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The Mountain Pact Thanks the Biden Administration for Using the Antiquities Act to Honor Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley with a National Monument Designation

DURANGO, CO - In response to President Biden designating a national monument to honor Emmett Till and his mother Mamie Till-Mobley, [The Mountain Pact](https://www.themountainpact.org), an organization that works with local elected officials in nearly 100 communities across the Western U.S., released the below statement:

“What a commemorative day today has been with President Biden using his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate his fourth national monument - a monument honoring the life and legacy of Emmett Till and his mother Mamie Till-Mobley for catalyzing the American Civil Rights Movement.

The Antiquities Act conserves vital places so our stories can be told and experiences can be shared for generations to come. President Biden's restorations of Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and Northeast Canyons and Seamounts; along with the designations of the new Camp Hale-Continental Divide, Avi Kwa Ame, Castner Range national monuments will permanently protect these places' natural, cultural, and historic values.

We celebrate today's commemoration and tomorrow we will 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. We urge him to honor the 1908 Springfield Race Riot in Illinois; the historic Greenwood District/Black Wall Street in Tulsa; Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon, and the Great Bend of the Gila in Arizona; and to expand monuments like San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include Molok Luyuk in California.”

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Founded in 2014, [The Mountain Pact](https://www.themountainpact.org) 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, as of today, established or expanded [162 national monuments](#).