

"The Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks area is important for its ruggedly beautiful landscape and the significant scientific, historic, and prehistoric resources found there. The abundant resources testify to over 10,000 years of vibrant and diverse human history of many peoples."

Presidential Proclamation – Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument

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ABOUT THE ORGAN MOUNTAINS-DESERT PEAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT (OMDPNM)

- Located in southern New Mexico, the monument is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- The 496,330 acre monument was designated in 2014 by President Obama.
- The monument takes its name from the deeply creviced peaks of the Organ Mountains that resemble organ pipes.
- Rising to nearly 5,000 feet, the Organ Mountains are visible from 100+ miles in every direction during clear days.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

- Archaeologically rich, the OMDPNM features hundreds of artifacts, rock art, dwellings, and other evidence of the Native peoples of the area.
- The OMDPNM features 243 known archaeological sites, but there may be as many as 5,000 undiscovered sites.
- The majority of the cultural items known to be in the OMDPNM area are from the Chihuahuan Archaic period between 2,000 and 8,000 years ago.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND USE OF THE OMDPNM

- The OMDPNM provides fantastic recreation opportunities, including camping, climbing, hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

LOCAL SUPPORT & OUTDOOR ECONOMY

82% of New Mexicans support existing monument designations (*Colorado College Conservation in the West Poll, 2017*).

In New Mexico, the outdoor recreation economy supports **68,000** jobs & contributes **\$458M** in state and local tax revenue (*Outdoor Industry Association, 2017*).

In 2014, OMDPNM tourism generated **>\$9M** to the local economy. Two years later, that number doubled to **>\$19M** (*Bureau of Land Management*).

"I believe designating the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument is vital to our region. It will forever protect our wide open spaces, bring more jobs, and ensure our own legacy includes passing down the Organ Mountains for our children and grandchildren."

- Pat Bulls, President of the Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico, Southern Rio Grande Chapter

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 at least four national monuments, including New Mexico's Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks. 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.