

Protect Grand Staircase

Designated in 1996, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument spans about 1.9 million acres in southern Utah and protects an extraordinary cultural landscape of great archaeological, ecological, geological, paleontological, and scientific significance.

The Monument holds **thousands of cultural places**, including ancestral dwellings, petroglyphs, pilgrimage trails, sacred sites, and springs, as well as **important habitat** for bears, mountain lions, bighorn sheep, birds, bees, and native plants.

Our people have cared for these lands since time immemorial. We are the descendants of the original stewards of these lands and our unique Indigenous Traditional Knowledge and long-standing stewardship responsibilities give us unique insight into how best to care for the Monument's land, water, plants, animals, and cultural places.



Grand Staircase-Escalante Inter-Tribal Coalition

HOPÍ TRIBE • NAVAJO NATION • SOUTHERN PAIUTE
UTE MOUNTAIN UTE • ZUNI TRIBE

The Grand Staircase-Escalante Inter-Tribal Coalition is a coalition of six Tribal Nations composed of representatives from the Hopi Tribe, Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, Navajo Nation, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Zuni Tribe. We work collectively to ensure that Tribal voices, perspectives, and priorities are meaningfully included in the management of their ancestral lands that are now part of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and to advocate for the long-term protection of the Monument for present and future generations.



We are the living descendants of the ancestors who left their footprints and writings across Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. We are still here.”

—AUTUMN GILLARD,
SOUTHERN PAIUTE



Tribes carry an invaluable treasure of traditional knowledge about these lands, meticulously passed down through generations.”

—ANTHONY
SANCHEZ JR.,
ZUNI

89%

Nearly 9-in-10 Utah voters (89%) say it is **very important** for Native American Tribes to have a strong role in managing their ancestral lands.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PROTECT GRAND STAIRCASE?



IT IS THE HOME OF OUR ANCESTORS AND OUR PEOPLE ARE STILL HERE.

The Monument is home to cultural places of profound importance to Tribes, including sacred petroglyph panels, ancestral dwellings, and pilgrimage trails. For some Tribes, this is our Holy Land. Our people have interacted with the landscape since time immemorial and today we still come to Grand Staircase to gather food and medicine, hunt, collect firewood, and to visit springs and sacred places.

IT PROTECTS IMPORTANT WATER SOURCES.

The monument protects over 2,500 river miles, including important water sources that support life for plants, animals, and people. **CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS, 2025**

IT TELLS THE STORY OF EARTH'S HISTORY.

More than 200 million years of Earth's history are contained in the layers of rock found in the monument and the monument is important to scientists studying our planet's past. At least 30 species of dinosaurs, including 15 totally new species, have been found in the monument. **NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF UTAH, 2020**



IT PROTECTS WILDLIFE HABITAT, ANIMALS, AND PLANTS.

The Monument is home to mountain lions, bighorn sheep, bears, over 200 species of birds, including endangered California condors, and over 600 species of bees, as well as over 1,000 species of plants. In fact, 26% of all the plant species in the state of Utah are found in the monument. **UTAH NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, 2021**

IT SUPPORTS LOCAL ECONOMIES IN SOUTHERN UTAH.

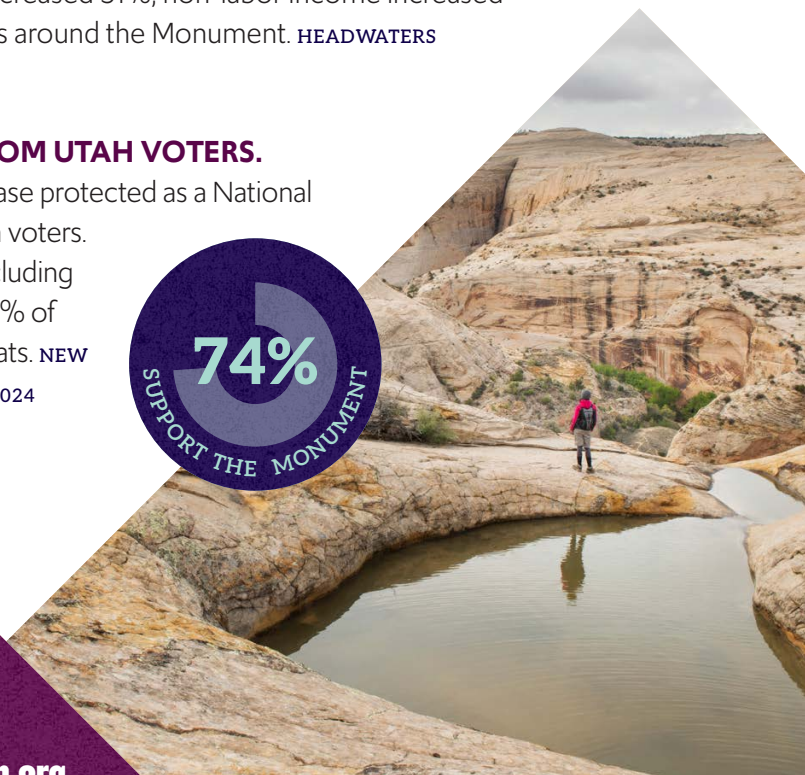
About 1 million people visit the Monument every year and Monument tourism is a major economic engine for the region. Between 2001 and 2022, jobs increased 51%, non-labor income increased 99%, and per capita income grew 41% in communities around the Monument. **HEADWATERS ECONOMICS, JANUARY 2026**

THE MONUMENT HAS STRONG SUPPORT FROM UTAH VOTERS.

74% of Utah voters support keeping Grand Staircase protected as a National Monument. That's nearly 3 out of every 4 Utah voters.

This support is strong across party lines, including nearly 2 out of 3 Republicans (65%), 80% of Independents, and 96% of Democrats. **NEW**

BRIDGE STRATEGY POLL, DECEMBER 2024



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