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TO: WESTCAS Membership  
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SUBJECT: Interesting Statistics to Consider

As President Trump closes in on his first 100 days in office here are two sets of statistics of interest to WESTCAS members:

Yesterday, President Trump signed an Executive Order instructing Department of Interior Secretary Zinke to review all designations of national monuments made by President's Clinton, G.W. Bush, and Obama. Secretary Zinke will base these reviews on whether the designations led to "loss of jobs, reduced wages, and reduced public access." Here are some comparative numbers for Presidential designations of National Monuments dating back to Theodore Roosevelt:

President	Acres Designated
Theodore Roosevelt	1,500,000
John F. Kennedy	26,000
Lyndon Johnson	360,000
Richard Nixon	-0-
Gerald Ford	-0-
Jimmy Carter	54,000,000
Ronald Reagan	-0-
George H.W. Bush	-0-
Bill Clinton	5,700,000
George W. Bush	214,810,000
Barack Obama	553,550,000

Since the last two President's have set aside a combined total of more than three quarters of a billion acres, and since much of this land is located in the Arid West, it may be time for a review to take place of how National Monuments are created.

Another interesting statistic of interest to WESTCAS members is where the Trump Administration and the Senate stand with regard to the 530 or so Executive Branch positions that require Senate confirmation. This includes positions that are of importance to our Association including the EPA Assistant Administrator for Water; the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. Here are the numbers:

President	Number Confirmed by the Senate	Number Submitted to the Senate
Trump	26	37
Obama	69	118
G.W. Bush	35	50
Clinton	49	125
G. H. W. Bush	50	44

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