

TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Global Strategy Group  
DATE: February 5, 2018  
RE: **NEW POLL: CONSTITUENTS IN CO-03 URGE REP. TIPTON TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS**

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Protecting public lands is very important to Congressman Scott Tipton's constituents in Colorado's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. Constituents are deeply opposed to legislation that would threaten national monument protections by giving presidents more power to take away their status as protected public lands. Tipton faces a major backlash if he ignores his constituents' wishes on the proposed public lands legislation. However, if he joins with his constituents and opposes the legislation he can greatly improve his constituents' opinion of him.

Key findings from Global Strategy Group's [recent poll](#) of 400 likely 2018 general election voters in Colorado's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District are as follows:

#### KEY SURVEY FINDINGS:

- **Constituents are strongly opposed to President Trump's executive orders to rollback protections for two national monuments in Utah.** A majority of constituents are familiar with and favorable to both the Grand Staircase-Escalante (67% familiar, 61% favorable/6% unfavorable) and Bears Ears National Monuments (60% familiar, 51% favorable/9% unfavorable) in Utah. And constituents oppose Trump's recent orders to cut roughly two million acres from these monuments and remove protections against development, mining, and drilling by a 19-point margin (39% support/58% oppose, including 52% who are strongly opposed).
- **Constituents overwhelmingly want to see Congress protect national monuments.** By a 34-point margin (33% support/67% oppose), constituents oppose proposed legislation that would reduce the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments and give presidents the power to lift protections for public lands with the stroke of a pen. Again, constituents feel passionately with more than half (56%) strongly opposed. And over two-thirds (67%) would be willing to take action to stop these laws from passing, including posting on social media, signing a petition, or contacting an elected official.
- **Rep. Tipton can grow his favorability among constituents by taking actions to protect public lands.** Three-quarters (75%) of constituents would be more favorable towards Tipton if he supports laws that help the federal government preserve public lands with national monument protections, like the Canyons of the Ancients in Colorado, and 62% would be more favorable towards Tipton if he opposes laws that allow a president to unilaterally remove protections on public lands without the approval of Congress.
- **Tipton can remain in good standing in the district if he sides with his constituents on public lands issues.** Constituents are currently slightly more favorable than unfavorable to Tipton (41% favorable/34% unfavorable) but after they hear simulated advertising that Tipton has voted to

weaken public lands protections in the past and is considering another vote that would threaten public lands, they become deeply unfavorable towards him (33% favorable/60% unfavorable).

**ABOUT THIS POLL:** Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of 400 likely general election voters in Colorado's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District from January 26 to 30, 2018. 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.