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The **MISSION** of the Grand Canyon Trust is to protect and restore the Colorado Plateau—its spectacular landscapes, flowing rivers, clean air, diversity of plants and animals, and areas of beauty and solitude.

COVER: Caineville Reef and the Henry Mountains, Utah. TIM PETERSON

THIS PAGE: Cedar Breaks National Monument, Utah. TIM PETERSON

FACING PAGE: Bill Hedden. TIM PETERSON

Thank you for reading our Report to Donors. This is the Grand Canyon Trust's annual way of accounting to you for our work. We never forget that your support makes all our successes possible. There is much more information about the full range of our programs on our website at: [grandcanyontrust.org](http://grandcanyontrust.org)

Since I wrote to you last year, we have celebrated major conservation wins and also suffered from the uncertainty engendered by the Trump administration's radical shift in environmental policy. But, because the year's accomplishments were so hard won, it is worth dwelling for a moment on President Obama's establishment of the Bears Ears National Monument and the continued success in turning back the developers who would plunge a tramway into the heart of the Grand Canyon.

Bears Ears has attracted international acclaim as the first U.S. national monument celebrating the history and knowledge of indigenous peoples. The proclamation also established a unique intertribal commission charged with helping federal agencies manage this remarkable cultural landscape. The Trust is working with the tribes to launch the commission and help the monument reach its exciting potential, despite threats from Washington to drastically shrink or revoke it altogether. We are, of course, prepared to litigate any assault on this visionary

designation, and we will likewise go to court in defense of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, since the unilateral revocation or diminishment of any monument threatens all of them.

At the Grand Canyon, a coalition of traditional people, with support from the Trust, has continued to defeat well-heeled and underhanded developers pushing a bill to authorize their mega-resort and tramway and have the Navajo Nation pay for the infrastructure.

This year, each legislative committee charged with reviewing the bill defeated or tabled it. The people of western Navajo want economic development, but they want sustainable, culturally appropriate development, not a destructive theme park.

This letter marks my last as executive director after nearly 16 years. I will pass leadership into the immensely capable hands of our conservation director, Ethan Aumack, at year's end, and return

to part-time work as an activist, which is where my heart is. In doing so, I will be part of the agile, influential Trust team, ready to push innovative new conservation solutions when that is possible, and play stalwart defense when needed. What better work could one hope for?

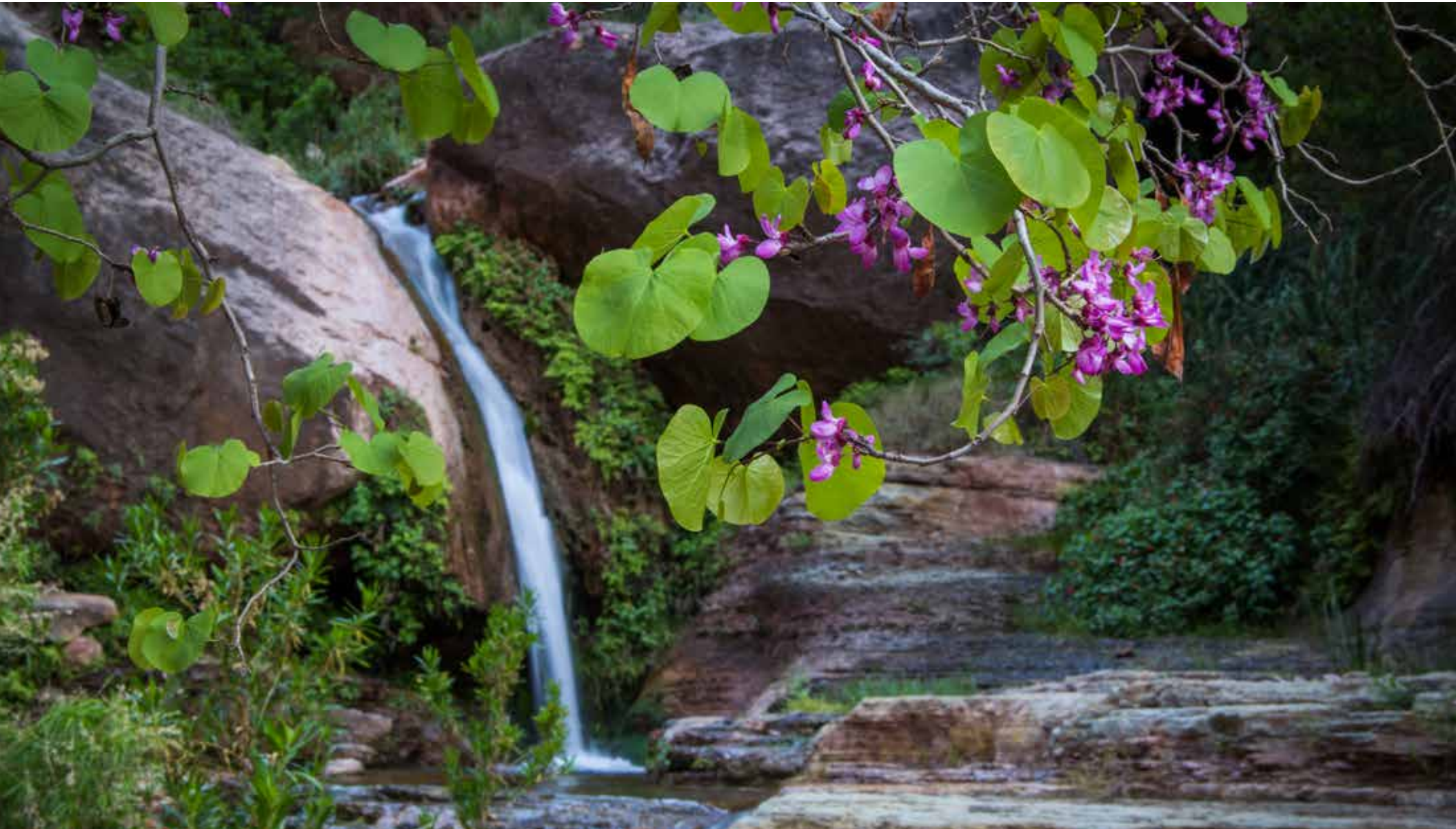
*Bill Hedden*

Bill Hedden





## UNITED TO PROTECT THE GRAND CANYON



AMY MARTIN

The Trust's work to protect the Grand Canyon from uranium mining and other threats is succeeding thanks to long-running alliances and generous contributors.





This summer, Havasupai leaders asked the Trust to help organize an intertribal gathering to advance their multi-decade campaign to stop uranium mining around the Grand Canyon. Tribes gathered at the base of Red Butte this June in opposition to nearby Canyon Mine and efforts to rescind the 20-year ban on new mining claims ordered by the secretary of the interior in 2012.

In northern Arizona, a diverse coalition of local communities, business owners, elected officials, hunting and fishing organizations, ranchers, and Native American communities is cooperating to prevent uranium mining from further contaminating Grand Canyon's air, land, water, wildlife, and people. With your help, we stand united in Keeping the Canyon Grand.



Our partnership with Navajo families, who formed *Save the Confluence* more than five years ago, continues to prevent a massive resort on Navajo lands with a tramway to the confluence of the Little Colorado and Colorado rivers inside the Grand Canyon. The Scottsdale developer planned to have the so-called "Grand Canyon Escalade" up and running by 2015, but, thanks to our coalition, members of the Navajo Nation Council have repeatedly rejected attempts to win legislative approval for the project. In July, the Naabik'iyati' Committee, which includes all 24 Navajo Nation Council delegates, voted 14 – 2 against the bill.



TOP: The Havasupai-led prayer gathering at Red Butte in June 2017. JAKE HOYUNGOWA

ABOVE: Save the Confluence families advocate for protecting the confluence on a Navajo radio call-in show.

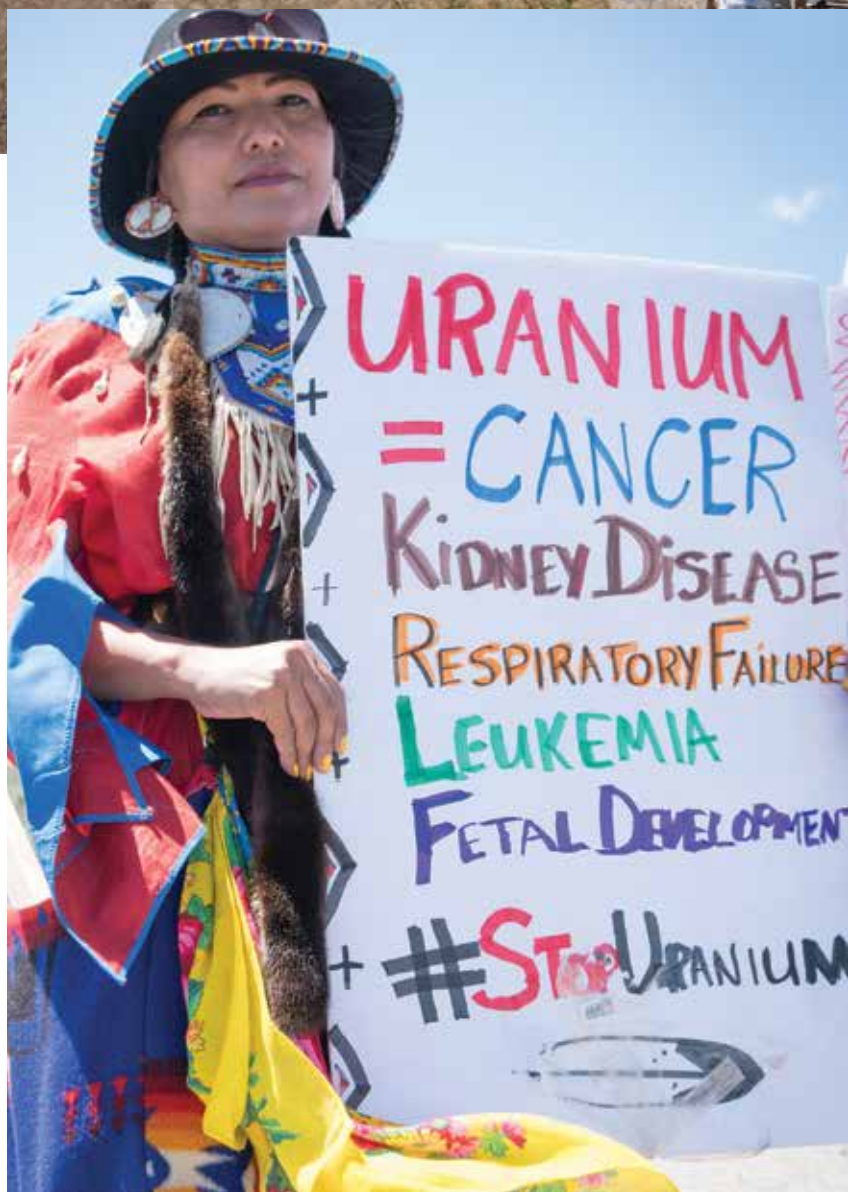
RIGHT: Water cannons, known as "land sharks," mist water into the air at Canyon uranium mine.

BLAKE MCCORD





ABOVE and LEFT: Ute Mountain Ute tribal members lead a spiritual walk along Highway 191 from the tribal community of White Mesa, Utah to the nearby White Mesa uranium mill in May 2017. COREY ROBINSON



## NO BACKING DOWN, KEEP IT IN THE GROUND

In 2012, the Trust and our partners won an important victory when Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced a 20-year mineral withdrawal, preventing development of thousands of uranium claims on over one million acres around Grand Canyon National Park.

The mining industry has fought to reopen watersheds around the canyon to uranium extraction ever since, and the Trust has been defending the withdrawal from attacks in court. However, the Trump administration could undo the withdrawal administratively.

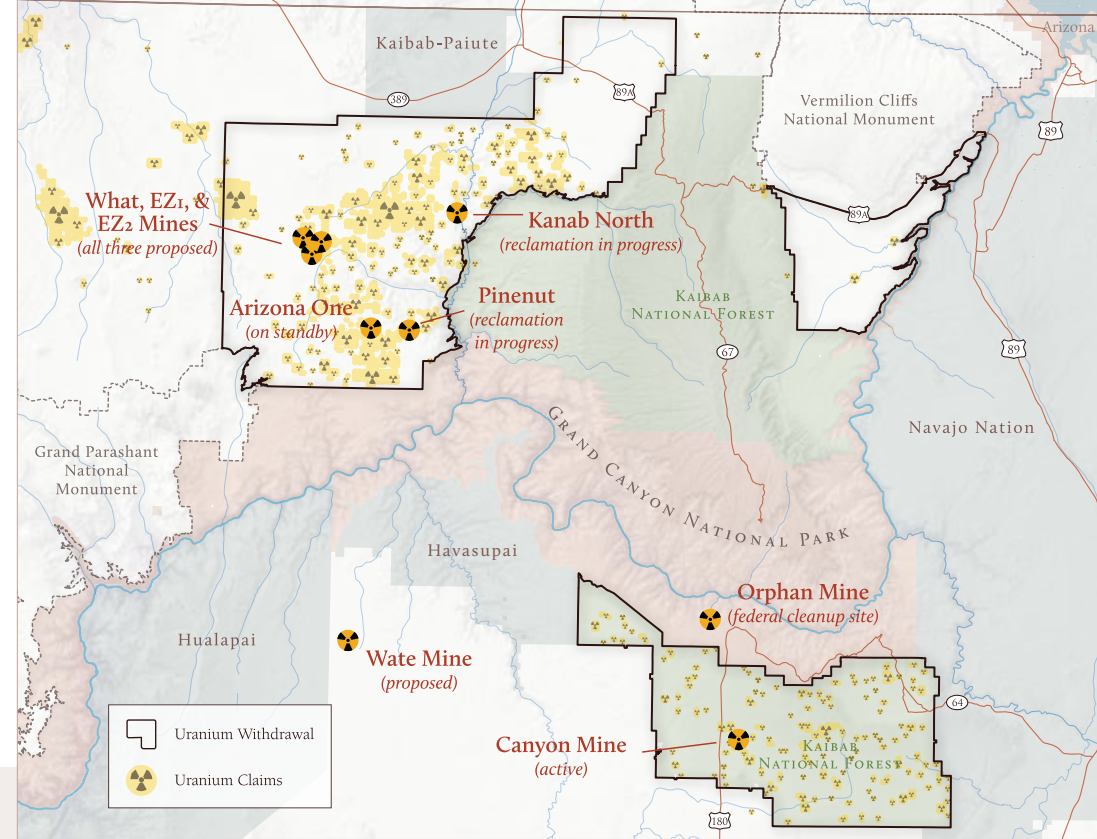
To prevent this, we are rebuilding the broad and powerful coalition that originally supported these hard-won protections. We're also in the final stages of producing a short film that will bring the urgency of this issue to the computer screens of the public across the Colorado Plateau and beyond.



This summer, the White Mesa uranium mill, which processes ore from Grand Canyon mines, underwent a renewal process for the license that governs its operation and eventual cleanup. The Trust conducted an exhaustive analysis of the license and submitted powerful critiques to regulators. The Trust also supported members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in the

organization of a spiritual walk in protest of the risks the mill poses to those nearby. As the last operating mill in the United States, the White Mesa Mill is being used as the final repository for dangerous radioactive wastes from across the country, and the Trust is determined to assure that the mill is in compliance with all applicable regulations.

The Trust is also appealing coal mine expansions at sites in Utah and Colorado, and is working to prevent oil shale and tar sands development in northeastern Utah.



A 2016 photo of the Greens Hollow lease tract, recently leased by the Bureau of Land Management to expand the SUFCO coal mine in Utah's Sevier and Sanpete counties. The Trust is appealing this lease expansion before the Interior Board of Land Appeals. TIM PETERSON



## WORKING WITH TRIBAL COMMUNITIES FOR LOCAL ACTION



The Colorado Plateau Intertribal Conversations Gathering Group, founded and staffed by the Grand Canyon Trust, has won international recognition for contributions to tribal health and the protection of sacred sites, water, language, and culture.

Late last year, the group convened indigenous people from across the globe to share traditional knowledge and related initiatives. A major theme of the meeting was the need to recognize the Rights of Nature as a framework for collaboration centered on existing tribal natural laws.







Following the international gathering, we went to Los Angeles to meet with traditional tribal farmers and modern urban farmers united by the challenges of agriculture in the arid Southwest. Participants shared practices and discussed emerging climate issues as seen by those closest to the land.



The Trust's work helping diversify the economy of western Navajo communities has become essential with the announced 2019 closure of the Navajo Generating Station. Our Native American Business Incubator Network (NABIN) has been helping entrepreneurs launch start-ups, from identifying their customers to branding and marketing their businesses. In 2016, we held our first Innovation Challenge. Three winners secured \$5,000 in seed money plus a year of business counseling.

We have also been engaging local community leaders to create feasible economic alternatives on the east rim of the Grand Canyon through our innovative DinéHózhó investment platform, which pairs socially minded investors with Navajo entrepreneurs. The goal is a sustainable, diverse, and culturally appropriate regional economy. We are beginning to make loans to vendors and entrepreneurs, incubating businesses, and the future looks bright.









Following decades of advocacy, Bears Ears National Monument was finally designated by President Obama in 2016. The monument represents a hard-won victory for public lands conservation, protecting 1.35 million acres of stunning wildlands—serpentine canyons, forested mountains, high mesas and plateaus, and desert badlands dotted with buttes and stone pinnacles. The monument is prime habitat for predators like bear and cougar, as well as medicinal plants and rare species of pollinators.



More than that, Bears Ears is a victory for tribes—it's the first truly Native American national monument that honors the cultures and identities tied to this singular landscape. Countless sacred sites—cliff dwellings, rock art, prehistoric villages, as well as places to practice pilgrimage and ceremony, and to gather firewood, food, and medicine—have been protected from off-road vehicle abuse, new uranium mining, and fossil fuel drilling.

Bears Ears, by its proclamation, is a place where indigenous traditional knowledge is to be preserved and used in monument management. A new paradigm of collaborative management between tribes and federal land managers is emerging here through the presidentially established Bears Ears Commission. The commission is combining traditional knowledge and cutting-edge science into a comprehensive vision that elevates this cultural landscape so that the land and its inhabitants—plant, human, and animal—can flourish in a dance of reverence, respect, and reciprocity.



This year, we worked to support the Bears Ears Commission in asserting its priorities and values, and increasing its public presence and capacity to advocate for better interim management and public education. We also worked in the media and the political arena to defend Bears Ears from unrelenting attacks lobbed by local anti-public lands politicians and the Trump administration. With your support, Bears Ears National Monument will endure these tests, building a transformative model wherein the land's first inhabitants help shape the future of their ancestral lands.

LEFT: Supporters of Bears Ears National Monument rally on the steps of the state capitol in Salt Lake City. TIM PETERSON

ABOVE: Comb Ridge. TIM PETERSON

FAR RIGHT TOP: Petroglyphs in an alcove in the western annex of Bears Ears National Monument. TIM PETERSON

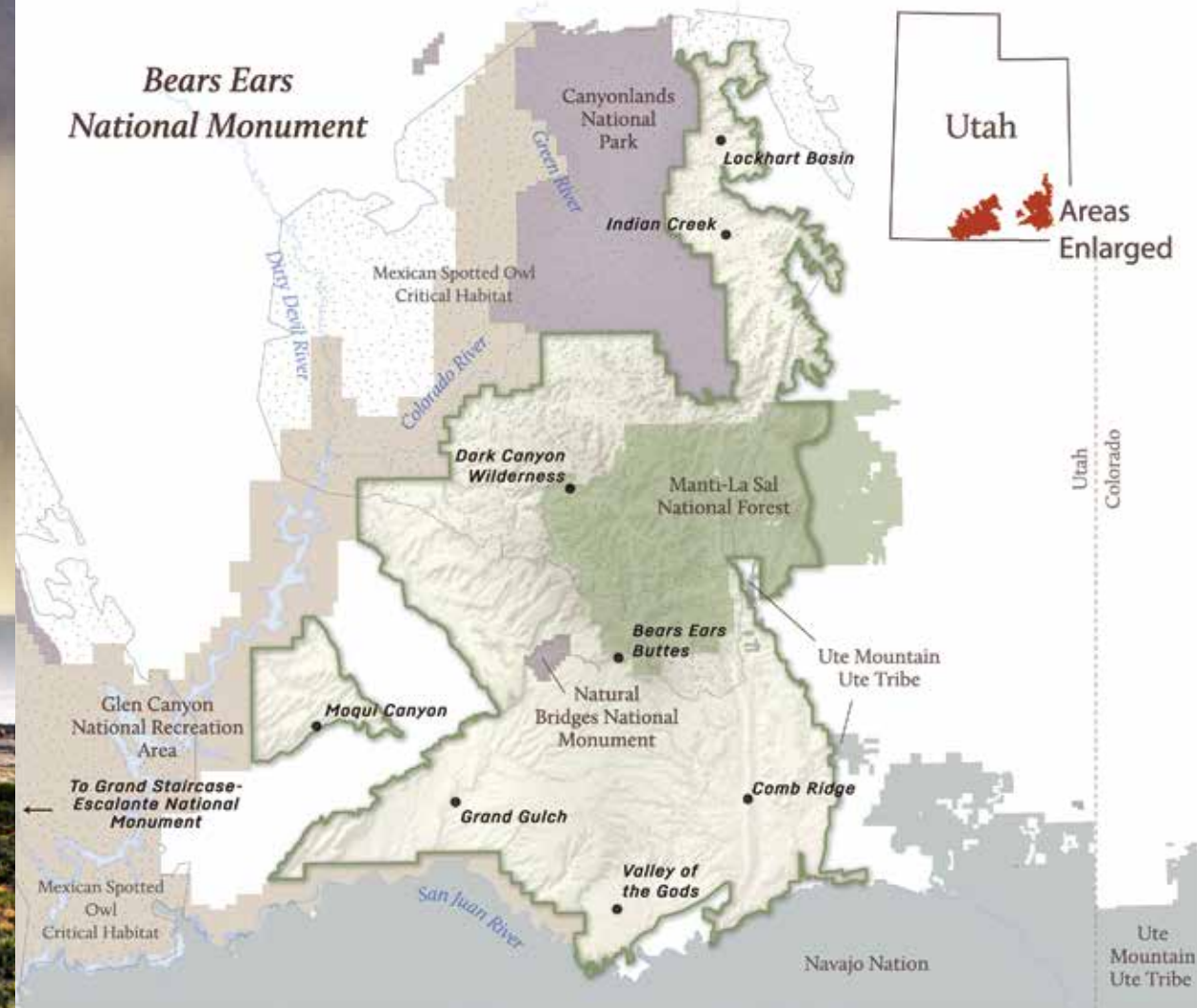
FAR RIGHT BOTTOM: Bears Ears commissioners. TIM PETERSON



## ADVOCATING FOR OUR NATIONAL MONUMENTS

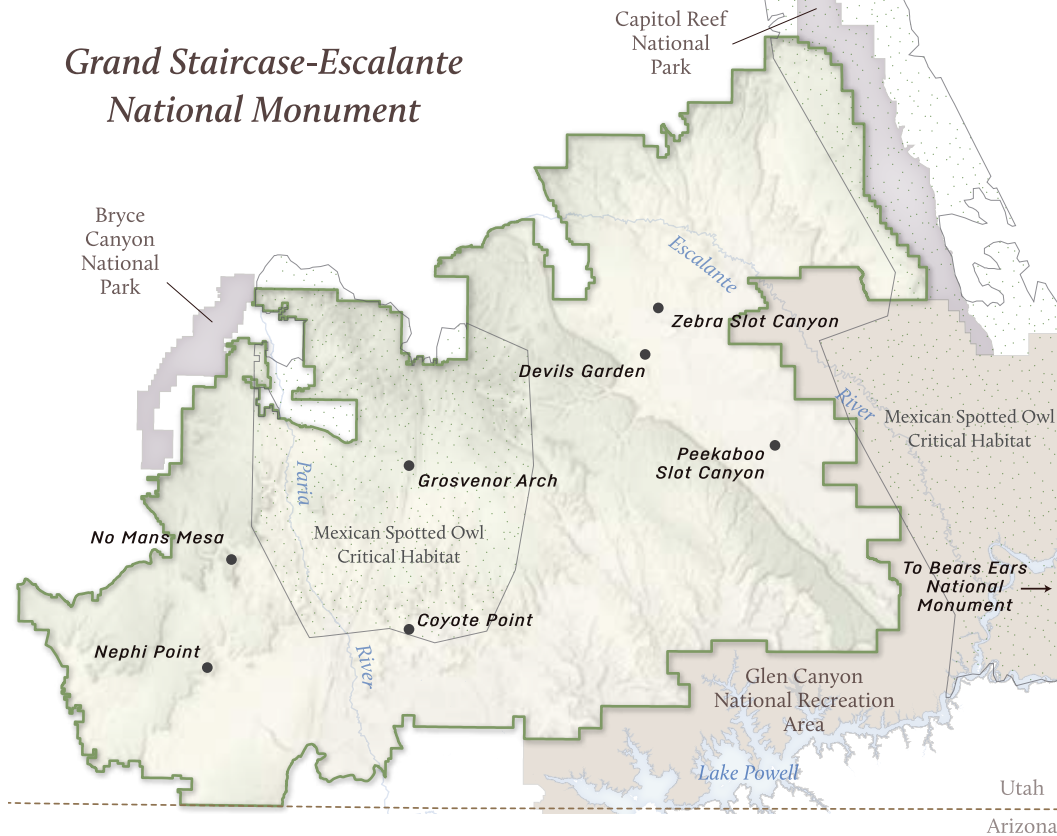
At the urging of anti-public lands politicians in Utah, Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments are under grave threat of diminishment, and sensible public lands management reforms are in danger of being abandoned by the new administration.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has recommended shrinking Utah's two most recent national monuments, as well as undermining the Antiquities Act of 1906 by opening them, and possibly all national monuments, to commercial logging, mining, and fossil fuel drilling. This will put the very values national monuments protect at risk.





## Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument



The Trump administration has launched the most aggressive assault on protected public lands in American history. Anti-public lands forces across the West are mobilizing as well, working to undo decades of progress by pushing for state ownership of public roads, and looking to a sympathetic president and Congress to undo protections for our shared cultural and natural heritage.

We're working to raise the profile of the plateau's protected lands in local, regional, and national media, coordinating with tribes and our conservation partners to be ready should legal action be necessary to defend national monuments, and redoubling our efforts to stave off the Trump administration's aggressive push to return the plateau to its days as a fossil fuel colony. Over the coming years, the Grand Canyon Trust will be a leading voice in defending the Colorado Plateau in the media, the courts, and the halls of Congress. Our work is developing quickly. Please check our blog and social media feeds to stay current on how you can help preserve the plateau.



LEFT: Bears Ears buttes. TIM PETERSON

TOP: Protesters in support of national monuments.

TIM PETERSON

ABOVE: East Cove Paria Badlands, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. TIM PETERSON





## ACCELERATING RESTORATION OF NORTHERN ARIZONA'S FORESTS

Thanks to years of Trust leadership, there is broad agreement on landscape-scale forest restoration strategies for the world's largest ponderosa pine forest north of Arizona's Mogollon Rim.

Arizona towns and counties, environmental organizations like the Trust, wood products companies, scientific institutions, tribes, and resource management agencies have worked together to plan and implement forest restoration work across the Four Forest Restoration Initiative's (4FRI) 2 million acre area. It's America's largest forest restoration project.

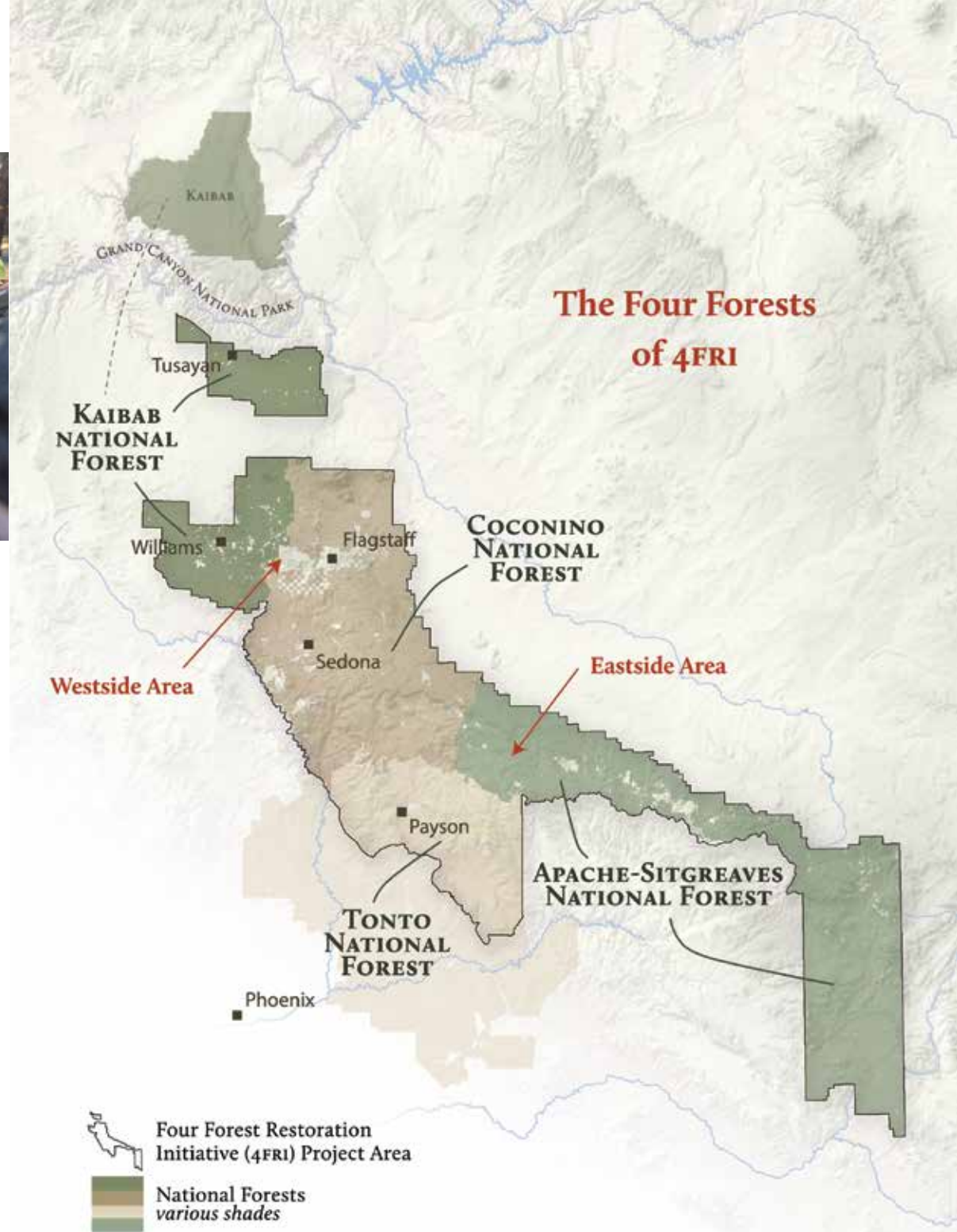
On the east side of the Mogollon Rim, treatments are hitting the ground at an encouraging pace, with local industry mechanically thinning about 15,000 acres per year, for a total of over 60,000 acres since 2012. This work has been complemented by prescribed and managed fire across nearly 200,000 additional acres. Unfortunately, work is stunted on the west side because of the Phase 1 contractor's inability to cut significant numbers of trees.





The Trust and other stakeholders came together to plan ways to accelerate mechanical treatments on the west side toward the original goal of treating 50,000 acres per year. The central component of this strategy is a new request for proposals aimed at attracting industry partners with the capacity to thin the forest and remove biomass to meet 4FRI's objectives. This request for proposals will be issued this fall, and the Forest Service will make a decision about whether to award one or several new contracts soon thereafter.

The Trust's volunteer citizen scientists will continue to assist the Forest Service with inventory, monitoring, and adaptive management at spring, stream, and riparian areas throughout the 4FRI footprint. The key role that citizen science plays in 4FRI will provide an example for public lands management across the West.







Grand Canyon Trust and  
National Geographic Live present

## BETWEEN RIVER AND RIM: HIKING THE GRAND CANYON



Author Kevin Fedarko and photographer/filmmaker Pete McBride are hitting the road to tell tales of their nearly 800 trail-less miles through the heart of the Grand Canyon, and the threats to the canyon they discovered along the way.

We're sponsoring a National Geographic Live tour, bringing Kevin and Pete to a city near you to share stories of their audacious and demanding adventure.

Find out more at [grandcanyontrust.org/natgeo](http://grandcanyontrust.org/natgeo)

### TOUR DATES

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2018

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#### PORTLAND, OREGON

Feb 19 at 7:30 pm  
Portland's Newmark Theatre

#### SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Feb 25 at 2 pm  
Feb 26 and 27 at 7:30 pm  
Benaroya Hall

#### MESA, ARIZONA

March 1 at 7:30 pm  
Mesa Arts Center

#### LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

March 15 and 16 at 7:30 pm  
The Broad Stage

#### SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

April 4 at 7:30 pm  
UC Santa Barbara  
Campbell Hall

#### THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA

May 4 at 8:00 pm  
Civic Arts Plaza

#### KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

June 5 at 7:30 pm  
Kauffman Center  
for the Performing Arts











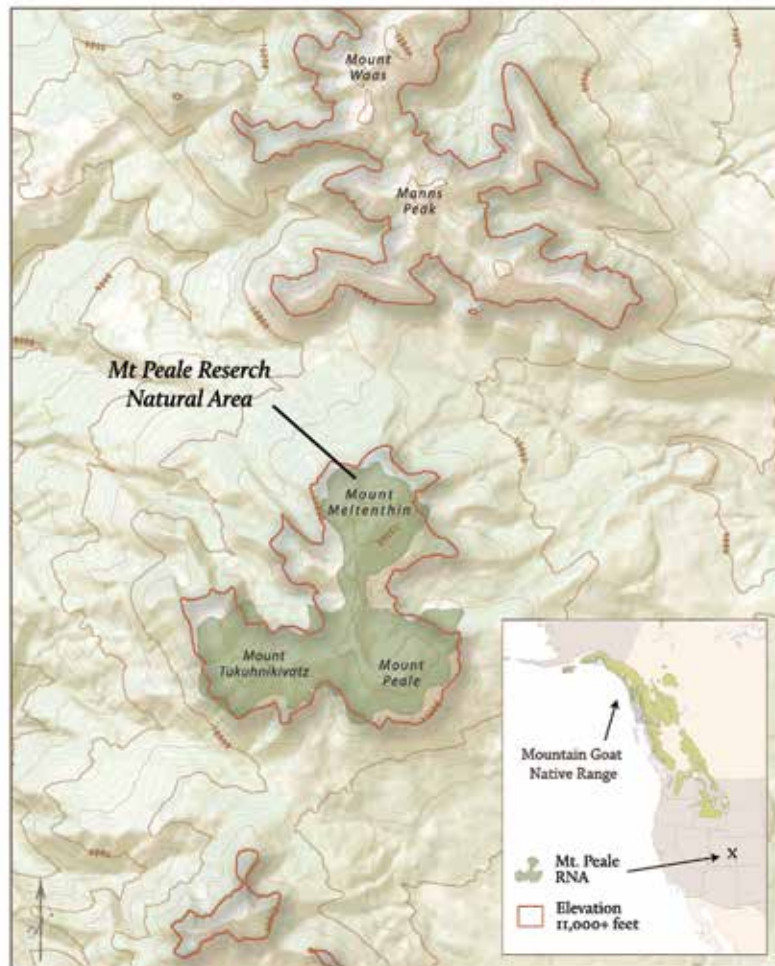
## BOOTS ON THE GROUND FOR UTAH FORESTS

Hiking above tree line in the La Sal Mountains this summer, we recorded the impacts of exotic mountain goats in the Mount Peale Research Natural Area. In 45 vegetation plots, we documented signs of goats wallowing and trampling sensitive plant species.





The herd has now grown to more than 80 animals, on its way to the state's goal of 200. The nosebleed research and the accompanying Trust litigation are aimed at getting the Forest Service to obey its own regulations and remove the goats from the rare protected alpine land.



LEFT: Steep work! Volunteers document damage by exotic goats in September 2017. JONATHAN BARTH

ABOVE: Sweetflower rockjasmine (*Androsace chamaejasme*), a sensitive alpine plant. Imagine looking for this tiny plant after the flowers are done. MARC COLES-RITCHIE

TOP RIGHT: Governor Herbert speaks at lunch during a tour of the Monroe Mountain Working Group/Fishlake aspen restoration project. MARY O'BRIEN

BOTTOM RIGHT: Volunteers Lindsay Trudeau and Gisela Kluwin identify plant species in plots beneath aspen on Monroe Mountain. MARY O'BRIEN



Over on Monroe Mountain in south-central Utah, the Trust is working on an aspen restoration project. Sixty southern Utah county commissioners, state staff, and Utah's Governor Herbert joined us for a field visit this summer, giving high visibility to the work. On the site, the Trust completed an intensive, four-year project to document all plants that grow beneath 65 aspen sites across Monroe Mountain. A healthy aspen stand is a community, not "merely" trees, and our survey will provide an important baseline for judging the success of the restoration project when it concludes eight years from now. We're clearly "grounded" in southern Utah to act and care for our shared public lands.





## PLANNING FOR A CHANGING CLIMATE ON THE NORTH RIM



Our work on the North Rim Ranches focuses on protecting and restoring ecological health across 850,000 magnificent acres north of the Grand Canyon.



To do this, we graze minimal numbers of cattle and lead an innovative public-private Research and Stewardship Partnership using science-based land management to achieve our conservation goals.



In 2016, we shared our new Climate Change Adaptation Plan with agency and citizen partners. Now it's all about taking the words on paper and turning them into action on the ground. This year we have been focusing on improving management of precious springs on the North Rim.



In collaboration with the Trust's Volunteer Program, the Springs Stewardship Institute, and the Forest Service, we are hard at work prioritizing springs for assessment and restoration.

With the help of Trust citizen scientist crews, we also completed research on controlling the spread of noxious cheatgrass in 2017. Now comes the data analysis and management planning to contain one of the most problematic weeds in the West.



LEFT: Kane Ranch and House Rock Valley.

ABOVE: Volunteer Denise Hudson cleans up pathways at Kane Ranch.

RIGHT TOP: Caught on camera, a bighorn visits a spring.

RIGHT BELOW: Building fence to protect a spring from trampling.





## PUTTING IN THE HOURS: VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

This year, **375** volunteers gave **11,000** hours of service to **27** hands-on and advocacy-based conservation projects across the Colorado Plateau.

The variety of work is impressive: volunteer stewards built fences to protect water resources on the Kaibab Plateau, modified cattle fencing for pronghorn movement across House Rock Valley, removed over 10,000 invasive plants on ungrazed lands in Utah national forests, supported traditional Navajo farmers, and assisted with Kane Ranch headquarters maintenance.

Citizen scientists surveyed 27 springs on the Grand Canyon's north rim and built fences to protect springs from trampling, assisted with critical climate research, documented impacts of non-native goats in southern Utah, and surveyed over 40 miles of streams near the Mogollon Rim.





*"We were looking for a way to act, and heard about Grand Canyon Trust, so we became members and decided to volunteer. If we don't get involved and fight to protect our wild places, someday they may be gone." – Doug and Stacey Pilcher*



FAR LEFT: Lisa Nerio digs a fence post hole.

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LEFT: Flagstaff High School students assist researchers on the Kaibab Plateau.

MICHAEL CHIZHOV

ABOVE: 150 young activists gathered among the red rock mesas of Moab, Utah for the third annual Uplift Climate Conference in September 2017.

During three days of workshops, storytelling, art, and conversation, Uplifters gathered to build community and momentum behind the movement for climate justice on the plateau. DUSTIN WERO

RIGHT: Flagstaff High School students stop for a group photo overlooking House Rock Valley.

MICHAEL CHIZHOV

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The Trust remains committed to amplifying the voices of the West's emerging young environmental leaders. This year we worked with 14 interns, who spent over 4,000 hours in the field and behind the scenes gaining professional conservation experience. We also took various school groups onto the plateau for service trips, after which many of our student volunteers hosted advocacy workshops and film screenings for their peers.



*"I found Grand Canyon Trust and found exactly what I was looking for. It's incredible to be a part of a committed group of people working together for our future."*

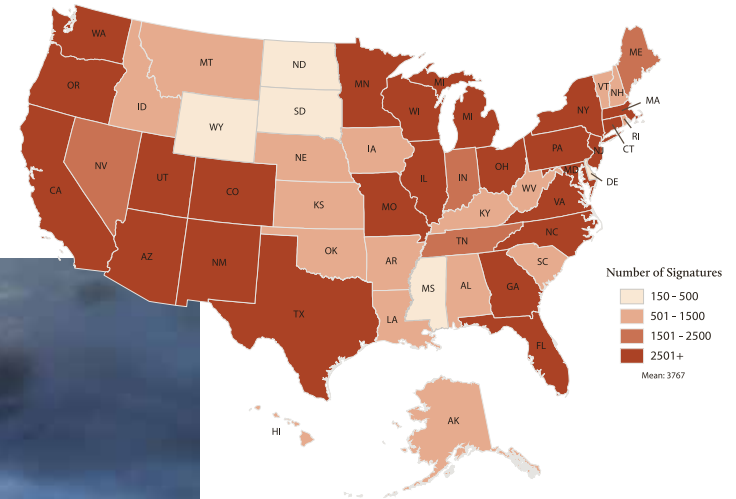
– Jim Grajek



## UNDERSTANDING THE PLATEAU THROUGH MAPS AND GRAPHICS

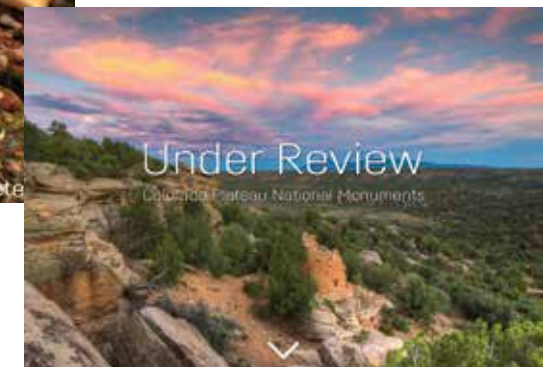
Using cartography and interactive media, the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Program gives you a front-row seat to learn about conservation issues. In 2017, we produced *Bears Ears: A Story of Homelands*. This guided tour of Bears Ears National Monument tells the story of the historical, scientific, and cultural wonders the monument protects, with words from tribal elders and leaders helping to guide the way through the long journey to protection.

**Support for Bears Ears National Monument**  
Over 291,000 Americans raised their voices for Bears Ears



## Bears Ears: A Story of Homelands

Brought to you by the Grand Canyon Trust

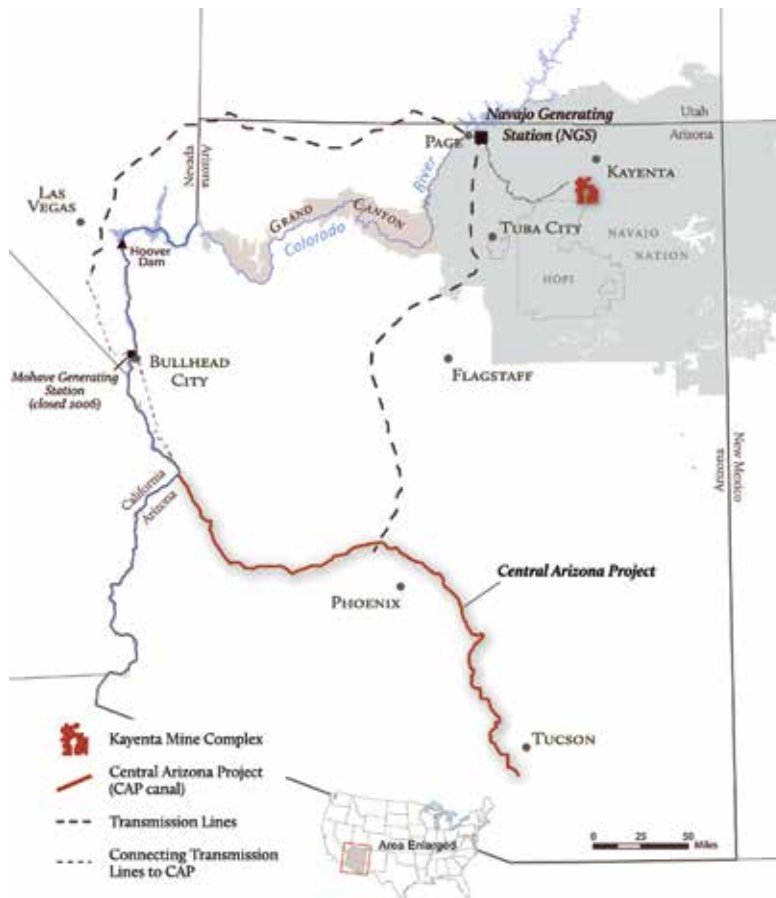


- Produced over 50 maps for publications
- Analyzed over 291,000 signatures in support of Bears Ears
- Cross referenced over 2,000 spring locations

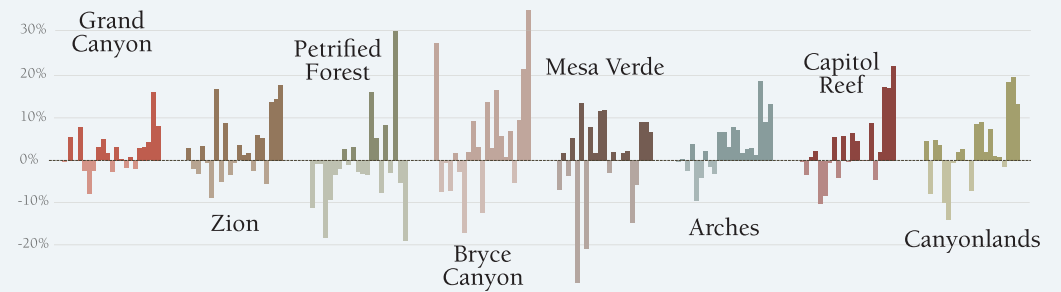


To date, our map resources account for 10 percent of all our web traffic.

We also produced a second Grand Canyon story map, *Threatened Waters: Grand Canyon's Seeps and Springs*. This story displays the importance of the canyon's native waters, those seeking to capitalize on their life-giving flows, and efforts the Trust is taking to restore springs along the north rim of the canyon.



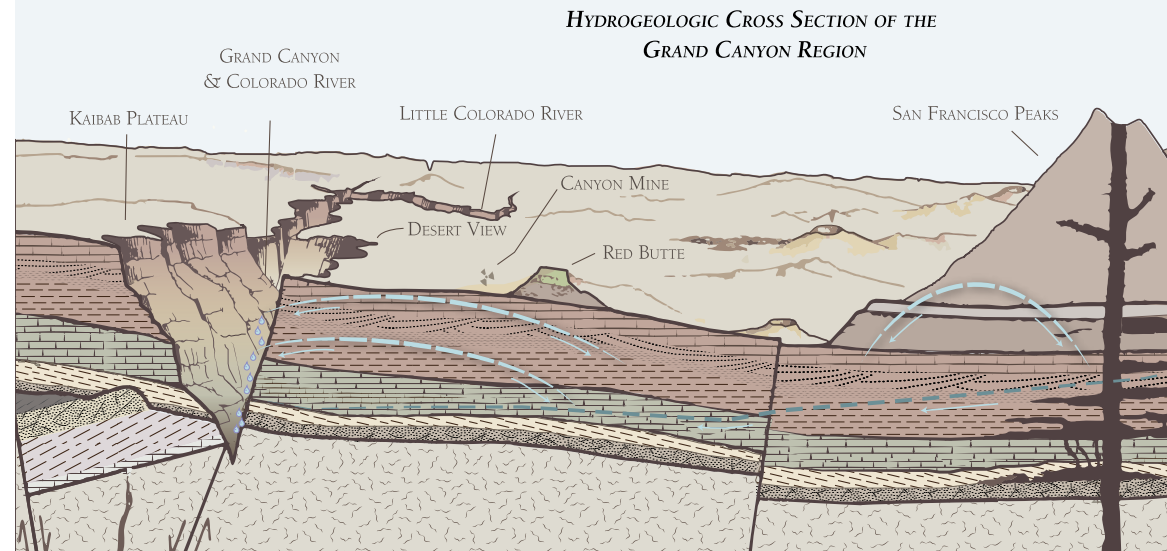
## Percent Change in Visitation, 1996-2016



Darker colors above zero display an increase in park visitation and lighter colors below zero represent a decrease from the prior year.

Data Source: National Park Service Visitor Use Statistics 2017  
Visualization by Stephanie Smith

The GIS program also provides spatial analysis and data visualizations to better explain the issues we face, facilitate informed decisions, and support the communities of the Colorado Plateau. We continue to provide mapping support and data analysis for various groups fighting to keep our national monuments protected, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, and Save the Confluence.





## TURNING ADVENTURERS INTO ADVOCATES

In 2017, we integrated the Colorado Plateau Explorer (CPE) into the Trust website and have seen impressive web growth as a result.

- The hike, campground, and national park pages account for more than a quarter of all web traffic to the Trust site.
- The new traffic to Colorado Plateau Explorer pages represents 100 percent of our web growth this year.
- The hikes page has been the top performing page on our site since July 2017.
- With more people visiting the Trust site, online donations are up more than 50 percent this year.
- CPE is driving people to sign petitions, submit comments, and become Trust members.

By tying recreation information to our on-the-ground conservation work, we're connecting people to issues impacting the lands they love.





## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

for the 12 months ended December 31, 2016

### ASSETS 2016

#### Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$5,501,061
Contributions receivable	1,022,469
Account receivable	47,204
Note receivable	23,019
Livestock inventory	50,677
Prepaid expenses	83,664
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>6,728,094</b>

#### Non-Current Assets:

Breeding herd	113,568
Property and equipment	1,529,372
Investments	7,442,083
Conservation easement	2,295,000
Beneficial interest in remainder trust	41,184
Note receivable, net of current portion	23,720
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>11,444,927</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS \$18,173,021**

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### Current Liabilities:

Account payable	\$61,368
Accrued expenses	115,081
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>176,449</b>

#### Net Assets:

Unrestricted	13,405,705
Temporarily restricted	2,265,745
Permanently restricted	2,795,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,466,450</b>

Non-controlling interest – 469,878

**TOTAL NET ASSETS 17,996,572**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$18,173,021**

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

for the 12 months ended December 31, 2016

#### Revenues:

Grants and contributions	\$4,988,389
In-kind contributions	504,528
Membership income	423,892
Investment income	288,791
Cattle revenue	54,864
Change in value of beneficial interest in remainder trust	– 552
Other income	19,968
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>6,279,880</b>

#### Expenses:

Program services	3,866,300
Education	232,062
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b>4,098,362</b>
Development and membership	429,691
General and administrative	410,402
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>840,093</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES 4,938,455**

**CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE  
NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST 1,341,425**

Less: change in net assets attributable to  
non-controlling interest 49,791

Changes in net assets for controlling entities 1,391,216

**BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2016 16,657,425**

Changes in net assets 1,341,425

Net contributions – 2,278

**BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2016 \$17,996,572**

## THE GRAND CANYON TRUST AND NORTH RIM RANCH, LLC

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The Grand Canyon Trust's work is made possible through the generosity of all of our contributors. Below, we list extraordinary financial contributions by name, but please know that we have heartfelt appreciation for everyone's support. Thank you for caring, for your confidence, and for contributing at whatever level is meaningful to you!

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Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance  
Texas Instruments Foundation  
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Western State Colorado University  
Wildlife Society

## \$10,000 +

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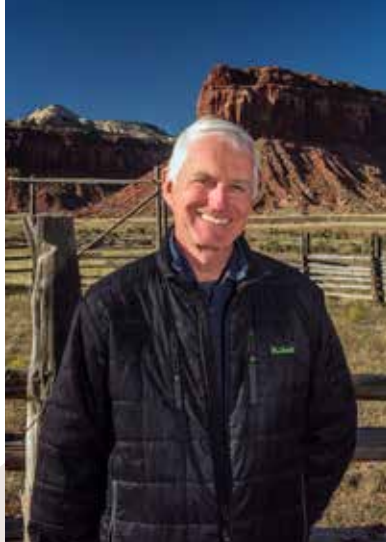
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Bill has led the Trust as executive director over the course of the last 16 years with vision, grace, and an unmatched passion for conservation. He has spearheaded numerous complex negotiations resulting in some of the biggest and most improbable conservation victories in the Southwest. Removal of the Atlas uranium tailings pile from the banks of the Colorado River, the retirement of grazing permits along the Escalante River, and the expansion of Arches National Park are but a few of the world-class conservation achievements for which Bill has been personally responsible.

Bill's legacy across the Colorado Plateau will be an enduring one, and we are forever grateful for his friendship, leadership, and singularity as one of the preeminent conservationists of our time. — Ethan Aumack

Conservation, like academia, is a field packed overfull with words. Here, Bill stands out in his brevity. He does not overpower a conversation or send rambling emails. When Bill speaks and writes, his dry humor, pith, and candor are flawless. We should all aspire to match Bill's precision with language. — Tim Peterson

Bill and I both started at the Trust 22 years ago. During that time, he has acted as my mentor, been a valued colleague, and grown to be a close friend. The Trust has thrived during Bill's leadership, as have the landscapes we all work to protect. — Darcy Allen

Over the years, I spent hundreds of hours on the phone with Bill discussing the issues facing the Trust and the Colorado Plateau. What most impressed me was how quickly he grasped the essential dynamics of a particular situation and how quickly he could come up with ideas of what to do. His entrepreneurial spirit, combined with his deep knowledge of the Colorado Plateau and his abiding love for it, came together beautifully as he led the Trust to become the respected and successful organization that it is today. — Rick Moore

Bill is long game and he is Utah. He is Arches National Park that was expanded for creeks; he is the nightly train that leaves Moab, carrying uranium mining tailings away from the Colorado River. He is wisdom about Utah culture, ecology, and needs, and potential within the Trust. — Mary O'Brien

Anyone who has spent time with Bill out on the Colorado Plateau knows that his allegiance to place is total. The Colorado Plateau got a win when Bill found home in Castle Valley with Eleanor. — Anne Mariah Tapp

We were dirty, sleepy, and hungry, heading home from Dark Canyon. While the others were fed, Bill interviewed me on his expansive Castle Valley lawn where we shared experiences and fantasized about lawsuits. That relaxed yet insightful first encounter characterized Bill's career at the Trust. We will miss his temperament and keen sense of what matters. — Neil Levine

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