

In 1803 President Thomas Jefferson secured the purchase of **529.2 million acres** of Louisiana Territory.

The Louisiana Purchase provided the United States access to a network of vast waterways, rich farmland, and fantastic natural resources that not only ensured the country's economic success for several generations but also strengthened its national defense capabilities at the time.

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There is absolutely no doubt that there are areas that warrant conservation due to historical significance or environmental concern; however, withdrawing an amount equal to 27.5% of the continental United States land mass in order to protect a few small tracts of land may indicate motives rooted in ideology rather than science.

From 2008 to 2016 President Barack Obama withdrew a total of **550 million acres** of U.S. land and waterways in order to set aside 29 national monuments.

With a stroke of his pen, President Obama removed these large parcels of land from multiple use and single handedly endangered our economic future and national security by forcing the U.S. to rely heavily on other nations for natural resources that are critical for manufacturing and national defense.