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In early 2017, President Trump ordered then-Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke to carry out a review of all national monuments that had been created since January 1, 1996 that covered more than 100,000 acres. This review sparked controversy that continues today over the original intent of the 1906 Antiquities Act.

As part of the [review⁵⁶](#), Southwest Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument came under fire. The monument sits on Oregon's southern border at the confluence of several ecosystems, creating a unique and spectacular landscape that draws visitors from all over the world and provides unmatched outdoor access to residents.

The National Monument was expanded by nearly 48,000 acres in 2017. [Documents released⁵⁷](#) after former Secretary Zinke made his recommendations to President Trump showed that Department of Interior (DOI) officials were looking to repeal the expansion to continue logging. In fact, former Interior Secretary Zinke's recommendations for Cascade-Siskiyou were to reduce the area so that [some forested acreage⁵⁸](#) could be available for timber production.

President Trump has yet to act on these recommendations, but it is clear that these recommendations are yet another example of the Trump administration making rules to support extractive industries above all else.