



Navajo Nation and Tribal Coalition Continue Support for Grand Canyon's Ancestral Footprints Monument



*Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument sign, commemorating the nearly one million acres protected by President Joe Biden's 2023 proclamation.
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Navajo Nation, along with partner tribes and the Grand Canyon Trust, continues to engage in discussions to advance protections for the *Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument*. The monument safeguards more than one million acres of ancestral lands with cultural, historical, and ecological significance. On August 27, 2025, the tribal coalition convened in a meeting hosted by the Grand Canyon Trust to review current developments and future planning related to the monument.

During the meeting, tribal leaders stressed the need for unified messaging among the 13 tribes with ancestral ties to the monument. Additionally, the coalition confirmed it has finalized its bylaws and is preparing a coordinated responses to potential federal policy changes affecting the monument.

The coalition affirmed that ongoing support for the monument is important, and that coordination with tribal members, chapters, and partner organizations will continue in the weeks ahead. Planning is underway for both virtual and in-person commissioner meetings later this fall to solidify long-term strategies.