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National Monuments Established Through the Use of the Antiquities Act in Wyoming

In Wyoming, 75% of residents support presidents continuing to use their ability to protect existing public lands as national monuments. This number is slightly higher than the 74% who consider themselves to be conservationists, and lower than the 79% who want to see new protections created on public lands.

Outdoor recreation is becoming more popular in Wyoming, with parks and historic sites receiving 5.2 million visitors in 2022. This record visitation led Wyoming to rank 5th among states with the highest percentage of their GDP in outdoor recreation in 2021.

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"Protected public lands make our community unique, harboring rich populations of wildlife and providing locals and visitors a place to recreate, rejuvenate and take time with family and friends. We would be a much different place without the protected swath of wild valley bottom first designated as a national monument and now part of Grand Teton National Park. It's our wildlife that sets us apart. As much as the iconic mountain scenery, it's the protected land at the base of the Tetons, where wildlife can roam free, that ensures our millions of visitors will have a unique, unforgettable visit."



Teton County Commissioner, climbing and skiing guide, ski patroller, avalanche course instructor, and County planning commissioner Mark Newcomb

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In 2021, Wyoming was ranked #5 for the percentage of their economy based on outdoor recreation. In 2022, this sector accounted for 4.1% of state GDP, \$0.7 billion in wages, 16,202 direct jobs, and added a value of \$2 billion to the state economy.

In raw numbers, the amount of money that outdoor recreation generated towards Wyoming's GDP in 2021 was \$1.5 billion. Combining this with the contribution that outdoor recreation made to the economy in 2020 brings



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Red Cliffs at Devil's Tower

the amount generated to nearly \$3 billion. These numbers will likely continue to rise, as state parks and historic sites throughout the state continue to see record visitation. In 2022, these areas saw 5.2 million visitors,

which was down slightly from 2020 and 2021, but remained high above the rates found pre-pandemic.

According to the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Report, the most lucrative outdoor recreation activities in the state are snowsports, RVing, boating, and fishing.

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National Park Service Visits, Spending, and Economic Contributions to the Wyoming Economy

State	Total Recreation Visits	Total Visitor Spending (\$2022)	Jobs	Economic Output (\$2022)
Wyoming	6,148,010	\$870,000,000	11,538	\$1,127,700,000

National Park Service National Monuments Designated Through the Use of the Antiquities Act

Park Unit	Total Recreation Visits	Total Visitor Spending \$2022	Jobs	Labor Income \$2022	Value Added \$2022	Economic Output \$2022
<u>Devils Tower National Monument</u>	480,713	\$34,868,000	459	\$13,824,000	\$24,442,000	\$45,382,000
<u>Fort Laramie National Historic Site*</u>	39,657	\$1,221,000	15	\$397,000	\$657,000	\$1,293,000
<u>Grand Teton National Park*</u>	2,806,223	\$597,470,000	7,608	\$267,468,000	\$438,271,000	\$757,041,000

*Since its initial designation, this location's management and/or name has been updated.