

TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Global Strategy Group  
DATE: December 13, 2017  
RE: **POLL RESULTS: AZ-02 CONSTITUENTS STRONGLY OPPOSE LIFTING PUBLIC LANDS PROTECTIONS**

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Preserving public lands is a major priority for Congresswoman Martha McSally's constituents in Arizona's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, who believe it is critically important to protect public lands in Arizona and overwhelmingly oppose President Trump's recent executive orders to shrink the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah. McSally could avoid a major backlash by joining with her constituents in opposing legislation to weaken federal protections on these lands.

Key findings from Global Strategy Group's recent poll of 401 likely 2018 general election voters in Arizona's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District are as follows:

#### KEY SURVEY FINDINGS:

- **Public lands are a highly salient issue to McSally's constituents.** An overwhelming majority say that protecting public lands in Arizona is important to them (93%), including over seven in ten (72%) who say it is "very important."
- **Constituents are aware of President Trump's recent executive orders to shrink the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments and strongly oppose his decision.** Nearly two-thirds (66%) have heard at least "some" about recent executive orders by President Trump related to public lands, including two in five (40%) who have heard "a lot" about this issue. AZ-02 constituents oppose Trump's decision on these national monuments by a nearly two-to-one margin (33% support/64% oppose), including a majority (57%) who "strongly" oppose his executive orders.
- **Constituents overwhelmingly want to see Congress protect national monuments.** By a 40-point margin (26% support/66% oppose), McSally's constituents oppose proposed legislation that would reduce the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments. Most also feel passionately with 58% "strongly" opposed to this legislation.
- **McSally stands to lose support if she votes to lift public lands protections.** McSally currently leads in a ballot test against a generic Democratic candidate by 3 points (46% McSally/43% Democrat), but falls to a 12-point deficit (38% McSally/50% Democrat) when her constituents are asked to consider a scenario where she votes to reduce the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments.

**ABOUT THIS POLL:** Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of 401 likely general election voters in Arizona's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District from December 7 to 11, 2017. The results of this survey have a margin of error of +/-4.9%. Care has been taken to ensure the geographic and demographic divisions of the expected electorate are properly represented based on historical turnout.

**S1.** Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote at [ADDRESS]?

Yes ..... 100%  
No ..... -  
Don't know/Refused ..... -

**S3.** As you may know, there will be an election for U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress in November 2018. How likely are you to vote in the November 2018 election for U.S. Congress: Will you definitely vote, probably vote, are the chances 50-50, probably not vote, or definitely not vote?

Definitely ..... 90%  
Probably ..... 7  
Chance 50-50 ..... 3  
Probably not ..... -  
Definitely not ..... -  
Don't Know/Refused ..... \*

**P1.** No matter how you may be planning to vote this year, when it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very strong Democrat, strong Republican, not very strong Republican, or Independent? [IF INDEPENDENT/DON'T KNOW] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat ..... 26%  
Weak Democrat ..... 8  
Independent / Closer to the Democrats ..... 12  
Independent ..... 9  
Independent / Closer to the Republicans ..... 14  
Weak Republican ..... 5  
Strong Republican ..... 24  
**VOL:** (Don't know/Refused) ..... 1

DEMOCRAT (NET) ..... 35%  
INDEPENDENT (NET) ..... 36  
REPUBLICAN (NET) ..... 29

DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) ..... 47%  
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET) ..... 43

Now I have a list of names, and I would like to get your opinion of each one. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of [ITEM]? [IF FAVORABLE] And is your opinion very favorable or somewhat favorable? [IF UNFAVORABLE] And is your opinion very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable?

	FAV		UNFAV		(CR)	NH	(DK/Ref.)	NET		
	Very	Some	Some	Very				FAV	UNFAV	FAMILIAR
• National monuments.....	72%	20	2	2	2	1	1	92%	4	96
• The National Park Service.....	67%	21	3	2	5	2	1	87%	5	92
• Arizona's public lands.....	51%	28	4	2	7	4	4	79%	6	85
• [SPLIT B] Conservation groups.....	35%	32	12	8	6	3	5	67%	19	86
• [SPLIT A] Democrats in Congress.....	18%	32	13	31	4	*	1	50%	45	95
• Martha McSally.....	25%	22	16	28	5	1	2	48%	44	91
• [SPLIT A] The Department of the Interior.....	17%	30	17	13	10	6	8	46%	29	76

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	FAV		UNFAV		(CR)	NH	(DK/Ref.)	NET		
	Very	Some	Some	Very				FAV	UNFAV	FAMILIAR
• The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.....	34%	12	1	3	11	31	9	46%	3	49
• The Bears Ears National Monument.....	34%	12	3	3	10	32	6	46%	6	51
• Donald Trump.....	32%	11	5	50	2	-	2	42%	54	97
• [SPLIT A] The oil and gas industry.....	18%	23	23	21	9	3	3	41%	44	85
• [SPLIT B] Republicans in Congress.....	11%	23	14	42	6	-	4	34%	56	90
• [SPLIT B] Ryan Zinke.....	3%	2	5	11	9	59	10	5%	16	21

V1X. If the 2018 election for U.S. Congress was today, would you vote to re-elect Republican Martha McSally or would you vote for a new candidate to replace McSally as your Congressperson? [IF CHOICE] Would you definitely or probably vote to [RE-ELECT/REPLACE] Martha McSally as your Congressperson?

Definitely re-elect.....	27%
Probably re-elect.....	15
Probably replace.....	10
Definitely replace.....	36
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	11
RE-ELECT (NET).....	42%
REPLACE (NET).....	46

V1Y. If the 2018 election for U.S. Congress was today and the candidates were Republican Martha McSally and a Democratic candidate, which way would you vote? [IF UNDECIDED] But if you had to decide today, which way would you lean?

Martha McSally.....	41%
Lean Martha McSally.....	4
Democratic candidate.....	39
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
<b>VOL:</b> (Undecided/Refused).....	11
MCSALLY (NET).....	46%
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE (NET).....	43

I am going to read you some descriptions. For each, please tell me whether you think it describes Martha McSally very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not well at all. Here's the first one. From your perspective, does that describe McSally very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?

	WELL		NOT WELL		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Very	Some	Not very	Not at all		WELL	NOT WELL
• [SPLIT A] Just votes the party line.....	45%	23	15	6	11	68%	20
• [SPLIT B] Too close to Republicans in Congress.....	41%	27	13	8	11	68%	21
• Works to make Arizona a better place for future generations.....	33%	26	14	20	6	60%	34
• Too close to President Trump.....	36%	21	19	12	12	57%	31

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	<u>Very</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>		<u>WELL</u>	<u>NOT WELL</u>
• [SPLIT A] Too close to special interests.....	32%	18	16	16	17	50%	33
• [SPLIT A] Protects Arizona's outdoor heritage and public lands.....	27%	17	15	17	24	44%	32
• [SPLIT B] Understands the importance of conserving public lands.....	20%	23	14	22	21	43%	36
• [SPLIT B] Too close to the oil and gas industries .....	22%	20	15	12	31	42%	27

16. Changing topics... How much have you seen, read, or heard recently about executive orders by President Trump related to public lands?

Heard a lot .....	40%
Heard some .....	26
Heard a little .....	19
Haven't heard anything.....	13
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	1
A LOT/SOME (NET) .....	66%
LITTLE/NOTHING (NET).....	33

17. As you may know, President Trump recently signed executive orders that cut roughly two million acres from two national monuments in Utah, removing federal protections against development, mining, and drilling on these public lands. Trump's recent executive orders are the largest rollback of federal land protections in the nation's history. Having heard this, do you support or oppose President Trump's recent executive orders to roll back federal land protections? [IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE] Is that strongly [SUPPORT/OPPOSE] or just somewhat?

Strongly support .....	26%
Somewhat support.....	6
Somewhat oppose.....	7
Strongly oppose.....	57
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	4
SUPPORT (NET).....	33%
OPPOSE (NET).....	64

18. And in general, how important do you think it is to preserve public lands in Arizona?

Very important .....	72%
Somewhat important.....	21
Not that important.....	2
Not important at all .....	2
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	3
IMPORTANT (NET).....	93%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET) .....	3

19. [IF IMPORTANT] In a sentence or two, why do you say it is important to preserve public lands in Arizona? [OPEN END]



20. Now I'm going to read you a statement that a group has made about Martha McSally, and afterward ask your opinion.

In the heart of the west two million acres of protected public lands just got wiped off the map. Risking jobs and rural economies. Selling off American heritage. Now elites in D.C. have their sights set on Arizona. Congress could even gut protections for Western monuments and parks. And Martha McSally may be the deciding vote. Tell McSally to stop D.C.'s attacks on public lands. Because your American birthright is not for sale.

Sometimes people change their minds in surveys like this and sometimes they don't. Once again, having heard this statement... How important do you think it is to preserve public lands in Arizona?

	Very important .....	71%
	Somewhat important.....	20
	Not that important.....	2
	Not important at all .....	4
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused) .....	4
	IMPORTANT (NET).....	91%
	NOT IMPORTANT (NET) .....	6

21. As you may know, Congress is now considering laws similar to Donald Trump's recent executive orders. These new laws would allow Congress to reduce the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah, which would remove federal protections on roughly two million acres of land.

Do you support or oppose new laws that would allow Congress to reduce the size of these two national monuments and remove federal protections on roughly two million acres of land? [IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE] Is that strongly [SUPPORT/OPPOSE] or just somewhat?

	Strongly support .....	15%
	Somewhat support.....	11
	Somewhat oppose.....	9
	Strongly oppose.....	58
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused) .....	8
	SUPPORT (NET).....	26%
	OPPOSE (NET).....	66

22. And how willing would you be to take action to stop these laws from passing, such as posting on social media, signing a petition, or contacting an elected official?

	Very willing .....	43%
	Somewhat willing.....	27
	Not that willing .....	8
	Not willing at all.....	19
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused) .....	4
	WILLING (NET) .....	70%
	NOT WILLING (NET).....	27

23. If this were all you knew about two candidates for Congress next year... If you had a choice next year between voting for a candidate who supports these new laws to roll back protections on public lands or a candidate who opposes these new laws to roll back protections on public lands, which candidate would you vote for? [IF UNDECIDED] But if you had to decide today just based on these descriptions, which way would you lean?

	Candidate who supports rolling back protections.....	20%
	Lean candidate who supports rolling back protections ...	5
	Candidate who opposes rolling back protections .....	53
	Lean candidate who opposes rolling back protections....	6
<b>VOL:</b>	(Undecided/Refused).....	16
	SUPPORTS ROLL BACK (NET).....	25%
	OPPOSES ROLL BACK (NET) .....	59

24. If Martha McSally votes for these new laws to reduce the size of two national monuments in Utah and remove federal protections on roughly two million acres of public land... Would you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Martha McSally? [IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE] And would your opinion be very [FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE] or somewhat [FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE]?

	Favorable-Very .....	17%
	Favorable-Somewhat .....	14
	Unfavorable-Somewhat .....	15
	Unfavorable-Very.....	47
<b>VOL:</b>	(Still can't rate).....	4
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused).....	3
	FAVORABLE (NET) .....	31%
	UNFAVORABLE (NET) .....	62
	FAMILIAR (NET) .....	93

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	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE (NET).....	50

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• [SPLIT A] Too close to special interests.....	36%	19	13	16	16	55%	29
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• Works to make Arizona a better place for future generations .....	28%	26	17	23	7	53%	40
• [SPLIT B] Too close to the oil and gas industries .....	27%	16	12	13	31	44%	26
• [SPLIT A] Protects Arizona's outdoor heritage and public lands.....	20%	21	19	26	14	41%	45
• [SPLIT B] Understands the importance of conserving public lands.....	17%	22	18	30	14	39%	47

Derived Age [‘REFUSED’ CODED FROM SAMPLE]		
18-29 .....		9%
30-44 .....		16
45-54 .....		19
55-64 .....		24
65+.....		33
Refused .....		-

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?		
Did not complete high school .....		*
Graduated high school .....		12
Attended technical/vocational school .....		4
Attended some college but no degree.....		14
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree .....		16
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree .....		27
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....		23
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....		4

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:		
Very liberal.....		11%
Somewhat liberal .....		21
Moderate .....		28
Somewhat conservative .....		17
Very conservative .....		18
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....		5
LIBERAL (NET) .....		32%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....		35

Derived Race [‘REFUSED’ AND ‘OTHER’ ASSIGNED FROM FILE]		
Black/African-American .....		2%
White/Caucasian .....		89
Hispanic/Latino .....		9
Asian-American .....		-
Native American .....		*
Other .....		-
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....		-

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]	Male.....	47%
	Female.....	53
Party [FROM SAMPLE]	Democrat.....	37%
	Independent.....	24
	Republican.....	39
Region [FROM SAMPLE]	Cochise County.....	16%
	Pima - Non-Tucson North.....	25
	Pima - Non-Tucson South.....	18
	Tucson - West/Central.....	18
	Tucson - East.....	24