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The Mountain Pact is Excited to Learn More About the Tribal Push for President Biden to Designate Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument

DURANGO, CO - In response to Representative Grijalva and Sen. Sinema joining Tribes in a call for President Biden to Designate Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument today at a news conference, The Mountain Pact, an organization that works with local elected officials in nearly 100 communities across the Western U.S., released the below statement:

Anna Peterson, Executive Director of <u>The Mountain Pact</u>, said, "We are excited to learn more about the Tribal push for President Biden to designate Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument. The Antiquities Act conserves vital places so our stories can be told and experiences can be shared for generations to come. We continue to urge President Biden to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to protect more places with cultural and scientific significance as national monuments."

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Founded in 2014, <u>The Mountain Pact</u> 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 <u>Antiquities Act</u> in 1906 and since then, 18 presidents - nine Democratic and nine Republican - have established or expanded <u>161</u> <u>national monuments</u>.