



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 1, 2002

The Honorable Gale Ann Norton
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Gale:

Governor Leavitt has informed me that there may be public lands in the San Rafael Swell area in Emery County, Utah, that contain significant historic or scientific value that may be appropriate for protection through National Monument status under the Antiquities Act of 1906.

Please provide me any information available to your Department on lands owned or controlled by the United States in the general area of the San Rafael Swell that contain historic landmarks, historic or prehistoric structures, or other objects of historic or scientific interest. In gathering such information, please solicit public participation and comment from any and all interested parties and consult fully with the Governor and the entire congressional delegation of the State of Utah. Furthermore, please provide me with any information about the development of plans and programs for the management of the lands in the San Rafael Swell that may be considered for monument designation, including any public comments that may be offered. An open and public process for gathering this information is important to me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GWB", written over the word "Sincerely,".

George W. Bush