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Subject: Montana Voters Want to Protect National Monuments; Large Majority Want Transparency from Interior Secretary Zinke

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that Montana voters want protection for national monuments, which are federal public lands, and transparency from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. Currently the public can visit these areas to view wildlife, camp, fish, hike, or hunt, and new mining or oil and gas development is not allowed. Making it clear that these lands are important to them, 54% of Montanans disagree with Secretary Zinke's recent decision to potentially shrink the size of a handful of national monuments and open some areas to mining or oil and gas development. After a review of 27 national monuments like the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument in Montana, Zinke submitted his recommendations to the White House and 86% of Montana voters think that they should be made public.

Key findings from this survey include:

- Surrounded by breathtaking lands, it is no surprise that the voters want to protect their national monuments. A majority of women (59%), Democrats (90%), voters aged 18 to 45 (61%), 46 to 65 (50%), and voters over 65 (52%) disagree with Zinke's recommendations that would hurt Montana's national monuments.
- Montana voters have made it clear that it is important for them to know what is going on in their back yard. Support for transparency is diverse and broad-based, with majorities of women (88%), men (85%), Democrats (96%), Republicans (79%), voters age 18 to 45 (83%), 46 to 65 (88%), and voters over 65 (88%) believing that Zinke's recommendations should be available to the public.

PPP surveyed 601 Montana voters from August 30-31, 2017. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 4.0%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.