Interior secretary recommends shrinking Gold Butte in Nevada

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WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is recommending that six of 27 national monuments under review by the Trump administration be reduced in size, with changes to several others proposed.

A leaked memo from Zinke to President Trump recommends that two Utah monuments — Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante — be reduced, along with Nevada's Gold Butte and Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou.

Trump ordered the review earlier this year after complaining about improper "land grabs" by former presidents, including Barack Obama.

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