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### **The Antiquities Act Used To Create Three National Monuments** Diverse Faith Community Applauds Diversity of Protected Places

Washington, DC – President Obama is set to designate three new national monuments Thursday, and Christian communities are applauding this act of stewardship. Pullman in Chicago, Browns Canyon in Colorado, and Honouliuli in Hawaii, will all be protected as monuments upon the President’s announcement in Chicago.

“Pullman Historic Site in Chicago is home to the first African American union in the country,” stated Tricia Bruckbauer, Program Director for Creation Justice Ministries. “As a Christian community that represents the stewardship policies of many historically African American churches, we are pleased with the President’s use of the Antiquities Act to preserve important stories of all Americans.”

Browns Canyon is widely lauded for its trout fishing and outdoor recreation and provides a vital habitat for many of God’s creatures. Honouliuli is the site of a World War II internment camp, and will be preserved as an important reminder of American struggles with civil liberties in times of conflict.

“As Americans, we have a stewardship tool that is able to preserve wonderful pieces of God’s creation as well as important artifacts of history and stories of our diverse nation,” Bruckbauer continued. “The Antiquities Act has been a blessing to many communities looking to safeguard their national treasures for future generations and for the benefit of Americans everywhere. We look forward to working with decision-makers to protect more of the places in which we pray and play.”

The Antiquities Act was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and has been used to protect places that are significant naturally, historically, or culturally. It has been used by 16 presidents.

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