

Statement from The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah

The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah, believes that we must protect our God-given treasures on earth and recognize the treasures of Native Americans. Both are consistent with a number of resolutions adopted by conventions of the Episcopal Church. Bishop Hayashi goes on to say that we must act in a way that isn't "jeopardizing the future by actions of today that may result in the exploitation of precious and culturally important lands". Certainly protecting the Bears Ears, by designating it as a National Monument, is a way to ensure that we do not exploit these precious lands that have also been so culturally important to Native Americans for centuries, as well as treasures for us all in centuries to come.