



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 4, 2025

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Opposing Continued Presidential Abuse of the 1906 Preservation of Antiquities Act, Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Consider, approve and sign the resolution

SUMMARY

Several counties across the West including some counties in Utah are passing resolutions to support Representative Maloy's efforts to reform the Antiquities Act and curb future Presidential abuse in using the act to designate national monuments. Representative Maloy's legislation would change the Act to require Congress' authorization for designation or extension of national monuments. The attached resolution states San Juan County's opposition to unilateral Presidential designation of national monuments and calls on Congress to either repeal the Act or, at a minimum, remove the unilateral Presidential discretion for monument designation and require that designation proposals have Congressional approval with concurrence of state and local governments affected by such designation.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

Designation of the Bears Ears National Monument was the most recent Presidential designation in San Juan County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown