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## **The Mountain Pact Thanks the Biden Administration for Holding a Public Meeting on the Potential Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument**

DURANGO, CO - In response to the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service hosting a public listening session on the Tribally-Led proposed *Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument*, [The Mountain Pact](#), an organization that works with local elected officials in nearly 100 communities across the Western U.S., released the below statement:

*"We thank the BLM and Forest Service for coming to Arizona to hold a public listening session to learn more about the Tribal push for President Biden to designate Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument. We appreciate that they took time to learn directly from Tribal leaders, elected officials, and community members on their request for President Biden to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to protect this culturally significant landscape as a national monument."* - Anna Peterson, Executive Director of [The Mountain Pact](#).

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*Founded in 2014, [The Mountain Pact](#) mobilizes local elected officials in over 100 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy.*

### **More Information:**

National monuments and their designations are incredibly bi-partisan. Congress passed the [Antiquities Act](#) in 1906 and since then, 18 presidents - nine Democratic and nine Republican - have established or expanded [161 national monuments](#).