under Review By Trump
CWP analyzed a random sample of public comments shortly before the comment period closed. 98 percent of those comments expressed support for keeping or expanding national monument designations.
There is little question that the reduction of these monuments goes against the will of the people. Over 2.7 million public comments were submitted by Americans during the Interior’s 60-day comment period. Over 98 percent of those comments expressed support for protecting, maintaining or expanding national monuments.

"These visitors happen to be the American people," Hannagan said. "What do you want? Do you want to improve the local economy and jobs, or not?"

The review drew more than 2.7 million public comments, 98 percent of which supported the national monuments, according to an analysis by the Center for Western Priorities.

According to an analysis conducted by the center, more than 98 percent of the roughly 1.4 million public comments submitted as part of the administration’s review came from people who favor keeping the monuments as they are. “So it should be an easy call for Secretary Zinke,” Prentice-Dunn said
Our national monuments need your help.

They are monuments to America, to our land, to our courage and sacrifice, and to our history. America's national monuments are made possible by the Antiquities Act—first used in 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt—and they need your help.
THE TOUR

THE 27 MONUMENTS THREATENED BY THE ADMINISTRATION’S REVIEW

- Ironwood Forest | AZ
- Vermilion Cliffs | AZ
- Sonoran Desert | AZ
- Grand Canyon-Parashant | AZ
- Sand to Snow | CA
- Carrizo Plain | CA
- Giant Sequoia | CA
- Berryessa Snow Mountain | CA
- Mojave Trails | CA
- Canyons of the Ancients | CO
- World War II Valor in the Pacific | HI, AK, CA
- Craters of the Moon | ID
- Katahdin Woods and Waters | ME
- Upper Missouri River Breaks | MT
- Rio Grande del Norte | NM
- Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks | NM
- Gold Butte | NV
- Basin and Range | NV
- Cascade-Siskiyou | OR
- Bears Ears | UT
- Grand Staircase-Escalante | UT
- Hanford Reach | WA
- Northeast Canyons and Seamounts | Atlantic
- Rose Atoll | Pacific
- Marianas Trench | Pacific
- Pāpahānaumokuākea | Pacific
- Pacific Remote Islands | Pacific
MONUMENTS TO AMERICA
IN THE NEWS

STOP 1: Grand Junction

STOP 4: Palm Springs
Secretary Zinke, listen to the West.
Respect National Monuments. All of them.
GARDNER, TIPTON URGE PRESIDENT TRUMP TO PROTECT CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS NATIONAL MONUMENT

May 23, 2017  | Press Release
Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Congressman Scott Tipton (CO-3) sent a letter to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in support of Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Canyons) in Southwest Colorado. In the letter, Gardner and Tipton state, “any review of Canyons should conclude that no changes to the designation are necessary.”
-------- Forwarded message --------

From: Ryan Zinke <ios.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 18, 2017 at 8:07 AM
Subject: Re: Monuments
To: Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>

Pls pick up the speed in announcing monuments that we propose no substantive change to. We should be announcing another 3 this week and more next.

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Sent from my iPhone
MONUMENTS UNPROTECTED
OUTCOMES

Press Releases

Secretary Zinke Recommends No Modifications to Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument
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