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On the cover: 100 years of celebrating the Grand Canyon as a national monument.

As one of the most majestic sites in the world, the Grand Canyon (Canyon), located in Grand Canyon, Arizona, overwhelms the imagination with its magnitude and captivating beauty. Its dimensions are immense and its grandeur timeless, measuring 1 mile deep, up to 18 miles wide, and 277 river miles long. Many scientists conclude that the gorge of the Grand Canyon was shaped by the Colorado River in Arizona and parts of Nevada over a period of more than 6 million years.

The Canyon is dubbed one of the natural wonders of the world largely because of its splendid natural features. It boasts exotic plant life, ancient pueblos, stunning multi-colored rocks, colorful waters, and magnificent waterfalls. Also, vast species of mammals, reptiles and amphibians, fish, and birds exist at the Canyon, many threatened or endangered but protected under the Endangered Species Act.

President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed Grand Canyon National Monument (Monument) on January 11, 1908, to protect the Canyon from uncontrolled development. The Monument was managed by the U.S. Forest Service until 1919 when it was proclaimed a national park and management transferred to the National Park Service.

Today, two Native American tribes still inhabit the Grand Canyon. The Havasupai live on a reservation inside the Canyon and are the only permanent inhabitants, where they and their ancestors have lived for over 800 years. The Hualapai live in the mountains along the pine-clad southern side of the Canyon. They operate a visitors' center, including a skywalk which projects over the Canyon's rim.

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Popular with tourists today are the numerous lookouts, trails, and raft and boat excursions. The contrast of sun and shadow against the vast array of rock-forms creates changing hues of radiance along the Canyon's walls. The magnificence of the Canyon will forever be a vision of unparalleled beauty. In this centennial year of its designation as a national monument, please join us in celebrating its splendor.

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