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Please take action, Mr. President:

The debate surrounding an area of Utah known as Bears Ears has been raging for several months now. Nearly all agree that these public lands are special and should be protected, but how to do this has been hotly contested. All sides have had ample time to weigh in. That includes 26 Native American tribes, San Juan County, and people from both across our state and across the nation, all of whom have a right to have a say in the management of their public lands.

But now it's time to take action. With little chance of Congress protecting the Bears Ears region, you should use your authority to establish the Bears Ears National Monument and ensure permanent protection of this unique region. In doing so, you would be heeding the calls of Native American tribes, labor unions, veterans, business owners, faith leaders, sportsmen, recreationalists, conservationists, and many others who wish to see these lands protected and appropriate access ensured.

A national monument designation will keep these public lands managed under existing agencies, and ensure access and preservation for us, our children, and future generations.

As the Utah State Senate Minority Leader, I implore you to take action.

Respectfully,

Senator Gene Davis

Utah State Senate Minority Leader