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WASHINGTON—House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) issued the following statement on President Trump's executive action on the Antiquities Act:

“The Antiquities Act is a century-old law that has been hijacked by executive overreach in recent years. While designating monuments is a noble goal, this law, like many others, has strayed far from its original purpose. Presidents have used the law to lock up thousands of acres of lands and water with the stroke of a pen, disregarding the needs and concerns of local communities. I commend the Trump administration for stopping this cycle of executive abuse and beginning a review of past designations.”