Interior secretary to be in Nevada next week

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Ryan Zinke

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will be in Nevada on Monday as part of his review of national monuments in the Silver State, according to a rural county commissioner who said he has been invited to meet with the Trump Cabinet member.

The Interior Department has not yet announced the visit, but Nye County Commission Chairman Dan Schinhofen said he and other local officials are scheduled to meet with Zinke at 11 a.m. Monday at the community center in Overton, 65 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

Zinke is in the midst of reviewing 22 national monuments and five marine national monuments created by presidential decree since Jan. 1, 1996, to determine if the designations should be scaled back or eliminated. The Interior Department announced Wednesday that Zinke will be in New Mexico for three days starting Thursday to tour the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument near Las Cruces.

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