

“In southeast Nevada lies a landscape of contrast and transition, where dramatically chiseled red sandstone, twisting canyons, and tree-clad mountains punctuate flat stretches of the Mojave Desert.”

Proclamation 9559—Establishment of the Gold Butte National Monument

Gold Butte National Monument

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ABOUT THE GOLD BUTTE NATIONAL MONUMENT (GBNM)

- Located in southeastern Nevada, the monument is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- The 296,937-acre monument was designated on December 28, 2016, by President Obama; however, Interior Secretary Zinke has recommended shrinking Gold Butte “to the smallest area” possible.
- The GBNM received its name from the nearby mining ghost town of Gold Butte, which lies in the shadow of the Gold Butte peak within the Virgin Mountains.

CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

- The GBNM area has been inhabited by man for more than 12,000 years.
- Gold Butte is culturally and spiritually important to the Southern Paiute people who collect water from the mountain springs, gather traditional sources of paint, harvest piñon nuts and other resources, and access ceremonial sites.
- The area includes thousands of petroglyphs and traces of human habitation, such as agave roasting pits and shelters.

LOCAL SUPPORT & OUTDOOR ECONOMY

Protecting Gold Butte may contribute nearly **\$2.7M** per year in economic activity and provide a **60%** increase in the number of jobs (*Applied Analysis, 2015*).

In Nevada, the outdoor recreation economy supports **87,000** jobs and contributes **\$1.1B** in state and local tax revenue (*Outdoor Industry Association, 2018*).

PUBLIC ACCESS AND USE OF CSNM

- GBNM provides fantastic recreation opportunities including hiking to rock art sites, driving the Gold Butte Back Country Byway to the mining ghost town, hunting, horseback riding, photography, camping, and wildlife viewing of the threatened desert tortoise, among other desert animals.
- Traditional tribal uses and existing private land uses are permitted in Gold Butte as they were before the area became a national monument.

“Gold Butte is Nevada’s piece of the Grand Canyon. Protecting it isn’t just about conservation; it is about unleashing the economic potential all around Southern Nevada.”

Congresswoman Dina Titus of Nevada’s First Congressional District

Protect Our National Monuments!

President Trump and Republicans in Congress want to take public lands away from everyday Americans and hand them over to oil, gas and mining companies. In April 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order directing the Department of the Interior to review the establishment history and current status of 27 national monuments created since 1996 under the Antiquities Act, a law Congress passed more than a century ago that authorizes the president to designate national monuments on existing federal land. In August 2017, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke recommended shrinking or modifying at least ten national monuments, including Gold Butte. On December 4, 2017, Trump drastically shrank two of Utah’s National Monuments - Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante - through a presidential order with no legal basis.