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**Biden to designate Avi Kwa Ame National Monument, honoring tribes and preserving critical wildlife habitat in Nevada**

“We applaud the Biden administration for committing to designate Avi Kwa Ame as our country's newest national monument. Thanks to the tribes, elected officials, and multiple stakeholders in the region, the cultural values, critical wildlife habitat, prime outdoor recreation landscape, and rich history of Avi Kwa Ame will now have the federal protections they deserve. Presidents of both parties have used the 100-year-old Antiquities Act to preserve and protect critical natural, historical, and scientific resources on federal lands for future generations. Monuments honor cultural heritage, preserve biodiversity, and play a key role in addressing climate change. This forthcoming national monument will be a huge victory for the tribes and communities in southern Nevada.” – **Gwen Lachelt, Executive Director, Western Leaders Network**

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