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To provide greater conservation, recreation, economic development and local management of Federal lands in Utah, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself and Mr. CHAFFETZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

The Act may be cited as the "Utah Public Lands Initiative Act".

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**SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

**SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act:

(1) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land” means the lands or interests in land under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture, except such term does not include land the title to which is held in trust by the United States for the benefit of a tribe or an individual or is held in fee by a tribe or individual subject to a restriction by the United States against alienation.

(2) **TRIBE.**—The term “Tribe” means a federally recognized Indian tribe (including a pueblo).

(3) **TRIBAL.**—The term “Tribal” means of or pertaining to a tribe.

(4) **WATER RESOURCE FACILITIES.**—The term “water resource facilities” means irrigation and pumping facilities, reservoirs, water conservation works, aqueducts, canals, ditches, pipelines, wells, hydropower projects, transmission and other ancillary facilities, and other water diversion, storage, and carriage structures.

**DIVISION A—CONSERVATION**  
**TITLE I—WILDERNESS**

**SEC. 101. WILDERNESS DESIGNATIONS.**

In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act, and subject to valid existing rights, including the rights of a tribe, the following areas of the State of Utah are designated as wilderness and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System pursuant to the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.):

(1) **CANDLAND MOUNTAIN.**—Certain Federal land in Emery County managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 12,330 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Candland Mountain Wilderness”.

(2) **DESOLATION CANYON.**—Certain Federal land in Duchesne, Uintah, Carbon, Emery, and Grand Counties managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 458,413 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Desolation Canyon Wilderness”.

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(3) HIGH UINTA.—Certain Federal land in Duchesne, Summit, and Uintah Counties, managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 28,293 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “High Uinta Wilderness”.

(4) MANCOS MESA.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County, managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service comprising approximately 95,605 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Mancos Mesa Wilderness”.

(5) CHEESEBOX CANYON.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 14,441 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Cheesebox Canyon Wilderness”.

(6) BUTLER WASH.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 27,813 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Butler Wash Wilderness”.

(7) DARK CANYON.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service comprising approximately 72,990 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Dark Canyon Wilderness”.

(8) BEHIND THE ROCKS.—Certain Federal land in San Juan and Grand Counties managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 13,024 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Behind the Rocks Wilderness”.

(9) BRIDGER JACK MESA.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 6,009 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Bridger Jack Mesa Wilderness”.

(10) CEDAR MESA.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service comprising approximately 223,566 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Cedar Mesa Wilderness”.

(11) MIKES CANYON.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service comprising approximately

30,549 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Mikes Canyon Wilderness”.

(12) MULE CANYON.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 5,858 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Mule Canyon Wilderness”.

(13) MARSH PEAK.—Certain Federal land in Uintah County managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 15,031 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Marsh Peak Wilderness”.

(14) CLIFF PEAK.—Certain Federal land in Uintah and Duchesne Counties managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 9,153 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Cliff Peak Wilderness”.

(15) BULL CANYON.—Certain Federal land in Uintah County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 599 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Bull Canyon Wilderness”.

(16) WHITE CANYON.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 18,886 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “White Canyon Wilderness”.

(17) MEXICAN MOUNTAIN.—Certain Federal land in Emery County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 84,976 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Mexican Mountain Wilderness”.

(18) SIDS MOUNTAIN.—Certain Federal land in Emery County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 82,406 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Sids Mountain Wilderness”.

(19) MUDDY CREEK.—Certain Federal land in Emery County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 72,400 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Muddy Creek Wilderness”.

(20) SAN RAFAEL REEF.—Certain Federal land in Emery County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 54,284 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “San Rafael Reef Wilderness”.

(21) CRACK CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal land in Emery County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 27,191 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Crack Canyon Wilderness”.



(22) DEVILS CANYON.—Certain Federal land in Emery County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 8,652 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Devils Canyon Wilderness”.

(23) NELSON MOUNTAIN.—Certain Federal land in Emery County managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 12,856 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Nelson Mountain Wilderness”.

(24) WILLIAM GRANSTAFF CANYON.—Certain Federal land in Grand County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 8,420 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “William Granstaff Canyon Wilderness”.

(25) MILL CREEK CANYON.—Certain Federal land in Grand County managed by the Bureau of Land Management ~~and the United States Forest Service~~ comprising approximately 12,357 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Mill Creek Canyon Wilderness”.

(26) LABYRINTH CANYON.—Certain Federal land in Grand and Emery Counties managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 56,688 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Labyrinth Canyon Wilderness”.

(27) CANYONLANDS.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 257,606 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Canyonlands Wilderness”.

(28) ARCHES.—Certain Federal land in Grand County managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 63,808 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Arches Wilderness”.

(29) FISHER TOWERS.—Certain Federal land in Grand County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 1,190 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Fisher Towers Wilderness”.

(30) MARY JANE CANYON.—Certain Federal land in Grand County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 13,574 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Mary Jane Canyon Wilderness”.

(31) GRANITE CREEK.—Certain Federal land in Grand County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 25,104 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Granite Creek Wilderness”.

(32) BOOK CLIFFS.—Certain Federal land in Grand County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 175,490 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Book Cliffs Wilderness”.

(33) WESTWATER.—Certain Federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 32,954 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Westwater Wilderness”.

(34) BEAVER CREEK.—Certain Federal land in Grand County managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 48,416 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Beaver Creek Wilderness”.

(35) MOUNT PEALE.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 4,302 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Mount Peale Wilderness”.

(36) HAMMOND CANYON.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 7,593 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Hammond Canyon Wilderness”.

(37) ARCH CANYON.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 4,376 acres, as generally depicted

on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Arch Canyon Wilderness”.

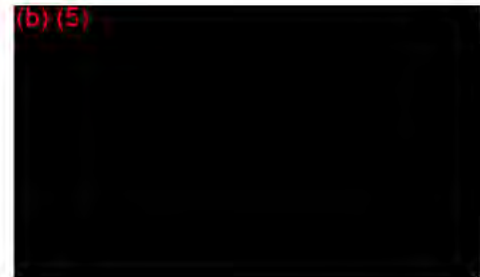
(38) DINOSAUR.—Certain Federal land in Uintah County managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 52,348 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Dinosaur Wilderness”.

(39) CEDAR MOUNTAIN.—Certain Federal land in Emery County managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 17,355 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Cedar Mountain Wilderness”.

(40) INDIAN CREEK.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 6,562 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Indian Creek Wilderness”.

(41) STEER GULCH.—Certain Federal land in San Juan County managed by the United States Forest Service Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service comprising approximately 25,094 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map dated June 30, 2016, which shall be known as the “Steer Gulch Wilderness”.

(b) The previous classifications of the Grand Gulch Primitive Area and the Dark Canyon Primitive Area are hereby superseded.



**SEC. 102. MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.**

(a) ~~IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years from~~ As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall ~~submit to file a map and legal description of each of the wilderness areas with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a map and legal description of each wilderness area designated by this title.~~

(b) **FORCE AND EFFECT.**—Each map and legal description submitted under this section shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected county.

(c) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the United States Forest Service.

SEC. 103. WILDERNESS ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, including the rights of a tribe, each wilderness area established under section 101 shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that—

(1) any reference in that Act to the effective date shall be considered to be a reference to the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) with respect to wilderness areas that are administered by the Secretary of the Interior, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference to the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE.—In accordance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act, the relevant Secretary may take such measures in each wilderness area necessary to control of fire, insects, and disease (including, as the relevant Secretary determines to be appropriate, the coordination of such activities with a State, tribe, or local agency).

~~(c) WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, tribal, or local agency from conducting wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment).~~

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(d) LIVESTOCK.—

(1) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock in each wilderness area, if established before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be permitted to continue—

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~~subject to reasonable rules and regulations as prescribed by the relevant Secretary, in accordance with—~~

~~(A) subject to such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices that the relevant Secretary considers necessary, section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and~~

~~(B) in accordance with—~~

~~(i) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)), and~~

~~(ii) the guidelines set forth in Appendix A of the report of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives accompanying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (House Report 101-405) and H.R. 5487 of the 96th Congress (H. Rept. 96-617).~~



~~(2) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD.—In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the grazing permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the relevant Secretary to establish historic grazing areas, locations, or use.~~

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(e) ~~OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.~~—In accordance with section 4(d)(6) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(5)), commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the wilderness areas ~~are authorized~~ may be allowed to the extent necessary to realize the recreational ~~or other wilderness~~ purposes of the areas.

(f) ~~ACCESS.~~—In accordance with section 5(a) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1134(a)), the relevant Secretary shall provide the owner of State, tribal, or private property within the boundary of a wilderness area adequate access to the property.

(g) ~~WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.~~—The relevant Secretary ~~may~~ shall allow ~~authorize existing water structures and facilities, including existing structures and facilities,~~ for wildlife water development projects, including guzzlers, in the wilderness areas designated by this title ~~if—~~

~~(A) the structures and facilities will, as determined by the Secretary, enhance wilderness values by promoting healthy, viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife populations; and~~

~~(B) the visual impacts of the structures and facilities in the wilderness areas can reasonably be minimized.~~

(h) ~~FISH AND WILDLIFE.~~—Nothing in this title affects the jurisdiction of the State of Utah with respect to the management of fish and wildlife on Federal land in the State, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping within the wilderness areas.

(i) ~~WITHDRAWALS.~~—Subject to valid existing rights, all public land within the areas established as wilderness under this title, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the wilderness areas after the date of enactment of this Act, is withdrawn from—

- (1) entry, appropriation or disposal under the public land laws;
- (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

~~(j) [TRAIL AND FENCE MAINTENANCE].—The relevant Secretary shall maintain trails and fence lines located within the wilderness areas designated by this title, in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).~~



**SEC. 104. WATER RIGHTS.**

~~(A) Statutory construction.—Nothing in this title—~~

~~(i) shall constitute or be construed to constitute either an express or implied reservation by the United States of any water or water rights with respect to the land designated as wilderness by this title;~~

~~(ii) shall affect any water rights in the State existing on the date of enactment of this Act, including any water rights held by the United States;~~

~~(iii) shall be construed as establishing a precedent with regard to any future wilderness designations;~~

~~(iv) shall affect the interpretation of, or any designation made pursuant to, any other Act, or~~

~~(v) shall be construed as limiting, altering, modifying, or amending any of the interstate compacts or equitable apportionment decrees that apportion water among and between the State and other States.~~

~~(B) State water law.—The relevant Secretary shall follow the procedural and substantive requirements of the law of the State in order to obtain and hold any water rights not in existence on the date of enactment of this Act with respect to the wilderness areas designated by this title.~~

~~(a) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this title—~~

~~(1) shall constitute either an express or implied reservation by the United States of any water rights with respect to the wilderness areas designated by section 101;~~

~~(2) affects any water rights in the State of Utah existing on the date of enactment of this Act, including any water rights held by the United States;~~

~~(3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future wilderness designations; or~~

~~(4) shall restrict or prohibit the upstream diversion of water rights held under Utah State law.~~

~~(b) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities, including irrigation districts, and other water right holders for maintenance activities necessary to guarantee the continued viability of water resource facilities that currently exist or which may be necessary in the future to prevent the degradation of the water supply in wilderness areas designated by section 101.~~

**SEC. 105. MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.**

Nothing in this title restricts or precludes—

(1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over wilderness areas designated by section 101, including military overflights that can be seen or heard within wilderness areas;

(2) flight testing and evaluation; or

(3) the designation or creation of new units of special use airspace, or the establishment of military flight training routes, over wilderness areas.

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**SEC. 106. ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around a wilderness area designated by section 101.

(b) **ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS AREA.**—The fact that an activity or use on land outside a wilderness area can be seen, heard or smelled within the wilderness area shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the wilderness area.

**SEC. 107. INDIAN RIGHTS.**

Nothing in this title diminishes the rights of any Indian tribe.

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**SEC. 108. ACQUISITION AND INCORPORATION OF LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND.**

(a) **ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.**—In accordance with applicable laws (including regulations), the relevant Secretary may acquire any land or interest in land within the boundaries of the wilderness areas designated by section 101 of this title by purchase from willing sellers, donation, or exchange.

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The relevant Secretary may acquire land or interest in land within the boundaries of the wilderness areas designated by section 101 only by donation, exchange, transfer from another Federal agency, or purchase from a willing seller.

(2) **LAND EXCHANGE.**—At the request of the State of Utah, not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the relevant Secretary shall complete exchanges for State land located within the boundaries of the wilderness areas designated by this title.

(3) **NO CONDEMNATION.**—Within the areas designated as wilderness by this title, the use of eminent domain or condemnation shall be prohibited.

~~(b) INCORPORATION IN WILDERNESS AREA.—Any land or interest in land acquired by the relevant Secretary under paragraph (a) located inside the boundary of a wilderness area that is acquired by the United States after the date of enactment of this Act, except land acquired by the United States in trust for the benefit of a tribe, shall be added incorporated into, and administered as part of, the wilderness area in which the land or interest in land is located.~~

SEC. 109. **WILDERNESS RELEASE.**

(a) PUBLIC LAND.—

(1) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for purposes of section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782), the public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the following wilderness study areas, as depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Wilderness map dated June 30, 2016, have been adequately studied for wilderness designation—

(A) the 43,322-acre area known as Winter Ridge Wilderness Study Area;

~~(B) the 7,051-acre area known as Jack Canyon Wilderness Study Area;~~

~~(B) the 6,557-acre area known as Squaw and Papoose Wilderness Study Area;~~

~~(D) the 20,404-acre area known as Desolation Canyon Wilderness Study Area included within the Desolation Canyon Special Management Area as designated by this title and as depicted on the map;~~

(E) the 2,516-acre area known as Daniels Canyon Wilderness Study Area; and

(F) the 945-acre area known as Cross Canyon Wilderness Study Area.

(2) RELEASE.—Any land managed by the Bureau of Land Management within the areas described in paragraph (1) that is not designated as wilderness by this title—

(A) shall not be subject to section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c));

(B) shall be managed in accordance with land management plans adopted under section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 1712); and

(C) shall no longer be subject to Secretarial Order No. 3310 issued by the Secretary of the Interior on December 22, 2010.

~~SEC. 110. AIRSHEDS.~~

(a) DESIGNATIONS.—Except as provided in subsection (b), it is the intent of Congress that wilderness areas designated under section 101 shall not be designated as Class I airsheds under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7661) unless Class I status is agreed by the State of Utah under existing authorities.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The lands within the wilderness designated by section 101 (K), (AA), and (BB) shall continue to be managed as Class I airsheds.

**TITLE II—NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS**

**SEC. 201. NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS.**

Subject to valid existing rights, including the rights of a tribe, the following areas in the State of Utah are hereby established as National Conservation Areas:

(1) BEACH DRAW.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 658 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Beach Draw National Conservation Area”.

(2) DIAMOND MOUNTAIN.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 30,390 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Diamond Mountain National Conservation Area”.

(3) DOCS VALLEY.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 8,544 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Docs Valley National Conservation Area”.

(4) STONE BRIDGE DRAW.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 2,415 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Stone Bridge Draw National Conservation Area”.

(5) STUNTZ DRAW.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 2,284 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Stuntz Draw National Conservation Area”.

(6) SAN RAFAEL SWELL.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately ~~30,380~~ 750,000 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Emery County



as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “San Rafael Swell National Conservation Area”.

(7) LABYRINTH CANYON AND SAN RAFAEL RIVER.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately ~~95,658~~~~61,723~~ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Emery County and Grand County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Labyrinth Canyon National Conservation Area”.



(8) MUDDY CREEK.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately ~~53,804~~ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Emery County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Muddy Creek National Conservation Area”.

(9) COLORADO RIVER.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately ~~166,949~~~~168,229~~ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Colorado River National Conservation Area”.

(10) INDIAN CREEK.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 434,354 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Indian Creek National Conservation Area”.

(11) SAN RAFAEL RIVER.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 33,935 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Emery County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “San Rafael River National Conservation Area”.

SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS. -- In this section:



(a) Management plan.—The term “management plan” means the management plans for each National Conservation Area developed by the relevant Secretary under section 205 of this title.

(b) National Conservation Area.—The term “National Conservation Area” means the National Conservation Areas established under section 201 of this title.

SEC. 203. MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.



(a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after ~~Not later than two years from the date of~~ enactment of this Act, the relevant Secretary shall file a map and legal description of the National Conservation Areas established by section 201 of this title with ~~submit~~ to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a map and legal description of each National Conservation Area.

(b) FORCE AND EFFECT.—Each map and legal description submitted under this section shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the relevant Secretary may make minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected county.

(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, and the United States Forest Service.

SEC. 2043. ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS PURPOSES.

(a) SAN RAFAEL SWELL.— The purposes of this National Conservation Area are to—  
~~(a) PURPOSES.—In accordance with this title, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and other applicable laws, the relevant Secretary shall manage the National Conservation Areas established by section 201 in a manner that—~~

~~(1) protects, conserves, and enhances the unique and nationally important historic, cultural, scientific, scenic, recreational, archaeological, natural, and educational resources of the Conservation Area;~~

~~(2) maintains and enhances encourage cooperative and innovative management practices between resource managers, private landowners, and the public in the Conservation Area; and~~

~~(3) recognizes and maintains historic uses of the Conservation Area.~~

(b) LABYRINTH CANYON AND SAN RAFAEL RIVER.—The purposes of this National Conservation Area are to—

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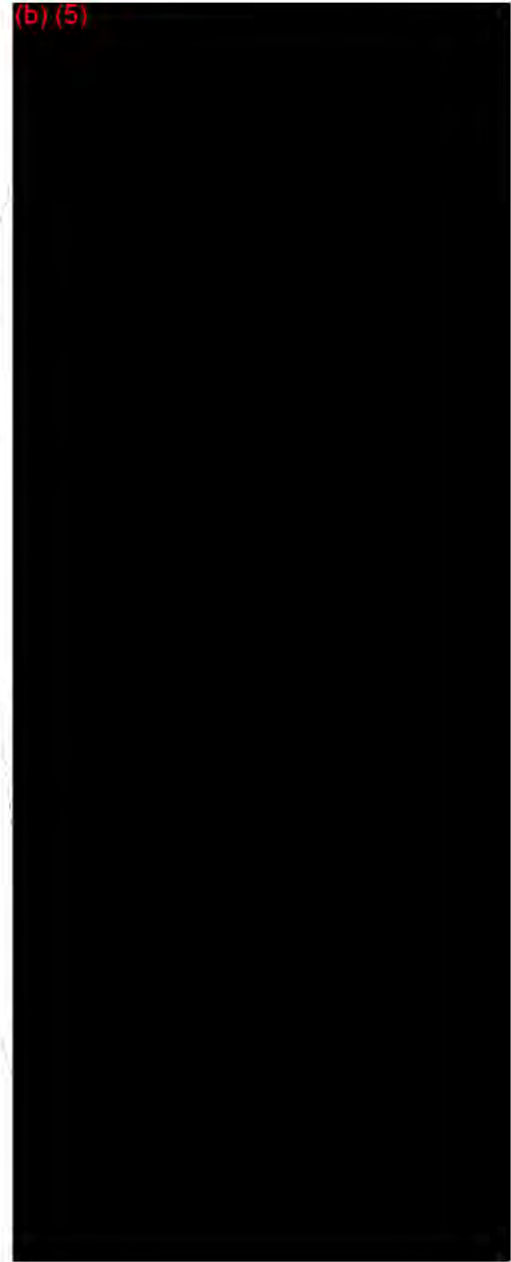
(c) COLORADO RIVER.—The purposes of this National Conservation Area are to—

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SEC. 205. MANAGEMENT PLANS.

(b) MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

(1) IN GENERAL PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than two years ~~As soon as~~ practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the relevant Secretary shall develop a ~~management comprehensive plan~~ management plan for the long-term management of each National Conservation Area ~~Conservation Area~~.



(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION.—~~In developing the management plans required under paragraph (1), the relevant Secretary shall consult and coordinate with appropriate state, local, and tribal government entities, members of the public, and the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee established under Division C of this Act. If the relevant Secretary does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State, local governments, and Indian tribes into the management plans, the relevant Secretary shall submit a written explanation before the effective date of the management plan to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources outlining the reasons for rejecting the recommendations.~~

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~~SEC. 2064. GENERAL PROVISIONS MANAGEMENT.~~

~~(a) IN GENERAL.—The relevant Secretary shall manage each National Conservation Area—~~

~~(1) in a manner that conserves, protects, and enhances the resources of the area; and~~

~~(2) in accordance with—~~

~~(i) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);~~

~~(ii) this title; and~~

~~(iii) any other applicable law (including regulations).~~

~~(b) USES.—The Secretary shall only allow such uses of each National Conservation Area that the Secretary determines would further a purpose for that National Conservation Area as described in section 204 of this title.~~

~~(c) MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES — --Except in cases in which motorized and mechanized vehicles are needed for administrative purposes, or to respond to an emergency, the use of motorized or mechanized vehicles in each National Conservation Area shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated by the management plans for their use of motorized vehicles.~~

~~(d) GRAZING.— The grazing of livestock in each National Conservation Area, where established before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be permitted to continue—~~

~~(1) subject to—~~

~~(i) such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary considers necessary; and~~

~~(ii) applicable law; and~~

~~(2) in a manner consistent with the purposes described in section 204.~~

~~(e) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this title precludes prohibits the relevant Secretary, in cooperation with other a Federal, State, tribal, or local agencies, as appropriate~~

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~~from conducting wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment) in Conservation Areas designated under section 204 in each National Conservation Area, consistent with the purposes in section 204.~~

~~(fa) WITHDRAWALS.—~~

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~~(1) In general.—Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal land within in each the National Conservation Areas is established under section 201 including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the Conservation Areas after the date of enactment of this Act, is withdrawn from—~~

- ~~(i) all forms of entry, appropriation, and or disposal under the public land laws;~~
- ~~(ii) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and~~
- ~~(iii) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.~~

~~(2) Additional land.—If the Secretary acquires additional land that is located within a National Conservation Area after the date of enactment of this Act, the land is withdrawn from operation of the laws referred to in paragraph (1) on the date of acquisition of the land.~~

~~(g) Applicable law.—The lands designated as wilderness under Title I shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this title only to the extent they are consistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.). In the case of a conflict, the more restrictive provision shall control.~~

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~~(b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE.—In accordance with this title, the relevant Secretary may take such measures in each Conservation Area necessary to control fire, insects, and disease (including the coordination of such activities with a State, tribal, or local agency).~~

~~(d) LIVESTOCK.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—Within the Conservation Areas established under section 201 the grazing of livestock established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the relevant Secretary.~~

~~(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES.—Existing livestock grazing shall continue subject to reasonable regulations as proscribed by the relevant Secretary and taking into account in accordance with the following guidelines:~~

~~(A) There shall be no reductions of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title.~~

~~(B) The number of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title may shall continue at approximate stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, and additional or suspended animal unit months may shall be allowed to graze as range conditions allow or if range treatments improve conditions. Animal Unit Months shall only be diminished as a result of revisions in the normal grazing and land management planning and policy setting process.~~

~~(C) The maintenance of existing grazing supporting facilities in an area prior to its designation by this title (including fences, placement of salt and minerals, fire cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds), may shall continue. Such maintenance may include the use of off-highway vehicles or mechanized tools and equipment.~~

~~(D) The construction of new grazing improvements or replacement of deteriorated livestock facilities in areas designated by this title may be is authorized if in accordance with the applicable management plan.~~

~~(E) The use of off-highway vehicles for emergency purposes such as care of sick animals or the placement of feed and water in emergency situations may be is authorized by the applicable grazing permit holder or an employee or agent thereof.~~

~~(F) Access to historic and traditional water sources for the purpose of watering livestock may shall be maintained.~~

~~(G) The trailing of domestic livestock may shall continue consistent with the purposes of and shall not be limited by the designations made under section 201.~~

~~(3) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD.— In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the grazing permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the relevant Secretary to determine historic grazing areas or use.~~

~~(e) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY.— Nothing in this title precludes the relevant Secretary from renewing easements or rights of way in Conservation Areas established under section 201 in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with this division and existing law.~~

~~(f) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.— Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around a Conservation Area designated by section 201.~~

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~~(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE CONSERVATION AREA.— An activity or use on land outside of a Conservation Area established under section 201 that can be seen, heard, felt, or smelled within the Conservation Area shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the Conservation Area.~~

~~(g) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the Conservation Areas established under section 201 are authorized to the extent necessary to realize the recreational purposes of the areas.~~

~~(h) FISH AND WILDLIFE.— Nothing in this title affects the jurisdiction of the State of Utah with respect to the management of fish and wildlife on Federal land in the State, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping and use of helicopters to maintain healthy wildlife populations, within the Conservation Areas established under section 201.~~

~~(i) ACCESS.— The relevant Secretary shall provide the owner of State, tribal or private property within the boundary of a Conservation Area established under section 201 access to the property.~~

~~(j) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.— Structures and facilities, including future and existing structures and facilities, for wildlife water development projects (including guzzlers) in the Conservation Areas established under section 201 are authorized.~~

~~(k) WATER RIGHTS.—~~

~~(1) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.— Nothing in this title—~~

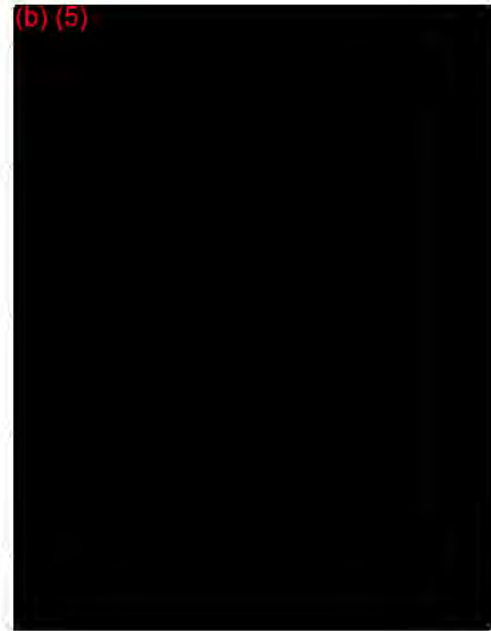
~~(A) shall constitute either an express or implied reservation by the United States of any water rights with respect to the Conservation Areas designated by this title;~~

~~(B) affects any water rights in the State of Utah existing on the date of enactment of this title, including any water rights held by the United States;~~

~~(C) establishes a precedent with regard to any future National Conservation Area designations; or~~

~~(D) shall restrict or prohibit the upstream diversion of water rights held under Utah State law.~~

~~(2) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.— Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities, including irrigation districts, and other water right holders for maintenance activities necessary to guarantee the continued viability of water resource facilities that currently exist or which~~



may be necessary in the future to prevent the degradation of the water supply in Conservation Areas designated by this title:

~~(h) WILDERNESS RELEASE.—~~ Congress finds that the Conservation Areas designated by section 201 have been adequately studied for wilderness character and wilderness designation pursuant to section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782) and are no longer subject to the requirement of subsection (c) of such section pertaining to the management of wilderness study areas in a manner that does not impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as wilderness.

~~(ii) PROHIBITION.—~~ The relevant Secretary may not promulgate or issue any system-wide regulation, directive, instruction memorandum or order that would direct management of the Federal lands designated as Conservation Areas by section 201 in a manner contrary to this title.

~~(ii) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—~~ Nothing in this title prevents the relevant Secretary from conducting vegetation management projects within the Conservation Areas established under section 201 in a manner consistent with the purposes for the Conservation Area pursuant to section 203(a).

~~(o) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~ Except in cases in which off-highway vehicles are needed for administrative purposes, including project construction and maintenance, response to an emergency or as outlined in section 204(d)(2), the use of off-highway vehicles shall be permitted only on designated routes within the Conservation Areas designated under section 201.

~~(2) DESIGNATED ROUTES FOR OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES.—~~

~~(A) IN GENERAL.—~~ The relevant Secretary shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that—

~~(i) is consistent with off-highway vehicle and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized under the applicable travel management plan;~~

~~(ii) does not significantly damage designated critical habitat or cultural resources; and~~

~~(iii) does not interfere with private property or water rights.~~

~~(B) CLOSURE.—~~ The relevant Secretary, in consultation with the State and affected County, may temporarily close or permanently reroute, subject to subparagraph (C), a route if the relevant Secretary determines that—

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~~(i) the route is significantly damaging designated critical habitat or cultural resources;~~

~~(ii) the route threatens public safety;~~

~~(iii) closure of the route is necessary to repair damage to the designated route; or~~

~~(iv) closure of the route is necessary to repair resource damage.~~

~~(C) REROUTING.—~~ Portions of the designated route that are temporarily closed may be permanently rerouted by utilizing a previously closed route or constructing a new route.

~~(D) NOTICE.—~~ The relevant Secretary shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been rerouted, or are temporarily or permanently closed through—

~~(i) use of appropriate signage within the Conservation Area; and~~

~~(ii) use of the Internet and Web resources.~~

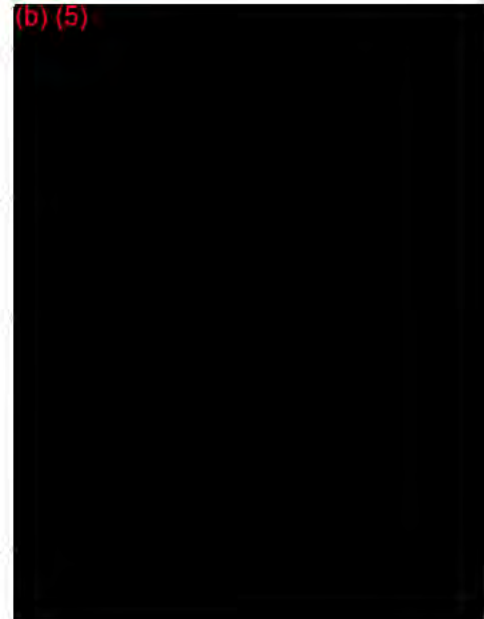
~~(p) TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—~~ The relevant Secretary shall be permitted to construct temporary passenger vehicle roads for administrative or emergency purposes. The relevant Secretary shall decommission any temporary road constructed under this paragraph not later than three years after the date the project is completed.

~~(q) NO EFFECT ON NON-FEDERAL LAND OR INTERESTS IN NON-FEDERAL LAND.—~~ Nothing in this title affects ownership, management, or other rights relating to non-Federal land or interests in non-Federal land.

~~(r) SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS.—~~ The relevant Secretary shall provide opportunities, including through partnerships with colleges, universities, schools, tribes, scientific institutions, nonprofit organizations, researchers, and scientists to conduct research and provide educational and interpretive services of the historical, cultural, scientific, archeological, and natural resources within the Conservation Areas designated by section 201. Research findings from the Conservation Areas may be used to develop land use solutions that meet human needs while maintaining ecological and economic viability in the region.

~~(s) RESEARCH AND INTERPRETIVE FACILITIES.—~~

~~(t) IN GENERAL.—~~ The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture may establish facilities for—



~~(A) the conduct of scientific research; and~~

~~(B) the interpretation of the historical, cultural, scientific, archeological, biological, natural and educational resources of the Conservation Areas designated under section 201.~~

~~(2) GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—~~ In carrying out subsection (e), the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture may make grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Utah, local governmental entities, tribes, other institutions and organizations, and private entities to conduct research, conduct scientific analyses, and carry out any other initiative relating to the restoration or conservation of the Conservation Areas.

~~(c) PARTNERSHIPS.—~~ In carrying out subsections (r) and (s) and in recognition of the value of collaboration to foster innovation and enhance research and development efforts, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall encourage partnerships, including public-private partnerships, between and among Federal, State, tribal and local agencies, academic institutions, nonprofit organizations and private entities.

~~(ii) RECREATION.—~~ The relevant Secretary shall continue to authorize, maintain, and enhance the recreational use of the Conservation Areas designated under section 201, including hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, cross-country skiing, hang gliding, paragliding, rock climbing, canyoneering, sightseeing, nature study, horseback riding, mountain biking, rafting, off-highway vehicle recreation on designated routes, and other recreational activities.

~~(iv) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTERESTS.—~~ Any land or interest in land that is located in a National Conservation Area that is acquired by the United States shall—

~~(1) become part of the National Conservation Area, and~~

~~(2) be managed in accordance with—~~

~~(A) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);~~

~~(B) this title; and~~

~~(C) any other applicable law (including regulations). Acquisition.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~ The relevant Secretary may acquire land or interest in land within the boundaries of the Conservation Areas designated by section 201 only by donation, exchange, transfer from another Federal agency, or purchase from a willing seller.

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(2) LAND EXCHANGE.—At the request of the State, not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the relevant Secretary shall complete exchanges for State land located within the boundaries of the Conservation Areas designated by section 201.

(3) NO CONDEMNATION.—Within the Conservation Areas designated by section 201, the use of eminent domain or condemnation shall be prohibited.

(4) INCORPORATION IN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.—Any land or interest in land located inside the boundary of a Conservation Area designated under section 201 that is acquired by the United States after the date of enactment of this Act shall be added to and administered as part of the Conservation Area.

**SEC. 2075. ADDITIONAL PURPOSE FOR DOCS VALLEY, STONE BRIDGE DRAW, STUNTZ DRAW, BEACH DRAW, AND DIAMOND MOUNTAIN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS.**

Nothing in this title shall effect ~~precludes~~ existing or future sage grouse conservation projects, including the management of vegetation through mechanical means within the Docs Valley, Stone Bridge Draw, Stuntz Draw, Beach Draw, and Diamond Mountain National Conservation Areas designated under section 201.

**SEC. 2086. ADDITIONAL PURPOSE FOR COLORADO RIVER NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.**

To provide for the management, development, protection, and use of drinking water within the Colorado River National Conservation Area.



**TITLE III—WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREAS**

**SEC. 301. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The following Watershed Management Areas are hereby established in the State of Utah, subject to valid existing rights:

(1) ASHLEY SPRING.—The “Ashley Spring Watershed Management Area”, consisting of approximately 10,951 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map dated June 30, 2016.

(2) DRY FORK.—The “Dry Fork Watershed Management Area”, consisting of approximately 9,640 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map dated June 30, 2016.

(3) CASTLE VALLEY.—The “Castle Valley Watershed Management Area”, consisting of approximately 34,247 acres of the Manti-La Sal National Forest in Grand County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map dated June 30, 2016.

(4) WIDDOP MOUNTAIN.—The “Widdop Mountain Watershed Management Area”, consisting of approximately 8,025 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Summit County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map dated June 30, 2016.

(5) EAST FORK SMITHS FORK.—The “East Fork Smiths Fork Watershed Management Area”, consisting of approximately 3,178 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Summit County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map dated June 30, 2016.

(b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter “Secretary” in this title) shall file a map and legal description of the Watershed Management Areas with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(2) EFFECT.—The map and legal description prepared under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary of Agriculture may correct minor errors in the map or legal description provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected county.

(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**SEC. 302. ADMINISTRATION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Watershed Management Areas are—

(1) to ensure the protection of the quality of water in the Watershed Management Areas;



(2) to allow visitors to enjoy the scenic, natural, cultural, recreational, and wildlife values of the Watershed Management Areas;

(3) to provide for the management, development, and use of drinking water within the Watershed Management Areas;

(4) to allow for the reintroduction of beavers in appropriate Watershed Management Areas;

(5) to allow for reintroduction of native flora (land and aquatic), bird, fish and animal fauna in Watershed Management Areas;

(6) to provide for the restoration of watersheds and re-establish ecosystem health in areas damaged or threatened by insects, disease or prior land use; and

(7) to provide for the restoration of ecosystems damaged or threatened by overpopulation of any plant, aquatic or animal species.

(b) MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary shall manage the Watershed Management Areas—

(1) in a manner consistent with the purposes described in subsection (a); and

(2) in accordance with—

(A) the laws generally applicable to the National Forest System;

(B) this title; and

(C) any other applicable law.

(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a management plan for the long-term management of each Watershed Management Area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with local and tribal governments,

the public, and the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee established under Division C of this Act. If the Secretary does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State, local governments, and Indian tribes into the management plans, the Secretary shall submit a written explanation before the effective date of the management plan to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources outlining the reasons for rejecting the recommendations.

**SEC. 303. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

(a) **MOTORIZED VEHICLES.**—Except in cases in which motorized vehicles are needed for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the use of motorized vehicles shall be permitted only on designated routes within the Watershed Management Areas.

(b) **NO EFFECT ON NON-FEDERAL LAND OR INTERESTS IN NON-FEDERAL LAND.**—Nothing in this title affects ownership, management, or other rights relating to non-Federal land or interests in non-Federal land.

(c) **ROAD CONSTRUCTION.**—The Secretary shall be permitted to construct roads for administrative or emergency purposes, or if a temporary road is needed to facilitate forest management projects to protect or enhance watersheds. The Secretary shall decommission any temporary road constructed under a project under this section not later than three years after the date on which the forest management project is completed.

(d) **OVERSNOW VEHICLES.**—Where permitted prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall authorize the use of snowmobiles and other over snow vehicles within the Watershed Management Areas when there is at least six inches of snow coverage.

(e) **FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE.**—In accordance with this title and in consultation with State, tribal, and local government and water or irrigation districts who own or control water resources within Watershed Management Areas, the Secretary may carry out measures to prevent wildland fire and reduce hazardous fuels, insects, and diseases in the Watershed Management Areas to protect or improve water quality or to maintain or restore the characteristics of ecosystem composition and structure.

(f) **WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.**—Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, or local agency from conducting wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment) in Watershed Management Areas designated under section 301.

(g) POST-FIRE REHABILITATION.—The Secretary may conduct post-fire rehabilitation in the Watershed Management Areas, consistent with this title and in accordance with applicable law.

(h) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary shall conduct vegetation management projects within the Watershed Management Areas if projects protect or improve water quality or maintain or restore the characteristics of ecosystem composition and structure.

(i) FOREST MANAGEMENT.—Within the Watershed Management Areas, timber harvesting may be used if the primary purpose is to restore or improve forest health and watershed function or to further the purposes described in this title.

(j) LIVESTOCK.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Within the Watershed Management Areas designated under section 301, the grazing of livestock established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the relevant Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES.—Existing livestock grazing shall continue in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) There shall be no reductions of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title.

(B) The number of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at approximate stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, and additional or suspended animal unit months shall be authorized to graze as range conditions allow or if range treatments improve conditions. Animal Unit Months shall only be diminished as a result of revisions in the normal grazing and land management planning and policy setting process.

(C) The maintenance of existing grazing supporting facilities in an area prior to its designated by this title (including fences, placement of salt and minerals, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds), shall continue. Such maintenance may include the use of off-highway vehicles or mechanized tools and equipment.

(D) The construction of new grazing improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is authorized if in accordance with the applicable land management plan.

(E) The use of off-highway vehicles for emergency purposes such as care of sick animals or the placement of feed and water in emergency situations is authorized by the applicable grazing permit holder or an employee or agent thereof.

(F) Access to historic and traditional water sources for the purpose of watering livestock shall be maintained.

(G) The trailing of domestic livestock shall continue and shall not be limited by the designations made under section 301.

(3) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD.—In instances in which historic grazing locations, access, or use is disputed by the grazing permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary to establish historic access, locations, or use.

(k) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary from renewing easements or rights-of-way in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with this title and existing law.

(l) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around a Watershed Management Area designated by section 301.

(m) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside a Watershed Management Area can be seen, heard, felt or smelled within the Watershed Management Area shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the Watershed Management Area.

(n) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.—Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the Watershed Management Areas are authorized to the extent necessary to realize the recreational purposes of the areas.

(o) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title affects the jurisdiction of the State of Utah with respect to the management of fish and wildlife on Federal land in the State, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping within the Watershed Management Areas.

(p) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall provide the owner of State, tribal or private property within the boundary of a Watershed Management Areas access to the property.

(q) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—Structures and facilities, including future and existing structures and facilities, for wildlife water development projects (including guzzlers) in the Watershed Management Areas are authorized.

(r) WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this title—

(1) shall constitute either an express or implied reservation by the United States of any water rights with respect to the Watershed Management Areas designated by this title;

(2) affects any water rights in the State of Utah existing on the date of enactment of this Act, including any water rights held by the United States;

(3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future Watershed Management Area designations; or

(4) shall restrict or prohibit the upstream diversion of water rights held under Utah State law.

(s) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities or irrigation districts and other water right holders for those maintenance activities necessary to guarantee the continued viability of water resource facilities that currently exist or which may be necessary in the future to prevent the degradation of the water supply in Watershed Management Areas designated by section 301 subject to such reasonable regulations deemed necessary by the Secretary.

(t) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of this title, the Federal land within the Watershed Management Areas designated by section 301 are withdrawn from—

(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the Federal land laws;

(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

(3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

(u) ASHLEY SPRING AND DRY FORK.—The management plans for the Ashley Spring and Dry Fork management areas shall include provisions for the development of containment ponds, water pipes, and other improvements to deliver water to the Ashley Valley should the flow of Ashley Spring become diminished or impaired.

(v) WILDERNESS REVIEW.—The Secretary may not promulgate or issue any system-wide regulation, directive, instruction memorandum or order that would direct management of the Federal lands designated as Watershed Management Areas in section 301 in a manner contrary to this title.

## **TITLE IV—SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS**

### **SEC. 401. HIGH UINTAS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, the approximately 19,191 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Uintah and Duchesne County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Utah PLI High Uintas Special Management Area Map” dated June 24, 2016, is established as the High Uintas Special Management Area.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of the High Uintas Special Management Area (hereinafter referred to in this title as the “Area”) are to maintain the natural values of the area and to allow for the continued use of oversnow vehicles.

### **SEC. 402. HIGH UINTAS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter “Secretary” in this title) shall file a map and legal description of the Area with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(b) EFFECT.—The map and legal description prepared under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary may correct minor errors in the map or legal description provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected county.

(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the United States Forest Service.

### **SEC. 403. ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIGH UINTAS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.**

(a) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall administer the Area in accordance with—

(1) the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.);

(2) this title; and

(3) other applicable laws.

(b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a management plan for the long-term management of the Area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with State, local and tribal governments, the public, and the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee established under Division C of this Act. If the Secretary does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State, local governments, and Indian tribes into the management plans, the Secretary shall submit a written explanation before the effective date of the management plan to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources outlining the reasons for rejecting the recommendations.

(3) USES.—The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the Area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection 401(b) and the following guidelines:

(A) Maintain the existing, outstanding natural values of the Area.

(B) Allow for the continued use and access of oversnow vehicles, including snowmobiles.

(C) Allow for non-motorized recreational opportunities to occur within the Area including skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, snowshoeing, and camping.

(D) Prohibit mineral development.

(E) Prohibit new permanent road construction.

(F) Prohibit commercial timber harvesting.

SEC. 404. HIGH UINTAS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) WITHDRAWALS.—Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal land within the Area established under section 401 is withdrawn from—

- (1) entry, appropriation or disposal under the public land laws;
- (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

(b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE.—In accordance with this title, the Secretary may take such measures in the Area as are necessary for the control of fire, insects, and disease (including the coordination of the activities with a State or local agency).

(c) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, or local agency from conducting wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment) in the Area designated under section 401.

(d) LIVESTOCK.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Within the Area designated under section 401, the grazing of livestock established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the relevant Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES.—Existing livestock grazing shall continue in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) There shall be no reductions of grazing in the areas designated by this section simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title.

(B) The number of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at approximate stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, and additional or suspended animal unit months shall be authorized to graze as range conditions allow or if range treatments improve conditions. Animal Unit Months shall only be diminished as a result of revisions in the normal grazing and land management planning and policy setting process.

(C) The maintenance of existing grazing supporting facilities in an area prior to its designated by this section (including fences, placement of salt and minerals, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds), shall continue. Such



maintenance may include the use of off-highway vehicles or mechanized tools and equipment.

(D) The construction of new grazing improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this section is authorized if in accordance with the applicable land management plan.

(E) The use of off-highway vehicles for emergency purposes such as care of sick animals or the placement of feed and water in emergency situations is authorized by the applicable grazing permit holder or an employee or agent thereof.

(F) Access to historic and traditional water sources for the purpose of watering livestock shall be maintained.

(G) The trailing of domestic livestock shall continue and shall not be limited by the designations made under section 401.

(3) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD.—In instances in which historic grazing locations, access, or use is disputed by the grazing permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary to establish historic access, locations, or use.

(e) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Area.

(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the Area can be seen, heard, felt or smelled within the Area shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the Area.

(f) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.—Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the Area are authorized to the extent necessary to realize the recreational purposes of the areas.

(g) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this section affects the jurisdiction of the State of Utah with respect to the management of fish and wildlife on Federal land in the State, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping and use of helicopters to maintain healthy wildlife populations, within the Area.

(h) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of the Area.

(i) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—Structures and facilities, including future and existing structures and facilities, for wildlife water development projects (including guzzlers) in the Area are authorized.

(j) WATER RIGHTS.—

(1) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this title—

(A) shall constitute either an express or implied reservation by the United States of any water rights with respect to the High Uintas Special Management Area;

(B) affects any water rights in the State of Utah existing on the date of enactment of this Act;

(C) establishes a precedent with regard to any future special management areas designations; or

(D) shall restrict or prohibit the upstream diversion of water rights held under Utah State law.

(2) UTAH WATER LAW.—The Secretary shall follow the procedural and substantive requirements of State law to obtain and hold any water rights not in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to the Area.

(3) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS.—The Secretary shall not take any action that adversely affects—

(A) any water rights granted by the State;

(B) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;

(C) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;

(D) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;

(E) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law; or

(F) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(4) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(A) Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities, water districts or irrigation districts, for those maintenance activities necessary to guarantee the continued viability of water resource facilities that currently exist or which may be necessary in the future to prevent the degradation of the water supply in the Area.

(B) Nothing in this title shall be construed to encumber, transfer, impair, or limit any water right, or recognized beneficial use, including access to, development, and use of livestock water rights as defined by State law.

(k) PERMANENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—After the date of enactment of this Act, except as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the Secretary shall not construct any permanent road within the Area.

(l) TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—The Secretary is authorized to construct temporary passenger vehicle roads for administrative or emergency purposes. The Secretary shall decommission any temporary road constructed under this subsection not later than 3 years after the date the road is constructed.

(m) USE OF OFF-HIGHWAY OR MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—Except as necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the Area and to protect public health and safety, the use of off-highway vehicle or motorized vehicles is prohibited.

(n) COMMERCIAL TIMBER HARVESTING.—Commercial timber harvesting within the Area is prohibited.

(o) OVERSNOW VEHICLES.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall authorize the use of snowmobiles and other oversnow vehicles within the High Uintas Special Management Area when there is at least six inches of snow coverage.

SEC. 405. LITTLE WEST FORK BLACKS FORK SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, the approximately 8,231 acres of the Wasatch Cache National Forest in Summit County, Utah as generally depicted on the map entitled “Utah PLI Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area Map” dated June 24, 2016, is established as the “Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area”.

(b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the shall file a map and legal description of the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

(2) EFFECT.—The map and legal description prepared under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary may correct minor errors in the map or legal description provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected county.

(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the United States Forest Service.

**SEC. 406. ADMINISTRATION OF LITTLE WEST FORK BLACKS FORK SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.**

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area is to manage, maintain, and restore watershed and ecosystem function and aquatic habitat within the Area.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall administer the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area—

(1) in a manner that promotes, protects, and manages the resources of the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area described in subsection (a); and

(2) in accordance with—

(A) the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.);

(B) this title; and

(C) other applicable laws.

(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a management plan for the long-term management of the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with local and tribal governments, the public, and the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee established under Division C of this Act. If the Secretary of the Interior does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State, local governments, and Indian tribes into the management plans, the Secretary shall submit a written explanation before the effective date of the management plan to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources outlining the reasons for rejecting the recommendations of the State, local governments and tribes.

(d) USES.—The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the special management area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection (a) and the following:

(1) Include skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, snowmobiling, motorcycle riding, off-highway vehicle use, snowshoeing, and camping.

(2) Allow for reintroduction of native flora (land and aquatic), bird, fish and animal fauna in Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area.

(3) Restore watershed function and health and re-establish ecosystem health in areas damaged or threatened by insects and disease.

(4) Restore the balance of the ecosystem health damaged or threatened by overpopulation of any plant, aquatic or animal species.

(5) Allow hazardous fuels reduction and forest health treatments to restore watershed and ecosystem function, reduce hazardous fuels, and to protect property in the wildland urban interface.

**SEC. 407. LITTLE WEST FORK BLACKS FORK SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

(a) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except in cases in which off-highway vehicles are needed for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the use of off-highway vehicles shall be permitted only on designated routes within the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area.

(2) MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that—

(A) is consistent with off-highway vehicle and mechanized use of the designated routes authorized under the applicable travel management plan;

(B) does not significantly damage designated critical habitat or cultural resources; and

(C) does not interfere with private property or water rights.

(3) CLOSURE.—The Secretary, in consultation with the State and affected County, may temporarily close or permanently reroute, subject to paragraph (4), a route if the Secretary determines that—

(A) the route is significantly damaging designated critical habitat or cultural resources;

(B) the route threatens public safety;

(C) closure of the route is necessary to repair damage to the designated route; or

(D) closure of the route is necessary to repair resource damage.

(4) REROUTING.—Portions of the designated route that are temporarily closed may be permanently rerouted by utilizing a previously closed route or constructing a new route.

(5) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been rerouted, or are temporarily or permanently closed through—

(A) use of appropriate signage within the Conservation Area; and

(B) use of the Internet and Web resources.

(b) NO EFFECT ON NON-FEDERAL LAND OR INTERESTS IN NON-FEDERAL LAND.—Nothing in this section affects ownership, management, or other rights relating to non-Federal land or interests in non-Federal land.

(c) PERMANENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—Except as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the Secretary shall not construct any permanent roads within the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—The Secretary shall be permitted to construct temporary roads to implement the purposes of the area, including constructing temporary roads for fuel reduction, forest health treatments and prescribed burns. The Secretary shall decommission any temporary road constructed under a project under this section not later than three years after the date on which the forest management project is completed.

(e) OVERSNOW VEHICLES.—The Secretary shall authorize the use of snowmobiles and other oversnow vehicles within the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area when there is at least six inches of snow coverage.

(f) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE.—In accordance with this section, the Secretary may—

(1) carry out measures to manage wildland fire and treat hazardous fuels, insects, and diseases in the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area; and

(2) coordinate those measures with the appropriate State or local agency.

(g) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, or local agency from conducting wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment) in the Area designated under section 405.

(h) LIVESTOCK GRAZING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Within the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the relevant Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES.—Existing livestock grazing shall continue in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) There shall be no reductions of grazing in the areas designated by section 405 simply because an area is or has been designated.

(B) The number of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by section 405 shall continue at approximate stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, and additional or suspended animal unit months shall be authorized to graze as range conditions allow or if range treatments improve conditions. Animal Unit Months shall only be diminished as a result of revisions in the normal grazing and land management planning and policy setting process.

(C) The maintenance of existing grazing supporting facilities in an area prior to its designated by section 405 (including fences, placement of salt and minerals, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds), shall continue. Such maintenance may include the use of off-highway vehicles or mechanized tools and equipment.

(D) The construction of new grazing improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by section 405 is authorized if in accordance with the applicable land management plan.

(E) The use of off-highway vehicles for emergency purposes such as care of sick animals or the placement of feed and water in emergency situations is authorized by the applicable grazing permit holder or an employee or agent thereof.

(F) Access to historic and traditional water sources for the purpose of watering livestock shall be maintained.

(G) The trailing of domestic livestock shall continue and shall not be limited by the designations made under section 405.



(3) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD.—In instances in which historic grazing locations, access, or use is disputed by the grazing permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary to establish historic access, locations, or use.

(i) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary from renewing easements or rights-of-way in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with this title and existing law.

(j) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area designated by section 405.

(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area can be seen, heard, felt or smelled within the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area.

(k) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.—As permitted as of January 1, 2016, commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area are authorized to the extent necessary to realize the recreational purposes of the areas.

(l) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this section affects the jurisdiction of the State of Utah with respect to the management of fish and wildlife on Federal land in the State, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping within the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area.

(m) ACCESS.—Consistent with the purposes of section 406(a), and as authorized as of the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall provide the owner of State, tribal, or private property within the boundary of the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area access to the property.

(n) WATER RIGHTS.—

(1) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this title—

(A) shall constitute either an express or implied reservation by the United States of any water rights with respect to the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Areas designated by section 405;

(B) affects any water rights in the State of Utah;

(C) establishes a precedent with regard to any future Special Management Areas designations; or

(D) shall restrict or prohibit the upstream diversion of water rights held under Utah State law.

(2) UTAH WATER LAW.—The Secretary shall follow the procedural and substantive requirements of State law to obtain and hold any water rights not in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Areas.

(3) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS.—The Secretary shall not take any action that adversely affects—

(A) any water rights granted by the State;

(B) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;

(C) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;

(D) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;

(E) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law; or

(F) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(4) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to—

(A) limit off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities, irrigation districts, or water districts for those maintenance activities

necessary to guarantee the continued viability of water resource facilities that currently exist or which may be necessary in the future to prevent the degradation of the water supply in the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area designated by section 405; and

(B) encumber, transfer, impair, or limit any water right, or recognized beneficial use, including access to, development, and use of livestock water rights as defined by State law.

(o) **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.**—Consistent with the purposes of the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area, nothing in this section prevents the Secretary from conducting vegetation management projects within the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area.

(p) **COMMERCIAL TIMBER HARVEST.**—Consistent with the purposes of the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area commercial timber harvest is authorized if the primary purpose of harvest is to restore or improve forest resiliency and watershed function or to further the purposes described in section 405.

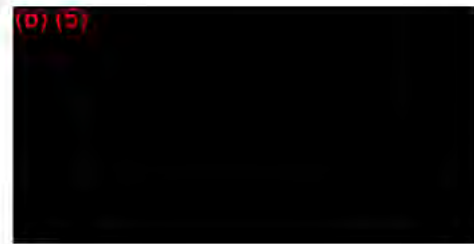
(q) **WITHDRAWAL.**—Subject to valid existing rights, the Federal land within the Little West Fork Blacks Fork Special Management Area designated by section 405 are withdrawn from—

- (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the Federal land laws;
- (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

~~SEC. 405. DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, WHITE RIVER AND BOOKS CLIFFS SPORTSMEN'S SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.~~

~~(a) Establishment.—Subject to valid existing rights, the following areas in the State of Utah are hereby established as Special Management Areas:~~

~~(1) **DESOLATION CANYON.**—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 8,770 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Carbon County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLJ Special Management Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Desolation Canyon Special Management Area”.~~



(2) NINE MILE CANYON.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 41,301 acres; 26,210 acres in Carbon County and 15,091 acres in Duchesne County administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Carbon County and Duchesne County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Nine Mile Canyon Special Management Area”.

(3) WHITE RIVER.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 15,790 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “White River Special Management Area”.

(4) BOOKS CLIFFS SPORTSMENS.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 42,351 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map dated June 30, 2016, is established as “Book Cliffs Sportsmens Special Management Area”.

(b) Purposes.—The purposes of the Desolation Canyon, Nine Mile Canyon, and White River Special Management Areas (hereinafter referred to as the “Areas”) established under subsection (a) is to—

(1) protect, conserve, and enhance the unique and nationally important historic, cultural, scientific, scenic, recreational, archaeological, natural, and educational resources of the Areas;

(2) maintain and enhance cooperative and innovative management practices between resource managers, private landowners, and the public in the Areas; and

(3) recognize and maintains historic uses of the Areas.

(c) Books Cliffs Sportsmens Special Management Area Purposes.—The purpose of the Book Cliffs Sportsmens Special Management Area (hereinto referred to as the “Book Cliffs Area”) is to protect hunting and fishing opportunities and habitat, manage and restore fish and wildlife habitat, and facilitate hunting and fishing opportunities in a natural environment.

**SEC. 409. DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, WHITE RIVER AND BOOKS CLIFFS SPORTSMEN’S SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**

~~(a) In General.—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall file a map and legal description of the Areas and the Books Cliffs Area with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.~~

~~(b) Effect.—The map and legal description prepared under subsection (a) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this section, except that the Secretary may correct minor errors in the map or legal description provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected county.~~

~~(c) Public Availability.—A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.~~

~~**SEC. 410. ADMINISTRATION OF THE DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, AND WHITE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.**~~

~~(a) Plan Required.—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a management plan for the long-term management of each of the Areas.~~

~~(b) Recommendations And Consultation.—The Secretary shall prepare the management plans in consultation and coordination with the State, local and tribal governments, the public, and the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee established under Division C of this Act. If the Secretary does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State, local, and Indian tribes into the management plans, the Secretary shall submit a written explanation before the effective date of the management plan to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources outlining the reasons for rejecting the recommendations.~~

~~**SEC. 411. DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, AND WHITE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA GENERAL PROVISIONS.**~~

~~(a) Applicability.—The general provisions of section 204 shall apply to the Areas.~~

~~(b) Exception.—The withdrawal provided by 204(a) shall not apply to the Desolation Canyon Special Management Area, White River Special Management Area, and the Nine Mile Canyon Special Management Area.~~

~~(c) Oil And Gas Leasing.—The Secretary may lease oil and gas resources in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) subject to the following conditions:~~

~~(1) The minerals may be accessed only by directional drilling from a lease held on the date of enactment of this Act and accessed through surface estate that is adjacent to, and outside of, the Areas.~~

~~(2) The lease shall prohibit surface occupancy and surface disturbance for any mineral activities within the Areas.~~

~~(d) Nine Mile Canyon Additional Provisions.—~~

~~(1) Energy development, including access needs for energy development, within the Nine Mile Canyon Special Management Area shall be allowed under the terms of the West Tavaputs Plateau Project Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision of July 2, 2010.~~

~~(2) Upon enactment of this section, the current Area of Critical Environmental Concern designation made under FLPMA (site) shall be permanently removed from the Nine Mile Canyon Special Management Area.~~

**SEC. 412. BOOK CLIFFS SPORTSMENS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA  
ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

~~(a) Management Plan.—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinto referred to as the “Secretary”) shall develop a management plan for the long-term management of the Book Cliffs Area.~~

~~(1) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Advisory Council described in subsection (d) below. If the Secretary of the Interior does not incorporate the recommendations submitted by the Advisory Council into the management plan the Secretary of the Interior shall submit a written explanation before the effective date of the management plan to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources outlining the reasons for rejecting the recommendations of the Advisory Council.~~

~~(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The management plan shall be written in accordance with section 408(c).~~

~~(3) USES.—The Secretary shall only allow such uses of the Books Cliffs Area that would further the purposes of the Books Cliffs Area.~~

(b) ~~Vegetation Management.~~—Within the Book Cliffs Area, the Secretary may authorize vegetation management, including mechanical treatments, to the extent necessary to control fire, insects, or disease or to promote and improve wildlife habitat and diversity as consistent with the purposes of the Book Cliffs Area.

(c) ~~Mineral Leasing.~~—the Secretary may lease oil and gas resources in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) in the Books Cliffs Area subject to the following conditions:

(1) The area may be accessed only by directional drilling from a lease held on the date of enactment of this Act on surface estate that is adjacent to, and outside of, the Books Cliffs Area.

(2) The Books Cliff Area may be accessed only by directional drilling if the mineral lease entered into includes a non-waivable stipulation prohibiting surface occupancy and surface disturbance for any mineral activities within the Books Cliffs Area.

(d) ~~Wilderness Review.~~—The Secretary may not promulgate or issue any system-wide regulation, directive, instruction memorandum or order that would direct management of Federal lands designated under section 408 in a manner contrary to this title.

**SEC. 413. BOOK CLIFFS SPORTSMEN'S SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

(a) ~~Establishment And Purpose Of The Book Cliffs Sportsmen's Special Management Area Advisory Committee.~~—

(1) ~~ESTABLISHMENT.~~—The Secretary of the Interior shall establish and maintain the Book Cliffs Sportsmen's Special Management Area Advisory Committee (referred to in this title as the "Book Cliffs Advisory Committee") to perform the duties in subsection (b).

(2) ~~PURPOSE.~~—The purpose of the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the Book Cliffs Special Management Area.

(b) ~~Duties.~~—The Book Cliffs Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to—

(1) implementation of the Book Cliffs Special Management Area Management Plan; and

~~(2) administration of the Book Cliffs Special Management Area.~~

~~(c) Appointment By The Secretary.—~~

~~(1) APPOINTMENT AND TERM.— The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint the members of the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee for a term of 5 years beginning on the date of appointment. The Secretary of the Interior may not reappoint members to more than three terms.~~

~~(2) BASIC REQUIREMENTS.— The Secretary of the Interior shall ensure that the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee established meets the requirements of subsection (d).~~

~~(3) INITIAL APPOINTMENT.— The Secretary of the Interior shall make initial appointments to the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.~~

~~(4) VACANCIES.— The Secretary of the Interior shall make appointments to fill vacancies on the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee as soon as practicable after the vacancy has occurred.~~

~~(5) COMPENSATION.— Members of the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee shall not receive any compensation.~~

~~(d) Composition Of Book Cliffs Advisory Committee.—~~

~~(1) NUMBER.— The Book Cliffs Advisory Committee shall be comprised of no more than 11 members.~~

~~(2) COMMUNITY INTERESTS REPRESENTED.— Book Cliffs Advisory Committee members shall reside in the State of Utah and be representative of the following members:~~

~~(A) State Division of Wildlife Resources Director or one designee.~~

~~(B) Game bird hunting organization.~~

~~(C) Wildlife conservation organization.~~

~~(D) Big game hunting organization.~~

~~(E) Cold water fishing organization.~~



- (F) Tourism, outfitter, or guiding industry.
- (G) Hunting or shooting equipment retail industry.
- (H) Ute Tribe.
- (I) Forest or rangeland management specialist.
- (J) Ranching industry in Uintah County.
- (K) Uintah County Commission Chairman or designee.

(3) PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ADVISORY STATUS.—No individual serving under section 402 may be an officer or employee of the Federal Government or State of Utah Government.

(4) BALANCED REPRESENTATION.—In appointing Book Cliffs Advisory Committee members from the two categories in section 402, the Secretary of the Interior shall provide for balanced and broad representation from within each category.

(5) CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary of the Interior shall select the chairperson of the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee for a term of 5 years beginning on the date of appointment.

(e) Annual Book Cliffs Advisory Committee Report.—

(1) REPORT SUBMISSION.—The Book Cliffs Advisory Committee shall submit a report no later than September 30 of each year to the Secretary of the Interior, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate. If the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee cannot meet the September 30 deadline in any year, the Secretary of the Interior shall advise the Chair of each such Committee of the reasons for such delay and the date on which the submission of the report is anticipated.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall describe—

(A) the activities of the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee during the preceding year;

(B) the reports and recommendations made by the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee to the Secretary of the Interior during the preceding year; and

~~(C) an accounting of actions taken by the Secretary of the Interior as a result of the recommendations;~~

~~(H) Other Book Cliffs Advisory Committee Authorities And Requirements—~~

~~(1) STAFF ASSISTANCE—The Book Cliffs Advisory Committee may submit to the Secretary of the Interior a request for periodic staff assistance from Federal employees under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.~~

~~(2) MEETINGS—~~

~~(A) FREQUENCY.—The Book Cliffs Advisory Committee shall meet at the call of the Secretary of the Interior, the Chairperson, or a majority of the members. Meetings shall be held no fewer than 1 time a year. A majority must be present to constitute an official meeting of the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee.~~

~~(B) OPEN MEETINGS.—All meetings of the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee shall be announced at least one week in advance in publications of general circulation and shall be open to the public.~~

~~(3) RECORDS.—The Book Cliffs Advisory Committee shall maintain records of the meetings of the Book Cliffs Advisory Committee and make the records available for public inspection.~~

## **TITLE V—ARCHES NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION**

### **SEC. 501. ARCHES NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION.**

Section 1 of Public Law 92-155 is amended—

(1) by inserting the following after paragraph (2)—

“(3) Effective on the date of enactment of the Utah Public Lands Initiative Act, the boundary of the park shall include the area consisting of approximately 18,779 acres and depicted as Arches Expansion on the map entitled ‘Utah PLI Park and Monument Map’ dated June 24, 2016.”;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(3) in paragraph (4), as so designated by paragraph (2) of this provision, by striking “(1) and (2)” and inserting instead “(1), (2), and (3)”.

(b) (5)

**TITLE VI—JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT**

**SEC. 601. JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

(a) **PURPOSES.**—To conserve, interpret, and enhance for the benefit of present and future generations the paleontological, scientific, ~~and educational and recreational~~ resources, there is established in Emery County, Utah, subject to valid existing rights, the Jurassic National Monument (hereinafter referred to in this title as the “Monument”).

(b) **BOUNDARIES.**—The Monument shall consist of approximately 867 acres of Federal land in Emery County, Utah as generally depicted on the map entitled “Utah PLI Park and Monument Map” dated June 24, 2016, to be known as the “Jurassic National Monument” ~~and to be managed by the Bureau of Land Management.~~

(c) **MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—~~Two years~~ As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall ~~submit file a map and legal description of the Monument within~~ the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate ~~a map and legal description of the Monument.~~

(2) **EFFECT.**—The map and legal description prepared under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this section, except that the Secretary may correct minor errors in the map or legal description provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected county.

(3) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

(d) **ACQUISITION OF LAND.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may acquire land or interests in land within the boundaries of the Monument only by donation, exchange, transfer from another agency, or purchase from a willing seller.

(2) **LAND EXCHANGE.**—At the request of the State, not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete exchanges for State land located within the boundaries of the Monument designated by this title.

(3) **NO CONDEMNATION.**—Within the Monument designated by this section the use of eminent domain or condemnation shall be prohibited.



(e) ~~WITHDRAWALS.~~—Subject to valid existing rights, any Federal land within the Monument or any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States for inclusion in the Monument after the date of enactment of this section is withdrawn from—

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(1) ~~all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the Federal public land laws;~~

(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

(3) operation of the mineral leasing laws, geothermal leasing laws, and minerals materials laws.

(f) ~~MANAGEMENT PLAN.~~—

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(1) ~~PLAN REQUIRED.~~—~~Not later than two years~~ As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a management-comprehensive plan for the long-term management of the Monument, including consideration of enhanced transportation routes, outdoor recreation planning, and promotion of scientific research.

(2) ~~RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION.~~— In developing the management plans required under paragraph (1), the relevant Secretary shall consult with appropriate state, local, and tribal government entities, members of the public, and the Secretary shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with State, local, and tribal governments, the public, and the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee established under Division C of this Act. If the Secretary does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State, local governments, and Indian tribes into the management plans, the Secretary shall submit a written explanation before the effective date of the management plan to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources outlining the reasons for rejecting the recommendations of the State and local governments and tribes.

(3) ~~USES.~~—The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the Monument that would further the purposes outlined in subsection (a).

(g) ~~ADMINISTRATION.~~—The Secretary shall administer the Monument in accordance with—

(1) ~~the management plan; and~~

(2) ~~any other applicable laws.~~

(1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—The Secretary shall manage the Monument—

(A) in a manner that conserves, protects, and enhances the resources of the area, and

~~(B) in accordance with—~~

~~(i) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);~~

~~(ii) this title; and~~

~~(iii) any other applicable law (including regulations).~~

~~(b) USES.—The Secretary shall only allow such uses of the Monument that the Secretary determines would further the purposes described in section 601(a) of this title.~~

~~(c) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—Except in cases in which motorized and mechanized vehicles are needed for administrative purposes, or to respond to an emergency, the use of motorized and mechanized vehicles in the Monument shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated by the management plan for the use of motorized and mechanized vehicles.~~

~~(h) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Monument designated by this section.~~

~~(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE MONUMENT.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the Monument can be seen, heard, felt or smelled within the Monument shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the Monument.~~

## **TITLE VII—WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS**

### **SEC. 701. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.**

~~(a) ADDITIONS.—Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:~~

~~“(213) COLORADO RIVER.—The following segments in the State of Utah, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as follows:~~

~~“(A) The approximately 12.6 mile segment in Grand County as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated July 11, 2016, as a wild river.~~

~~“(B) The approximately 12.6 mile segment in Grand County as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated June 11, 2016, as a scenic river.~~

~~“(C) The approximately 52.2 mile segment in Grand County as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated June 11, 2016, as a recreational river.~~

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“(D) The approximately 27.1 mile segment in Grand County as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated June 11, 2016, as a scenic river.

“(214) DOLORES RIVER.—The following segments in the State of Utah, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as follows:

“(A) The approximately 5.6 mile segment in Grand County as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated June 11, 2016, as a recreational river.

“(B) The approximately 5.8 mile segment in Grand County as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated June 11, 2016, as a scenic river.

“(C) The approximately 11.5 mile segment in Grand County as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated June 11, 2016, as a recreational river.

“(215) GREEN RIVER.—The following segments in the State of Utah, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as follows:

“(A) The approximately 69.5 mile river segment in Uintah, Carbon, Emery, and Grand Counties as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated June 11, 2016, as a scenic river.

“(B) The approximately 19.2 mile river segment in Emery and Grand Counties as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated June 11, 2016, as a wild river.

“(C) The approximately 8.5 mile river segment in Emery and Grand Counties as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated June 11, 2016, as a recreational river.

“(D) The approximately 109.4 mile river segment in Emery and Grand Counties as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated July 11, 2016, as a scenic river.

“(216) DARK CANYON.—The approximately 6.3 mile river segment in San Juan County, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated July 11, 2016, as a wild river.

“(217) SAN JUAN RIVER.—The approximately 17.2 mile river segment in San Juan County, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wild and Scenic River Map dated July 11, 2016, as a wild river.”

(b) (5)

~~(b) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~ Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around a wild and scenic river designated by this title.

~~(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILD AND SCENIC RIVER.—~~ The fact that an activity or use on land outside a wild and scenic river designated under this title can be seen, heard, felt or smelled within the wild and scenic river shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the wild and scenic river.

~~(3) ACQUISITION.—~~ The Secretary of the Interior may acquire land or interest in land within the boundaries of the wild and scenic river areas designated by this title only by donation, exchange, or transfer from another agency, or purchase from a willing seller.

~~(4) NO CONDEMNATION.—~~ Within the areas designated by this title the use of eminent domain or condemnation shall be prohibited.

~~(5) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.—~~ Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the wild and scenic rivers designated by this title are authorized to the extent necessary to realize the recreational purposes of the areas.

~~(f) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~ Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall file a map and legal description of the river segments designated by this title with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

~~(2) EFFECT.—~~ The map and legal description prepared under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary of the Interior may correct minor errors in the map or legal description and provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected counties.

~~(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—~~ A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

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**TITLE VIII—ASHLEY KARST NATIONAL  
GEOLOGIC AND RECREATION AREA**

**SEC. 801. ASHLEY KARST NATIONAL GEOLOGIC AND RECREATION AREA.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Subject to valid existing rights, including the rights of a tribe, the approximately 110,838 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map dated June 30, 2016, are hereby established as the “Ashley Karst National Geologic and Recreation Area”.

(b) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of the Ashley Karst National Geologic and Recreation Area (hereinto referred to in this title as the “Area”) are to provide recreational opportunities, protection and management of water resources, utilization of commercial forest products and withdrawal of minerals from development.

**SEC. 802. MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall file a map and legal description of the Ashley Karst National Geologic and Recreation Area (hereinafter referred to as the “Area”) with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(b) **EFFECT.**—The map and legal description prepared under subsection (a) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary may correct minor errors in the map or legal description and provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected county.

(c) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the United States Forest Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**SEC. 803. ADMINISTRATION.**

(a) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The Secretary shall administer the Area in accordance with—

- (1) the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.);
- (2) this title; and
- (3) other applicable laws.

(b) (5)



(b) **MANAGEMENT.**—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a management plan for the long-term management of the Area.

(c) **RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with local and tribal governments, the public, and the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee established under Division C of this Act. If the Secretary does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State, local, and Indian tribes into the management plans, the Secretary shall submit a written explanation before the effective date of the management plan to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources outlining the reasons for rejecting the recommendations of the State, local and tribal governments.

(d) **USES.**—The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the Area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection 801(b) of this title and the following guidelines:

(1) Provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Area including skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, snowmobiling, designated trails for motorcycle riding and off-highway vehicle use, snowshoeing, camping, and other recreational activities consistent with this title.

(2) Provide for active forest management, utilizing commercial harvesting for hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention, control of insects and disease, and to improve watershed health.

(3) Prohibit mineral development.

(4) Promote the long-term protection and management of the water resources and underground karst system.

**SEC. 804. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

(a) **OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The use of off-highway vehicles and motorized vehicles shall be permitted within the Area.

(2) **MANAGEMENT.**—The Secretary shall designate existing routes in a manner that—

(A) uses Forest Service roads and routes existing as of January 1, 2016, and also new roads authorized by this title;

(B) does not significantly damage designated critical habitat or cultural resources; and

(C) does not interfere with private property or water rights.

(3) CLOSURE.—The Secretary, in consultation with the State and affected County, may temporarily close or permanently reroute, subject to paragraph (4), a route if the Secretary determines that—

(A) the route is significantly damaging designated critical habitat or cultural resources;

(B) the route threatens public safety;

(C) closure of the route is necessary to repair damage to the designated route; or

(D) closure of the route is necessary to repair resource damage.

(4) REROUTING.—Portions of the designated route that are temporarily closed may be permanently rerouted by utilizing a previously closed route or constructing a new route.

(5) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been rerouted, or are temporarily or permanently closed through—

(A) use of appropriate signage within the Conservation Area; and

(B) use of the Internet and Web resources.

(b) PRIORITY ROUTES.—Marsh Peak South Road and South Fork Road, as depicted on the Utah PLI Special Management Area Map, shall be open for off-highway vehicle use. Administrative access to Whiterocks Lake for general and emergency purposes shall be allowed for the United States Forest Service, State and local governments, and applicable water user association or utility company.

(c) ROUTE CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall study the feasibility and public interest of constructing new routes as needed to increase or enhance hiking and motorized recreational opportunities and purposes of the area.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—

(A) CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED.—If the Secretary determines that the construction of a route is feasible the may construct the route.

(B) USE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—A route authorized under this subsection may be constructed by volunteers, with volunteer services and contributions from non-Federal sources.

(d) NO EFFECT ON NON-FEDERAL LAND OR INTERESTS IN NON-FEDERAL LAND.—Nothing in this title affects ownership, management, or other rights relating to non-Federal land or interests in non-Federal land located within the Area.

(e) OVERSNOW VEHICLES.—The Secretary shall authorize the use of snowmobiles and other oversnow vehicles in the Area when there is at least six inches of snow cover.

(f) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE.—In accordance with this title, the Secretary may—

(1) carry out any measures to manage wildland fire and treat hazardous fuels, insects, and diseases in the Area; and

(2) coordinate those measures with the appropriate State, tribal, or local agency.

(g) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, or local agency from conducting wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment) in the Area designated under this title.

(h) LIVESTOCK GRAZING.—Within the Area designated under section 801, the grazing of livestock established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the relevant Secretary.

(1) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES.—Existing livestock grazing shall continue in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) There shall be no reductions of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title.

(B) The number of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at approximate stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, and additional or suspended animal unit months shall be authorized to graze as range conditions allow or if range treatments improve conditions. Animal Unit Months shall only be diminished as a result of revisions in the normal grazing and land management planning and policy setting process.

(C) The maintenance of existing grazing supporting facilities in an area prior to its designated by this title (including fences, placement of salt and minerals, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds), shall continue. Such maintenance may include the use of off-highway vehicles or mechanized tools and equipment.

(D) The construction of new grazing improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is authorized if in accordance with the applicable land management plan.

(E) The use of off-highway vehicles for emergency purposes such as care of sick animals or the placement of feed and water in emergency situations is authorized by the applicable grazing permit holder or an employee or agent thereof.

(F) Access to historic and traditional water sources for the purpose of watering livestock shall be maintained.

(G) The trailing of domestic livestock shall continue and shall not be limited by the designations made under section 801(b).

(2) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD.—In instances in which historic grazing locations, access, or use is disputed by the grazing permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary to establish historic access, locations, or use.

(i) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary from renewing easements or rights-of-way in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with this title and existing law.

(j) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Area designated by section 801.

(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the Area can be seen, heard, felt or smelled within the Area shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the Area.

(k) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.—Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the Area are authorized to the extent necessary to realize the recreational purposes of the areas.

(l) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title affects the jurisdiction of the State of Utah with respect to the management of fish and wildlife on Federal land in the State, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping within the Area.

(m) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall provide the owner of State, tribal or private property owners within the boundary of the Area access to the property.

(n) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—Structures and facilities, including future and existing structures and facilities, for wildlife water development projects (including guzzlers) in the Area are authorized.

(o) WATER RIGHTS.—

(1) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this title—

(A) shall constitute either an express or implied reservation by the United States of any water rights with respect to the Area designated by section 801;

(B) affects any water rights in the State of Utah;

(C) establishes a precedent with regard to any future designations; or

(D) shall restrict or prohibit the upstream diversion of water rights held under Utah State law.

(2) UTAH WATER LAW.—The Secretary shall follow the procedural and substantive requirements of State law to obtain and hold any water rights not in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to the Area.

(3) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS.—The Secretary shall not take any action that adversely affects—

(A) any water rights granted by the State;

(B) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;

(C) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;

(D) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;

(E) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law; or

(F) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(4) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(A) Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities or water or irrigation districts for those maintenance activities necessary to guarantee the continued viability of water resource facilities that currently exist or which may be necessary in the future to prevent the degradation of the water supply in the Area designated by section 801.

(B) Nothing in this title shall be construed to encumber, transfer, impair, or limit any water right, or recognized beneficial use, including access to, development, and use of livestock water rights as defined by State law.

(p) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this title prevents the Secretary from conducting vegetation management projects within the Area.

(q) **WITHDRAWAL.**—Subject to valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of this Act the Federal land within the Area is withdrawn from—

- (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the Federal land laws;
- (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

(r) **FEES.**—Except for improved campgrounds, within the Area the United States Forest Service is prohibited from the collecting or requiring fees for access or use.

**DIVISION B—INNOVATIVE LAND MANAGEMENT,**  
**RECREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**TITLE I—SCHOOL TRUST LAND**  
**CONSOLIDATIONS**

(b) (5)

**SEC. 101. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds that the land exchange authorized and directed by this title furthers public objectives referenced in section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716) including—

- (1) promoting better management of Federal conservation areas by removing inheld State trust land sections;
- (2) securing Federal ownership and protection of land with significant wildlife, recreational, scenic, cultural and other public values;
- (3) assisting the State of Utah and local governments in economic development and community expansion through the consolidation of State trust lands in manageable blocks near several Utah communities; and
- (4) advancing public education through increased opportunity for economic development of Utah school trust lands, in furtherance of the land grants made under the Utah Enabling Act, Act of July 16, 1894 (28 Stat. 107, chapter 138).

(b) **PURPOSE.**—It is the purpose of this title to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the exchange of land between the State of Utah and the United States.

SEC. 102. **DEFINITIONS.**

In this title:

(1) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land” means the lands identified on the Map as “Federal Land”, “Federal Land—Minerals Only”, and “Federal Land—Surface Only” administered by the Bureau of Land Management located in Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, San Juan and Uintah Counties, Utah.

(2) **MAP.**—The term “Map” means the following map prepared by the Bureau of Land Management and entitled “State and Federal Land Exchange Map” dated July 12, 2016.

(3) **NON-FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “non-Federal land” means the lands identified on the Map as “State Trust Land Proposed for Transfer to United States”, “State Trust Lands—Surface Only Proposed for Transfer to United States” and “State Trust Lands—Minerals Only Proposed for Transfer to United States” located in Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, San Juan and Uintah Counties, Utah, as generally depicted on the Map.

(4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(5) **STATE.**—The term “State” means the State of Utah, acting as trustee under the Utah State School and Institutional Trust Lands Management Act (Utah Code Ann. 53C–1–101 et seq.) through the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

SEC. 103. **EXCHANGE OF LAND; RESERVATION OF INTERESTS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—If the State offers to convey to the United States title to the non-Federal land, the Secretary shall, subject to the provisions of this title—

(1) accept the offer; and

(2) on receipt of the right, title, and interest of the State in and to the non-Federal land, convey to the State all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal land.

(b) **VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.**—The exchange authorized under subsection (a) shall be subject to valid existing rights.

(c) **COSTS.**—Costs of the land exchange shall be allocated in accordance with section 206(f)(2)(B) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(f)(2)(B)).

(d) **TITLE APPROVAL.**—Title to the Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under this section shall be in a form acceptable to the Secretary and the State.



(e) RESERVATION OF INTEREST IN POTASH.—

(1) With respect to Federal land that contains potash resources, the Secretary shall reserve an interest in all potash resources.

(2) The interest reserved by the United States under paragraph (1) shall consist of—

(A) 50 percent of any bonus bid or other payment received by the State as consideration for securing any lease or authorization to develop potash resources;

(B) 50 percent of the amount that would have been received by the Federal Government under the royalty rate applicable on July 1, 2015, if the potash resources had been retained in Federal ownership; and

(C) 50 percent of any other payment received by the State pursuant to any lease or authorization to develop the potash resources.

(3) Upon receipt of any funds from potash leasing and development on lands in which the Secretary has reserved an interest, the State shall pay the Secretary amounts attributable to the reserved interest of the United States in accordance with paragraph (4).

(4) (A) Any amounts due under paragraph (3) shall be paid by the State to the United States not less than quarterly.

(B) The State may deduct an administrative fee of three per cent from all payments due to the United States under paragraph (2).

(5) NO OBLIGATION TO LEASE.—The State shall not be obligated to lease or otherwise develop potash resources in which the United States retains an interest under this subsection.

(f) RESERVATION OF WELLBORE INTEREST IN OIL AND GAS.—

(1) The Secretary shall reserve a wellbore interest in each oil and gas well on Federal land that has been determined by the Secretary to be capable of production in paying quantities as of the date of conveyance.

(2) The wellbore interest reserved to the United States under paragraph (1) shall consist of the amount of all royalties attributable to an oil and gas well located on Federal land as of the date of conveyance.

(3) Upon receipt of any funds attributable to the reserved wellbore interest of the United States, the State shall pay the Secretary all such amounts in accordance with paragraph (4).

(4) (A) Any amounts due under paragraph (2) shall be paid by the State to the United States not less than quarterly.

(B) The State may deduct an administrative fee of three per cent from all payments due to the United States under paragraph (2).

(5) The reserved wellbore interests of the United States in oil and gas under this section shall automatically terminate on the date that is 10 years after the enactment of this Act.

(6) The United States shall share all revenue received with respect to its reserved wellbore mineral interest in oil and gas with the State of Utah in accordance with section 35(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191(a)).

(g) APPURTENANT WATER RIGHTS.—Any conveyance of a parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land under this title shall include the conveyance of water rights appurtenant to the parcel conveyed.

(h) CONVEYANCE OF PARCELS IN STAGES.—Parcels of Federal land and non-Federal land may be exchanged in phases as mutually determined by the Secretary and the State.

**SEC. 104. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LANDS PRIOR TO EXCHANGE.**

Subject to valid existing rights, during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date on which the Federal land is conveyed, the Federal land is withdrawn from mineral location, entry or patent under the mining laws, from leasing and entry under the mineral leasing laws, and from mineral material disposal.

**SEC. 105. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969 AND FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 COMPLIANCE.**

(a) PUBLIC INTEREST.—The land exchange authorized and directed by this title is in the public interest.

(b) SCOPING AND ANALYSIS.—Notwithstanding any other law, in preparing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement required under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) with respect to the land exchange contemplated by this title—

(1) the Secretary is not required to identify any actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative; and

(2) the Secretary is not required to analyze the environmental effects of alternative conveyances or actions other than the offer submitted by the State under subsection 103(a).

(c) PRESUMPTION OF PLAN ADEQUACY.—Conveyances of Federal land to the State in accordance with this title are presumed to comply with any land use plan enacted under section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712).

**SEC. 106. STATUS AND MANAGEMENT OF LAND AFTER EXCHANGE.**

(a) ADMINISTRATION OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.—In accordance with section 206(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(c)), the non-Federal land acquired by the United States under this title shall become part of, and be managed as part of, the Federal administrative unit or area in which the land is located.

(b) GRAZING PERMITS.—

(1) If land conveyed under this title is subject to a lease, permit, or contract for the grazing of domestic livestock in effect on the date of acquisition, the entity acquiring the land shall allow the grazing to continue for the remainder of the term of the lease, permit, or contract, subject to the related terms and conditions of user agreements, including permitted stocking rates, grazing fee levels, access rights, and ownership and use of range improvements.

(2) To the extent allowed by Federal or State law, on expiration of any grazing lease, permit, or contract described in paragraph (1), the holder of the lease, permit, or contract shall be entitled to a preference right to renew the lease, permit, or contract.

(3) If land conveyed by the State under this title is used by a grazing permittee or lessee to meet the base property requirements for a Federal grazing permit or lease, the land shall continue to qualify as a base property for the remaining term of the lease or permit and the term of any renewal or extension of the lease or permit.

(c) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.—

(1) The Secretary and the State shall make available for review and inspection any record relating to hazardous materials on the land to be exchanged under this title.

(2) The costs of remedial actions relating to hazardous materials on land acquired under this title shall be paid by those entities responsible for the costs under applicable law.

**SEC. 107. BOOK CLIFFS CONSERVATION AREA.**

Subject to valid existing rights, the mineral estate in the non-Federal lands acquired by the United States under this title, and the existing mineral estate in the Federal land, located in Grand County, Utah, as depicted on the Maps as “Book Cliffs Conservation Area” is withdrawn from location, entry and patent under the mining laws and the operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials and geothermal leasing laws.

## **TITLE II—GOBLIN VALLEY STATE PARK**

### **SEC. 201. LAND CONVEYANCE.**

At the request of the State of Utah, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey, without consideration, the approximately 9,995 acres of Bureau of Land Management land identified as “Utah PLI Goblin Valley State Park Map” on the map entitled Utah PLI Goblin Valley State Park Expansion Map and dated June 24, 2016, to the Utah State Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

### **SEC. 202. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF GOBLIN VALLEY.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—At the request of the State of Utah, in accordance with this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the State for the management of the Federal land described in subsection (b) which shall be known as the “Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area”.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The area subject to the cooperative agreement is Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in Emery County, Utah, comprising approximately 152,678 acres, identified as “Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area” on the map entitled Utah PLI Goblin Valley State Park Map and dated June 24, 2016.

(c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area is to promote outdoor recreation, such as off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking.

(d) TERMS.—The cooperative agreement shall—

(1) clarify the roles, responsibilities, and limitations, of the Secretary of the Interior and the State of Utah with regard to recreation management within the Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area;

(2) extend only to recreational activities, including off-highway vehicle and non-off-highway vehicle use, within the Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area, and shall not affect other land management within the Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area, or recreational activities outside the Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area;

(3) require that recreational activities within the Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area shall continue to be managed in accordance with—

(b) (5)

(A) the San Rafael Swell National Conservation Area and Crack Canyon Wilderness established by this title; and

(B) applicable Federal laws;

(4) require new route and trail construction for motorized and non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities and minimize resource conflict;

(5) address the establishment, distribution, and uses of, any revenues generated by recreational activities (including entrance fees) within the Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area; and

(6) specify that the State agency administering the Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area shall be the Utah State Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

(b) (5)

### **TITLE III—PRICE CANYON STATE FOREST**

#### **SEC. 301. DEFINITIONS.**

In this title:

(1) MAPS.—The term “Map” means the map entitled Utah PLI Price Canyon State Forest Map and dated July 1, 2016.

(2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land” means the ~~13,321~~ acres identified as “BLM Lands Proposed for Transfer to State Sovereign Land” located in Carbon County, Utah, as generally depicted on the Map.

(3) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Federal land” means the 14,939 acres identified on the Map as “State Sovereign Land Proposed for Transfer to BLM” located in Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah, as generally depicted on the Map.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Utah’s Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

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#### **SEC. 302. EXCHANGE OF LAND.**

(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this title to consolidate intermingled State sovereign lands in an area of Carbon County, Utah, to create the State of Utah’s first State Forest.

(b) CONVEYANCE.—If the State offers to convey to the United States title to the non-Federal land, the Secretary shall—

(1) accept the offer; and

(2) on receipt of the right, title, and interest of the State in and to the non-Federal land, convey to the State all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal land.

(c) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—The exchange authorized under subsection (a) shall be subject to valid existing rights.

(d) TITLE APPROVAL.—Title to the Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under this section shall be in a form acceptable to the Secretary and the State.

**SEC. 303. LIVESTOCK GRAZING.**

For lands acquired by the State under this title in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act, the grazing of livestock shall continue at levels existing as of January 1, 2016.

**TITLE IV—DEER LODGE LAND EXCHANGE**

**SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS.**

In this title:

(1) ASSOCIATION.—The term “Association” means the Deer Lodge Homeowners Association.

(2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land” means the approximately 157 acres of National Forest System land in Daggett County, Utah, identified as “Deer Lodge Cabin Site” on the map.

(3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map entitled “Utah PLI Deer Lodge Land Exchange Map” and dated June 24, 2016.

(4) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Federal land” means the parcel of approximately 77 acres of private land located in Uintah County, Utah, and identified as “Land to Be Acquired by USFS” on the map.



(5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

**SEC. 402. LAND EXCHANGE.**

(a) CONVEYANCE OF LAND.—No later than two years after enactment of this title, if the Association offers to convey to the United States all right, title, and interest of the Association in and to the non-Federal land, the Secretary shall convey to the Association, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal land, subject to valid existing rights.

(b) COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAW.—Except as otherwise provided in this title, the Secretary shall carry out the land exchange under this title in accordance with section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).

(c) TITLE.—As a condition of the land exchange under this title, title to the non-Federal land to be acquired by the Secretary shall be acceptable to the Secretary.

(d) CONDITION.—As a condition of the land exchange under this title, the Association shall agree to retain as undeveloped open space the approximately 40 acres of meadow area identified as “Open Space” as generally depicted on the map.

**TITLE V—SCOFIELD LAND TRANSFER**

**SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “Scofield Land Transfer Act”.

**SEC. 502. DEFINITIONS.**

In this title:

(1) CARBON COUNTY.—The term “Carbon County” means Carbon County, Utah, within which the Scofield Reservoir property is located.

(2) CLAIMANT.—The term “claimant” means any person or entity ~~(or a successor in interest to a person or entity)~~ that, according to the records in the office of the Recorder for Carbon County, as of the date of enactment of this Act, claims title to, or an interest in, the Federal land.

(3) FEDERAL LAND.—

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(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Federal land” means the land acquired by Price River Water Conservation District and transferred to the United States for use in the construction and operation of the Scofield Dam and Reservoir located between the normal water surface elevation and the property boundary elevation in the Scofield Reservoir basin.

(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “Federal land” does not include—

(i) any mineral or subsurface rights to the land described in subparagraph (A); or

(ii) the 205 acres of land adjoining the Scofield Reservoir, as adjudicated in the case styled *United States v. Dunn* (557 F.3d 1165 (10th Cir. 2009)).

(4) FLOOD SURCHARGE ELEVATION.—The term “flood surcharge elevation” means the elevation of 7640.3 in the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, which corresponds to the elevation of the crest of Scofield Dam.

(5) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Scofield Reservoir Fund established by section 503(d)(9)(A).

(6) LIFE ESTATE.—The term “life estate” means—

(A) if the claimant is a person, an interest of the claimant in the Federal land that will revert to the United States on the date of the death of the claimant; and

(B) if the claimant is an entity, an interest in the Federal land of a person designated by the claimant that will revert to the United States on the date of the death of the designated person.

(7) NORMAL WATER SURFACE ELEVATION.—The term “normal water surface elevation” means the contour elevation of 7621.8 in the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, which corresponds to the elevation of the crest of the spillway of Scofield Dam.

(8) PROPERTY BOUNDARY ELEVATION.—The term “property boundary elevation” means the contour elevation 7630, as surveyed by McGonagle and Ulrich, Land Surveyors, in 1926, which was transmuted to the current elevation of 7638.9 in the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 and which corresponds to 1.4 vertical feet below the crest of Scofield Dam.

(9) ROADS.—The term “Roads” means the streets, improved and unimproved, as in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, that—



(A) are located on the Federal land;

(B) are intended for public access via motorized vehicle to the Federal land claims of the claimants; and

(C) extend to the shoreline of Scofield Reservoir.

(10) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(11) STRUCTURE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “structure” means any improvement located on the property of a claimant, as in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, including—

(i) a residence;

(ii) a shed;

(iii) a workshop;

(iv) a garage;

(v) a carport;

(vi) a deck;

(vii) a boathouse; or

(viii) an incidental building.

(B) INCLUSION.—The term “structure” includes any infrastructure associated with a residence that is not owned by a public or private utility, including water, power, sewer, and improvements to Roads.

**SEC. 503. CONVEYANCE OF SCOFIELD PROJECT LAND.**

(a) SURVEY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To facilitate the conveyance of the Federal land under this title, it shall be the responsibility of Carbon County—

(A) to enter into an agreement with the Secretary to pay the costs associated with a full physical and title survey of the Federal land in order to delineate the boundaries associated with the Federal land, Federal easements, or other Federal interests in land; and

(B) subject to paragraph (2), to initiate and complete a full physical survey of the Roads and the parcels located within the Federal land that are eligible to be conveyed to the claimants, and, in any case in which a land description or record of ownership in any record of Carbon County conflicts with a claim of a claimant with regard to an existing physical feature or facility, propose boundaries and land descriptions to resolve the dispute.

(2) UNRESOLVED DISPUTES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If a claim to a parcel or portion of a parcel of Federal land cannot be resolved in accordance with the applicable land description in the records of Carbon County by the applicable deadline for an election under subsection (d)(6), the claimant shall stipulate to, accept, and submit to the Secretary the land description developed by Carbon County to resolve the dispute in order to meet the election requirement of subsection (d)(6) by not later than 180 days after that deadline.

(B) FAILURE TO STIPULATE AND ACCEPT.—If a claimant fails to stipulate to and accept the land description of Carbon County by the date described in subparagraph (A), the authority to convey the affected parcel or portion of a parcel of Federal land pursuant to this section shall be terminated with respect to the disputed claim.

(b) APPRAISAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of the conveyance under this section, Carbon County shall enter into an agreement with the Secretary to pay the costs associated with an appraisal of the fair market value of each property interest requested by a claimant relating to the conveyance by the Secretary under this title.

(2) DETERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE.—The fair market value of a property interest under paragraph (1) shall be determined by the Secretary in accordance with the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices.

(c) NOTIFICATION.—It shall be the responsibility of Carbon County to notify each claimant of any trespass or encroachment by the applicable claimant on the Federal land, including the existence of any trespassing or encroaching structure of the claimant.

(d) AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY FEDERAL LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To resolve the issues of trespass and encroachment on the Federal land by the claimants, the Secretary may, in accordance with paragraphs (5) and (6)—

(A) on an election by a claimant—

(i) subject to paragraph (2), convey to the claimant fee interest in the claimed portion of the Federal land that is located above the normal water surface elevation, as determined by the results of the survey required under subsection (a), subject to all valid rights-of-way, licenses, and easements in existence on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(ii) subject to paragraph (3), grant to the claimant a life estate permitting the continued occupation of the claimed portion of the Federal land above the normal water surface elevation, as determined by the results of the survey required under subsection (a), subject to all valid rights-of-way, licenses, and easements in existence on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(B) subject to paragraph (4), on an election by Carbon County, convey to Carbon County fee interest in the Roads, as determined by the survey required under subsection (a), subject to all valid rights-of-way, licenses, and easements in existence on the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENTS.—A conveyance under paragraph (1)(A)(i) shall be subject to—

(A) the claimant paying to the Secretary the fair market value of the fee interest in the claimed portion of the Federal land, as determined by the Secretary under subsection (b), exclusive of the value of any structures;

(B) provisions under which the claimant shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the United States for all claims by the claimant or others arising from—

(i) the design, construction, operation, maintenance, or replacement of the Scofield Dam and Reservoir;

(ii) the survey of claims, description of claims, delineation of boundaries, conveyance documents, conveyance process, and recording of deeds associated with the conveyance; and

(iii) any damages associated with any structure or chattel of the claimant that may be displaced in a flood event;

(C) the United States retaining a flood easement as well as an access easement for purposes of monitoring and enforcing the requirements of subparagraph (D) with respect to the entire portion of Federal land conveyed; and

(D) deed restrictions requiring that—

(i) to prevent any structure on the portion of the Federal land conveyed from being displaced during a flood event, the claimant shall—

(I) secure or tie down all existing structures; and

(II) if replacing or rebuilding such a structure, limit the replacement or rebuilding to the number and type of structures in existence on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(ii) all activities carried out by the claimant under clause (i) with respect to a structure be carried out in accordance with applicable standards for structures that may be submerged, flooded, or inundated, as contained in—

(I) the International Building Code (as adopted by Utah Administrative Code R156–56); or

(II) any other building code or engineering standard that is—

(aa) similar to the International Building Code;

(bb) widely used; and

(cc) nationally recognized.

(3) LIFE ESTATE REQUIREMENTS.—A life estate granted under paragraph (1)(A)(ii) shall be subject to—

(A) the claimant paying to the Secretary the fair market value of the life estate on the claimed portion of the Federal land, as determined by the Secretary under subsection (b), but excluding the value of any structures;

(B) provisions under which the claimant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States for all claims by the claimant or others arising from—

(i) the design, construction, operation, maintenance, or replacement of the Scofield Dam and Reservoir;

(ii) the survey of claims, description of claims, delineation of boundaries, conveyance documents, conveyance process, and recording of deeds associated with the conveyance; and

(iii) any damages associated with any structure or chattel of the claimant that may be displaced in a flood event; and

(C) restrictions equivalent to the deed restrictions described in clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (2)(D), as applicable.

(4) CONVEYANCE OF ROADS REQUIREMENTS.—A conveyance under paragraph (1)(B) shall be subject to—

(A) Carbon County paying to the Secretary a sum determined to be acceptable by the Secretary;

(B) provisions under which Carbon County shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the United States for all claims by Carbon County or others arising from—

(i) the design, construction, operation, maintenance, or replacement of the Scofield Dam and Reservoir;

(ii) the survey of claims, description of claims, delineation of boundaries, conveyance documents, conveyance process, and recording of deeds associated with the conveyance; and

(iii) any damages associated with structures or chattel of Carbon County that may be displaced in a flood event;

(C) the United States retaining a flood easement as well as an access easement for purposes of monitoring and enforcing the requirements of subparagraph (D) with respect to the entire portion of the Roads conveyed; and

(D) restrictions equivalent to the deed restrictions described in clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (2)(D), as applicable.

(5) COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Before conveying the Federal land under paragraph (1)(A)(i) or the Roads under paragraph (1)(B) or granting a life estate under paragraph (1)(A)(ii), the Secretary shall comply with all applicable requirements under—

- (i) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);
- (ii) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); and
- (iii) any other applicable law.

(B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this title modifies or alters any obligations under—

- (i) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);  
or
- (ii) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

(C) COSTS.—Before the initiation of any conveyance under this title, Carbon County shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the costs associated with achieving environmental compliance under this paragraph.

(6) DEADLINE FOR ELECTION.—

(A) CLAIMANTS.—Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, each claimant shall notify the Secretary in writing whether the claimant elects to receive—

- (i) a fee interest in the claimed portion of the Federal land, in accordance with paragraph (1)(A)(i); or
- (ii) a life estate in the claimed portion of the Federal land, in accordance with paragraph (1)(A)(ii).

(B) CARBON COUNTY.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, Carbon County shall notify the Secretary in writing whether Carbon County elects to receive a fee interest in the Roads, in accordance with paragraph (1)(B).

(7) FAILURE TO NOTIFY SECRETARY OR COMPLETE TRANSFER.—

(A) NOTICE OF ELECTION.—If a claimant fails to submit to the Secretary a notice of an election in accordance with paragraph (6)(A), any future claim by the claimant with respect to the Federal land shall be terminated.

(B) TRANSFER.—

(i) CLAIMANTS.—If, due to a failure by the claimant to act in furtherance of the transfer of fee interest or life estate under this section, no transfer of the claimed Federal Land has been recorded with the Recorder of Carbon County by the date that is 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act, any claim by the claimant with respect to the Federal land shall be terminated.

(ii) CARBON COUNTY.—If, due to a failure by Carbon County to act in furtherance of the transfer of fee interest, no transfer of the Roads has been recorded with the Recorder of Carbon County by the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the authority of the Secretary to convey the interest in the Roads shall be terminated.

(C) QUIET TITLE.—On extinguishment of a claim under subparagraph (A) or (B), the Secretary shall take such action as is necessary to quiet title to the applicable portion of the Federal land, including removal of persons, entities, structures, and materials encumbering the applicable portion of the Federal land.

(8) PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES.—Any Federal land transferred to a claimant in fee under paragraph (1)(A)(i) or to Carbon County under paragraph (1)(B) shall not be included or taken into consideration in the allocation of any payment in lieu of taxes under chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code.

(9) TRUST FUND.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the “Scofield Reservoir Fund”, to be administered by the Secretary and made available, without fiscal year limitation, for—

(i) the costs associated with administering the conveyance requirements as set forth in subsection (d);

(ii) monitoring and enforcing the requirements of paragraphs (2)(C) and (4)(C) regarding maintaining access to, and eliminating encroachment and private exclusive use of, the Federal land surrounding the Scofield Reservoir; and

(iii) providing enhanced public recreational opportunities at Scofield Reservoir, to the extent additional funds are available following the completion of clause (i).

(B) TRANSFERS TO FUND.—There shall be deposited in the Fund any amounts received as consideration for—

- (i) a conveyance under subparagraph (A)(i) or (B) of paragraph (1); or
- (ii) the granting of a life estate under paragraph (1)(A)(ii).

## TITLE VI—LAND CONVEYANCES

### SEC. 601. LAND CONVEYANCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—As outlined in the paragraphs below, if requested by the specified entity, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate, shall convey the following Federal land to that entity without consideration:

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCE.—Subject to valid existing rights and notwithstanding the land use planning requirements of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), not later than 180 days1 year after the date on which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture receives a request from the respective entity specified in subsection (b) for the conveyance of the respective Federal land specified in subsection (b), the Secretary concerned shall convey to the respective specified entity, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the respective specified Federal land.

#### (b) FEDERAL LAND CONVEYANCES.—

(1) CANYONLANDS FIELDS AIRPORT.—The approximately 561 acres of land depicted as “Canyonlands Fields Airport”, on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, to Grand County, Utah, for use as an airport.

(2) MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT.—Upon completion of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project, the approximately 474 acres of land depicted as “UMTRA Conveyance”, on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, shall be conveyed to Grand County, Utah.

(3) HUNTINGTON AIRPORT EXPANSION.—The approximately 1,398 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Huntington Airport”, to Emery County, Utah, for expansion of the Huntington Municipal Airport.

(4) EMERY COUNTY RECREATION AREA.—The approximately 479 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Emery County Recreation Area”, to Emery County, Utah, for public recreational purposes.

(5) EMERY COUNTY SHERIFFS SUBSTATION.—The approximately 644 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30,

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2016, as “Emery County Sheriff’s Substation”, to Emery County, Utah, for a substation for the Emery County Sheriff’s Office.

(6) BLANDING OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA.—The approximately 5,197 acres of land depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Blanding Outdoor Recreation Area”, to Blanding City, Utah, for use as an outdoor recreation area.

(7) CAL BLACK AIRPORT.—The approximately 1,917 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Cal Black Airport”, to San Juan County, Utah, for a municipal airport.

(8) BLUFF AIRPORT.—The approximately 403 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Bluff Airport”, to San Juan County, Utah, for a municipal airport.

(9) MONTICELLO WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT PLANT.—The approximately 165 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Monticello Water Storage and Treatment Plant”, to Monticello City, Utah, for a water storage and treatment plant.

(10) BLANDING SHOOTING RANGE.—The approximately 21 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Blanding Shooting Range”, to San Juan County, Utah, for a public shooting range.

(11) PARK CITY CONVEYANCE I.—The approximately 2.5 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Park City Conveyance I”, to Park City, Utah, for public recreation and open space.

(12) PARK CITY CONVEYANCE II.—The approximately 1 acre generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Park City Conveyance II”, to Park City, Utah, for public recreation and open space.

(13) LISBON VALLEY.—The approximately 398 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Lisbon Valley”, to Utah State University for education and research.

(14) WELLINGTON.—The approximately 645 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as “Wellington”, to Utah State University for education and research.

(15) RANGE CREEK RESEARCH STATION EXPANSION.—The approximately 1,663 acres depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June

30, 2016, as "Range Creek Research Station Expansion", to the University of Utah for education and research.

(16) ASHLEY SPRING.—The approximately 1,103 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as "Ashley Spring", to Uintah County, Utah, for use as open space and for watershed protection and drinking water development.

(17) SEEP RIDGE UTILITY CORRIDOR.—The approximately 2,633 acres in Uintah County generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as "Seep Ridge Utility Corridor", to the State of Utah, for use as rights-of-way for public utilities.

(18) BLUFF RIVER RECREATION AREA.—The approximately 177 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as "Bluff River Recreation Area", to Bluff Service Area, for use as recreation and municipal facilities.

(19) EMERY INFORMATION CENTER.—The approximately 80 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as "Emery County Information Center", to Emery County, Utah, for an information and visitor center to promote public lands.

(20) SUMMIT COUNTY CONVEYANCE.—The approximately \_\_ acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated June 30, 2016, as "Summit Conveyance", to Summit County, Utah, for public recreation and open space.

(b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the relevant Secretary shall file a map and legal description of each of the land conveyances authorized in subsection (a) with the Committee on Natural Resources.

(c) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the conveyances authorized under subsection (a), including any costs for surveys, environmental clearances, and other administrative costs, shall be paid by the respective entities specified in subsection (b).

(d) USE OF FEDERAL LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal land conveyed under subsection (a)—

(A) shall be used for the respective purposes specified in subsection (b) or any other public purpose consistent with the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the "Recreation and Public Purposes Act") (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.); and

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(B) shall not be disposed of by the respective entities specified in subsection (b).

(2) REVERSION.—If the Federal land conveyed under subsection (a) is used in a manner inconsistent with paragraph (1), the Federal land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary concerned, revert to the United States.

**TITLE VII—LAND DISPOSALS**

**SEC. 701. LAND DISPOSALS.**

(a) Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior shall within two years dispose of Federal lands identified as “Lands for Disposal” on the map entitled “Utah PLI Land Disposal Map” dated June 25, 2016.

**TITLE VIII—HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK TRAIL RECREATION ZONES**

**SEC. 801. ESTABLISHMENT.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, to enhance existing and future recreational opportunities in Grand County, Uintah County, and San Juan County, Utah, the following areas are hereby established as Recreation Zones:

(1) GOLDBAR RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 23,051 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Goldbar Recreation Zone”.

(2) MONITOR AND MERRIMAC RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 17,371 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone”.

(3) KLONDIKE RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 24,968 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Klondike Recreation Zone”.

(4) BIG FLAT RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 25,311 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Big Flat Recreation Zone”.

(5) MINERAL CANYON RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 20,423 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand

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County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone”.

(6) DEE PASS AND UTAH RIMS RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 210,587 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zone”.

(7) YELLOW CIRCLE RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 7,436 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Yellow Circle Recreation Zone”.

(8) CAMEO CLIFFS RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 47,130 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zone”.

(9) JENSEN HILLS RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 4,849 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Jensen Hills Recreation Zone”.

(10) RED MOUNTAIN RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 10,298 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Red Mountain Recreation Zone”.

(11) DEVILS HOLE RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 550 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Devils Hole Recreation Zone”.

(12) BOURDETTE DRAW RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 20,560 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Bourdette Draw Recreation Zone”.

(13) RED WASH RECREATION ZONE.—Certain Federal land, comprising approximately 1,916 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the “Red Wash Recreation Zone”.

~~SEC. 802. MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.~~

~~(a) IN GENERAL.—~~ Not later than two years from the date the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter in this title referred to as the “Secretary”) shall file a map and legal description of each of the Recreation Zones established by section 801 with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

~~(b) FORCE AND EFFECT.—~~ The maps and legal descriptions submitted under this section shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description and provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected counties.

~~(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—~~ A copy of the maps and legal descriptions shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

~~SEC. 803. GOLDBAR RECREATION ZONE MANAGEMENT.~~

~~(a) PURPOSES.—~~ The purposes of the Goldbar Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation (including off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, and hiking), provide for the construction of new non-off-highway vehicle trails, prevent future energy and mineral development, and conserve indigenous plants and animals.

~~(b) ADMINISTRATION.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~ The Secretary shall administer the Goldbar Recreation Zone in accordance with—

~~(A) this title;~~

~~(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and~~

~~(C) other applicable laws.~~

~~(2) USES.—~~ Uses and management of the Goldbar Recreation Zone shall—

~~(A) require coordination and consultation with State and local governments;~~

~~(B) provide for recreational opportunities including camping, biking, hiking, and off-highway vehicle use (including motorecycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, and four-wheeling);~~

~~(C) prohibit future mineral development;~~

(D) provide for new route and trail construction for non-off-highway vehicle use; and

(E) conserve indigenous plant and animal species.

(3) ~~MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.~~—The Secretary shall manage existing designated routes for off-highway and motorized vehicles in a manner that—

(A) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;

(B) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process; and

(C) allows for the construction of new non-off-highway vehicle trails.

(4) ~~WITHDRAWALS.~~—Subject to valid existing rights, all public land within the Goldbar Recreation Zone, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the Goldbar Recreation Zone after the date of enactment of this Act, is withdrawn from—

(A) entry, appropriation or disposal under the public land laws;

(B) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

(C) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

**SEC. 804. ~~MONITOR AND MERRIMAC RECREATION ZONE MANAGEMENT.~~**

(a) ~~PURPOSES.~~—The purposes of the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation (including off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking), provide for the construction of new off-highway vehicle and non-off-highway vehicle trails and routes, and to prevent future mineral development.

(b) ~~ADMINISTRATION.~~—The Secretary shall administer the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone in accordance with—

(1) this title;

(2) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

(3) other applicable laws.

(c) USES.—Uses and management of the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone shall—

(1) coordinate and consult with State and local government;

(2) provide for recreational opportunities including, biking, hiking, rock climbing and off highway vehicle use (including motorecycling, all terrain vehicle riding, and four-wheeling);

(3) prohibit future mineral and energy leasing; and

(4) provide for new route and trail construction for off-highway vehicle and non-off-highway vehicle use.

(d) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—The Secretary shall manage existing designated off-highway vehicle routes in a manner that—

(1) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;

(2) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process; and

(3) allows for the construction of new off-highway and non-off-highway vehicle trails.

(e) WITHDRAWALS.—Subject to valid existing rights, all public land within the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone after the date of enactment of this Act, is withdrawn from—

(1) entry, appropriation or disposal under the public land laws;

(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

(3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

**SEC. 805. KLONDIKE RECREATION ZONE MANAGEMENT.**

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Klondike Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation (including off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking), provide for the construction of new non-off-highway vehicle trails, and to prevent future mineral development.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall administer the Klondike Recreation Zone in accordance with—

(1) this title;

(2) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

(3) other applicable laws.

(c) USES.—Uses and management of the Klondike Recreation Zone shall—

(1) coordinate and consult with State and local government;

(2) provide for recreational opportunities including biking, hiking, rock climbing, and off-highway vehicle use (including motorecycling, all-terrain vehicle riding and four-wheeling);

(3) prohibit future mineral and energy leasing;

(4) provide for new route and trail construction for off-highway and non-off-highway vehicle use; and

(5) provide managerial flexibility to route off-highway vehicle trails in a way that minimizes conflict with non-off-highway vehicle trails.

(d) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—The Secretary shall manage existing designated routes for off-highway vehicles and motorized vehicles in a manner that—

(1) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;

(2) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process; and

(3) allows for the construction of new non-off-highway vehicle trails.

(e) WITHDRAWALS.—Subject to valid existing rights, all public land within the Klondike Recreation Zone, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the Klondike Recreation Zone after the date of enactment of this Act, is withdrawn from—



- (1) entry, appropriation or disposal under the public land laws;
- (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

**SEC. 806. BIG FLAT RECREATION ZONE MANAGEMENT.**

(a) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of the Big Flat Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation (including off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, rock climbing and hiking); provide for new off-highway vehicle route construction and promote mineral development.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The Secretary shall administer the Big Flat Recreation Zone in accordance with—

- (1) this title;
- (2) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and
- (3) other applicable laws.

(c) **USES.**—Uses and management of the Big Flat Recreation Zone shall—

- (1) coordinate and consult with State and local government;
- (2) provide for recreational opportunities including rock climbing, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use (including motorcycle, all-terrain-vehicle riding, and four-wheeling);
- (3) provide for future mineral leasing with no surface occupancy stipulations;
- (4) allow the continuation of existing mineral leasing; and
- (5) provide for new route and trail construction for off-highway vehicle and non-off-highway vehicle use.

(d) **MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.**—The Secretary shall manage existing designated routes for off-highway and motorized vehicles in a manner that—

- (1) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;

(2) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process; and

(3) allows for the construction of new non-off-highway vehicle trails.

**SEC. 807. MINERAL CANYON RECREATION ZONE MANAGEMENT.**

~~(a) PURPOSES.— The purposes of the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone are to promote non-motorized outdoor recreation (including mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking), provide for new non-motorized route construction, prevent future mineral development, maintain boating access, maintain airstrip access, and maintain access and use of country borrow areas for unprocessed gravel.~~

~~(b) ADMINISTRATION.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.— The Secretary shall administer the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone in accordance with —~~

~~(A) this title;~~

~~(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and~~

~~(C) other applicable laws.~~

~~(2) USES.— Uses and management of the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone shall —~~

~~(A) coordinate and consult with State and local government;~~

~~(B) provide for non-motorized recreational opportunities including biking and hiking;~~

~~(C) prevent future mineral leasing or claims;~~

~~(D) provide for new route and trail construction for non-motorized vehicle use;~~

~~(E) maintain access for boating;~~

~~(F) maintain access for aircraft to the existing airstrip; and~~

~~(G) maintain access to and use of the county borrow areas for unprocessed gravel.~~

~~(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—The Secretary shall manage existing designated routes for off-highway and motorized vehicles in a manner that—~~

~~(A) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;~~

~~(B) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process; and~~

~~(C) allows for the construction of new non-off-highway vehicle trails.~~

~~(4) WITHDRAWALS.—Subject to valid existing rights, all public land within the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone after the date of enactment of this Act, is withdrawn from—~~

~~(A) entry, appropriation or disposal under the public land laws;~~

~~(B) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and~~

~~(C) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.~~

**SEC. 808. ~~DEE PASS AND UTAH RIMS RECREATION ZONE MANAGEMENT.~~**

~~(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zone are to promote off-highway vehicle recreation, provide for the construction of new off-highway vehicle trails and non-motorized trails, and allow mineral development.~~

~~(b) ADMINISTRATION.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zone in accordance with—~~

~~(A) this title;~~

~~(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and~~

~~(C) other applicable laws.~~

~~(2) USES.—Uses and management of the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zone shall—~~

~~(A) coordinate and consult with State and local government;~~

~~(B) provide for recreational opportunities including rock climbing, biking, hiking, and off-highway vehicle use (including motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, and four-wheeling);~~

~~(C) provide future mineral and energy leasing and development in a manner that minimizes impacts to outdoor recreation; and~~

~~(D) provide for new route and trail construction for motorized and non-motorized use.~~

~~(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—The Secretary shall manage existing designated routes for off-highway and motorized vehicles in a manner that—~~

~~(A) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;~~

~~(B) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process; and~~

~~(C) allows for the construction of new off-highway and non-off-highway vehicle trails.~~

~~(4) WHITE WASH CROSS COUNTRY TRAVEL AREA.—The approximately \_\_\_\_\_ acres identified as the “White Wash Cross Country Travel Area”, located within the Dee Pass Recreation Zone, on the map entitled “Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map” and dated June 30, 2016, is open to cross-country off-highway vehicle travel.~~

**SEC. 809. YELLOW CIRCLE AND CAMEO CLIFFS RECREATION ZONE MANAGEMENT.**

~~(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Yellow Circle Recreation Zone and Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zone are to promote off-highway vehicle use, provide for the construction of new off-highway vehicle and non-motorized trails, and allow energy and mineral leasing and development.~~

~~(b) ADMINISTRATION.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer the Yellow Circle Recreation Zone and Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zone in accordance with—~~

~~(A) this title;~~

~~(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);~~

~~(C) other applicable laws; and~~

~~(D) San Juan County Public Entry and Access Rights.~~

~~(2) USES.—Uses and management of the Yellow Circle Recreation Zone and Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zone shall—~~

~~(A) coordinate and consult with State and local government;~~

~~(B) provide for recreational opportunities including rock climbing, biking, hiking, and off-highway vehicle use (including motorecycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheeling);~~

~~(C) provide future mineral and energy leasing and development in a manner that considers impacts to outdoor recreation; and~~

~~(D) provide for new route and trail construction for off-highway vehicle and non-motorized use.~~

~~(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—The Secretary shall manage existing designated off-highway and motorized vehicle routes in a manner that—~~

~~(A) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;~~

~~(B) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process; and~~

~~(C) allows for the construction of new non-off-highway vehicle trails.~~

~~SEC. 810. JENSEN HILLS RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.~~

(a) ~~PURPOSES.~~— The purposes of the Jensen Hills Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation, provide for the construction of new off-highway vehicle trails and non-motorized trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ~~ADMINISTRATION.~~—

(1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~— The Secretary shall administer the Jensen Hills Recreation Zone in accordance with—

(A) this title;

(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

(C) other applicable laws;

(2) ~~USES.~~— Uses and management of the Jensen Hills Recreation Zone shall—

(A) coordinate and consult with State and local government;

(B) provide for recreational opportunities including, biking, hiking, rock climbing and off-highway vehicle use (including motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, and four-wheeling);

(C) allow future mineral and energy leasing and development in a manner that minimizes impacts to outdoor recreation;

(D) provide for new route and trail construction for off-highway vehicle and non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities; and

(E) allow cross-country off-highway vehicle travel where authorized under the applicable travel management plan.

(3) ~~MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.~~— The Secretary shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that—

(A) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;

(B) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process;

(C) allows for the construction of new non-off-highway vehicle trails; and

(D) allows for continued cross-country off-highway vehicle travel where authorized under the travel management plan.

**SEC. 811. RED MOUNTAIN RECREATION ZONE MANAGEMENT.**

(a) ~~PURPOSES.~~—The purposes of the Red Mountain Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation, provide for the construction of new off-highway vehicle trails and non-motorized trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ~~ADMINISTRATION.~~—

(1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—The Secretary shall administer the Red Mountain Recreation Zone in accordance with—

(A) this title;

(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

(C) other applicable laws.

(2) ~~USES.~~—Uses and management of the Red Mountain Recreation Zone shall—

(A) coordinate and consult with State and local government;

(B) provide for recreational opportunities including, biking, hiking, rock climbing and off-highway vehicle use (including motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle riding, and four-wheeling);

(C) allow future mineral and energy leasing and development in a manner that minimizes impacts to outdoor recreation and sensitive plant and animal species; and

(D) provide for new route and trail construction for off-highway vehicle and non-motorized use.

(3) ~~MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.~~—The Secretary shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that—

(A) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;

(B) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process; and

(C) allows for the construction of new off-highway vehicle and non-motorized routes and trails.

**SEC. 812. DEVILS HOLE RECREATION ZONE MANAGEMENT.**

(a) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of the Devils Hole Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation, the construction of new off-highway vehicle trails and non-motorized trails and routes, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Devils Hole Recreation Zone in accordance with—

(A) this title;

(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

(C) other applicable laws.

(2) **USES.**—Uses and management of the Devils Hole Recreation Zone shall—

(A) coordinate and consult with State and local government;

(B) provide for recreational opportunities including, biking, hiking, rock climbing and off-highway vehicle use (including motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, and four-wheeling);

(C) allows future mineral and energy leasing and development in a manner that considers impacts to outdoor recreation;

(D) provide for new route and trail construction for off-highway vehicle and non-motorized use; and

(E) allows cross country off highway vehicle travel where authorized by the applicable travel management plan.

(3) **MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that—



(A) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;

(B) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process;

(C) allows for the construction of new off-highway vehicle and non-motorized trails; and

(D) allows for continued cross-country off-highway vehicle travel authorized under the applicable travel management plan.

**SEC. 813. BOURDETTE DRAW RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

(a) **PURPOSES.**— The purposes of the Bourdette Draw Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation, provide for the construction of new off-highway vehicle trails and non-motorized trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**— The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Bourdette Draw Recreation Zone in accordance with—

(A) this title;

(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

(C) other applicable laws.

(2) **USES.**— Uses and management of the Bourdette Draw Recreation Zone shall—

(A) coordinate and consult with State and local government;

(B) provide for recreational opportunities including, biking, hiking, rock climbing and off-highway vehicle use (including motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, and four-wheeling);

(C) allow future mineral and energy leasing and development in a manner that minimizes impacts to outdoor recreation and sensitive plant and animal species;

(D) provide for new route and trail construction for off-highway vehicle and non-motorized use; and

(E) allow cross country off-highway vehicle travel authorized under the applicable travel management plan.

(3) **MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.**— The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that—

(A) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;

(B) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process;

(C) allows for the construction of new non-off-highway vehicle trails; and

(D) allows for continued cross-country off-highway vehicle travel where authorized under the applicable travel management plan.

**SEC. 814. RED WASH RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

(a) **PURPOSES.**— The purposes of the Red Wash Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation, provide for the construction of new off-highway vehicle trails and non-motorized trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**— The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Red Wash Recreation Zone in accordance with—

(A) this title;

(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

(C) other applicable laws.

(2) **USES.**— Uses and management of the Red Wash Recreation Zone shall—

(A) coordinate and consult with State and local government;

(B) provide for recreational opportunities including, biking, hiking, rock climbing and off-highway vehicle use (including motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, and four wheeling);

~~(C) allow future mineral and energy leasing and development in a manner that minimizes impacts to outdoor recreation;~~

~~(D) provide for new route and trail construction for off-highway vehicle and non-motorized use; and~~

~~(E) allow cross country off-highway vehicle travel authorized under the applicable travel management plan.~~

~~(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that—~~

~~(A) is consistent with off-highway and motorized vehicle use of the routes designated in the applicable travel management plan;~~

~~(B) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process;~~

~~(C) allows for the construction of new non-off-highway vehicle trails; and~~

~~(D) allows for continued cross country off-highway vehicle travel where authorized under the applicable travel management plan.~~

SEC. 845801. **HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK TRAIL.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAIL.**—Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(31) **HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK TRAIL.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The corridor known as the ‘Hole-in-the-Rock Trail’ as generally depicted on the map titled ‘Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map’ dated June 30, 2016.

(b) (5)

“(B) **PURPOSES AND USE.**—

“(i) The purposes of the National Hole-in-the-Rock Trail is to promote cultural, recreational, and historic values and promote motorized and non-motorized recreation.

“(ii) The Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation shall be a cooperating agency regarding trail management.

“(iii) The issuance of regulations regarding group size and fee areas shall be done in accordance with the cooperating agencies.

~~“(iv) The use of motorized vehicles is not authorized for any portions of the National Hole-in-the-Rock Trail within wilderness designated by Title I of Division A of this Act or other law.~~

(b) (5)

~~“(C) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—~~

~~“(i) PLAN REQUIRED.— Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall develop a management plan for the long-term management of the historic trail.~~

~~“(ii) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with local and tribal governments, the public, and the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee established under Division C of this Act. If the Secretary of the Interior does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State, local, and tribal governments into the management plans, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit a written explanation before the effective date of the management plan to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources outlining the reasons for rejecting the recommendations of the State local governments and tribes.”~~

**SEC. 816. RECAPTURE CANYON.**

(a) APPROVAL OF RIGHT OF WAY.— San Juan County, Utah’s application for a Title V Right of Way, originally submitted to the Bureau of Land Management Monticello Field Office in the State of Utah on March 30, 2006, and later amended on November 13, 2012, is approved.

(b) PURPOSE OF RIGHT OF WAY.— The purposes of the Title V Right of Way, as stated by the County’s application, is to perform routine maintenance to existing trails and routes in an effort to encourage travel in the canyon to remain on a single established route through the canyon that minimizes impacts to the surrounding environment.

(c) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.— In granting the application, compliance with section 306108 of title 54, United States Code, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act shall apply to the right-of-way to avoid adverse impact to archaeological sites.

**SEC. 817. BIG BURRITO NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL.**

The 9.3 mile proposed non-motorized trail within the Sand Flats Recreation Area, approved by the Bureau of Land Management Moab Field Office on December 18, 2016, and commonly known as the Big Burrito Non-Motorized Trail, shall not be subject to administrative or judicial review.

(b) (5)

**TITLE IX—RED ROCK COUNTRY OFF-HIGHWAY  
VEHICLE TRAIL**

(b) (5)

**SEC. 901. DEFINITIONS.**

In this title:

- (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah.
- (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.
- (3) TRAIL.—The term “Trail” means the Red Rock Country Off-Highway Vehicle Trail established under section 902.
- (4) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land” means land owned by the Bureau of Land Management as depicted on the Utah PLI Recreation Plans Map and dated \_\_\_\_\_.

**SEC. 902. DESIGNATION.**

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall designate a trail system in the County—

- (A) for use by off-highway vehicles; and
- (B) to be known as the “Red Rock Country Off-Highway Vehicle Trail”.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In designating the trail, the Secretary shall prioritize a long distance route for off-highway vehicles that is generally depicted on the Utah PLI Recreation Plans Map and dated June 30, 2016, that—

- (A) connects the Federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah, to the Federal land adjacent to Grand Junction, Colorado, ~~through the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zone;~~
- (B) connects the Federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah, to the Federal land adjacent to Green River, Utah, ~~through the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zone;~~
- (C) connects the Federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah, to the Federal land adjacent to Monticello, Utah, ~~through the Canyon Cliffs Recreation Zone;~~
- (D) uses existing routes, where feasible, which may include the Kokopelli Trail, the Orange Trail, and Trail 1;
- (E) minimizes the use of graded roads; and

(b) (5)

(F) creates a recreational experience that provides—

- (i) opportunities for scenic vistas;
- (ii) challenging terrain for off-highway vehicle travel;
- (iii) connections to other existing trail systems or trails;
- (iv) minimal conflicts between off-highway vehicle and non-off-highway vehicle users; and
- (v) off-highway vehicle singletrack and doubletrack options where feasible.

(3) MAP.—A map that depicts the Trail shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

SEC. 903. **MANAGEMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage future designated routes on the Trail in a manner that—

- (1) is consistent with section 902; and
- (2) does not interfere with private property or water rights.

(b) CLOSURE.—The Secretary, in consultation with the State and the County, may temporarily close or permanently reroute, subject to subparagraph (C), a route on the Trail if the Secretary determines that—

- (1) the route is significantly damaging designated critical habitat or cultural resources;
- (2) the route threatens public safety;
- (3) closure of the route is necessary to repair damage to the Trail; or
- (4) closure of the route is necessary to repair resource damage.

(c) REROUTING.—Portions of the route that are temporarily closed may be permanently rerouted by utilizing a previously closed route or constructing a new route.

(d) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes on the Trail that are open, have been relocated, or are temporarily closed through—

(1) use of appropriate signage within the Trail; and

(2) use of the Internet and Web resources.

(e) NO EFFECT ON NON-FEDERAL LAND OR INTERESTS IN NON-FEDERAL LAND.—Nothing in this title affects ownership, management, or other rights relating to non-Federal land or interests in non-Federal land.

(f) ADDITIONAL ROUTE CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall study the feasibility and public interest in constructing new routes as part of the Red Rock County Off-Highway Vehicle Trail to further off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—

(A) CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED.—If the Secretary determines that the construction of a route on the Trail is feasible, construction is authorized.

(B) USE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—A route on the Trail may be constructed under this subsection through the acceptance of volunteer services and contributions from non-Federal sources to eliminate the need for Federal expenditures to construct the route.

(3) COMPLIANCE.—In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall comply with—

(A) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);

(B) this title; and

(C) other applicable law.

**TITLE X—LONG-TERM INDIAN ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CERTAINTY**

**SEC. 1001. INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH.**

(a) McCRAKEN MESA MINERAL TRANSFER.—All right and interest in the Federal minerals located within the McCracken Extension of the Navajo Nation shall be transferred to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

(b) (5)

(b) USE OF ROYALTIES.—The Act of March 1, 1933 (47 Stat. 1418), is amended in the first section, by striking “37½” each place it appears and inserting “62.5”.

**SEC. 1002. UTE INDIAN TRIBE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA.**

(a) SPLIT ESTATE UNIFICATION.—With respect to any land within the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, where the United States holds title to the surface or mineral estate in trust for the Ute Tribe but a Federal agency owns or manages the corresponding mineral or surface estate, the title to interests owned or managed by the Federal agency shall be held by the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the benefit of the tribe in order to unify the surface and mineral estates for the benefit of the tribe.

(b) MINERALS TRANSFER.—The Bureau of Land Management shall transfer title to the mineral estate of public lands within the Hill Creek Extension (originally established under the Act of March 11, 1948 (62 Stat. 72)) south of the south boundary of Township 11 South, Salt Lake Base & Meridian, other than lands for which selection applications have been filed by the State of Utah with the Bureau of Land Management under authority of the Hill Creek Cultural Preservation and Energy Development Act, Public Law 133–133, to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be held in trust for the benefit of the Ute Tribe.

**SEC. 1003. WATER STUDY FOR UINTAH AND DUCHESNE COUNTIES.**

The Secretary of the Interior, using existing authorities through the Bureau of Reclamation, shall undertake a water study that includes a needs, opportunities and constraints assessment in Uintah and Duchesne Counties for storage of Ute tribal water and the use of water rights currently held by the Ute Tribe.

(b) (5)

**TITLE XI — LONG-TERM ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**  
**CERTAINTY IN UTAH**

**SEC. 1101. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

~~Within Uintah, Carbon, Emery, Grand, Duchesne and San Juan counties in the State of Utah, the increased production and transmission of energy in a safe and environmentally sound manner is essential to the well-being of the rural Utahns and the American people. It is the sense of Congress that the Federal departments and agencies involved in energy development projects on Federal lands in Utah shall take appropriate actions, including Federal primacy delegation, to expedite projects that will increase the production or development of energy and mineral resources on Federal lands.~~

(b) (5)

**SEC. 1102. ACTIONS TO EXPEDITE ENERGY-RELATED PROJECTS.**

~~(a) IN GENERAL.—The State of Utah—~~

~~(1) may establish a program covering the permitting processes, regulatory requirements, and any other provisions by which the State would exercise the rights of the State to develop and permit all forms of energy resources on available Federal land~~



administered by the Price, Vernal, Moab, and Monticello Field Offices of the Bureau of Land Management; and

(2) shall submit, as a condition of certification under section 1103(a), a declaration to the Department of the Interior that a program under paragraph (1) has been established or amended.

(b) AMENDMENT OF PROGRAMS.—The State of Utah may amend a program developed and certified under this subtitle at any time.

(c) CERTIFICATION OF AMENDED PROGRAMS.—Any program amended under subsection (b) shall be certified under section 1103(a).

**SEC. 1103. PERMITTING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS.**

(a) FEDERAL CERTIFICATION AND TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.—Upon submission of a declaration by the State of Utah under section 1102(a)(2)—

(1) the program under section 1102(a)(1) shall be certified; and

(2) the State shall receive all rights from the Federal Government to permit all forms of energy resources covered by the program.

(b) ISSUANCE OF PERMITS.—

(1) No later than 60 days after the enactment of this Act, the Governor of the State of Utah shall make an election as to whether the State of Utah will process permits for the development of any form of energy resource on available Federal land within the area covered by the Field Offices referenced in section 1102(a)(1). In the event the Governor elects to assume the permitting as set forth herein, he shall notify the Secretary of the Interior of his decision within 60 days.

(2) Upon an election to assume permitting as set forth in paragraph (1), the process shall be in accordance with Federal statutes and regulations.

**SEC. 1104. JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

(a) JURISDICTION.—The United States District Court for the District of Utah shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action brought pursuant to this title.

(b) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION.—The Court shall set any civil action brought under this section for expedited consideration.

**SEC. 1105. COMPLETION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAND EXCHANGE PROCESS.**

The land exchange application, referred to as UTL 78673 pending before the Moab Field Office, shall be considered in the public interest and completed.

**TITLE XII LONG TERM TRAVEL MANAGEMENT CERTAINTY**



**SEC. 1201. RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR CERTAIN ROADS.**

(a) ~~IN GENERAL~~— Subject to valid existing rights and consistent with this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall acknowledge the State of Utah's and its counties' ownership of, and shall forever disclaim all Federal interest in, a right-of-way for public travel and access on all roads claimed as Class B, that are paved as of January 1, 2016, and identified as rights-of-way in judicial actions in the Federal court system as of January 1, 2016, in Uintah, Duchesne, Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan counties, Utah.

(b) ~~APPLICABLE LAW~~— A right-of-way disclaimed under subsection (a) shall constitute the United States acceptance of the county's and State's RS 2477 ownership and that all Federal ownership authority is extinguished. The State and counties in return shall withdraw lawsuits in the Federal court system affecting those individual disclaimed roads.

(c) ~~ADMINISTRATION~~—

(1) Each right-of-way disclaimed by the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions covered by subsection (b) of this title shall consist of the full geographic extent authorized by Utah State law in effect as of January 1, 2016.

(2) Each right-of-way disclaimed pursuant to this title may be abandoned pursuant to Utah State law.

(3) The right-of-way area of disturbance shall generally remain the same as of January 1, 2016.

**SEC. 1202. GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CERTAIN ROADS.**

The recommendations of the Grand County Council, as depicted on the map entitled "Grand County PLL Final Map 4-17-2015" and dated April 17, 2015, for Hey Joe Canyon, Tennile Canyon, and Mineral Canyon roads shall be implemented by the Secretary of the Interior, with the seasonal closures beginning the Tuesday following Memorial Day through Labor Day.

**SEC. 1203. UINTAH COUNTY ROAD CERTAINTY.**

Not later than two years after the enactment of this Act, and subject to valid existing rights and consistent with this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall grant a title V right-of-way to Uintah County for public travel and access upon all Class D roads, as claimed by the Uintah County on its duly adopted 2016 transportation map, and as described by GPS centerline

description on file with Uintah County as a January 1, 2016, and that are also identified on the 2008 Vertical Resource Management Plan Transportation Plan.

**TITLE XIII—LONG TERM GRAZING CERTAINTY**

**SEC. 1301—CURRENT PERMITTED USE.**

Unless otherwise specified by this title, and pursuant to existing permits, on Federal lands managed by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior in Summit, Duchesne, Uintah, Grand, Emery, Carbon, and San Juan Counties, the grazing of domestic livestock shall continue and any adjustments in the numbers of livestock permitted should be made as a result of revisions in the normal grazing and land management planning and policy setting process.

**SEC. 1302—BIGHORN SHEEP.**

On Federal lands managed by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior in Summit, Duchesne, Uintah, Grand, Emery, Carbon, and San Juan Counties, the viability or existence of bighorn sheep shall not be used to remove or alter the use of domestic sheep or cattle where such use was permitted as of January 1, 2016.

**SEC. 1303—PROTECTION OF GRAZING LANDS.**

To recognize the importance of public land grazing to the economy and culture of rural Utah, and to the State of Utah in general, it is the sense of Congress that this title shall ensure public grazing lands, including areas outside the areas designated in this title, not be reduced below current permitted levels, except for cases of extreme range conditions where water and forage is not available. The areas of public land that have reduced or eliminated grazing shall be reviewed and managed to support grazing at an economically viable level.

**DIVISION C—LOCAL PARTICIPATION**

**TITLE I—LOCAL PARTICIPATION AND PLANNING**

**Sec. 101. Definitions.—**

(a) Advisory Council.—The term “Advisory Council” means the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Council established under section 102(a) of this title.

**SEC. 102. PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE COUNCIL.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly establish an advisory council, to be known as the “and maintain the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee Council” (in this title referred to as the “Advisory Committee”) to perform the duties in subsection (b) to (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary concerned or with respect to the



~~development and implementation of the management plans required by this Act and with respect to implementation of the Utah Public Lands Initiative Act.~~

~~(b) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall advise the relevant Secretary with regard to—~~

~~(1) implementation of this title; and~~

~~(2) policies or programs that encourage coordination among the public, local elected officials, and public lands stakeholders, and the State, tribes, and the Federal Government.~~

~~(b) Applicable Law.—The Advisory Council shall be subject to—~~

~~(1) the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.); and~~

~~(2) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).~~

~~(c) APPOINTMENT BY THE SECRETARIES.—~~

~~(1) NUMBER.—The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of no more than 22 members.~~

~~(2) COMMUNITY INTERESTS REPRESENTED.—Advisory Committee members shall reside in the State of Utah and represent the following:~~

~~(A) GOVERNMENTAL INTERESTS.—~~

~~(i) The Utah State Director of the Bureau of Land Management or a designated representative of the Director.~~

~~(ii) The Regional Forester of Region 4 of the United States Forest Service or a designated representative of the Forester.~~

~~(iii) A representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Region.~~

~~(iv) A representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Region.~~

~~(v) A representative of the National Park Service.~~

~~(vi) The Governor of the State of Utah or a designated representative of the Governor.~~

(b) (5)

(vi) The Director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources or a designated representative of the Director.

(vii) The Chairperson of the Summit County Council or a designated representative of the Chairperson.

~~(viii)~~ The Chairperson of the Uintah County Commission or a designated representative of the Chairperson.

(ix) The Chairperson of the Duchesne County Commission or a designated representative of the Chairperson.

(xi) The Chairperson of the Carbon County Commission or a designated representative of the Chairperson.

(xii) The Chairperson of the Emery County Commission or a designated representative of the Chairperson.

(xiii) The Chairperson of the Grand County Council or a designated representative of the Chairperson.

~~(xiv)~~ The Chairperson of the San Juan County Commission or a designated representative of the Chairperson.

(B) COMMUNITY INTERESTS.—

- (i) The grazing community.
- (ii) The off-highway vehicle community.
- (iii) The sportsmen or hunting community.
- (iv) The energy development industry.
- (v) The guides and outfitters community.
- (vi) The non-off-highway vehicle recreation community.
- (vii) The conservation community.
- (viii) Archaeological, cultural, and historic interests.

(ix) Biological interests.

~~(c) APPOINTMENT BY THE SECRETARIES~~ TERMS.—

~~(1) INITIAL APPOINTMENT.~~—The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture shall make initial appointments to the Advisory Committee not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

~~(2) APPOINTMENT AND TERM~~ TERM LENGTH.—Members of the Advisory Council shall be jointly appointed by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture shall jointly appoint the members of the Advisory Committee for a term of 5 years beginning on the date of appointment.

~~(3) REAPPOINTMENT.~~—A member may be reappointed to serve on the Advisory Council for not more than 3 terms. The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture may not reappoint members designated under subsection (d)(2)(B) to more than 3 terms.

~~(4) VACANCIES.~~—The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture shall fill vacancies on the Advisory Committee as soon as practicable after the vacancy has occurred.

~~(d5) CHAIRPERSON.~~—The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture shall jointly select the chairperson of the Advisory Committee Council for a term of 5 years beginning on the date of appointment.

~~(e5) SERVICE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.~~—Members of the Advisory Committee Council shall serve without pay not receive any compensation.

~~(d) COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.~~—

~~(f3) PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ADVISORY STATUS.~~—No individual serving member of the Advisory Council appointed to represent the interests under outlined in subparagraph (c)(2)(B) may be an officer or employee of the Federal Government or State of Utah.

~~(g4) BALANCED REPRESENTATION.~~—In appointing Advisory Committee members from the two categories in section 2, the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture shall provide ensure that membership of the Advisory Council is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the Advisory Council for balanced and broad representation from within each category.

~~(he) ANNUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT.~~—

(1) REPORT SUBMISSION.—The Advisory Committee shall submit a report no later than September 30 of each year to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate. If the Advisory Committee cannot meet the September 30 deadline in any year, the Secretary of the Interior or Secretary of Agriculture shall advise the Chair of each such Committee of the reasons for such delay and the date on which the submission of the report is anticipated.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall describe—

(A) the activities of the Advisory Committee during the preceding year;

(B) the reports and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture during the preceding year; and

(C) an accounting of actions taken by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture as a result of the recommendations.

~~(3) OTHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUTHORITIES AND REQUIREMENTS.—~~

~~(1) STAFF ASSISTANCE.—The Advisory Committee Council may request and the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture may provide periodic staff assistance from Federal employees under the jurisdiction of the relevant Secretary.~~

~~(2) MEETINGS.—~~

~~(1A) FREQUENCY.—The Advisory Committee Council shall meet at the call of the Secretaries of the Interior or Agriculture, the Chairperson, or a majority of the members. Meetings shall be held no fewer than 1 time a year. A majority constitutes a quorum for business of the Advisory Committee.~~

~~(2B) OPEN MEETINGS.—All meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be announced at least one week in advance in publications of general circulation and shall be open to the public.~~

(3) RECORDS.—The Advisory Committee shall maintain records of the meetings of the Advisory Committee and make the records available for public inspection.

**DIVISION D—BEARS EARS NATIONAL  
CONSERVATION AREA  
TITLE I—BEARS EARS NATIONAL  
CONSERVATION AREA**

**SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds the following:

(1) The lands within Bears Ears National Conservation Area have been used by Native Americans for thousands of years.

(2) The unique, intact archaeological record found throughout the Bears Ears National Conservation Area is sacred to numerous Native American tribes and Pueblos and is of great significance to American history.

(3) Tribes and Pueblos maintain deep connections and commitments to the lands within the Bears Ears National Conservation Area and continue to rely on and use these lands for ceremonies, spiritual rejuvenation, gathering herbs, firewood and cedar poles, hunting for game, and caretaking of sacred places.

(4) Many local residents, many with early pioneer heritage, have similarly strong attachments to the land and associated lifestyles, both vocational and avocational.

(5) Many visitors develop similar attachments and appreciation for these landscapes.

**SEC. 102. ESTABLISHMENT.**

Certain Federal land, comprising of approximately 857,603 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service in San Juan County as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map dated June 30, 2016, to be known as the "Bears Ears National Conservation Area".

(b) (5)

**SEC. 103. MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**

(a) ~~IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years~~ As soon as practicable from after the date of enactment of this Act, the relevant Secretary shall file a map and legal description of the National Conservation Areas established by sections 201 of this title with submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a map and legal description of the National Conservation Area established in section 102 of this title.

(b) **FORCE AND EFFECT.**—Each map and legal description submitted under this section shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the relevant Secretary may make minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description



provided that prior to any modifications, clerical or typographical changes, these changes are reported to the State of Utah and the affected county.

(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, and the United States Forest Service.

**SEC. 104. ADMINISTRATION OF BEAR EARS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.**

(a) PURPOSES.—In accordance with this title, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), and other applicable laws, the relevant Secretary shall manage the Bears Ears National Conservation Area (hereinafter referred to as “Bears Ears”) established by section 102 in a manner that—

(1) protects, conserves, and enhances the unique and nationally important historic, cultural, scientific, scenic, recreational, archaeological, natural, and educational resources of Bears Ears;

(2) ~~maintains and enhances~~ encourages cooperative and innovative management practices between resource managers, private landowners, and the public in Bears Ears;

(3) recognizes and maintains historic uses of Bears Ears;

(4) provides for traditional access by indigenous persons for culturally significant subsistence, including but not limited to traditional gathering, wood cutting, hunting, and cultural and religious uses within Bears Ears;

(5) consistent with the Native American Graves Repatriation and Protection Act (Public Law 101-601; 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.; 104 Stat. 3048), the National Historic Preservation Act (Public Law 89-665; 54 U.S.C. 300101 et seq.), and the Utah State Antiquities Act (UCA 9-8-301-308) protects and preserves and minimizes disturbance to ~~Native American archaeological covered sites and properties~~, including human remains, from permitted uses of Bears Ears; and

(6) integrates Native American Traditional Ecological Knowledge as defined in 36 CFR 219.19 to improve social, economic, and ecological sustainability in accordance with U.S. Forest Service 2016 Planning Rule regulations (36 C.F.R. 219).

(b) MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

(1) PLAN REQUIRED.—~~Not later than 2 years~~ As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the relevant Secretary shall develop a ~~management comprehensive~~ plan for the long-term management of ~~each Conservation Area~~ the Bears Ears National Conservation Area.

(b) (5)

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION.— In developing the management plans required under paragraph (1), the relevant Secretary shall consult with appropriate state, local, and tribal government entities, members of the public, and the relevant Secretary shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with local and tribal governments, the public, and the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee established under Division C of this Act. If the relevant Secretary does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State, local governments, and Indian tribes into the management plans, the relevant Secretary shall submit a written explanation before the effective date of the management plan to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources outlining the reasons for rejecting the recommendations.

SEC. 105. ~~GENERAL PROVISIONS~~MANAGEMENT.

(b) (5)

The General Provisions in title H section 2064 of Division A of this Act shall apply to this title.

SEC. 106. COOPERATING AGENCIES.

The Secretary of the Interior shall designate and involve as cooperating agencies interested tribes and Pueblos that trace their culture and heritage to the lands within the Bears Ears National Conservation Area in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

SEC. 107. BEARS EARS TRIBAL COMMISSION.

(b) (5)

(a) CREATION OF COMMISSION.—In preparing the management plan subject to section 104(b) for the Bears Ears, the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture shall create a Commission consisting of tribal representatives and federal agency staff, in recognition of the importance of tribal participation to the care and management of the area's natural and cultural resources.

a. Appointment by the Secretaries

i. Appointment and term — The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture shall appoint

1. Three federal members, one each from BLM, NPS, and USFS; and

2. No more than seven elected officers of tribal governments or their designated employees.

3. Members shall serve a term of five years beginning on the date of appointment.

ii. Basic requirements — The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture shall select tribal members of the Commission who demonstrate

1. A historical or geographical connection to the objects and lands of the Bears Ears National Conservation Area;

2. Relevant traditional knowledge; and

3. The ability to contribute to the management of the National Conservation Area.

iii. Duties - The Commission shall provide information and proposals as needed to integrate the Tribes' traditional knowledge and special expertise where relevant to the care and management of the Bears Ears National Conservation Area's natural and cultural resources, including in the development of the Management Plan developed under section 104(b) of this title. The Agencies shall carefully consider these proposals, and may use all applicable federal authorities to ensure that this Management Plan and management decisions incorporate, as appropriate, the information and proposals provided. Such input from the Commission may include, but need not be limited to:

1. Protections for and use of sacred sites;

2. Cultural and educational programming;

3. Plants, animals, species, resources;

4. Traditional use, such as gathering firewood;

5. Historical and archaeological resources;

6. Impacts of off-road use and off-road vehicles to cultural and environmental resources;

7. Recreational use, such as climbing; and

8. Resource use, such as grazing, timber production, and mining.

**SEC. 108. TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT.**

In employing individuals to perform any administrative, interpretation, construction, maintenance, or other service in the Bears Ears National Conservation Area, the Secretary of the Interior shall give priority consideration to members of tribes that meet publically posted job qualifications and criteria consistent with standard Federal hiring practices.

**SEC. 109. TRIBAL LIAISON.**

The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint a liaison to the tribes that enter into cooperating agency status pursuant to section 106. The liaison shall work to ensure the voice and perspectives

of the cooperating tribal entities are represented in the management of the Bears Ears National Conservation Area.

**SEC. 110. BEARS EARS ADVISORY COMMITTEE COUNCIL.** — Under the Public Lands Initiative Planning and Implementation Advisory Committee established under Division C of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall establish and maintain a subcommittee to advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to—



(a) development and implementation of the management plan required under section 104(b) of this title; and

(b) administration of the Bears Ears National Conservation Area.

**(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF THE BEARS EARS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall establish and maintain the Bears Ears Advisory Committee to perform the duties in subsection (b).

(2) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the Bears Ears Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the Bears Ears National Conservation Area.

(b) **DUTIES.**—The Bears Ears Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to—

(1) implementation of the Bears Ears National Conservation Area Management Plan;  
and

(2) administration of the Bears Ears National Conservation Area.

**(c) APPOINTMENT BY THE SECRETARY.**—

(1) **APPOINTMENT AND TERM.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint the members of the Bears Ears Advisory Committee for a term of five years beginning on the date of appointment. The Secretary of the Interior may not reappoint members to more than three terms.

(2) **BASIC REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall ensure that the Bears Ears Advisory Committee established meets the requirements of subsection (d).

~~(3) INITIAL APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior shall make initial appointments to the Bears Ears Advisory Committee not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.~~

~~(4) VACANCIES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall make appointments to fill vacancies on the Bears Ears Advisory Committee as soon as practicable after the vacancy has occurred.~~

~~(5) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Bears Ears Advisory Committee shall not receive any compensation.~~

~~(d) COMPOSITION OF BEARS EARS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—~~

~~(1) NUMBER.—The Bears Ears Advisory Committee shall be comprised of no more than 10 members.~~

~~(2) COMMUNITY INTERESTS REPRESENTED.—Bears Ears Advisory Committee members shall reside in the State of Utah and be representative of the following members:~~

~~(A) One representative with historical expertise in the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail.~~

~~(B) One representative with paleontological expertise.~~

~~(C) One representative with archaeological or historic expertise.~~

~~(D) One representative of the off-highway vehicle community.~~

~~(E) One representative of the non-off-highway vehicle recreation community.~~

~~(F) One representative from the conservation community.~~

~~(G) One representative from the sportsmen community.~~

~~(H) One representative from the livestock grazing community.~~

~~(I) One representative of the San Juan County commission.~~

~~(J) One representative of the Tribal Collaboration Commission.~~

(3) PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ADVISORY STATUS.—No individual serving under section 2 may be an officer or employee of the Federal Government or State of Utah Government.

(4) BALANCED REPRESENTATION.—In appointing Bears Ears Advisory Committee members from the two categories in section 2, the Secretary of the Interior shall provide for balanced and broad representation from within each category.

(5) CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary of the Interior shall select the chairperson of the Bears Ears Advisory Committee for a term of five years beginning on the date of appointment.

(e) ANNUAL BEARS EARS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT.—

(1) REPORT SUBMISSION.—The Bears Ears Advisory Committee shall submit a report no later than September 30 of each year to the Secretary of the Interior, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate. If the Bears Ears Advisory Committee cannot meet the September 30 deadline in any year, the Secretary of the Interior shall advise the Chair of each such Committee of the reasons for such delay and the date on which the submission of the report is anticipated.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall describe —

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(B) the reports and recommendations made by the Bears Ears Advisory Committee to the Secretary of the Interior during the preceding year; and

(C) an accounting of actions taken by the Secretary of the Interior as a result of the recommendations.

(f) OTHER BEARS EARS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUTHORITIES AND REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) STAFF ASSISTANCE.—The Bears Ears Advisory Committee may submit to the Secretary of the Interior a request for periodic staff assistance from Federal employees under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

(2) MEETINGS.—

(A) FREQUENCY.—The Bears Ears Advisory Committee shall meet at the call of the Secretary of the Interior, the Chairperson, or a majority of the members. Meetings shall be held no less than one time per year. A majority must be present to constitute an official meeting of the Bears Ears Advisory Committee.

(B) OPEN MEETINGS.—All meetings of the Bears Ears Advisory Committee shall be announced at least one week in advance in publications of general circulation and shall be open to the public.



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The Honorable Rob Bishop  
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Dear Mr. Bishop and Mr. Chaffetz:

In accordance with your July 20, 2016, request, the Department of the Interior has prepared the enclosed technical assistance on H.R. 5780, the Utah Public Lands Initiative.

Please note that this technical assistance is provided only for those provisions of the bill that affect Departmental interests and, in many instances, is intended to ensure consistency with existing laws and improve implementation. In addition to what is noted throughout the draft, the Department would like the opportunity to work with the bill sponsors on the individual boundary modifications both to improve manageability and ensure protection of natural, cultural, and other resources in those areas.

Please also note that this assistance has not been cleared by the Office of Management and Budget. As reflected in the attached comments, with respect to a number of provisions, the Department would seek further discussions before taking a final position as to proposed language. Importantly, this assistance has also not been the subject of, and does not reflect input from, tribal consultation. Upon further conversations with tribal nations, the position of the Department may change on particular matters concerning the tribes.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Salotti  
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**From:** Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>  
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Nicole Buffa has replied "Maybe" to this invitation.

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**Where** Secretary's conference room 6151 ([map](#))

**Video call** (b) (5)

**Calendar** tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov

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**Tommy Beaudreau <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>**

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**From:** Tommy Beaudreau <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>  
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**To:** francis\_jacobucci@ios.doi.gov  
**CC:** Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting request

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Thanks, Athan! I'm adding the Secretary's scheduling team. > On Aug 23, 2016, at 3:48 PM, Athan Manuel <athan.manuel@sierraclub.org> wrote: > > Hope all is well. Happy NPS Centennial, too! > > I am writing to request a meeting with Secretary Jewell on Thursday, September 22nd, for the Sierra Club's Mike Brune and Environment America's Margie Alt. Mike and Margie would like to discuss the current campaigns to designate the Grand Canyon Heritage, Bears Ears, and other new national monuments. > > Hope that date works for the Secretary's schedule. Thanks for your consideration. - Athan > > -- > Athan Manuel > Director, Lands Protection Program > Sierra Club > 50 F St. NW, Eight Floor > Washington, DC 20001 > Direct line: 202-548-4580 > Fax: 202-547-6009 > Cell: 202-716-0006

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**From:** "Iacobucci, Francis" <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Aug 23 2016 18:30:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Tommy Beaudreau <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>  
**CC:** Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting request

Good thing we'll be on travel. We'll take care of it.

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**To:** Tommy Beaudreau <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>  
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<http://time.com/4454746/president-bears-ears-monument/>

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**"Klein, Elizabeth" <elizabeth\_klein@ios.doi.gov>**

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**Subject:** Fwd: Ute Ltr and Opinion on Uncompahgre Restoration Issues  
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Following up on my request to have a meeting on this generally, what about:

tommy  
liz  
nikki  
neil  
aaron  
justin pidot  
jack or hillary  
larry  
jody

All get in a room and discuss where we are on this? Is this too big of a meeting for an initial conversation?

Thanks,  
Nikki

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We are very disappointed that the bill introduced on July 14, 2016, H.R. 5780, includes few of these revisions. Even worse, the bill continues to propose taking more than 100,000 acres of our Uintah and Ouray Reservation lands for the benefit of others. Given the lack of revisions to the bill and impact on our Reservation, the Ute Indian Tribe has no choice but to oppose the bill and ask that the legislation be revised and a new bill be introduced prior to any hearings.

Even the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) expressed its lack of support for the bill as introduced. In recent meetings SITLA reported to us that it had withdrawn proposals included in draft legislation that would exchange SITLA lands for lands within our Reservation. In addition, following introduction of the bill, SITLA expressed surprise to us that these provisions were still in the bill. SITLA recommitted to work in concert with the Tribe rather than attempt to take our lands and resources. Revisions and introduction of a new bill are needed prior to any hearings to address SITLA's current position.

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We ask that these issues be resolved before the end of August 2016 or the Tribe will be forced to defend its homelands and strongly oppose the bill. As we stated in our June 22, 2016, letter, the Ute Indian Tribe would like to make clear its position on the bill:

- We cannot support legislation that includes the transfer of lands within our Uncompahgre Reservation to SITLA or others.
- Any legislation must include the “technical” changes we proposed to make the bill consistent with federal Indian and water rights law.

**Ute Indian Tribe  
Impacts of H.R. 5780 on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation**

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- With the removal of provisions affecting the Uncompahgre Reservation and the inclusion of the "technical" changes, the Tribe could support legislation that includes its economic development proposals.
- In addition to the above, the Tribe would be a full supporter and strong advocate for legislation that also requires the restoration of lands within the Uncompahgre Reservation to trust status under existing law.

We appreciate your consideration of the Tribe's position and look forward to the full inclusion of the Tribe in the Utah Public Lands Initiative and H.R. 5780. As you know, the era of taking Indian lands and resources for the benefit of non-Indians is over. We are local managers too and ask that the bill be revised to increase our ability to manage our lands and resources for the benefit of the Ute Indian Tribe and the entire State of Utah.

Sincerely,



Shaun Chapoose, Chairman  
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Hi Nikki,

I wanted to give you a heads up about press conference happening this Thursday described in the attached.

Cheers,

MK

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Leading Utah Action Sports, Health & Outdoor Companies Will Call for National Monument Protection for Bears Ears

**WHAT:** Leading action sports, ski, health and outdoor companies, including key Utah industry voices, will join together at a live press event in calling for swift action from President Obama to permanently protect the Bears Ears region in southeastern Utah.

Outdoor Retailer [Summer Market](#) will bring together thousands of retailers and manufacturers to learn about new recreation products and equipment, and industry leaders see this as an opportunity to show a unified voice in support of efforts to protect the long-neglected Bears Ears. The business representatives will call for a designation that would protect more than 100,000 archeological sites as well as some of the most sought after recreational opportunities in the nation.

**WHO:** Participating companies include:

Black Diamond Equipment  
POC  
Rossignol  
Pro Bar  
Petzl  
Armada  
Skullcandy  
Kuhl  
Gregory  
Treasure Mountain Inn

Patagonia  
Keen Footwear  
The North Face  
Osprey Packs  
Mountain Hardware

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek (across from the Salt Palace)  
Salon G  
75 S W Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

[\(Link to Marriott website\)](#)

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July 20, 2016

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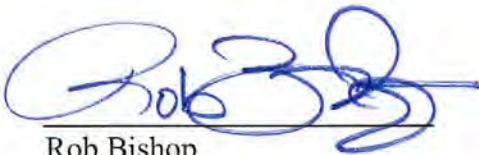
Dear Secretary Jewell,

The Utah Public Lands Initiative Act, HR 5780, was introduced on July 14, 2016. As you know, the bill seeks to resolve public lands management disputes on over 18 million acres of federal land in eastern Utah.

We are writing to request technical assistance from the Department of the Interior (Department) on HR 5780. As you know, the bill includes four divisions and 23 different titles, all of which will impact the Department in some form or fashion.

In preparation for the previously announced Congressional hearings, we ask that you provide the technical assistance, in writing, before Tuesday August 23, 2016. We look forward to continuing the productive dialogue.

Sincerely,



Rob Bishop  
Member of Congress



Jason Chaffetz  
Member of Congress

Cc: The Honorable Raul Grijalva, Ranking member House Committee on Natural Resources



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Our Bears Ears op-ed was published this morning, and I wanted to be sure you saw it (below). Thanks again!

<https://morningconsult.com/opinions/bears-ears-monument-will-protect-heritage-boost-economic-growth/>

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My understanding is that currently there is a bit of a stalemate between the Administration and Senator Wyden, with the Administration asking for an expression of public support for monument designation/enlargement before a listening session is scheduled and held, and the Senator wanting at this point only to express public support for having a listening session, without committing to anything further until afterward.

I sense some frustration in both camps. Without taking sides, it seems to me a mistake to allow an excellent opportunity to bolster the President's legacy and protect some worthy beautiful country to be sidetracked by this kind of disagreement. I'd urge going forward with the listening session without a pre-commitment from the Senator that he would support the use of the Antiquities Act in either place. This would fulfill an important purpose of such these sessions -- to understand public concerns and the depth of public support before a decision is made.

While the outcome of the session cannot be predicted, I think there's an excellent chance a Bend listening session would produce a big win for the President and for public land protection generally. Bend is a high desert community with a genuine legacy in the old rural West, but it is also a fast-growing exemplar of the new West, attracting greenish workers, progressives, and retirees. It has a population approaching 100,000 (metro area 160,000) and is usually rated as one of the best places in the nation to live. In my experience, including several visits there, most people in Bend love their quality of life, and that means they love Oregon's public lands and want to protect them. (San Juan County, Utah, where Bears Ears is located, has less than 10% of the population of greater Bend.)

An Owyhee monument has plenty of local supporters who, I believe, could organize a real love-fest for the use of the Antiquities Act. Finally, and perhaps needless to say, such a demonstration of

how most Oregonians feel about their public lands could purge the distasteful legacy of the Malheur Refuge takeover early this year.

Thanks for listening. John

John D. Leshy

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July 26 -- Greenwire is ready

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**Subject:** July 26 -- Greenwire is ready

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Dear Casey,

It was wonderful to see you at the top of the Bears Ears last week. I'm glad we all had a chance to break bread, and relax in the grassy meadow just below the buttes. It was such a beautiful day.

Per the request of the Coalition leaders cc'd here, I'm attaching the Coalition's response to your July 18th letter and email.

My best,  
Natasha







**BEARS EARS INTER-TRIBAL COALITION**

A Partnership of the Hopi, Navajo, Uintah Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Zuni Governments

July 23, 2016

Honorable Jason Chaffetz  
2236 Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Rob Bishop  
123 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 201515

Dear Casey;

Thank you very much for your email of July 18. We appreciate your coming to our summer gathering and enjoyed seeing you there.

We also thank you for the invitation, which is obviously very sincere, to meet with you and members of the Utah delegation. At the same time, we do not see how further discussions can be productive. The basic problem is that our two sides hold dramatically different views on what should be done in the Bears Ears area. Our proposal calls for strong conservation measures and deep involvement of the Tribes in monument management. The current version of the PLI is highly protective of mining and other forms of development to the detriment of land protection. Leaving aside many other issues, just to take three major concerns, we are miles apart on these:

1. We strongly believe that the Bears Ears area should be defined by the boundaries set forth in our proposal of October 15, 2015. Our documentation of this is detailed and extensive. We have spent a great deal of time and effort, and have consulted extensively with elders and other Indian people who are deeply connected to this landscape, to determine those areas

in order to provide protection to our sacred sites and cultural resources. Many of our people believe that the area should actually be larger.

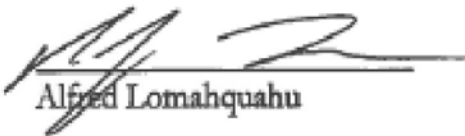
2. We have proposed a withdrawal from mining of the entire area. That is consistent with the practice in nearly all national monuments and parks, and we are satisfied that it is necessary to protect our sacred sites and cultural resources.

3. We examined the area of collaborative management in great depth, including calling in distinguished leaders on federal land management, and put forth a practical, comprehensive proposal. The current PLI bill, which allows only a weak advisory role for tribes and does not even come close to true collaborative management as described in our proposal.

We have labored extensively to reach our approaches to each of those issues and believe that our proposal presents the best way to resolve them. The PLI bill is diametrically opposed to each one of them as well as many other issues in our proposal. Frankly, we see no indication that the PLI made a serious attempt to include any aspects of our proposal.

Again, we appreciate your inquiry very much. At the same time we, as well as you, are extremely busy at this point and we do not see how it could be fruitful to go to the trouble of arranging a meeting given the profound differences between our respective approaches to the Bears Ears landscape.

Best regards,



Alfred Lomahquahu  
Hopi Vice-Chairman  
Co-Chair, Bears Ears  
Inter-tribal Coalition



Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk  
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Council Member  
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**Subject:** Fwd:

For discussion tomorrow. Will send their response next.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Charles F Wilkinson <[Charles.Wilkinson@colorado.edu](mailto:Charles.Wilkinson@colorado.edu)>  
**Date:** July 23, 2016 at 4:55:12 PM EDT  
**To:** Nicole Buffa <[nicole\\_buffa@ios.doi.gov](mailto:nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** <no subject>

Dear Nikki;

Thanks for all that you did out in Utah. The tone of the proceedings on those three days and maybe especially at the Bears Ears meadow and Bluff, was truly outstanding and really mattered. You had a whole lot to do with that.

Thank you.

We have spent a good deal of time talking over our response to Casey's email. At bottom, the tribal leaders were just absolutely determined not to be drawn back into any negotiations. They feel so insulted on so many levels, ranging from face-to-face insults to the fact that the PLI just basically ignores the tribal proposal and differs dramatically from it. Beyond that, there's just the futility of it: the tribal leaders believe, and we agree with them, that the two sides' basic values are so far apart that the delegation is just not going to make anywhere near the adjustments we would need to have made. There are very few people I've dealt with over the years that are flat incapable of reaching a true middle-ground settlement, but these people are that.

Having said that, we are well aware that, in an ideal world, you and the Secretary and others would like us to do some further negotiating with the state. We respect that and would very much like to oblige it. You will shortly receive the letter we sent back and please know that we very much had the administration's perspective--one I would have if I were in your chair--in mind. But these people are impossible.

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I am out of the country all of next week, but I would love to take a few moments to get caught up when I get back.

My best spirits,  
Charles

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Fwd: Phone Call

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**From:** "Klein, Elizabeth" <elizabeth\_klein@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Oct 25 2016 15:05:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
"Milakofsky, Benjamin"  
**To:** <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau  
<tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa  
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**To:** Elizabeth Klein <[elizabeth\\_klein@ios.doi.gov](mailto:elizabeth_klein@ios.doi.gov)>

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Subject: Gold Butte

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<tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Phone Call

I've already reached out and we will talk today or tomorrow. Feel free to tell her that she and I should talk. Thanks!

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Let's discuss. Thanks!

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**TOMORROW At 12:00pm PT/3:00pm ET**

## **Reid to Host Press Conference on Gold Butte Damage Report**

**Las Vegas, NV** – Nevada Senator Harry Reid will host a press conference announcing the release of the second Gold Butte damage report compiled by Friends of Gold Butte, a local group working toward the permanent protection of the area. The report documents damage to cultural, historic, and natural resources in the area from September 2015 through April 2016. Senator Reid will be joined by a coalition of community leaders, activists and organizations working to protect the natural treasures in Gold Butte.

**WHO:** Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)

Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV)

Rossi Ralenkotter, President/CEO of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority

Virginia Valentine, President of the Nevada Resort Association

Frank Adams, Mesquite resident and former Metropolitan Police Department officer

Jocelyn Torres, Nevada Program Director for the Conservation Lands Foundation

**WHAT:** Press conference

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 18 at 12:00 p.m. PT/ 3:00 p.m. ET

**WHERE:** Mandalay Bay – Foundation Room

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Las Vegas, NV 89119

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Tommy My message intent for the meeting last week was to deliver the attached letter. Essentially, we support the designation of Gold Butte as a monument and standby by to provide veteran pushback against anticipated local opposition. Have a great weekend. Cheers Paul > > > > > > Sent from my iPad



The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

On behalf of Vet Voice Foundation's 450,000 members, I am writing to urge you to protect Gold Butte as a national monument. Covering almost 350,000 acres in southeastern Nevada, Gold Butte is a treasure trove of cultural, historic, and natural wonders. These wonders include thousands of petroglyphs, historic mining- and pioneer-era artifacts, rare and threatened wildlife such as the Mojave Desert tortoise and desert bighorn sheep, dramatic geologic features like sculpted red sandstone and rock spires, and fossil track-sites dating back 170 to 180 million years.

Protected open spaces are important to veterans reintegrating to civilian life. Research shows the solace of a personal experience in the outdoors has huge healing contributions to even the most severe mental health conditions. Our national public lands are also a place where veterans repair and renew bonds with family and friends after long deployments. Unfortunately, despite the urging of Senator Harry Reid and Representative Dina Titus, Congress has failed to act to protect Gold Butte. Your administration has the opportunity, and the authority, to set in place permanent protection measures for Nevada's piece of the Grand Canyon.

Time is running out for Gold Butte--due to events in the past several years, this treasured landscape has seen a large increase in destruction to critical habitat, ancient petroglyphs and pioneer heritage sites. Reckless law breakers should not be able to hold hostage lands belonging to all Americans and these lands should no longer suffer at the hands of a few. As military veterans, we have not forgotten the oath we swore to sacrifice ourselves to defend the lands we love. The commitment we feel from our service to defend the American way of life extends to the public lands that belong to all American citizens.

There is important work to be done to protect America's last great wildlands, places of important cultural and historical significance, and places veterans use to heal from the trauma of war. As veterans we served to protect our nation's citizens, values and lands. We have the opportunity to continue that oath and ensure that future generations are provided the chance to learn, explore, recreate, nurture and heal in a cherished piece of American history. Please designate Gold Butte as a National Monument.

Respectfully,

Paul D. Eaton  
Major General, US Army (Retired) and Managing Director  
Vet Voice Foundation

CC:

The Honorable Harry Reid, United States Senate  
The Honorable Dina Titus, United States House of Representatives  
The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior  
The Honorable Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director, White House Council on Environmental Quality

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Gold Butte in Nevada as a national monument

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Thank you!  
Nancy

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### **PUBLIC LANDS:**

#### **BLM chief tours possible monument area where Bundy cows roam**

Scott Streater, E&E reporter

Published: Friday, June 17, 2016

The head of the Bureau of Land Management yesterday visited an area of federal land in Nevada for the first time since a tense standoff with armed ranchers two years ago blocked the agency from removing Cliven Bundy's illegally grazing livestock there.

BLM Director Neil Kornze yesterday visited the Gold Butte area to "get a firsthand look" at the damage done by the illegal grazing and other activities, an agency spokesman said, and to assess what needs to be done to

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repair the lands.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) has asked President Obama to consider designating Gold Butte a national monument.

The 1,000 or so head of cattle from Bundy's 160-acre ranch in Bunkerville, Nev., are still roaming on federal land in and around the Gold Butte region, but Bundy is in jail facing federal felony charges for the 2014 standoff.

BLM has not actively managed the area northeast of Las Vegas since the standoff "due to safety and security concerns," the agency said today in a statement.

Kornze hiked yesterday in the Whitney Pockets area with BLM Nevada State Director John Ruhs, Clark County Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Capt. James LaRochelle.

"We had an excellent visit to Gold Butte and we'll be increasing our presence there in the months ahead," Kornze said today in a statement. "This area is a real treasure. We look forward to working with our local partners to restart the many important efforts we had underway."

In addition to the illegal grazing, the agency says vandals have caused significant damage to the area, which includes world-renowned rock art and other ancient cultural sites, and is a popular destination for hiking, camping and exploring.

Specifically, vandals harmed some of the area's red sandstone formations, though BLM did not detail the extent or type of damage.

BLM has estimated that the Bundy cattle trampled sensitive soils, devoured native saplings and bedded down against Native American artifacts ([Greenwire](#), Feb. 26). One of Bundy's bulls attacked a Nevada wildlife official, while others have run roughshod over a community garden and a golf course ([Greenwire](#), April 11).

While Kornze toured the site to survey the damage, a BLM spokesman said there are no plans to round up the illegally grazing cattle as the agency "continues to cooperate with the Department of Justice on the ongoing legal matters related to the Bunkerville situation."

A coalition of green groups last month urged Kornze to direct the agency to round up Bundy's trespassing cattle now that Bundy and his sons are behind bars ([E&ENews PM](#), May 9).

In the last month, BLM archaeologists and officials with the agency's state office, as well as law enforcement officers, have visited the area, the agency said.

Meanwhile, Reid has said the illegally grazing cattle have thwarted his legislative proposal to designate a Gold Butte National Conservation Area.

It's not clear whether a national conservation area designation through congressional action or a monument designation by Obama under the Antiquities Act would require restoration work to be completed.

BLM said it plans to partner with the National Park Service on critical repairs to communications infrastructure, as well as coordinate with Clark County on road maintenance.

The bureau will continue collaborating with the nearby communities to develop plans for future projects that address the spread of noxious and invasive weeds, as well as reduce the potential threat of wildland fire through hazardous fuels reduction projects, the agency said.

"BLM employees in southern Nevada have been hard at work developing restoration plans for some of Gold Butte's extraordinary resources," Ruhs said in a statement. "We look forward to continuing this important work with our partners and creating a positive future for this incredible area."

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Hi Janice. FYI- pasted below is a draft press release that the BLM plans to issue tomorrow morning re-capping Neil's trip today to Gold Butte. Our target roll out time is 11am. It will be a national release, so either Kimberly Brubeck, BLM Spokesperson, or I will be the contact.

Thanks,  
Craig

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# News Release

Washington, D.C.

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## **BLM Returns to Work in Gold Butte**

### *Director Kornze and Local Leaders Visit Area*

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“We had an excellent visit to Gold Butte and we’ll be increasing our presence there in the months ahead,” Director Kornze said. “This area is a real treasure. We look forward to working with our local partners to restart the many important efforts we had underway.”

The group visited the Whitney Pockets area, which is popular with visitors who come to hike and view the singular geologic features, rock art and other cultural resources. Some of the area’s famous red sandstone formations have been impacted by vandals. Nearby, a large Joshua tree had been illegally cut down and left onsite. There was also evidence that cattle have trampled and overgrazed certain areas. The group also explored the famed Falling Man petroglyph site as part of their tour of the broader area. Time will be needed to make a complete assessment of the condition of the Gold Butte region.

Kornze praised the BLM Southern Nevada District Office staff for their patience while field work was suspended and for their ongoing collaboration with local partners to plan and develop projects focused on the restoration of key areas and the protection of ancient rock art sites and other irreplaceable cultural resources.

POTENTIAL QUOTE FROM COMMISSIONER KIRKPATRICK

Some of the immediate project work that is envisioned includes assessing the damage to cultural heritage sites; partnering with the National Park Service on critical repairs to communications infrastructure; coordinating with Clark County on road maintenance; and establishing a route numbering system on designated roads to help visitors map their location and destinations. The BLM will continue collaborating with the nearby communities to develop plans for future projects that address the spread of noxious weeds and reducing the potential threat of wildland fire through hazardous fuels reduction projects.

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Jessica/Paul/Frank - as discussed, attached and pasted below is the final cleared release that we plan to put out tomorrow. Target time is 11am ET. We may have some photos or b-roll that we'll link to in the transmittal email, but not in the release. We're waiting for a quote from the commissioner but plan to move out around 11 regardless. Kimberly or I will be the contact. Please let me know if you have any concerns.

Thanks,  
Craig

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# News Release

Washington, D.C.  
For immediate release

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# News Release

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## **BLM Returns to Work in Gold Butte** *Director Kornze and Local Leaders Visit Area*

LAS VEGAS – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is moving forward with plans to resume work in southern Nevada’s Gold Butte region. The Gold Butte area contains important habitat for Desert Tortoise and other species, and is home to world-renowned rock art and other ancient cultural sites. The region is also a popular destination for recreation enthusiasts who enjoy hiking, camping and exploring the area’s unique geology.

Due to safety and security concerns, BLM employees have not conducted field work in the Gold Butte area in northeastern Clark County since early 2014. With the support of the local community, BLM officials have determined that the conditions are now right to resume work. BLM archaeologists, law enforcement officers, and local agency leadership have all visited the area over the past month.

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**Look & Feel Rollout Video Shoot  
June 15, 2016**

**Monday, June 13, 2016** Chad Douglas arrives in Las Vegas; conducts initial site visits and finalizes shoot locations

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016** BLM Dir. arrives in Las Vegas

- Chad Douglas obtains b-roll
- Megan Crandall arrives in Las Vegas; coordinates with Chad Douglas re: final shoot questions and b-roll selection

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016** Look & Feel Video Filming

5:30 a.m. Meet at SNDO\*  
4701 North Torrey Pines, Dr.  
Las Vegas, NV 89130  
\*Need to determine if Dir. would prefer to be picked up at hotel or would like to travel to SNDO himself

- Travel to 1<sup>st</sup> Red Rock NCA film site

6 a.m. Arrive at portal sign location on State Route 157 (aka Kyle Canyon Road) approximately 6.7 miles from intersection with US 95.

- Meet Megan and Chad

6:10 a.m. Film BLM Dir. speaking in front of sign and gather basic sign b-roll

6:30 a.m. Depart sign location

- Travel to Red Spring

7 a.m. Arrive at Red Spring

- Meet Red Rock/Sloan Field Office Field Manager Catrina Williams, Supervisory Outdoor Recreation Specialist Josh Travers, Outdoor Recreation Planner Kathy August and Red Rock/Sloan Supervisory Law Enforcement Ranger (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

7:20 a.m. Travel 2<sup>nd</sup> Red Rock NCA film site

- Kraft Boulders parking lot and set-up for filming

7:25 a.m. Film BLM Dir. at Kraft Boulders near Red Spring

- Same general TPs

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- Footage will be used to provide shot variety if needed in final product.
- Travel to 3<sup>rd</sup> Red Rock NCA film site

- 7:45 a.m. Arrive at Red Spring boardwalk and set-up for filming
- 8 a.m. Film Supervisory Outdoor Recreation Specialist Josh Travers at Red Spring boardwalk
- 8:25 a.m. Travel to 3<sup>rd</sup> Red Rock NCA film site
- 9 a.m. Arrive at Willow Spring and set-up for filming
- 9:15 a.m. Film Outdoor Recreation Planner Kathy August at Willow Spring  
Travel back to Red Rock visitor center
- 9:30 a.m. Arrive Red Rock visitor center
- 9:45 a.m. Travel to Sloan Canyon NCAS
- 10:45 a.m. Arrive Sloan Canyon
- Take photos/gather footage of Sloan Canyon signage
  - Meet Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Manager Robbie McAboy
- 11:00 a.m. Tour Sloan Canyon NCA visitor contact station
- 11:45 a.m. Depart Sloan Canyon NCA\*
- Travel back to SNDO
  - Balance of afternoon free

**BLM Dir. TPs\* for Look & Feel Rollout Video**

\*150 words equal approximately 1 minute; TPs below are 146 words

- The BLM's National Conservation Lands encompass some of the most scenic, culturally rich, scientifically important and least-known public lands in America.
- These specially designated places—National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers—belong to all Americans.
- To highlight these areas and welcome visitors to BLM-managed public lands, we're unveiling a vibrant new look on our signage.
- The unique and contemporary look will tell the millions of visitors we see every year that these are truly special places.
- As you travel and visit public lands this summer, we hope that you will get to see as many of the 45 other signs like this one as possible.
- Each one will help you recognize these places as being part of America's National Conservation Lands—lands conserved and managed by the BLM, where you can find unmatched opportunities to recreate, explore and learn.
- To learn more about your public lands and the Leave No Trace Program go to: [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov)

**Site Visit  
June 16, 2016**

- Thursday, June 16, 2016** Site Visit
- 5:00 a.m. LEOs leave from BLM office to GB meeting site (Cottonwood Cove) to inspect the area
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- 5:15 a.m. Gayle Marrs-Smith will pick up Tim Smith from residence
- 5:30 a.m. Gayle and Tim will pick up BLM-NV State Dir. at hotel\*  
\*Dir. will travel on own to SNDO to facilitate travel to airport at end of site visit.
- Travel to SNDO  
4701 North Torrey Pines, Dr.  
Las Vegas, NV 89130
  - Meet VIPs, BLM-NV State Dir. LEOs, and PAOs at SNDO
  - VIPs: Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Las Vegas Metro PD Northeast Commander Capt. LaRoche
  - BLM-NV State Dir.: John Ruhs,
  - LEOs: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
  - PAOs: Megan Crandall, Chad Douglas
- 6 a.m. Depart SNDO
- Leaving in 2 vehicles driven by LEOs
  - Travel I-15 to Riverside Exit (Hwy. 170)
- 7:30 a.m. Exit onto Gold Butte Road from Hwy. 170
- 8:00 a.m. Meet additional LEOs at Cottonwood Cove
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- 8:30 a.m. Arrive at Whitney Pockets
- Stops will include damage caused by livestock, range improvements, petroglyphs, unique geologic features
- 9:00 a.m. Arrive Devil's Throat
- Other stops may include Government Spring, Key West Spring and Mud Wash
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10:30 a.m.

Depart Gold Butte area for return to SNDO\*

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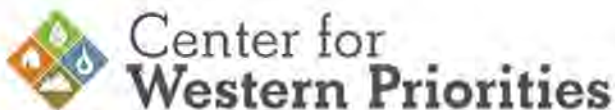
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## **New Poll Reveals Views of Nevada's "Outdoor Voting Bloc"**

*Opportunity for candidates to win support with pro-outdoors positions on public lands*

**Winning the West effort highlights importance of outdoor issues for campaigns looking to gain votes in Nevada and Mountain West swing states**

The [Center for Western Priorities](http://www.winningthewestpoll.com) released its 2016 *Winning the West* poll, showing that Nevada's swing voters support public lands and oppose anti-public lands activist and rancher Cliven Bundy. The poll is being released as Nevada comes into sharp focus as a swing state and as candidates stake out their views on national public lands in the West.

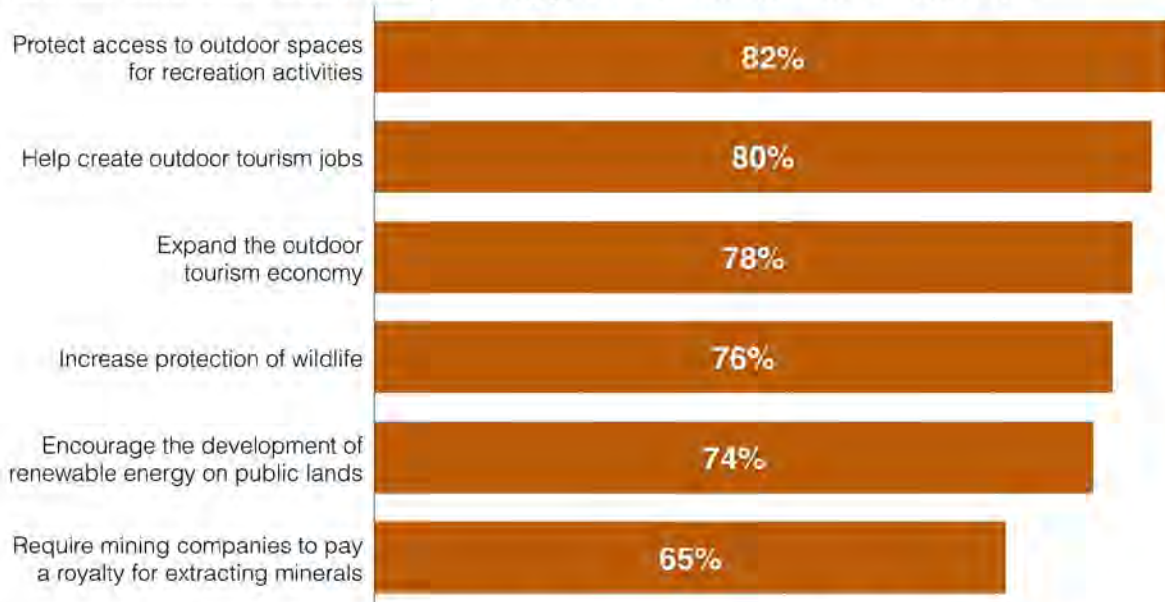
According to the *Winning the West* poll—conducted for the first time in Nevada—voters gave Nevada's outdoor tourism and recreation economy an even higher approval rating than the state's gaming industry.

**By a nearly two-to-one margin**, voters overwhelmingly rejected the idea that there are too many public lands in Nevada, and **by a 71 to 11 percent margin**, they supported designating a new national monument in Gold Butte to protect 350,000 acres of land with red sandstone canyons and cultural heritage sites.

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Looking to the upcoming elections in the swing state, the poll showed candidate positions on public lands issues can move voters in their direction.

### Nevada voters are more likely to support a candidate who wants to...



In a hypothetical matchup, Nevada’s ticket-splitting swing voters, **by a 54 to 27 percent margin**, favored a Democratic candidate who believes Nevada’s deserts and mountains are an important part of the state’s economy, wants to prioritize recreation and renewable energy development on public lands, and supports balanced management of shared outdoor spaces, over a Republican candidate who believes states should manage public lands, supports selling some public lands to close the budget deficit, opposes new national monuments, and stands with Cliven Bundy in his dispute with the federal government.

“When you think of a state with voters who are passionate about the outdoors and access to recreation, Nevada might not be the first that comes to mind. Our poll shows otherwise,” said **Brian Gottlieb, Managing Director at Purple Strategies**. “The takeaway for candidates is they have a real opportunity to gain support based on their commitment to Nevada’s outdoor economy and the positions they take on how public lands should be used and protected. Candidates who are pro-outdoors can win the state’s ‘outdoors voting bloc’ in November.”

The poll also highlighted some “third-rail” public lands issues that do not move Nevada voters. Very small percentages were more likely to support a candidate who supported Cliven Bundy and his cause (19 percent), wanted to open public lands to private development (31 percent), or proposed selling public lands to reduce the budget deficit (28 percent).

“This poll confirms Nevadans take a backseat to no one in their passion for outdoor spaces,” said **Center for Western Priorities Executive Director Jennifer Rokala**. “From the breathtaking desert landscapes to the majestic mountain peaks, public lands support Nevada’s economy and define the state’s way of life. Candidates seeking voter support in the state should know that extreme positions and disrespecting public lands do not fly in Nevada.”

In addition to the poll in Nevada, the Center for Western Priorities’ *Winning the West* effort previously conducted a poll and focus groups with Colorado voters and will be conducting a poll of Montana voters in the coming weeks. The updated [Winning the West website](#)—which

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includes poll results, focus group videos, and issue ads—is intended to educate candidates and campaigns about how important it is to show support for public lands and access to the outdoors, particularly among swing voters in Mountain West purple states.

The *Winning the West* poll in Nevada was conducted by Purple Insights. It included 700 telephone interviews of likely 2016 voters in Nevada between May 2nd and 5th. Respondents were randomly selected from a voter file and language of choice interviewing was available to Spanish-speaking voters. Fifty-two percent of interviews were completed with voters on landlines and 48 percent were completed with voters on their cell phones. The margin of error is +/-3.7 percent.

Jennifer Rokala and Brian Gottlieb are available for video and audio interviews. For more information, visit [westernpriorities.org/winningthewest/](http://westernpriorities.org/winningthewest/). To speak with an expert on public lands, contact Aaron Weiss at 720-279-0019 or [aaron@westernpriorities.org](mailto:aaron@westernpriorities.org).

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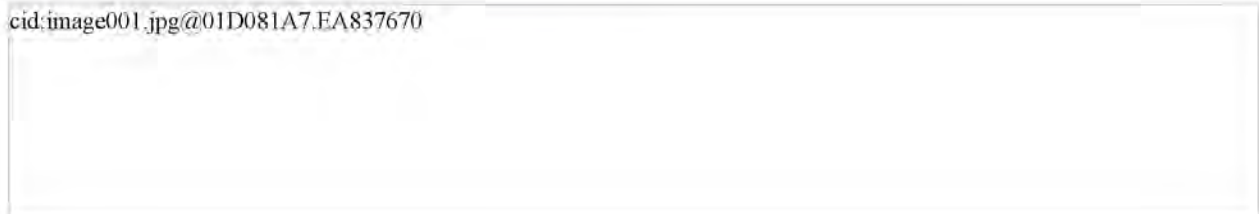
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## **Reid: We Must Protect Nevada's Gold Butte, Lands Across America**

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**Washington, D.C.** – Nevada Senator Harry Reid spoke on the Senate floor today about the need to protect and preserve Gold Butte in Nevada and other sites throughout the nation. Below are his remarks:

I’m grateful that the presiding officer today is from the state of Nevada, my friend, the junior Senator from Nevada. When I think of home, I think of the desert.

You can’t talk about Nevada as a desert only, even though the vast majority of the state is a very arid place. We also have the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Ruby Mountains. We are the most mountainous state in the union except Alaska with 314 separate mountain ranges. We have 32 mountains over 11,000 feet high. We have one mountain that we share with California that is almost 14,000 feet high. It is a beautiful state.

But today, I’m going to focus on some of those arid places, places where I was born and raised. Having been back here in Washington for such a long time – 37 years – I think of the blue skies that are so prevalent in Nevada. They hover over a canvas. No one could paint a picture as beautiful as that, of these mountains in the middle of the desert, these Joshua trees or of the sagebrush.

It is that beauty that’s drawing thousands of visitors to Nevada and Nevada’s wilderness every year. Yesterday, the *Reno Gazette-Journal* wrote an article reporting how important this industry is to our country:

“The big time solitude found in the big empty spaces of the western U.S. generates big money for regional economies.

“That’s according to a study that attempts to put a dollar value on ‘quiet recreation’ on Bureau of Land Management property.

“It found that sports like hiking and mountain biking on BLM land generated more than \$1.8 billion in spending in 2014, that’s roughly equivalent to two months of gambling revenue in Las Vegas casinos.”

Our public lands are jewels that we must protect.

To its credit, the Bureau of Land Management and their dedicated employees do a remarkable job in safeguarding these national treasures so that Americans can enjoy them.

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When I was first elected, the Bureau of Land Management was on par with the internal revenue service. No one liked them. Now they are admired. They've done a remarkably good job to take care of public lands.

John Sterling, the Executive Director of The Conservation Alliance, told the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, quote:

"The BLM is the final frontier for a primitive experience on our public lands. They represent the future of outdoor recreation."

Most Americans are familiar with what happened earlier this year in Oregon. The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon was taken over. A dangerous group of militants staged an armed takeover of the refuge, they came with their canvas shirts and their camouflage pants and their guns and their all-terrain vehicles to take over the federal property. And they did. They damaged the refuge to the tune of about, maybe \$20 million: defecating on some of the ruins in the facility and stopping the Native Americans from being able to do their annual fishing.

This particular episode of domestic terrorism has roots in Nevada, I'm sorry to say. They were led by the sons of Cliven Bundy. Cliven who, as we speak, is where he should be – in jail. Two of his sons are in jail, too, having participated in the unlawful takeover. Cliven Bundy is a Nevadan who has been breaking federal laws for decades.

I'm disappointed that some of my colleagues supported this outrageous lawbreaker. Teddy Roosevelt created this national wildlife refuge in Oregon. This radical president, Theodore Roosevelt – and I say that sarcastically because he wasn't. He was a great president. He created this refuge in 1908. Roosevelt used the tools at his disposal as president – including the Antiquities Act – to protect our national heritage so that generations of Americans could enjoy it.

Congress created the Antiquities Act to empower the president to protect our cultural, historic and natural resources when and where Congress cannot – or will not. Many of our current national parks were created using this authority. In fact, 16 presidents – eight Democrats and eight Republicans – have used this authority to protect these lands for the benefit of the American people. Even George W. Bush used the Antiquities Act.

Unfortunately, many Senate Republicans want to undermine the Antiquities Act. They refuse to defend our cultural and historic antiquities that are being systematically destroyed. But that is why the Antiquities Act was created – to safeguard against these threats in the absence of Congressional action.

Take, for example, Gold Butte, the area where Cliven Bundy illegally grazed his cattle. It is a stunning landscape.

Is this worth protecting? Look at it. Is this worth protecting? This is not doctored up, colored. That's the way it is. We don't get a lot of clouds in Nevada, especially this part of Nevada. It doesn't happen often, but this is part of the greatness of Nevada. Look at that. Is that worth preserving?

Of course it is. This has such magnificent areas. Sandstone formations like this, petroglyphs dating back thousands of years.



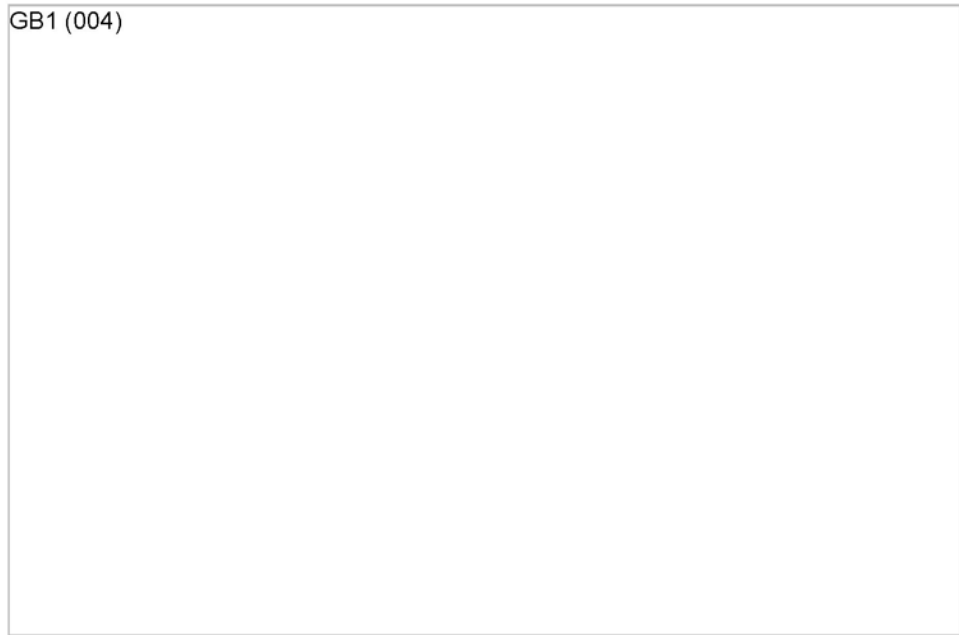
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Take a look at this: Petroglyphs. These Indian writings and drawings are centuries old. They're in the area that we want to protect: Gold Butte. Look at that. Panel after panel of this magnificent part of history.

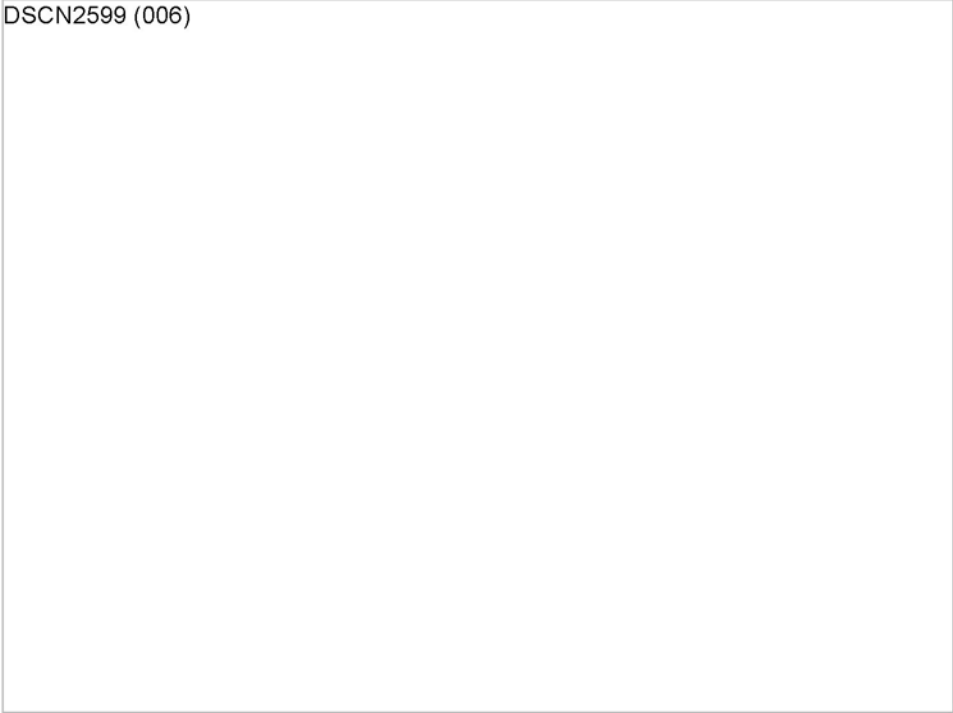
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This is one such example. The white area in the middle was vulgar graffiti that experts attempted to remove. Just underneath, you can see bullet-holes. People have used this petroglyph as target practice.


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The final picture I want to show is the Joshua tree damage. I know a lot of about Joshua trees because in Searchlight we have some of the thickest Joshua forests in the world.

These trees are so stunning. They grow about two inches a year. They last for up to 150 years. People don't understand these trees are so terrific. They have been brutalized by these criminals. Someone chopped this one down. This tree, we don't know how old it was, but 100 years old probably, 80 years old. Look at that beautiful tree behind it. So that's really unfortunate, but that's what they do. They just destroy. This is sad.

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A large, layered rock formation in a desert landscape. The rock face is covered in numerous ancient petroglyphs, including circular designs, handprints, and abstract symbols. The rock is reddish-brown and shows signs of weathering. The background features a blue sky with scattered white clouds and a desert valley with more rock formations.

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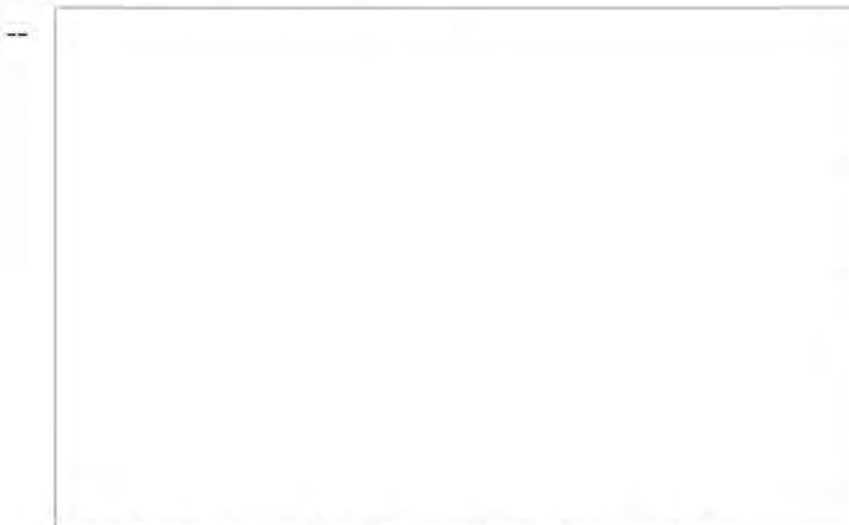
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On Wed, Apr 6, 2016 at 9:23 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <[jessica\\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

## ABQ Journal: Heinrich, business group tout economic impact of national monuments

By Michael Coleman / Journal Washington Bureau  
Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 at 10:28am



Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., is photographed in his office on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, March 11, 2015, with some of his hunting memorabilia including elk antlers and skull mounted on the wall behind his desk. A bipartisan group of senators is working on legislation that would dramatically improve access to federal land for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation.

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Sen. Martin Heinrich joined Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid at a Capitol Hill news conference this morning to tout the findings released by a left-leaning interest group called the **Small Business Majority**.

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Heinrich, a Democrat in his first term, has made public land preservation a key part of his legislative agenda and he strongly **encouraged** Obama to designate both the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks monument near Las Cruces and the Rio Grande del Norte monument near Taos. Obama made the designations in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Heinrich has long endorsed the idea that wilderness protections generate revenues for local communities in the form of hotel stays, restaurant visits and purchases of outfitting equipment, fishing and hunting guides and other activity.

“While while these lands belong to all of us, it’s our local communities that get to benefit,” Heinrich said today.

The Small Business Majority arrived at its \$156 million annual economic impact estimate based on an average of 3.9 million non-local visitors to the 17 national monuments analyzed in the study between 2011 and 2015.

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Reid said the study proved the economic advantage to protecting lands for recreation.

“Too often, we only view land as valuable when it is being developed, mined, drilled or logged,” Reid said. “I have long been convinced that there is value in keeping some of our nation’s places wild.”

Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., opposed Obama’s designation of the Organ Mountains monument citing concerns that it could inhibit border patrols and crimp potential economic development. Republican Sen. Mike Lee of Utah recently **told** Energy & Environment, a trade publication, that Obama has overreached with the Antiquities Act. He said failed federal land policies were a catalyst for the recent armed standoff at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon.

“This is the natural consequence of the federal government owning a whole lot of land in the western United States and managing that land in a way that very often is in conflict with the needs of the local economy and the needs of average, everyday Americans who are trying to earn a living,” said Lee.

Last month, Rep. Jason Chaffetz, chairman of the House Oversight and Government

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Reform Committee, and Rep. Mike Bishop, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, wrote to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell complaining that Obama's conservation-based monument designations have lacked transparency.

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**RJ - Reid talks about his goals for final year in U.S. Senate**

**By Peter Urban**

WASHINGTON — Sen. Harry Reid's focus is clear as he prepares for his final year in office. The 76-year-old Nevadan plans to use his leadership position in the Senate to drive a national agenda that he believes will help the middle class, get more Democrats elected and benefit his home state.

Reid announced in March that he would not run for re-election in 2016, signaling an end to a

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remarkable six-decade career in public office that took him from a back-bencher in the Nevada Legislature to the leader of the Democratic Caucus in the U.S. Senate, a position he has held since 2004. During his 11 years as either majority or minority leader, Reid has had enormous influence in shaping congressional action and inaction — and that will remain true in his final year.

Although Democrats will be in the minority in 2016, Reid has proved adept in a narrowly divided Senate to block many Republican initiatives and force compromise on must-pass legislation. He is also allowed daily floor times in the Senate where he speaks his — and the Democrats' — mind on issues often aimed at the upcoming Senate and presidential elections. Reid hopes that Democrats will keep the presidency and regain the Senate majority for 2017.

Reid sat down with Las Vegas Review-Journal reporters in his office off the Senate floor to discuss the new year, just as Congress was getting ready to adjourn for 2015.

### **Minimum wage, student loans**

"I hope that we can do something for the middle class — raise the minimum wage and do something about the fact that my daughters, my granddaughters, should be able to get paid the same amount as a man that does the same work," Reid said. "We have a tremendous problem out there with the debt of college students and their parents. We should relieve that somewhat."

Many Democrats are campaigning for the federal minimum wage to be increased to \$15 an hour, saying that more and more adults depend on minimum-wage jobs for their livelihood — requiring them to take on several jobs to stay above poverty. Democrats have also pushed for pay equity, citing statistics that women earn significantly less than men who hold similar jobs. They also want to lower interest rates on federal student loans, which are set by statute at a level higher than what the marketplace would demand.

The senator sees these issues, which are national in scope, as important for Nevada, too. Similarly, he sees the increase in federal spending that Democrats secured in an end-of-year omnibus appropriations bill as benefiting his home state. Additional agency funding gives the state an opportunity to seek more federal assistance. Reid said he plans to fight for Nevada's fair share — that probably means contacting agency heads to remind them of how those newly acquired dollars arrived in their coffers.

Reid pointed to an example of new funding that he expects Las Vegas might try to tap.

The year-end spending bill gives the U.S. Treasury authority to transfer up to \$2 billion more to a fund used to combat neighborhood blight. Although the measure was pushed largely by Michigan lawmakers seeking additional help for the economically ailing Detroit, Reid said Las Vegas could use it to clear vacant homes and buildings that need razing. The city's housing market was particularly hard-hit during the subprime mortgage crisis earlier this decade.

"We need to tear some of those places down," Reid said. "That's not cheap. So what we did in the bill saves government money and allows places like Detroit and Las Vegas to tear down some of those buildings."

Under the bill, the Treasury Department has until the end of 2017 to transfer unused money from the Home Affordable Modification Program to shore up the Hardest Hit Fund, which helps communities to get rid of blighted buildings.



### **Yucca Mountain, public lands**

Reid also pointed to the omnibus for what it did not include — additional funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear repository project — as a win for Nevada. Reid has opposed burying spent nuclear fuel deep in the mountain 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

"Notice there is nothing in these bills for Yucca Mountain," Reid said with a chuckle.

President Barack Obama shelved the project in 2010, but supporters in Congress have tried to make funding available to potentially revive the project. Reid is adamant that the project will remain dead long past his Senate tenure. The Obama administration is moving toward a different solution to long-term storage of nuclear waste as it seeks to develop a siting process reliant on local and state support.

Reid has introduced a handful of Nevada-centric bills — most looking to preserve public lands. The bills aren't likely to become law — few do given the modern-day gridlock in Congress — but that doesn't mean they will go unanswered. Reid has shown in the past that he can secure action on his proposals by inserting them into must-pass legislation or turning to the administration for help.

He pointed to preserving Gold Butte as a potential beneficiary of White House intervention and noted that Democrats had succeeded this year in stymieing Republican attempts to limit Obama's ability to name new federal preserves.

"As far as the president doing anything administratively, the only place he might do something is Gold Butte," Reid said. "That is something I'm sure he is looking at."

The environmentally sensitive Southern Nevada region has become more vulnerable to intruders and vandals since the Bureau of Land Management largely withdrew from Gold Butte after [armed confrontation with supporters of rancher Cliven Bundy](#).

Friends of Gold Butte have documented disturbances to the desert landscape. Off-road vehicle tracks now mar an area adjacent to one of the area's signature petroglyph panels, the group said.

The organization said the evidence of lawlessness underscores a need for the federal government to step in and increase protections for the scenic region, 350,000 acres between Lake Mead and the Arizona border that has been called Nevada's piece of the Grand Canyon.

"That is a beautiful area," Reid said. "I've been there, and it is stunning. It shouldn't be ruined by people who desecrate those old Indian writings."

### **Tourism, transportation**

Reid said he will continue to look for ways to boost tourism — the mainstay of Nevada's economy.

"Let's understand the future of Nevada, as in the past, is tourism. And, so one of the things we need to focus on is what we can do to help," Reid said.

He would like to find more funding for transportation projects. Nevada could use more help to improve its highways and airports, he said, noting that Las Vegas had 4 million visitors in November alone.

"We need to do more. We have a \$2 trillion backlog of infrastructure projects," Reid said. "There are 64,000 structurally deficient bridges in America, and the problems with the highways are severe."

But to do that, Reid said there needs to be a steady revenue stream to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent. Some Democrats support a small increase in the federal fuel tax, which hasn't been raised in decades. The increase, he said, would be a good investment given the number of jobs that are created from transportation construction projects.

"That's certainly one way to do it, and there are other new ideas they've come up with," he said.

Reid would consider revisiting the recently approved highway bill but acknowledged that is unlikely to occur in his final year in office.

"We have a highway bill now, which I guess people will use as an excuse not to do more," he said. "Which is unfortunate."

### **Visa waivers, online poker**

Reid does believe that lawmakers will consider revisiting recently adopted changes to the visa waiver program that allows visa-free travel from 38 countries. The legislation adopted after the Paris terrorism attacks has posed some unintended consequences, he said. It could block travel for some people with dual citizenship including the father of tennis star Andre Agassi, a Las Vegas resident. Agassi's father was born in Iran.

"There are a couple of problems with it," Reid said. "The Republicans pushed it too hard and too fast."

Reid is also keeping an eye on gaming and still favors allowing online poker. There was "a chance" in the omnibus bill to allow Internet poker under federal Wire Act but, Reid said, "it didn't work out."

The Justice Department has maintained that all forms of Internet gambling, including sports wagering, casino games and card games, are illegal under the federal law.

"I've said publicly I think the attorney general made a mistake," Reid said. He would like to see Internet poker legalized but is doubtful that Congress will agree in the near term.

"It'd be nice, but I don't see it happening tomorrow," he said.

Reid plans to continue serving as he has in the past. He will speak on the Senate floor as the Democratic leader. He will raise money to elect more Democrats to the Senate, and he will support the Democratic nominee for president. He hasn't endorsed a Democrat yet, deciding to wait until after the Nevada caucuses to weigh in.

Reid said he also wants to restore the appropriations process in Congress. In recent years, the House and Senate have failed to pass appropriations bills on time — leading to stopgap spending bills, government shutdowns or end-of-year omnibus bills crafted by legislative leaders with most members cut out of the process.

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"What I want to do is work with everybody to try and re-establish the appropriations process," he said. "House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) and I had a conversation about that goal."

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Nikki,

I've attached a letter that Stephanie Meeks is sending today to President Obama requesting that he take action to permanently protect Gold Butte in Nevada, either through encouraging legislation or exercising his authority under the Antiquities Act to establish a Gold Butte National Monument.

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Stephanie wanted to ensure the Secretary also sees the letter and I thought that you would be the best way for me to ensure that happened!

I will be forwarding separately to Neil Kornze – I know he has been an advocate for this place. And to Christy and her team at CEQ.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Best,

Tom

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Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to request that you take action to permanently protect Gold Butte in Nevada either by encouraging Congress to pass Senator Reid and Congresswoman Titus' legislation, S.199 and H.R. 856, or by exercising your authority under the Antiquities Act to establish a Gold Butte National Monument by the end of your term. Gold Butte deserves protection equal to its significance as one of our nation's cultural and natural treasures.

The rare and wonderful landscape of Gold Butte lies in the red rock outcroppings of the southern Nevada desert where the Great Basin, Mojave Desert and Colorado Plateau ecosystems converge. Like its rich mixture of natural systems, the region's complex story of human history is still preserved in the open spaces and canyon walls of Gold Butte.

The evidence of the human story of Gold Butte begins as early as 10,000 B.C. with the stone spear points of Paleoindian big-game hunters. Cave walls and ceilings still show the stains of black smoke from many of the early people's fires, and roasting pits for agave—long a staple food here—dot the landscape. Perhaps most compelling, however, is the rock art, created by people of diverse time periods. One of the largest panels, at 90 feet long, is tucked away in one of Gold Butte's many sandstone canyons.

Later, Spaniards and Pioneers forged the Old Spanish Trail and the Mormon Road through the area between 1844 and 1900. Historic grazing and mining sites are common throughout Gold Butte, with the earliest mine in the area dating back to 1861.

While the beautiful red rock areas of Gold Butte have the highest concentration of many of these cultural resources they also have the most visitors. The lack of permanent protection leaves these irreplaceable resources vulnerable to inadvertent and, unfortunately at times, even purposeful damage. National monument designation would increase protection, management and interpretation of Gold Butte's long and rich history for visitors now and in the future.

**Stephanie K. Meeks** | PRESIDENT

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The National Trust is deeply committed to ensuring the protection of historic sites that tell the stories of all Americans. We have been proud to support your use of the Antiquities Act to protect nationally significant and culturally diverse sites at such places as Fort Monroe National Monument, Pullman, Chimney Rock, Harriet Tubman, Chavez and Organ Mountains Desert Peaks. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with your Administration to expand and enhance the protection of our national treasures.

With warmest regards,



Stephanie K. Meeks



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**Subject: Gold Butte**

Hey folks,

It's my pleasure to pass along the attached letter in support of permanent protection of the Gold Butte area in Nevada. We are excited about the great opportunity to see this landscape protected and recognize the benefits it provides to the region as a whole. Please see the attached letter to President Obama from NPCA on this issue.

Thanks so much and let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Ani

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18 November 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
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**RE: PROTECTED PUBLIC LANDS BENEFIT NEVADA'S ECONOMY**

Dear President Obama,

Since 1919, the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) has been the leading voice of the American people in protecting and enhancing our National Park System. On behalf of our Nevada Field Office and more than one million members and supporters nationwide, I write to urge you to take action to permanently protect Gold Butte as a national monument. This unique and scenic area of geologic wonder, which adjoins Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument, is more than worthy of such protections.

Permanent protection of this area, with proposed management by the Bureau of Land Management, recognizes the important natural and cultural resources of the area. Moreover, safeguarding this area will assist the National Park Service in managing resources within Lake Mead and Grand Canyon Parashant boundaries by protecting the larger connected landscape. Threats within that landscape are imminent and ongoing, and include willful destruction of wildlife habitats, native petroglyphs and pioneer heritage sites, thereby calling for improved protection of the region.

Designation of Gold Butte through presidential privilege would mirror the longstanding legislation from Senator Reid and Congresswoman Dina Titus (S.199 and H.R. 856) to protect this area. Certainly, our relevant experience in working with community leaders to create Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument has provided a helpful perspective for the value of both local support for designations of special places, as well as the significance of protections to local communities. A national monument will no doubt enhance Nevada's tourism-based economy and assure economic, community and conservation benefits now and in future generations.

Thank you for your consideration. NPCA stands ready to support your efforts to permanently protect Gold Butte, enhancing your legacy of protecting public lands,

historic and cultural sites, and capturing all parts of the American story through the Antiquities Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theresa Pierno". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Theresa" and last name "Pierno" clearly legible.

Theresa Pierno, President and CEO  
National Parks Conservation Association

cc. Senator Harry Reid  
Senator Dean Heller  
Congresswoman Dina Titus  
Ms. Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director,  
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Hello Tommy,

For the last 9 weeks, KEEN has been road-tripping across the country in a 1976 GMC motorhome, advocating for the protection of over 3,000,000 acres of the places we all play. We have been activating our fans, local communities, and small business owners across the United States to join us to create lasting change; to show widespread support for the designations of four new National Monuments: Owyhee Canyonlands in Oregon, Mojave Trails in California, Gold Butte in Nevada, and Birthplace of Rivers in West Virginia.

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Can I check with you or anyone there whether the attached document is authentic. It says it is a draft proclamation for the president to establish a "Basin and Range" National Monument in Nevada. Released by Nevada congressman Cresent Hardy a short while ago...

I want to check if this doc is real.

Beyond that I want to ask for comment from Secretary Jewell on what appears to be this national monument proposal moving forward...

Thanks much!

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