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Dear Sandra,

Since Wisconsin does not have a single national monument, I would greatly appreciate your assistance in starting the process to get several of them approved. We have so many significant sites in Wisconsin from the historical, geological and anthropological perspectives.

A national monument would attest to Wisconsin's timeless beauty and historical significance, and would encourage tourism in our state as well.

Here are some potential sites to consider:

1. The Highground Veterans Park in Neillsville.
2. Taliesin. Frank Lloyd Wright's home and studio, built in 1911.
3. Silver Mound – Highest concentration of Native American rock art. Stunning archeological finds dating presence of Native Americans to 12,000 years ago.
4. Aztalan – Northern-most outpost of Cahokia Mound Builders.
5. Chippewa/Sioux Battle Field near Sand Creek, in Dunn County.
6. Strawberry Island Battle Field/burial grounds on Lac du Flambeau Reservation – Sioux Indians were forced west from here.
7. Big/Little Indian Farms at Perkinstown – Already on National Registry of Historic Places.
8. Hoton Wahpu Village in Pepin County.
9. Underground Railroad sites – Hid escaped slaves in years leading up to Civil War.
10. Brule/St. Croix River Portage near Solon Springs – Main portage connecting the Great Lakes and North Atlantic with the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico.
11. The Leopold Shack in Baraboo – Aldo Leopold's retreat and laboratory. The only former chicken coop listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
12. Mississippi River Rock Art sites in Southwestern Wisconsin.
13. Glacial Lake Wisconsin – Amazing geological story found here.
14. The Ashland ore docks.
15. The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Tribute in Black River Falls.
16. The Wisconsin Veterans Tribute in Cadott.
17. The Hallie Peace Memorial Park in Chippewa Falls.

Thank you for your consideration of these sites as potential candidates for the status of National Monument. I look forward to your input on these sites and any other sites you think would be good candidates.

Sincerely,

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