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## Support for Public Lands Remains Strong and Bipartisan in Arizona

To: Interested Parties

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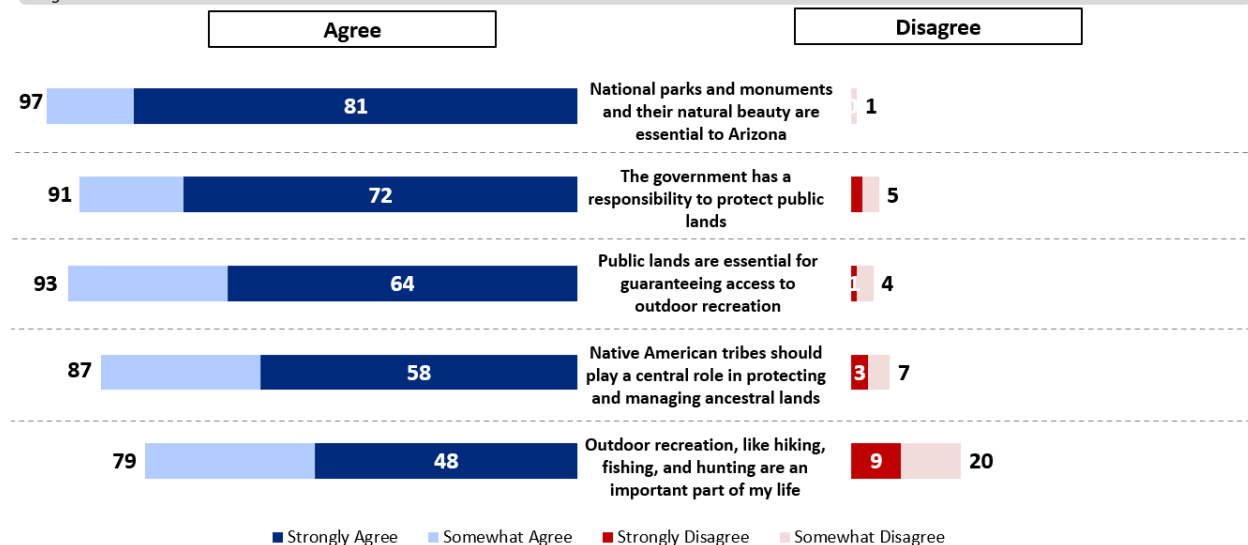
A new survey of Arizona voters finds strong and durable support for protecting public lands and strong opposition to any proposal that would sell off or otherwise roll back protections for public lands. This includes supporting laws like the Antiquities Act, federal agencies that manage public lands, a strong role for Native American tribes and opposition to mining and drilling on public lands.

Key findings include:

- Arizonans unanimously view national parks and natural beauty as essential to their state’s identity and way of life. They also agree that the government has a responsibility to protect public lands, that Native American tribes should play a role in protecting and managing ancestral land, and credit public lands with guaranteeing access to outdoor recreation.

### Chart 1: Agree/Disagree Public Lands Battery

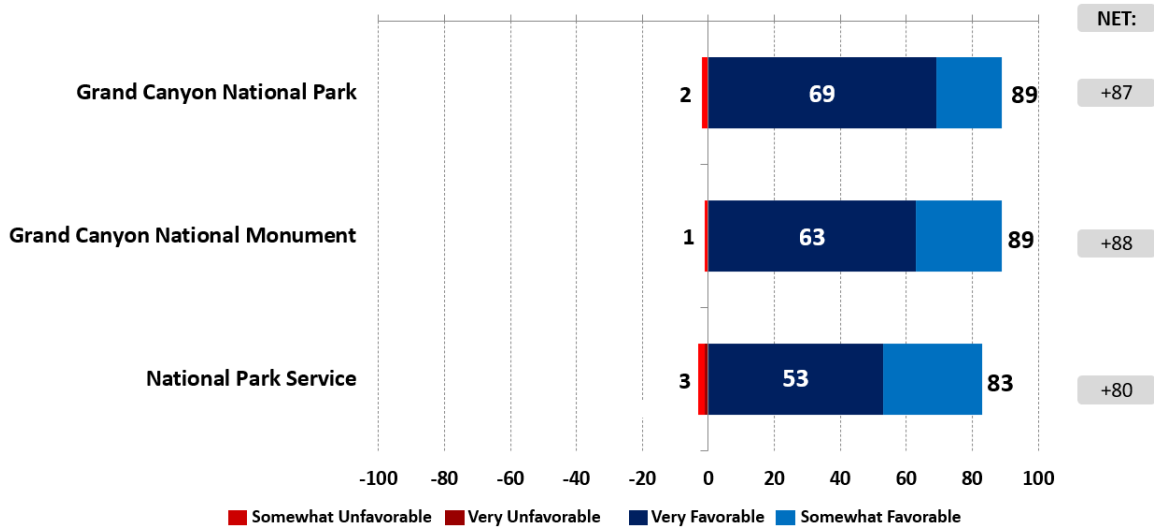
Now please read a list of things that some people in Arizona say about public lands and the outdoors. For each item in the list, please select whether you agree or disagree.



- Grand Canyon National Park and the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument are beloved by Arizonans. This sentiment is cross partisan with 70 percent of Democrats, 65 percent of Independents and 65 percent of Republicans giving very favorable impressions of both parks.

### Chart 2: National Park and National Monument Favorability

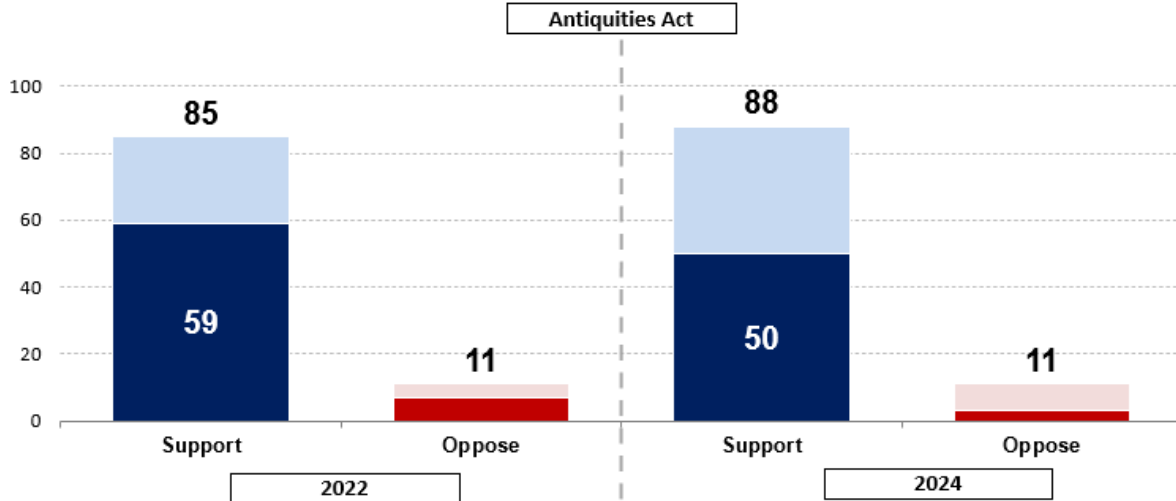
*Now please read a list of people, groups, or organizations. After each one, please select whether you have a favorable or unfavorable impression. If you have not heard of that person, group, or organization, or are unfamiliar with them, please choose that option.*



- Voters support laws like the Antiquities Act that allow the federal government to protect public lands (88 percent support). Fully 80 percent of voters support designating the new Grand Canyon National Monument and associating this with the Biden Administration specifically or the federal government generically yields no difference in support. Project 2025, which includes plans to repeal the Antiquities Act, is deeply unpopular (12 percent favorable – 52 percent unfavorable).

### Chart 3: Support for the Antiquities Act Time Series

*As you may know, presidents of both parties have used the Antiquities Act, a law that allows them to designate existing public lands as national monuments in order to maintain public access to the land, protect clean water supplies and wildlife, and preserve natural beauty for future generations. Do you support or oppose presidents continuing to have the ability to designate existing public lands as national monuments?*



- Over two-thirds of voters oppose any efforts to roll back protections of public lands or the Antiquities Act, and three quarters of voters oppose selling public lands. This opposition is similarly broad, including a 51 percent majority of independents who strongly oppose the sale of public lands. Opposition is particularly strong among Hispanic voters, with 55 percent strongly opposing the sale of public lands.
- Trump voters also support maintaining public land protections, with 46 percent opposing the new administration’s plans to roll back public lands, 51 percent opposing Project 2025’s goal of repealing the Antiquities Act, and 55 percent opposing any plan to sell off public lands. Fully 85 percent of Trump voters support the Antiquities Act and 77 percent support the historic expansion of public lands under the previous administration.

Table 1: Opposition to Public Lands Policy Changes

	Rollback Public Land Protections		Rollback Antiquities Act		Sell Off Public Lands	
	<i>Strong Oppose</i>	<i>Total Oppose</i>	<i>Strong Oppose</i>	<i>Total Oppose</i>	<i>Strong Oppose</i>	<i>Total Oppose</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>75</b>
Democrats	77	82	68	80	77	90
Independents	46	75	46	79	51	79
Republicans	13	43	18	45	20	57
Anglo	41	66	45	68	45	74
Hispanic	51	65	44	69	55	75
Trump Voters	12	46	18	51	19	55

- Voters also strongly oppose mining and drilling on public lands. Only 37 percent of voters agree that there should be more oil and gas drilling on public lands and only 18 percent of voters hold a favorable view of uranium mining companies.

This poll suggests that Arizonans of all political stripes vehemently oppose any proposals that would threaten public lands, which Arizonans take immense pride in. In an era where few issues unite voters, Arizonans unite around public lands due to their natural beauty and access to outdoor recreation. Public lands are deeply entwined with Arizona's identity.

### Methodology

GQR conducted a survey of 500 registered voters in Arizona, including an oversample of 100 Hispanic registered voters, from December 10 – 15, 2024. The survey was multimodal, with 11 percent of respondents contacted through live phone interviews, 43 percent through SMS messaging, and 46 percent through online panels. Because part of the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation in the online panel rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. If the poll were conducted among a probability sample, the margin of error would be +/-4.4 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.

## Appendix

### Public Lands Policy Changes Question Text

**(Rollback Public Lands Protections)** *In his first term as President, Donald Trump rolled back protections for national monuments like Utah's Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante as part of the largest ever rollback of federal land protection. In his next term, President Trump might try to remove protections from national monuments, including the new Grand Canyon National Monument. Would you support or oppose President Trump removing protections from national monuments, including the new Grand Canyon National Monument?*

**(Rollback Antiquities Act)** *The Heritage Foundation, a conservative organization, put out a plan called Project 2025 that Trump's allies say they plan to implement during his new administration. Part of Project 2025 calls for the repeal of the Antiquities Act, which allows presidents to designate new national monuments. It also calls for a rollback of all national monuments created by former presidents. Would you support or oppose these policies?*

**(Sell off Public Lands)** *Under President Trump, some have said there would be attempts to sell public lands in the West, like national monuments, national parks, and national forests, to private entities to raise money and reduce maintenance costs. Would you support or oppose that decision?*