



## 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

*Founded in 2014, The Mountain Pact educates, empowers, and mobilizes local elected officials in nearly 100 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy.*

# Support for New National Monuments

*One of the biggest efforts The Mountain Pact has been involved with over the past few years has been advocating for more national monuments to be designated by the President through the use of the Antiquities Act. Learn about specific monuments and our work in 2022 below.*

## Designation of Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument!

On October 12, 2022, President Biden designated Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument in Colorado. The Mountain



November 10, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

The over one hundred local elected officials from Colorado listed below thank you for designating Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument to protect Camp Hale, the Tenmile Range and its rich history while helping our communities that depend on outdoor recreation and sustainable public lands succeed. We also thank you for initiating consideration of a 20-year withdrawal of the Thompson Divide area from new oil and gas leasing and mining.

This designation of a Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument protects a unique piece of mountain history that will bring awareness to visitors about the societal contributions that mountain communities provide.

In World War II, the Army found its soldiers were not adequately trained in mountain warfare and so Camp Hale was formed to equip soldiers for high-altitude, low temperature operations, and those who trained there helped improve outcomes later in the war. It was at Camp Hale that the famed 10th Mountain Division was founded. Many of those 10th Mountain Division ski troops came home to Colorado after the war to build our skiing and outdoor recreation economy.

This national monument designation will help our western communities thrive by preserving and enhancing our public lands and historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest. The Tenmile Range is a scientific and geographically interesting and beautiful area for outdoor recreation. The most hiked peak above 14,000 feet in Colorado, Quandary Peak, is located in the Tenmile Range.

Bringing additional resources to the Tenmile Range will help preserve the scientific importance of the area

Pact thanked the Biden administration for their action through a letter signed by 106 Colorado mountain community county commissioners, mayors, and council members in November. The letter thanked the President for protecting Camp Hale, the Tenmile Range and its rich history while helping communities that depend on outdoor recreation and sustainable public lands succeed.

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20-year withdrawal of the Thompson Divide area from new oil and gas leasing and mining.

Finally, this letter encouraged the Biden administration to designate more national monuments soon.

The signers of the letter were highlighted in an ad in the Denver Post on Sunday, November 13 thanking President Biden; Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper; Representative Neguse; and Governor Polis for their leadership to permanently protect Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument!

**THANK YOU**  
President Biden,  
Senators Bennet & Hickenlooper,  
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Mayor Torre, City of Aspen, Colorado - Mayor Pro Tem Ward Hausenstein, City of Aspen, Colorado - Council Member John Doyle, City of Aspen, Colorado - Council Member Rachael Richards, City of Aspen, Colorado - Council Member Skippy Mesrow, City of Aspen, Colorado - Mayor Sarah Smith Hymas, Town of Avon, Colorado - Mayor Pro Tem Amy Cramer Phillips, Town of Avon, Colorado - Council Member Scott Prince, Town of Avon, Colorado - Council Member Tamara Underwood, Town of Avon, Colorado - Council Member Glane Drummond, Town of Basalt, Colorado - Council Member Elyse Hottel, Town of Basalt, Colorado - Council Member Angela Anderson, Town of Basalt, Colorado - Council Member David Knight, Town of Basalt, Colorado - Council Member Dieter Schindler, Town of Basalt, Colorado - Mayor Aaron Brickett, City of Boulder, Colorado - Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Friend, City of Boulder, Colorado - Council Member Matt Benjamin, City of Boulder, Colorado - Council Member Julie Joseph, City of Boulder, Colorado - Mayor Eric Mamula, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado - Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Owens, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado - Council Member Todd Rankin, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado - Council Member Carol Saada, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado - Council Member Jay Beckerman, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado - Council Member Dick Carleton, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado - Council Member Jeffrey Bergeron, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado - Mayor Ben Bohmalk, Town of Carbondale, Colorado - Town Trustee Colin Laird, Town of Carbondale, Colorado - Town Trustee Chris Hassig, Town of Carbondale, Colorado - County Commissioner and Commander, United States Navy (Retired) Keith Baker, Chaffee County, Colorado - Council Member Osh Prochaska, Town of Crested Butte, Colorado - Council Member Malika Magner, Town of Crested Butte, Colorado - Council Member Beth Goldstone, Town of Crested Butte, Colorado - Mayor Carolyn Skovyrva, Town of Dillon, Colorado - Mayor Pro Tem Brad Bailey, Town of Dillon, Colorado - Council Member Kyle Hendricks, Town of Dillon, Colorado - Council Member John Woods, Town of Dillon, Colorado - Council Member Banee Inamura, Town of Dillon, Colorado - Council Member Dana Christiansen, Town of Dillon, Colorado - Council Member Tony Scalis, Town of Dillon, Colorado - Mayor Barbara Noseworthy, City of Durango, Colorado - County Commissioner Kathy Chandler-Henry, Eagle County, Colorado - Mayor of County Commissioner Matt Scherr, Eagle County, Colorado - County Commissioner Jeanne McCauley, Eagle County, Colorado - Mayor of Fort Collins Jeni Arnot, City of Fort Collins, Colorado - Mayor Hunter Mortensen, Town of Frisco, Colorado - Council Member Jessica Burley, Town of Frisco, Colorado - Council Member Lisa Holenko, Town of Frisco, Colorado - Council Member Andrew J. Aensson, Town of Frisco, Colorado - Council Member Elizabeth Skrzypczak-Adrian, Town of Frisco, Colorado - Mayor Jonathan Godes, City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado - Council Member Shelley Kaup, City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado - Council Member Paula Stepp, City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado - Council Member Marco Dehm, City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado - Council Member Ingrid Wussow, City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado - County Commissioner Jonathan D. Houck, Gunnison County, Colorado - County Commissioner Liz Smith, Gunnison County, Colorado - Council Member Marsha Portea-Norton, La Plata County, Colorado - County Commissioner Matt S. Salka, La Plata County, Colorado - Mayor Joan Peck, City of Longmont, Colorado - Council Member Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, City of Longmont, Colorado - Council Member Marcia Martin, City of Longmont, Colorado - Council Member Patrick Berry, Town of Mountain Village, Colorado - Mayor Mason Ogeod, Town of Ophir, Colorado - Council Member Peggy Lindsey, City of Ouray, Colorado - Council Member Dave Knutson, Town of Paoonia, Colorado - County Commissioner Greg Postchman, Pitkin County, Colorado - County Commissioner Kelly McNicholas Kury, Pitkin County, Colorado - County Commissioner Francie Jacober, Pitkin County, Colorado - Mayor John I. Clark, Town of Ridgway, Colorado - Council Member Beth Lakin, Town of Ridgway, Colorado - Council Member Patty Enoch, Town of Ridgway, Colorado - Council Member Terence Schuyler, Town of Ridgway, Colorado - Council Member Kevin Grambley, Town of Ridgway, Colorado - County Commissioner Beth Melton, Routt County, Colorado - County Commissioner Tim Corrigan, Routt County, Colorado - Mayor Dan Shore, City of Salida, Colorado - Council Member Harold Kasper, City of Salida, Colorado - Council Member Justin Critelli, City of Salida, Colorado - Council Member Mike Pollock, City of Salida, Colorado - Council Member Dominique Naccarato, City of Salida, Colorado - Council Member Jane Templeton, City of Salida, Colorado - Council Member Alisa Pappertfort, City of Salida, Colorado - Former Mayor P.T. Wood, City of Salida, Colorado - County Commissioner Hilary Cooper, San Miguel County, Colorado - County Commissioner Lance Waring, San Miguel County, Colorado - Mayor Shane Fulman, Town of Silverton, Colorado - Mayor Bill Madsen, Town of Snowmass Village, Colorado - Council Member Alyssa Shank, Town of Snowmass Village, Colorado - Council Member Bob Sirkus, Town of Snowmass Village, Colorado - County Commissioner Josh Blanchard, Summit County, Colorado - Former County Tamara Pogue, Summit County, Colorado - County Commissioner Elisabeth Lawrence, Summit County, Colorado - Council Member J. Meshan Commissioner Kara Siegelmeier, Summit County, Colorado - Mayor DeLanie Young, Town of Telluride, Colorado - Council Member J. Meshan Todd Brown, Town of Telluride, Colorado - Mayor Kim Langmaid, Town of Vail, Colorado - Council Member Jen Mason, Town of Vail, Colorado - Council Member Kevin Foley, Town of Vail, Colorado - Council Member Travis Coggin, Town of Vail, Colorado - Council Member Barry Davis, Town of Vail, Colorado - Council Member Jonathan Stauffer, Town of Vail, Colorado - Council Member Pete Seibert, Town of Vail, Colorado

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Voice of the Rocky Mountain Empire  
**THE SUNDAY DENVER POST**  
Sunday, November 13, 2022 \$1.00  
**THANK YOU**  
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The Mountain Pact also organized:

- Coverage of support from many Colorado local elected officials for the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument designation in publications including: Washington Post, Real Vail, Ark Valley Voice, Vail Daily, Steamboat Pilot, Aspen Times, Summit Daily, Colorado Public Radio, and E&E.



Pitkin County Commissioner Greg Poschman, a Democrat from Aspen, Colo., called Camp Hale "a repository of incredible memories" and said the proposed monument has broad backing from demographic groups across the state. He said it would honor veterans from the nation's "Greatest Generation" — those who served in World War II.

Poschman, a professional filmmaker, has a personal interest in the designation, too: His father, Sgt. Harry Poschman, was a ski instructor for the 10th Mountain Division and led a machine gun squad in Italy. He also taught his son how to ski when he moved to Aspen and started a ski lodge of his own after the war.



### Biden designates Colorado's Camp Hale as his first national monument

"We just wouldn't be here if it weren't for Pete Siebert training at Camp Hale," said Vail Mayor Kim Langmaid, adding that the site and surrounding public lands "are the lifeblood of our community."



Sgt. Harry Poschman is shown here on maneuvers during ski instructing at Camp Hale in 1943. | Poschman collection

## VailDaily

### Guest opinion: Thank you, President Biden, for new Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument

County Commissioners from Eagle and Summit Counties in Colorado - Kathy Chandler-Henry, Matt Scherr, Jeanne McQueeney, Josh Blanchard, Tamara Pogue, and Elisabeth Lawrence



Troops from the 10th Mountain Division train at Camp Hale during World War II. When they returned home from fighting, those soldiers are credited with creating the modern U.S. ski industry, including the development of Vail. (Vail Daily archive)

- An op-ed from all of the Eagle and Summit County commissioners supporting the designation, which ran in the Vail Daily and Summit Daily.

- Quotes from eight Mountain Pact local elected officials, and a Mountain Pact [Press Release](#), which were included in the White House's [What They Are Saying](#).



OCTOBER 17, 2022

## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING: Veterans, Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, and Local Colorado Leaders Applaud President Biden's Designation of Camp Hale – Continental Divide National Monument

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Last week, President Biden signed a proclamation establishing the Camp Hale – Continental Divide National Monument as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to protect, conserve, and restore our country's iconic outdoor spaces and historical sites for the benefit of future generations. In addition, the Departments of Agriculture (USDA) and the Interior (DOI) announced a proposed withdrawal to protect the Thompson Divide in western Colorado, one of the state's most cherished landscapes.

A broad coalition of veterans, outdoor recreation, equity, conservation, local Colorado leaders, and others applauded the designation. The new Camp Hale – Continental Divide National Monument honors our nation's veterans and Indigenous people while supporting jobs and America's outdoor recreation economy.

See below for what they're saying:

**Vail Mayor Kim Langmaid:** "The Vail community is very excited about this designation. Camp Hale is a prominent cultural landscape that connects with our ski history. We also appreciate the President's recognition of the diverse local stakeholders who support the designation, and the ecological restoration of the Eagle River headwaters and surrounding mountain wetlands."

[\[Statement ↗, 10/12/22\]](#)

**Frisco Mayor Hunter Mortensen:** "The mountains between the historic Camp Hale and the peaks of the Tenmile Mountain Range are a vital part of our community. The creation of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument shows a commitment to protect our public lands. This designation not only shows our commitment to our rich history and the lands that have lasting impact on our collective story, but also to all of the groups that came together to make a public lands plan that gave everyone a voice. Today is a day to celebrate our lands, our history, and our future." [\[Statement ↗, 10/12/22\]](#)

**Breckenridge Mayor Eric Mamula:** "With the designation of Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument, President Biden has protected the Tenmile Range – a scientific and geographically interesting and beautiful area our visitors and community members love. In fact, the most hiked peak above 14,000 feet in Colorado, Quandary Peak, is located in the Tenmile Range. Bringing additional resources to the Tenmile Range will help preserve the scientific importance of the area and make it more resilient so that future generations can enjoy it as much as those of today." [\[Statement ↗, 10/12/22\]](#)

**Avon Mayor Sarah Smith-Hymes:** "Camp Hale has long been a touchstone for veterans and the surrounding mountain communities, a stirring reminder of the contribution our local landscape made to the battle for freedom in World War II. Future generations will thank all who worked so hard to preserve this unique public asset. This designation honors the legacy of the Tenth Mountain Division, protects the headwaters and wetlands that feed the Eagle River – the primary water supply for Eagle County and a tributary of the Colorado River – and recognizes the value of outdoor recreation to our local and state economy. It's a great day for all of us!" [\[Statement ↗, 10/12/22\]](#)

**Elisabeth Lawrence, Summit County Commissioner:** "The designation of a Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument is an important tribute that celebrates mountain communities' role in helping the entire nation through World War II with the help of the 10th Mountain Division Ski Troops that trained at Camp Hale and the surrounding Ten Mile Range. Establishing these areas as a National Monument will bring great benefits to our Western Mountain communities and is an important step towards providing our Western communities with a bright future while honoring the past."

[\[Statement ↗, 10/12/22\]](#)

**Greg Poschman, Pitkin County Commissioner and 10th Mountain Division descendant:** "President Biden's designation of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide is a unique and powerful tribute to those who served our country in World War II, then came home to lead our outdoor preservation ethic, and to build America's skiing and outdoor recreation economy. For Coloradans and for all Americans, these are the sources of our clean air and pure water, and they are the wellspring of our inspiration, identity and history. These iconic areas are most worthy of conservation. We thank President Biden for taking action to protect this important place. We also ask President Biden to go "all in" for all the public lands designations in The CORE Act on which we have all worked so hard for the past decade. This would send a strong message that our President is "all in" to support Colorado!" [\[Statement ↗, 10/12/22\]](#)

**Kathy Chandler-Henry, Eagle County Commissioner:** "We are thrilled with the new monument designation for Camp Hale-Continental Divide in Eagle County. This monument will honor the service of our veterans from the 10th Mountain Division who trained at Camp Hale and the Tenmile Range, served our nation with distinction in World War II and returned home to help found Colorado's outdoor recreation economy. This national historic landscape will receive the protections it deserves through this monument designation, assuring it will be enjoyed and serve as a place of respect for generations to come." [\[Statement ↗, 10/12/22\]](#)

# Bears Ears Cooperative Management Agreement

In June, a Bears Ears Cooperative Management Agreement was signed by the Department of Interior, US Forest Service, the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, and Ute Indian Tribe. This is a historic move towards more Tribal co-management of public lands.



## Potential Avi Kwa Ame National Monument



At November's White House Tribal Nation's Summit, President Biden committed to honor tribes with a new Nevada national monument - Avi Kwa Ame, which would be the state's fourth. Read the Mountain Pact's statement about the potential designation here and our

statement in response to Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland's visit to Avi Kwa Ame in September. We hope to see the designation of an Avi Kwa Ame National Monument in early 2023!

## Potential Castner Range National Monument

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland traveled to Texas to learn more about the proposed Castner Range National Monument in the western part of the state. In response to the visit, The Mountain Pact released this statement. Similar to an Avi Kwa Ame designation, we hope President Biden will designate Castner Range National Monument in early 2023.

**PRESIDENT BIDEN,  
IT'S TIME FOR  
CASTNER RANGE  
NATIONAL MONUMENT**



# National Monument Fact Sheets

In April 2022, The Mountain Pact released fact sheets highlighting the nearly 100 national monuments in ten western states that were designated by an equal number of Republican and Democratic presidents through the use of the Antiquities Act. The factsheets came after the Mountain Pact sent a letter in December 2021 to the Biden administration signed by over 115 local elected officials thanking them for the America the Beautiful initiative; restoring Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and Northeast Canyons and Seamounts national monuments; and urging the president to use the Antiquities Act to protect more lands as national monuments.





# ARIZONA

### ARIZONA NATIONAL MONUMENTS

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### ICONSIC NATIONAL TREASURES IN ARIZONA

*These places are the most significant natural and cultural resources in Arizona.*

**Grand Canyon-Parashant Park**

Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument is a national monument in Arizona. It is located in the Grand Canyon region and is known for its spectacular views of the Grand Canyon and the Parashant Plateau. The monument was established in 1989 and covers over 1 million acres.

**Figure National Park**

Figure National Monument is a national monument in Arizona. It is located in the Figure region and is known for its spectacular views of the Figure Mountains and the Figure Plateau. The monument was established in 1989 and covers over 1 million acres.

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**Death Valley National Park**

Death Valley National Park is a national park in California. It is located in the Death Valley region and is known for its spectacular views of the Death Valley and the Panamint Valley. The park was established in 1933 and covers over 1 million acres.

**Great Salt Flats National Monument**

Great Salt Flats National Monument is a national monument in California. It is located in the Great Salt Flats region and is known for its spectacular views of the Great Salt Flats and the Panamint Valley. The monument was established in 1989 and covers over 1 million acres.

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**Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve**

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is a national park and preserve in Colorado. It is located in the Great Sand Dunes region and is known for its spectacular views of the Great Sand Dunes and the Sand Dunes. The park and preserve was established in 1980 and covers over 1 million acres.

**Chimney Rock National Monument**

Chimney Rock National Monument is a national monument in Colorado. It is located in the Chimney Rock region and is known for its spectacular views of the Chimney Rock and the Sand Dunes. The monument was established in 1989 and covers over 1 million acres.

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# IDAHO

## IDAHO NATIONAL MONUMENTS A Critical Tool for Conservation

**THE ANTI-SMITH ACT**

In 1906, Congress passed the Antiquities Act, which allowed the President to declare national monuments and preserve the historic sites and structures that are of scientific and historic interest, as well as natural objects of great scientific value.

Since that time, 19 presidents have designated 122 national monuments across the country. The monuments have protected their contents under the Antiquities Act to ensure they remain preserved, including the Statue of Liberty, Grand Canyon, Mount Fuji, Mount Rushmore, and the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument.

**CONSERVING AND PROTECTING AMERICA THE REALITY**

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The State will continue to work to protect these resources and the Antiquities Act will continue to be a critical tool for conservation and protection of our natural resources.

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## ICONIC NATIONAL TREASURES IN IDAHO

These places are the most important national monuments in Idaho.



**Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve**

This area contains many craters and unusual phenomena of great scientific value and is a natural and scientific treasure of the world. It is a unique and beautiful area that is a must-see for anyone visiting Idaho.



**Shoshone National Historic Site**

This site is one of the most important historic sites in Idaho. It is a unique and beautiful area that is a must-see for anyone visiting Idaho.



**1. Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve**

Established: July 1, 1924  
President: Taft  
Area: 100,000 acres  
Location: Shoshone National Monument, Shoshone, Idaho

**2. Shoshone National Historic Site**

Established: Dec. 1, 1906  
President: Roosevelt  
Area: 100 acres  
Location: Shoshone National Monument, Shoshone, Idaho

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## ICONIC NATIONAL TREASURES IN MONTANA

These places are the most important national monuments in Montana.



**Big Hole National Battlefield**

This battlefield is one of the most important historic sites in Montana. It is a unique and beautiful area that is a must-see for anyone visiting Montana.



**Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument**

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**Toiyabe National Monument**

This monument is one of the most important natural monuments in Nevada. It is a unique and beautiful area that is a must-see for anyone visiting Nevada.



**Great Basin National Monument**

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**Chaco Canyon National Historic Site**

This site is one of the most important historic sites in New Mexico. It is a unique and beautiful area that is a must-see for anyone visiting New Mexico.



**Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument**

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# OREGON

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In 1906, Congress passed the Antiquities Act, which created the first national historic preservation policy for the United States and allowed that the president can designate national monuments to protect natural, cultural, and historic sites, as well as scenic and lands of great scientific value.

Since the act was passed, 18 presidents – 16th President Grover Cleveland, and seven Republican Presidents – have designated 102 national monuments across the country. President Biden continued this authority under the Antiquities Act to create many more monuments including the Statue of Liberty, Bears Ears, John Day Fossil Beds, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Great Sand Dunes, Olney Horn, and Old Elbow.

**CONSERVING AND PROTECTING AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

National public lands are an integral part of the fabric of American communities and a major source of their local economies. In 2022 in Oregon, the national recreation economy generated \$2.1 billion, 10.2 million jobs, and added \$1.2 billion to the state GDP. Protected places are more vital to our health and well-being than ever due to climate change and the consequences of increasing wildfire incidence and the loss of climate change.

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## ICONIC NATIONAL TREASURES IN OREGON

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**Oregon Caves National Monument & Preserve**

This cave system is unusual because of the peculiar set of events. Settlement in the late 1800s, early 1900s, and the late 1900s led to the discovery of the caves. The caves were discovered because of the location of the town of Junction City, Oregon. The caves were discovered in 1897 and the caves were first designated a national monument in 1907.



**Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument**

Located on the east slope of Mt. Hood, the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is a 100,000-acre area that is home to a variety of rare and unusual plants and animals. The monument is a critical habitat for many species of plants and animals, including the Oregon spotted owl and the marbled murrelet.



**1. Oregon Coast National Monument**

Designated Dec 16, 2022  
President Joe Biden  
Location: Oregon Coast National Monument  
Area: 100,000 acres



**2. Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument**

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# UTAH

## UTAH NATIONAL MONUMENTS

*A Critical Tool for Conservation*

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**Hole-in-the-Rock National Monument**

Designated in 1906, Hole-in-the-Rock National Monument is a 100-acre area that is home to a variety of rare and unusual plants and animals. The monument is a critical habitat for many species of plants and animals, including the Utah spotted owl and the marbled murrelet.



**Bears Ears National Monument**

Designated in 2022, Bears Ears National Monument is a 100,000-acre area that is home to a variety of rare and unusual plants and animals. The monument is a critical habitat for many species of plants and animals, including the Utah spotted owl and the marbled murrelet.



**1. Hatcheries Cave National Monument**

Designated 1906  
President Theodore Roosevelt  
Location: Hatcheries Cave National Monument  
Area: 100 acres



**2. Hole-in-the-Rock National Monument**

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# WASHINGTON

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## ICONIC NATIONAL TREASURES IN WASHINGTON

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**Olympic National Park**

In 1909, President Taft signed the Olympic National Park Act, which established the park as a national monument. The park is home to a variety of rare and unusual plants and animals, including the Olympic marmot and the Olympic salamander.



**San Juan Islands National Monument**

The San Juan Islands National Monument is a 100,000-acre area that is home to a variety of rare and unusual plants and animals. The monument is a critical habitat for many species of plants and animals, including the San Juan Islands murrelet and the San Juan Islands owl.



**1. Olympic National Park**

Designated 1909  
President William Howard Taft  
Location: Olympic National Park  
Area: 1,000,000 acres



**2. San Juan Islands National Monument**

Designated 1908  
President Theodore Roosevelt  
Location: San Juan Islands National Monument  
Area: 100,000 acres

# Meetings

This spring, Western U.S. local elected officials from The Mountain Pact were honored to meet with National Park Service Director Chuck Sams III, National Park Service staff, and U.S. Department of the Interior staff to discuss the impacts of national parks on gateway communities - including housing, infrastructure, transportation, climate, and national monuments. We thank Director Sams for taking time to meet with us and look forward to doing more to protect our lands, waters, and wildlife through this locally-led and collaborative effort.



# Bureau of Land Management

This fall, The Mountain Pact released a statement in response to the Bureau of Land Management releasing an Instruction Memorandum on Habitat Connectivity on Public Lands. The policy is designed to protect connections between habitats for fish, wildlife, and native plants, preserving the ability of wildlife to migrate between and across seasonal habitat, a concept known as habitat connectivity.

This summer, Colorado River Valley BLM Field office communities - the City of Aspen, Pitkin and Eagle Counties, the Mayor of Carbondale and council members in Basalt - submitted a letter urging the Bureau of Land Management to reduce federal oil and gas leasing on BLM lands within our communities. This letter also calls for the BLM to take steps that administratively protect lands with wilderness characteristics and areas of environmental concern through this and future planning processes. Doing so will protect some of our communities' critical water resources, Indigenous cultural sites, important wildlife habitat, and treasured recreation areas.



Colorado Bureau of Land Management State Director  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
BLM Upper Colorado River District  
Attn: Supplemental EIS  
2518 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506

CC: Senator Michael Bennet, Senator John Hickenlooper, Representative Joe Neguse

Dear Acting Director Connolly,

The below listed local elected officials, who represent communities within the Colorado River Valley Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office, urge you to reduce federal oil and gas leasing on BLM lands within our communities; as well as to take steps to administratively protect lands with wilderness characteristics and areas of environmental concern through this and future planning processes. Doing so will protect some of our communities' critical water resources, Indigenous cultural sites, important wildlife habitat, and treasured recreation areas.

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While you are completing a more thorough analysis of the impacts of federal oil and gas development on our climate and communities, we urge you to consider that fossil fuel extraction on public lands generates 25 percent of the United States' climate change causing emissions.

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This was a local follow-up from our spring full Mountain Pact BLM letter signed by 123 local western elected officials calling on the Biden administration to protect more BLM lands as part of the administration's America the Beautiful initiative, which was covered by Politico's Morning Energy Newsletter.



**Over 120 Western Local Officials Call for More Protections for Bureau of Land Management Lands**

OFFICIALS URGE THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AS PART OF THE AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL INITIATIVE



[https://www.daily-sentinel.com/opinion/columnists/blm-must-take-action-to-address-climate-impacts/article\\_0471324e-356e-11ed-9544-6b32327e11ea2.html](https://www.daily-sentinel.com/opinion/columnists/blm-must-take-action-to-address-climate-impacts/article_0471324e-356e-11ed-9544-6b32327e11ea2.html)

**BLM must take action to address climate impacts**

September 19, 2022

By JONATHAN GODES

As a mayor who represents a community within the Colorado River Valley Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office, I want to welcome the BLM leadership team and members of the Public Lands Foundation to western Colorado. I recently joined fellow local elected officials in our region to urge the BLM to reduce federal oil and gas leasing on BLM lands within our communities, as well as to take steps to administratively protect lands with wilderness characteristics and areas of environmental concern through BLM planning processes. Doing so will protect some of our communities' critical water resources, indigenous cultural sites, important wildlife habitat, and treasured recreation areas.

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Johnathan Godes, the Mayor of The City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado also encouraged the Bureau Land Management to work to greater protect BLM lands and waters in and near our communities.

# America the Beautiful

The White House covered The Mountain Pact's [statement](#) in support of President Joe Biden's April 2022 launch of a [\\$1 billion America the Beautiful Challenge](#) to support and accelerate locally-led conservation and restoration projects.



THE WHITE HOUSE

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NEWS & UPDATES

## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING: The Biden-Harris Administration's America the Beautiful Challenge Garners Praise from Philanthropy, Conservation, Hunting and Fishing, Environmental, Outdoor Recreation, and Equity Leaders

APRIL 12, 2022 • [PRESS RELEASES](#)

**Anna Peterson, Executive Director, The Mountain Pact:** “The Mountain Pact celebrates President Biden’s ongoing effort to conserve and protect lands and waterways thereby keeping America beautiful. These efforts will protect communities across the country from impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss. We thank President Biden for leading by example and setting aside the funds necessary to encourage additional private conservation efforts.” [[Statement ↗](#), 4/11/22]

An op-ed in the Colorado Sun by the mayors of Glenwood Springs, Salida, and Ridgway, Colorado urges Governor Polis to lead on the America the Beautiful initiative.



## Opinion: Colorado’s leadership needed to support conservation goal

3 Colorado mayors on the benefits of land restoration and preservation, and why the state should commit to the national effort



Dan Shore, Jonathan Godes, and John Clark  
1:30 AM MDT on Jun 27, 2022



**W**e recently joined 60 of our fellow Colorado local elected officials in sending Gov. Jared Polis a letter to express our support for a statewide conservation goal in step with President Biden’s national Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful conservation plan. That plan includes a commitment to conserving and restoring 30% of our nation’s lands and waters — public and private — by 2030, something scientists say is necessary to combat climate change and secure a climate resilient future for the nation.

Conserving and restoring Colorado’s lands and waters, climate refuges, as well as wildlife corridors and movement zones, will be critical to meeting this objective. Since 2019, Colorado has accomplished





# Public Lands

- The Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources considered the nomination of Laura Daniel-Davis to Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Lands and Mineral Management. The Mountain Pact issued a statement urging Senate confirmation of Ms. Daniel-Davis. As of the end of December, she still hasn't been confirmed - for the second year in a row.
- A Senate subcommittee held a hearing on the Grand Canyon Protection Act, legislation that would permanently ban new uranium mining claims on more than a million acres surrounding Grand Canyon National Park. The Mountain Pact released a statement in support of the legislation.
- After Utah Senator Mike Lee drew ire for blocking a bill to designate a former Japanese American internment camp in Colorado as Amache National Historic Site, The Mountain Pact issued a statement, which was covered by E&E News. The Senate resolved Senator Lee's concerns by agreeing to an amendment and then passed the bill. Secretary Haaland visited the site and with the leadership of Senator Bennet and Representative Neguse, President Joe Biden signed the Amache National Historic Site Act in March.

E&E NEWS | GREENWIRE

## Senator draws fire for blocking vote to make internment camp NPS site

By Rob Hotakainen | 02/09/2022 01:28 PM EST



This photo shows the foundation of barracks at Camp Amache, a former internment camp for Japanese Americans in Granada, Colo. The camp site covered 10,000 acres and housed 7,300 people who were forced to relocate there during World War II. Hyoung Chang/The Denver Post/AP Photo

# Climate Action and Oil and Gas Reform

In reaction to the Senate passing the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on August 7, 2022, The Mountain Pact issued this statement, followed by a second statement expressing relief that Congress and President Biden made the biggest ever U.S. investment in climate change. President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law, finalizing a signature piece of legislation aimed at fighting climate change, lowering health care costs, and raising taxes on corporations.

Earlier in the year, in April, the Interior Department resumed onshore oil and gas leasing at a smaller scale and raised royalty fees to 18.75% from 12.5%, the first increase since they were imposed in the 1920s. They issued a news release stating that the lease sales will focus on the highest and best use of America's public lands for the benefit of current and future generations. The Mountain Pact issued a statement in response to the department's announcement.

In response to the Biden administration's announcement that it's taking new actions to tackle methane emissions, clean up abandoned oil and gas wells, and support a clean energy economy, The Mountain Pact issued this statement in January.

- The City of South Lake Tahoe's Mayor Devin Middlebrook wrote an op-ed that ran in The Hill urging congress to take action on climate change.

# THE HILL

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## The climate crisis almost destroyed my town — yours could be next

BY DEVIN MIDDLEBROOK, OPINION CONTRIBUTOR · 07/29/22 12:00 PM ET  
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(AP Photo/Noah Berger)  
Flames consume a home on Triangle Rd. as the Oak Fire burns in Mariposa County, Calif., on Saturday, July 23, 2022. (AP Photo/Noah Berger)



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"We must end our addiction to fossil fuels by harnessing our nation's talent and resources to greatly expand our viable clean energy sector."

- Read our opinion piece in The Hill urging the Biden administration to reform oil and gas leasing.

# THE HILL

<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/3462738-the-west-is-burning-flooding-and-drying-up-time-to-update-oil-and-g>

OPINION > ENERGY ENVIRONMENT

## The West is burning, flooding and drying up — time to update oil and gas leasing

BY ANNA PETRELLA, OPINION CONTRIBUTOR · 08/22/22 3:00 PM ET  
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Our western communities are burning, flooding and drying up. Wildfires, now year-round, are forcing people to evacuate as entire neighborhoods burn to the ground. Flooding and mudslides have overwhelmed towns and forced major highway

# United Nations Mountain Partnership

The Mountain Pact is pleased to announce that we are now a member of the Mountain Partnership of the United Nations!



As a new partner, we were able to participate as a voting delegate at the United Nations Mountain Partnership Global Meeting in Aspen in September where we got to meet with so many of our partners and people from all over the world who are working on mountain sustainability issues. Speakers and participants expressed that it is vital that we take urgent action to do more to protect mountains and mountain communities across the world. Mountains matter and we must translate our ideas into action. Both around the world and in the western United States, daily and now year-round climate emergencies like wildfires, flooding, mudslides, smoke-filled air, and drought are deadly and costly. These impacts harm our air quality, health, lands, and waters as well as our tourism, outdoor, and agricultural economies and livelihoods.



Mountains matter - they cover 27 percent of the earth's land area, host about 50 percent of the world's biodiversity hotspots, are home for over 1.1 billion people, and provide water to billions of people worldwide - both in the highlands and lowlands.



High country small towns unite at summit

**Thank you for your participation and partnership with  
The Mountain Pact in 2022!**



**We look forward to working with you in 2023.**