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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

Picturesque Castner Range which is home to Transmountain Drive and the beautiful poppy fields on the east side of the mountains in El Paso, Texas is one of the most significant landscapes in the United States. It deserves national monument status.

Please use your authority under the Antiquities Act to protect Castner Range as a national monument by transferring ownership from the Department of Defense to the Department of the Interior. This would honor cultural, historical, scientific and environmental connections to the region and, most importantly, preserve and protect the land from urban sprawl for generations.

More than 30 cultural sites are located on the 7,081 acres (11 square miles) of land. It provides recreation, which benefits public health, education, natural resource management, and the local economy. Prehistoric habitation of the land began more than 14,000 years ago with biological and physical landscapes unique to the greater El Paso region.

Castner Range is a historically significant land area that was primarily used as a U.S. military training facility during the first half of the 20th Century. The area has been preserved in its nearly pristine natural state due to the stewardship of Fort Bliss.

Again, I ask that you please use your authority under the Antiquities Act to proclaim

Castner Range a National Monument

and leave a legacy that protects the past – and future – of this national treasure for all time.

Sincerely,

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