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DURANGO, CO -- In response to Secretary of Interior Deb haaland's visit to Avi Kwa Ame today, [The Mountain Pact](#), an organization that works with local elected officials in over 80 communities across the Western U.S., **Anna Peterson, Executive Director said,**

"We are thrilled that Secretary Haaland was able to visit Avi Kwa Ame today. We look forward to President Biden permanently protecting this important place as a national monument to protect Avi Kwa Ame landscape's natural, cultural, and historic values.

Covering nearly 450,000 acres in southern Nevada, it is rich in both history and beauty. Tribes, local elected officials, community leaders, and businesses support the President making Avi Kwa Ame Nevada's 4th national monument and so do we!"

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Founded in 2014, [The Mountain Pact](#) mobilizes local elected officials in over 80 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy.