

Indivisible Durango – Public Lands Committee Report – July 2017

These are the major issues we are following:

1. The review of National Monuments and any proposals to rescind them or reduce their size, with particular focus on Bears Ears. During the comment period which ended July 10th, roughly 1.4 million comments were made about NMs, with the overwhelming majority in support of the current monuments.
2. The threats to the 1906 Antiquities Act, with S. 33 being of the gravest concern. The passage of a number of introduced bills would effectively kill the power of the president to enact any new National Monuments, forever.
3. Replacing Rep. Scott Tipton in District 3 in 2018 with someone who is more aware of the importance of public lands and environmental issues. We want a representative who works for the people of Colorado, not the extractive industries.
4. Grazing leases on public lands in Colorado. Two particular concerns are the sheep leases held by J. Paul Brown, for which he pays a pittance - effectively he has a business subsidized by the taxpayers; and a comment period on grazing leases in the Weminuche Wilderness will be opening soon.