

ADVOCACY UPDATE

BEARS EARS INTER-TRIBAL COALITION

The time to act is now.

RESTORE & EXPAND BEARS EARS.

Greetings Bears Ears community -

After a difficult year, in which we saw the best of our communities come together to support each other through COVID-19, we have continued this momentum of solidarity into the new year and made significant progress in advocating for the restoration and expansion of the Bears Ears National Monument. We have also worked to support fellow Indigenous efforts to protect sacred landscapes, and hope you will join us to amplify their voices.

We hope this update will lighten your news feed, and motivate you to continue the fight with us to honor Indigenous activism and encourage the Biden administration to restore and expand Bears Ears now.

Thank you • Ahéhee' • Kwakwhay • Askwali • Tog'oiak' • Elahkwa





MADAM SECRETARY HAALAND VISITS BEARS EARS



A Washington Post article recently reported that Secretary Haaland submitted her monument recommendation to President Biden. We continue to call on the President to honor his promise and act quickly to protect Bears Ears.

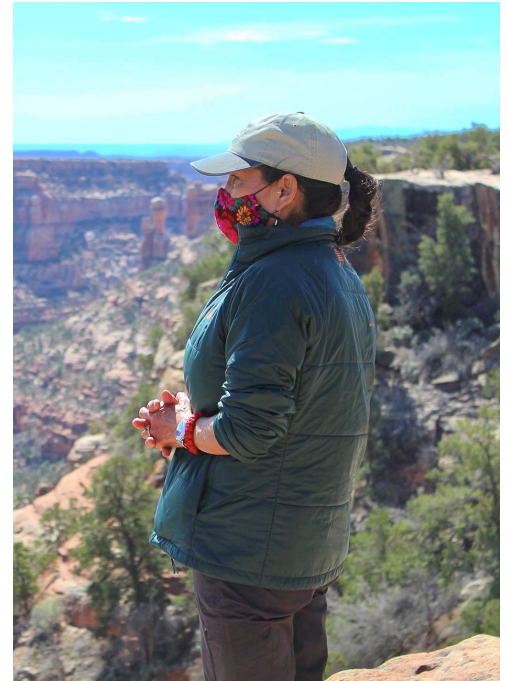
In April, Madam Secretary Deb Haaland visited Bears Ears to hear from leaders of the Coalition Tribes, and other stakeholders to discuss the future of the Bears Ears cultural landscape. We are honored to have shared a meal with the first Indigenous Interior Secretary, and grateful for the time provided to us to speak about why we believe this sacred place of Bears Ears deserves immediate and long lasting protection. We remain committed to inform the department the perspectives of the Tribal communities we serve.

The Secretary also accompanied Tribal leaders on a series of hikes to hear why this sacred region is paramount to the past, present, and futures of their communities.





PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT



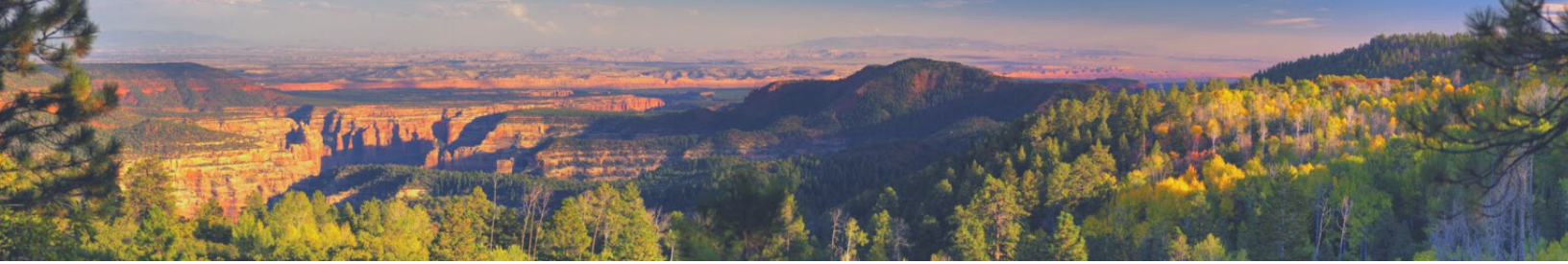
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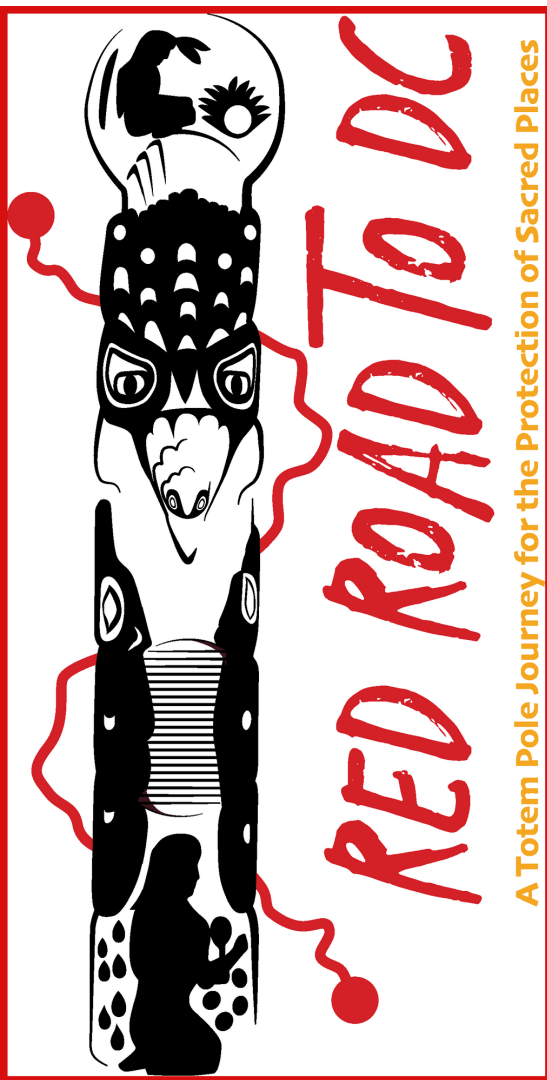
Shortly after Madam Secretary concluded her visit to Bears Ears, the Coalition launched a national ad campaign and released an open letter to President Biden, calling on him to restore and expand the original Bears Ears National Monument. Digital and printed ads were run in the Washington Post WRAPS section and in the Salt Lake Tribune Paper. Below is an excerpt from the letter. (To see the full ad description, please [click here](#)).

"My bloodline and culture comes from Bears Ears, my clan migrated through that area. If your eyes are open, the evidence is everywhere. Former President Trump wanted to diminish our connection to Bears Ears but President Biden has the power to set the record straight. We trust him to get this right."

- Clark Tenakhongva, Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribe and Co-Chair of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition



RED ROAD TO DC TOTEM POLE JOURNEY



The Red Road to D.C. is an online and on-the-ground mobilization happening in June and July, bringing awareness and action to 20-Native led struggles to protect sacred lands, waters, and wildlife from threats posed by dams, climate change, and extractive industries.

Members of Lummi Nation carved a 24 foot totem pole that will be transported from Washington State to Washington DC, visiting tribal nations and Native communities leading efforts to protect sacred places along the way. It will carry the spirit of the lands it visits and the power and prayers of communities

along the way. The journey ends in Washington, D.C., with a totem pole blessing, press conference, exhibition at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, and delivering the pole to the Biden-Harris Administration.

The Coalition has been supporting the Native organizers on the ground and their advocacy efforts by encouraging our own community to get involved in supporting the Red Road Journey. Bears Ears is not the only sacred place that is under threat. Our

movement is connected to all of the sacred places on the Red Road that need holistic protections, including Standing Rock, the Black Hills, Snake River, Chaco Canyon, and White Earth. To learn more and donate, visit redroadtodd.org and follow #RedRoadToDC on social media.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS

SALT LAKE CITY AIR PROTECTORS INDIGENOUS YOUTH PRAYER RUN

In May, we supported the 2021 Running as Medicine Indigenous Youth Prayer Run, a 360 mile journey taking place over 5 days. Participants from all over Indian Country ran from Bears Ears to Salt Lake City, UT. The goal of the prayer run was to strengthen the relationship between Indigenous communities and residents of Utah, and to carry prayers and motivation to heal the COVID-19 pandemic-induced stress experienced by all.



CLIMATE RIDE

We were fortunate to be supported by Climate Ride in their Bears Ears event on June 11-14. Thank you to all of the cyclists who rode to support our organization and raise awareness for Climate issues like protecting Bears Ears. We also appreciate that Climate Ride reached out to our staff to learn more on how to respect Bears Ears when visiting. We always encourage recreational groups or events to visit this sacred region with respect and honor the Indigenous homelands that they are on.