

# KEEP IT GRAND



On April 11, 2023, tribal leaders of the Grand Canyon Tribal Coalition called on President Biden to use the Antiquities Act of 1906 to designate the **Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument**. The proposed monument builds on the tribes' longstanding effort to permanently protect the region. Baaj Nwaavjo means "where tribes roam" for the Havasupai Tribe, and I'tah Kukveni means "our ancestral footprints" for the Hopi Tribe.

The proposed Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument would include approximately 1 million acres of federal public land adjacent to Grand Canyon National Park. The national monument designation would honor the tribes' deep cultural ties to the Grand Canyon and protect the cultural, natural, recreational, and scientific resources of the region.

## GRAND CANYON TRIBAL COALITION

THE GRAND CANYON TRIBAL COALITION INCLUDES LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HAVASUPAI TRIBE, HOPI TRIBE, HUALAPAI TRIBE, KAIBAB PAIUTE TRIBE, LAS VEGAS BAND OF PAIUTE TRIBE, MOAPA BAND OF PAIUTES, PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH, NAVAJO NATION, SAN JUAN SOUTHERN PAIUTE TRIBE, YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION, PUEBLO OF ZUNI, AND THE COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES.

# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THIS AREA?



## IT IS THE ANCESTRAL HOMELAND OF MULTIPLE TRIBES.

The Grand Canyon region has been inhabited and visited by Native American tribes since time immemorial. Many natural and cultural resources that are significant and sacred to tribes remain in the area.



## IT IS CRITICAL TO THE WEST'S SCARCE WATER RESOURCES.

The Grand Canyon region is a significant watershed for the Colorado River, which provides water to 40 million Americans. Climate change and multi-decade drought have already caused these water resources to reach perilously low levels.



## IT IS HOME TO ABUNDANT BIODIVERSITY AND UNIQUE ECOLOGY.

The Grand Canyon region provides important habitat for rare and endangered species, like the California condor. It is also a critical refuge and migratory corridor for hundreds of bird species and mammals.



## IT HAS UNIQUE PROXIMITY TO GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK.

An estimated 5.9 million people from around the world visit Grand Canyon National Park each year, making tourism, recreation, hunting, and angling essential to the region's economy.



## IT HAS STRONG SUPPORT FROM ARIZONA VOTERS.

86% of Arizona voters support presidents continuing to use their ability to protect existing public lands as national monuments [according to a 2023 Colorado College poll](#).

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