



The Monumental SHIFT Coalition Praises the Designation of the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument

Washington, DC (August 8, 2023) – Today, President Biden officially designated the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument as Arizona's newest national monument using his authority granted under the Antiquities Act, honoring Tribal communities and protecting over 1 million acres of public lands with invaluable cultural and natural resources.

We commend the Biden administration for listening to Indigenous Peoples and the local communities, and the Grand Canyon Tribal Coalition for their steadfast stewardship and for leading this effort to preserve and protect a sacred land that still holds profound spiritual and cultural meaning for so many.

Their plea resonates deeply with us as a coalition that supports and furthers the creation of new national monuments, particularly for Indigenous communities, Black, Asian, Pacific Islander, and Latino communities, through advocacy, organizing, and storytelling. The establishment of the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument aligns with our shared vision of a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future.

America's newest national monument honors the cultural heritage of Indigenous communities, safeguards invaluable natural resources, creates a legacy that future generations can cherish, and will have a positive impact on our nation and its diverse communities.

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