

Intemperance on Basin and Range National Monument Designation
Statements from media reports on reaction to designation

“It’s disgusting. It’s loathsome. It’s illegal. It’s unfair. We feel like we’re not citizens.”
Lincoln County Commissioner Kevin Phillips

“This surreptitious land grab reveals that the Obama Administration will stop at nothing to lock up more and more land, with the stroke of a pen.”

“shameful”
U.S. Representative. Rob Bishop (R-UT)

“The Basin and Range Monument designation goes well beyond the intention of the Antiquities Act It is beyond belief that an area larger than the state of Rhode Island is the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of this land.”
U.S. Rep. Joe Heck (R-NV)

A *“land grab...demonstrating that having friends in high places is more important than popular will of the people.”*

“Here we have bureaucrats continuing to shove things down people’s throats in areas where people don’t even have a chance to address their issues.”
U.S. Rep. Crescent Hardy (R-NV)

“This brazen move by the President, which goes far beyond the purpose and intent of the Antiquities Act of 1906, underlines the need for Congress to ... prevent its continued abuse by a President intent on locking up as much land as possible during his remaining days in office.”
U.S. Rep. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)