



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
GRAND DUKE TRAVIS OF WESTARCTICA

Royal Decree RD-2025-001
Westarctican Parks Service
20 April 2025

In my authority as Sovereign of Westarctica and in accordance with the legislation authorizing the creation of the Westarctican Parks Service, I hereby decree as protected the following areas under that body's oversight and administration:

Billboard National Monument: The Billboard, which is located in the northern area of the Sarnoff Mountains, is arguably the most distinct and striking landscape feature within the nation of Westarctica. The preservation and promotion of this feature, as well as the surrounding mountains is in keeping with our goals of preserving nature for the enjoyment of future generations. The borders shall constitute the portion of the peninsula containing Walgreen Peak down to Mount Blades; running up against the edge of the Boyd Glacier; with its southeastern limit bisecting Bailey Ridge just past Mount Blades.

Gothic National Monument: The Gothic Mountains are a geographically distinct vista, which includes one of the most iconic landmark features of Westarctica, the Organ Pipes. Protecting and promoting the stark cold beauty of this Westarctican feature aligns with our conservation goals. Its borders shall constitute the entirety of the Gothic Mountains that are within Westarctica's territory; the nearby portion of Albanus Glacier; the entirety of Howe and Griffith Glaciers; Long Valley; and Mount Russell.

Boyd Glacier Conservation Zone: This area includes the majority of the coastal Boyd Glacier, one of the larger and more iconic in the nations. Primary research has indicated that it is among the more stable glaciers in Westarctica. Further study may indicate allowance for a relaxing of access to the site, but protection as a Conservation Zone while this is done is appropriate. Its borders shall constitute the entirety of the Boyd Glacier; its outlet into the waters of the Marshall Archipelago; the Swope Glacier; and the peninsula running from Mount Woodward to Mount Douglass.

McHenry Range Conservation Zone: This range of five dormant volcanoes has shown indications of deep-earth magma activity in recent years. Further research may indicate allowance for a relaxing of access to the site and its striking vistas, but protection as a

Conservation Zone while this is assessed is appropriate. Its borders shall constitute the entirety of the five peaks of the range.

Ross Ice Shelf Conservation Zone: Only small portions of the overall ice shelf fall within Westarctican territory, but it is the single largest deposit of freshwater ice on the planet. This fact gives it a critical role not only in ocean levels but sea salinity, as changes to both from the collapse of this ice shelf would irrevocably alter coastal and marine biomes. Due to these concerns, it is crucial that Westarctica assist in its preservation however it can with the small foothold our portion of oversight provides. Its borders shall constitute the entirety of the Ice Shelf found in Westarctica's territory; including the surrounding shores; with portions of the MacAyeal Ice Stream; and the nearest areas of the Harrison and Shabtale Ice Streams.

Given under my hand this on Earth Day, 20 April 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "TRAVIS". The signature is stylized, with a large, sweeping arch over the first part of the name.

His Royal Highness
Grand Duke Travis