



NEWS RELEASE

Arizona House of Representatives

602-926-4481

1700 West Washington • Phoenix, Arizona • 85007-2844

Friday, January 13, 2017
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rural Freshmen Republicans Applaud Decision to Exclude Arizona from Further National Monument Designations

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representatives David Cook (R-8), Drew John (R-14), Becky Nutt (R-14), Kevin Payne (R-21), and Todd Clodfelter (R-10) today applauded [the Obama Administration's recent decision](#) to exclude Arizona from any further National Monument designations.

“It's not often that we can agree with any decision made by the Obama Administration, but rural Arizona is certainly breathing a sigh of relief after dodging a burdensome National Monument designation,” said Representatives Cook, John, Nutt, Payne, and Clodfelter. **“To designate monuments, wilderness, or other parks which cover massive amounts of Arizona land does nothing but handcuff rural Arizona and the entire state from future development.”**

While Arizona avoided further federal land intervention, Utah and Nevada weren't as fortunate. The [Obama Administration designated 1.35 million acres in Utah as the Bears Ears National Monument and 300,000 acres in Nevada as the Gold Butte National Monument](#), angering many local ranchers and other stakeholders.

###

CONTACT:

Matthew Specht
Director of Communications
House Majority Staff
602-926-5518
mspecht@azleg.gov