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The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Madam Secretary and Mr. Secretary:

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 on sportsmen's conservation issues in Arizona and across the United States. In Arizona, we draw on the support and action of over 2,400 individual advocates and we work cooperatively with 25 sportsmen and conservation organizations.

We are writing to express concern about the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument (GCWNM). In order for an area to merit consideration for monument designation under the Antiquities Act, we believe that the following criteria must be met:

- A thorough public process must be carried out that includes multiple stakeholder groups, including sportsmen.
- Significant sportsmen support must exist for any monument proposal overlaying areas open to hunting and fishing.
- Clear provisions must be offered and put in place to protect state agency fish and wildlife management actions, reasonable access, and the traditions of hunting and fishing.

The proposed GCWNM meets none of these criteria. The proposed GCWNM was developed by a narrow group of interests and then thrust upon the public to react to. This lack of process has created far-reaching animosity and has forced interest groups to draw lines in the sand and take hard positions. Unlike popular and recently adopted monuments in New Mexico and Colorado, we are not aware of any hunting and fishing groups that support the proposed GCWNM, and we are aware of a long list of groups that are opposed.

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:
Arizona Congressional Delegation