

TOP SUCCESSES



Grand Canyon National Park. SEAN PAVONE

1985 – Today

Protecting national parks and monuments

The Trust has a long history of helping win protections for the Southwest's most cherished national parks and monuments.

- ▶ In the 1980s and 1990s, the Trust helped pass the National Parks Overflights Act and the Grand Canyon Protection Act, which reduced air traffic over the Grand Canyon and preserved cultural and natural resources downstream of Glen Canyon Dam.
- ▶ We successfully advocated for legislation that added over 3,000 acres to Arches National Park in 1998.
- ▶ We led the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument campaign in 1996. Two decades later, we supported the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition in its campaign to protect 1.35 million acres of cultural homelands as Bears Ears National Monument. When both monuments were slashed in 2017, we worked alongside tribes and partners to restore protections.
- ▶ In 2023, we provided key support to the Grand Canyon Tribal Coalition in its successful campaign to protect nearly 1 million acres of ancestral lands as Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument.

Early 2000s – Today

Stopping uranium contamination in the Colorado River and Grand Canyon

Uranium mining in the Southwest during the atomic era left behind a toxic legacy of polluted water, soil, and air. The Trust advocates to clean up uranium contamination and protect public lands around the Grand Canyon from new uranium mining.

- ▶ We led advocacy efforts to remove 16 million tons of radioactive waste poisoning the Colorado River near Moab, Utah, in 2004.
- ▶ Alongside Native communities, local governments, hunters, and others, we successfully campaigned for a temporary mining ban on 1 million acres of public lands around the Grand Canyon in 2012 and a permanent ban on new mining claims on nearly 1 million acres of Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni National Monument in 2023.
- ▶ Today, our work continues in support of tribes to permanently protect lands and waters around Grand Canyon National Park from mining.



Grand Canyon waterfall. PETER HATHAWAY

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Glenda Bennett, owner of Glenda Bags LLC (left) and Raenelle Bennett (right) at a Change Labs event. RAYMOND CHEE

Mid 2000s – Today Supporting community-led initiatives across Native America

As a conservation organization with a mission to support the rights of Native peoples, the Trust follows Indigenous leadership, stands behind community-driven projects, and works to elevate Indigenous voices.

- ▶ Since 2009, we've facilitated intertribal gatherings for Indigenous community leaders to address health, water, language, culture, and sacred sites across Native America.
- ▶ We helped launch a Native business incubator in 2014, which transitioned into Change Labs, an independent Native-led nonprofit in 2018.
- ▶ We supported a coalition of Navajo families, called Save the Confluence, in its five-year campaign to defeat a proposed tramway. The development would have shuttled up to 10,000 tourists a day to the bottom of the Grand Canyon.
- ▶ At the request of a Native grassroots advisory group, we co-hosted the first-ever intertribal economic summit at Grand Canyon National Park to build an inclusive, culturally aligned Grand Canyon economy.

Mid 1990s – Today Restoring forests, grasslands, and waterways

The Southwest is experiencing the driest conditions in 1,200 years. From desert grasslands, to pinyon and juniper scrubland, to ponderosa forests, we work to improve the health of degraded lands and water sources.

- ▶ The Trust has retired lands from cattle grazing in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Capitol Reef National Park, Arches National Park, and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.
- ▶ We purchased North Rim Ranches in 2005 to restore over 800,000 acres of overgrazed public lands north of the Grand Canyon.
- ▶ In 2009, we helped launch the largest forest restoration project ever undertaken in the United States. This ongoing effort protects 2.4 million acres of national forest in Arizona from catastrophic wildfire.

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. BLAKE MCCORD

