



## DESIGNATE CHUCKWALLA NATIONAL MONUMENT AND EXPAND JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

We are joining Representative Raul Ruiz (CA-25) in calling on President Biden to use the Antiquities Act to designate the Chuckwalla National Monument in Riverside and Imperial Counties, and to protect lands adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park. This is a historic opportunity to conserve stunning public lands that are beloved for outdoor recreation activities and are known for their incredible biodiversity, cultural significance, and rich history. This effort proposes to:



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### ► DESIGNATE A NEW CHUCKWALLA NATIONAL MONUMENT

The monument would permanently protect approximately 660,000 acres of federal public lands that reach from the Coachella Valley region in the west to the Colorado River in the east. Designating the Chuckwalla National Monument would help ensure equitable access to nature, honor a cultural landscape, and protect the desert's unique biodiversity, wildlife habitat and landscape connectivity, and history.

### ► EXPAND JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

We are calling to protect approximately 17,000 acres of public lands that are adjacent to the east side of Joshua Tree National Park. The expansion area would connect to the proposed monument and other protected places. This would help ensure connectivity for desert bighorn sheep, burro deer, and other wildlife impacted by climate change. The park expansion would also preserve places of cultural and historical importance. The National Park Service has identified the lands proposed in the expansion as a suitable addition to the park.



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### ► HONOR A CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

The lands proposed for protection include the homelands of the Iviatim, Nüwü, Pipa Aha Macav, Kwatsáan and Maara'yam peoples (Cahuilla, Chemehuevi, Mojave, Quechan, and Serrano nations). This is a living landscape with interconnected cultural, natural, and spiritual significance, which sustains the well-being and survival of Indigenous peoples today.



**▶ PRESERVE UNIQUE BIODIVERSITY**

Permanently protecting these lands with a monument and park expansion would help protect vast desert ecosystems and habitat for species like the chuckwalla lizard and desert tortoise, and migration corridors for desert bighorn sheep.

**▶ HELP ENSURE MORE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO NATURE**

The proposed monument includes many places that Coachella Valley communities enjoy for outdoor recreation activities, including Painted Canyon and Box Canyon in the Mecca Hills area, Corn Springs campground, and the Bradshaw Trail.



**▶ SAFEGUARD A RICH HISTORY**

The new monument would safeguard training sites for World War II soldiers, as well as a number of historic mines and mining artifacts from the 1800s. The monument would also conserve about 40 miles of the historic Bradshaw Trail.

**CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT TO USE THE ANTIQUITIES ACT**

We are urging President Biden to designate the Chuckwalla National Monument and protect lands adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park using the Antiquities Act. The Antiquities Act was enacted in 1906 and grants U.S. presidents the ability to designate federal public lands, waters, and cultural and historical sites as national monuments with a Presidential Proclamation. We hope to see President Biden permanently protect these public lands for current and future generations.

**TAKE ACTION TO DESIGNATE CHUCKWALLA NATIONAL MONUMENT AND EXPAND JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK!**



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