

THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Bruce:

Some of the most gratifying accomplishments of my Administration have come from the work we have done together to preserve America's great natural legacy for future generations. I am especially proud of our efforts to preserve Yellowstone National Park by acquiring the New World Mine, to protect the old growth redwoods of California's Headwaters Forest, and to recognize the priceless resources of Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante region through their designation as a national monument.

As we approach the next century, I would appreciate any recommendations you may have for further appropriate exercise of my authority under the Antiquities Act to protect objects of historic or scientific interest on federal lands. I will seriously consider and weigh any such proposals in the context of our overall efforts to save the most valuable, unique, and threatened places in America as a legacy for our children and grandchildren.

I look forward to receiving your guidance.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton