



March 15, 2016

Christy Goldfuss
Managing Director
White House Council on Environmental Quality
722 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Re: Proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument in Arizona

Dear Managing Director Goldfuss:

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit conservation organization working to guarantee all Americans quality places to hunt and fish. The TRCP is dedicated to the conservation legacy of its namesake and works to advance sportsmen's access and habitat conservation in Arizona and across the United States.

TRCP recently joined 27 other sportsmen's and conservation groups and businesses in preparing the report [National Monuments: a Sportsmen's Perspective](#), which outlines eight key tenants that must be met to gain widespread hunter and angler support for new national monuments.

The Antiquities Act is a powerful conservation tool and we believe that its long-term viability and success are dependent on it being used in a thoughtful and inclusive manner. Organized sportsmen groups and businesses have supported several recently designated monuments in places like Colorado and New Mexico, and we believe these monuments stand as success stories.

We understand that the Administration is currently considering several additional monument proclamations, and if there is one monument proposal that fails to meet several key tenants, it is the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument (GCWNM). The proposed GCWNM was developed by a narrow group of interests and then rolled out with an aggressive advocacy campaign. This lack of process created far-reaching animosity and forced interest groups to draw lines in the sand and take hard positions. Unlike popular and recently adopted monuments in other states, we are not aware of any hunting and fishing groups that support the proposed GCWNM, and we are aware of a long list of state and national groups that are opposed.

The area being proposed for monument status supports some of the best places on the planet to hunt mule deer. With nearly 2.6 million acres of public lands and 4000-plus miles of roads to explore, it is a nationally recognized hunter's paradise. Most sportsmen believe these lands and the wildlife they support are currently being managed appropriately by the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service in coordination with the Arizona Game and Fish Department through open collaborative processes under existing multiple-use mandates.

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For these reasons, we ask that you do not pursue this proposal and that you instead consider other places for future monument designation where sportsmen support exists. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Whit Fosburgh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Whit" and last name "Fosburgh" clearly distinguishable.

Whit Fosburgh
President and CEO
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

CC:

Tommy Beaudreau, Chief of Staff, DOI

Robert Bonnie, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA