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MOMENTUM BUILDS FOLLOWING SECRETARY DEB HAALAND'S VISIT TO CASTNER RANGE

On Saturday, March 26th, US Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and Texas Congresswoman Escobar made a meaningful visit to this cultural and historical site. For over 50 years, community members have been working to conserve Caster Range, the crown jewel of West Texas, and today we applaud Secretary Haaland for taking a National Monument-al tour that included Caster Range.

During her visit Secretary Haaland stated:

"I could feel the rich history and culture that surrounds this community. It was wonderful to be there. The department aims to ensure that every community has a meaningful chance to build a mutually beneficial relationship with the surrounding wildlife and its habitats." - Secretary Deb Haaland, US Department of the Interior

Following the site visit, Secretary Haaland met with local leaders at the Organ Mountain Desert Peaks National Monument (NM), hearing firsthand the benefits of adequately protecting our public lands. **We commend the Secretary's attention to the southwest border region.**

As the only leading ethnically and culturally diverse national coalition focused on public land conservation, Monumental SHIFT recognizes the efforts made by trailblazing Indigenous and Latina women in Texas. We look forward to upcoming efforts and guidance from local communities to protect this cultural and geological historical site, Castner Range.

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