

National Monuments Established Through the Use of the Antiquities Act in Idaho

Idahoans love public lands. 79% of residents support presidents continuing to use their ability to protect existing public lands as national monuments. This aligns with the other finding that 78% of people in this state support the creation of new protections on public lands.

Not surprisingly, Idaho is among the top 11 states with the largest percentage of their GDP coming from outdoor recreation.

"National monuments across the country are important to local communities as they help protect scientific, cultural, and historic places. Places like our nearby Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve and Hagerman Fossil Beds national monuments are places where people and families can explore new landscapes; learn about science and history; and revel in the natural world. I'd love to see more places with cultural, scientific, or historical importance protected through national monument designations."

City of Ketchum, Idaho Mayor Neil Bradshaw



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In 2021, Idaho was ranked #9 for the percentage of its economy based on outdoor recreation. In 2022, this sector accounted for 3.1% of state GDP, \$1.5 billion in wages, 35,530 direct jobs, and added a value of \$3.4 billion to the state economy.

In five of the Idaho landscapes overseen by the National Park Service, including Craters of the Moon National Monument, visitors spent \$37.6 million in 2021. This spending created 535 jobs and an economic output of \$50.8 million. Along with the boon to the economy that this spending was, it also shows the importance of outdoor recreation to this state.

"Protected public lands and national monuments support our local economies, tourism, and outdoor recreation as well as provide certainty for our rural and gateway communities. Blaine County is known and valued for its beautiful landscapes that offer scenic views and endless recreational uses. Places like Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve offer places for locals and visitors to explore caves, ski, picnic, and enjoy a fascinating landscape while hiking up a volcanic cone. The Antiquities Act allows presidents to protect important places for future generations - like Craters of the Moon. I hope more places can be protected so that other communities may benefit as we have."



Blaine County, Idaho County Commissioner Angenie McCleary

Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument | Photo Credit: National Park Service

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National Park Service Visits, Spending, and Economic Contributions to the Idaho Economy

State	Total Recreation Visits	Total Visitor Spending (\$2022)	Jobs	Economic Output (\$2022)
Idaho	696,380	\$39,400,000	558	\$53,400,000

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Park Unit	Total Recreation Visits	Total Visitor Spending \$2022	Jobs	Labor Income \$2022	Value Added \$2022	Economic Output \$2022
<u>Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve</u>	237,774	\$9,362,000	124	\$3,438,000	\$5,770,000	\$11,017,000
<u>Minidoka (Idaho) National Historic Site*</u>	4,971	\$98,000	1	\$32,000	\$51,000	\$106,000

*Since its initial designation, this location's management and/or name has been updated. See our 2022 Mountain Pact [Idaho](#) National Monuments Fact Sheet for more information.