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President Obama Designates 2 more National Monuments

The President in a move to add to his legacy has named 2 more National Monuments, Protecting 1.65 Million more acres, bringing his total monument designations to 25. One of the newest is in southeastern Utah and the other is northeast of Las Vegas. Many local residents are very unhappy with this decision as it was taken without input from them. Representative Jason Chaffertz (R-Utah) blasted the president, calling the move "terribly arrogant he unilaterally — he is taking 1.35 million acres, that's more land than there is in the entire state of Delaware, and re-designating it as a national monument". In his statement on Wednesday, the lawmaker said that president's decision disregarded "years of painstaking negotiations with a diverse coalition" that provided a "comprehensive bipartisan solution." Hopefully with the new President coming in, we can convince him to sign off on laws limiting the declarative powers of the president!



Who is ACSA?

ACSA is the National Organization that fights for our rights as snowmobilers and as citizens of the United States. Many groups think they should be the only ones allowed to use lands that our tax dollars pay for. We fight against precedent setting decisions that can be used on the Federal/State Level barring us from using the lands we pay for.

ACSA is a Charitable Organization making your donations tax deductible. There are several ways you can get involved.

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Fill the Coiffers - The "Green" Push is On!

For those of you who follow the exploits (antics?) of the self-ascribed "environmental movement" you know the recent election has fostered a "green" push of a different type by the most visible state and national "environmental" groups. The "green" in question? The kind we find in our wallets. The good old US Dollar...The Wilderness Society, for example, has been asking for contributions over the Holiday Season-not a surprise, but the sweeter this time? An anonymous donor will provide matching funds of up to One Million

Dollars. The initial offer to followers was a doubling of any contribution. As I write this on the final day of 2016 the offer is now a 10X match! This unique push for the "green" is not alone. Many groups who generally or specifically oppose our use of OUR lands are fearmongering to relieve their followers of increasing amounts of this "green". These \$\$\$ are the elixir of the movement. Create a 'need' with a dubious "crisis" and self-perpetuate the need for your organization—and additional funding.

While we might argue

the real societal value of this approach, it is a sound business model. The size of many of these organizations proves that point. On an individual donation standpoint-not so much of an issue, but: It has long been a concern of snowmobilers that significant funding for these opposition groups comes from corporate entities (and their foundations) supported by snowmobilers by buying products that contribute to a profitable corporate "green" bottom line. That "green" circles back, in part, as donations to the groups that wish to restrict our

access. Sometimes this is by design, sometimes it is simply an unfocused response to a solicitation.

In any event ACSA leadership will be discussing what to do about this timely topic in the coming months. An excellent project has been proposed to allow snowmobilers to gather some knowledge about where their "green" goes after the cash register. A component to educate the funding entities about our concerns is also likely to be forthcoming. Stay tuned and thank you for your support of ACSA.

It is time to ride!

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