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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave

Mr. President:

The National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers (NAFBPO) opposes any new designation of lands as National Monuments in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, U.S.A.

We are aware of your authority to do so provided in the American Antiquities Act of 1906, however, designation of such lands on or near our international borders would diminish access by law enforcement (including Border Patrol Agents) and is not in the best security interests of the United States.

Among the many concerns relating to border security is the dangerous trend of an expanding presence of Iranian-backed Hezbollah in Mexico. Evidence of its increasing movement into the United States, and growing relationships between that group and Mexico's violent drug cartels has been reported by multiple credible sources including on July 7, 2011 by the Committee on Homeland and Security's Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence. Those reports, and others, speak convincingly of the need to enhance rather than degrade law enforcement access on our southern border.

Sincerely,

Kent E. Lundgren
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Secretary Ken Salazar
Senator Jeff Bingaman
Senator Tom Udall
Representative Steve Pearce
Senator-elect Martin Heinrich

*Our paramount mission is to contribute to the security and stability of the United States.
To that end, we shall propose and be advocates for immigration laws and policies that we believe serve
those national interests, and we will oppose those that do not*