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Please review my talking points on the current State & County GSENM resolutions, and offer any suggested changes asap.

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Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Resolutions

Talking Points

- As you are aware, there has been much discussion recently about downsizing GSENM
- Kane County passed a resolution to “begin a dialog with the US BLM about the GSENM and its boundaries.
- Garfield County is scheduled to do the same this week.
- The Utah State legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution 12, which directs Kane and Garfield counties to begin discussions with the BLM about GSENM boundaries, and asks Utah’ delegation in Congress to seek federal legislation to cut the monument’s boundary to the minimum area necessary.
- Grand Staircase-Escalante Partners have opposed these resolutions, as have many local, statewide, and national individuals and groups.
- GSENM has distinct relationships with our state and local governments, tribes, partner groups and the public at large. These relationships identify criteria for cooperation, coordination and public involvement. These relationships are defined in FLPMA, NEPA and policy.
- There are currently no Federal plans to reduce the size of GSENM. It would be premature and outside the tenants of any FLPMA , NEPA , and policy requirements to begin a dialog on changing GSENM boundaries until there is Federal direction to do so.