



In Photos: President Obama Designates 3 National Monuments in California

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Summary: President Obama has protected more acres of public lands and water than any Administration in American history

"Our country is home to some of the most beautiful God-given landscapes in the world. We're blessed with natural treasures – from the Grand Tetons to the Grand Canyon; from lush forests and vast deserts to lakes and rivers teeming with wildlife. And it's our responsibility to protect these treasures for future generations, just as previous generations protected them for us."

- President Obama

Preserving the richness of our national parks, monuments, forests, and public lands is among the greatest bequests we leave to future generations. That is why President Obama has made it a priority from the start of his Administration to invest in and conserve America's natural treasures, protecting more than 265 million acres of land and water – more than any other president in American history.

Now, he's added a few million acres more.

Last week, he designated three new national monuments in the California desert: Mojave Trails National Monument, Sand to Snow National Monument, and Castle Mountains National Monument.

These designations encompass nearly 1.8 million acres, essentially doubling the number of acres of public lands he has protected during his time in office and solidifying his place as the most prolific conservationist in US history.

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This announcement is a testament to the persistence of so many people that have worked to safeguard America's natural beauty. And it's awesome for anyone who loves to be outdoors. Check out a few posts celebrating the President's announcement and the record of conservation we have all been a part of over the past seven years:



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This weekend the [#Obama](#) Administration [@whitehouse](#) informed [@everydayclimatechange](#) of their plan to expand federal protection over 1.8 million acres (728,434 hectares) of California desert land by creating 3 new national monuments. California, more than almost anywhere else in the United States, is



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