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On Thu, Dec 7, 2017 at 5:32 PM, Titus, Alan <atitus@blm.gov> wrote:

Vince,
Representative Christ Stewart, Utah, is indeed pushing a house bill to establish the Escalante Canyons Unit of the former GSENM as a national park. The draft bill is actually out in public circulation. There are several provisions in it that would make most federal land managers queasy. I expect it will make it to the floor for a vote, but I'm no political analyst. Thanks for sympathies. Its been a hard year.
Alan

On Thu, Dec 7, 2017 at 1:12 PM, Santucci, Vincent <vincent_santucci@nps.gov> wrote:

Alan, Scott, Greg and Rebecca,
I wanted to pass on some really vague information that was briefly discussed during our call with our Associate Director for Natural Resources Stewardship and Science.

This is probably all rumor - but thought I would pass it on.

The rumors in MIB are that the administration may push for a Congressional bill to redesignate portions of one or both of the monuments as a national park.

This is all the info that was shared and is likely only rumor.

Our colleagues in the NPS are saddened about the recent boundary changes.

Thanks,

Vince

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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To provide greater conservation, recreation, economic development and local
management of Federal lands in Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STEWART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on

A BILL

To provide greater conservation, recreation, economic devel-
opment and local management of Federal lands in Gar-
field and Kane Counties, Utah.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Grand Staircase
5 Escalante Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of Contents.

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- Sec. 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 4. Establishment of Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve.
- Sec. 5. Withdrawals.
- Sec. 6. Map and legal description.
- Sec. 7. Grand Staircase National Monument.
- Sec. 8. Kaiparowits National Monument.
- Sec. 9. Escalante Canyons National Monument.
- Sec. 10. Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve, Grand Staircase National Monument, Kaiparowits National Monument, and Escalante Canyons National Monument Management Council.
- Sec. 11. Federal land manager adherence.
- Sec. 12. Clarification.
- Sec. 13. Restoration of land status.
- Sec. 14. Hole in the Rock Road.
- Sec. 15. Effect on proclamations.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) MANAGEMENT COUNCIL. The term “Man-
4 agement Council” means the council established
5 under section 10.

6 (2) SECRETARY. The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ESCALANTE CANYONS NA- 9 TIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT. There is hereby established
11 within the Escalante Canyons National Monument the
12 “Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve” in the
13 State of Utah.

14 (b) BOUNDARIES. The boundaries of Escalante
15 Canyons National Park and Preserve are as generally de-
16 picted on the map entitled “_____”, numbered
17 _____, and dated _____. The map shall be on file

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1 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
2 fices of the National Park Service.

3 (c) PURPOSE. The purpose of the Escalante Can-
4 yons National Park and Preserve shall be to protect, con-
5 serve, and enhance in the Escalante Canyons National
6 Park and Preserve

7 (1) the unique and nationally important his-
8 toric, natural, scenic, and natural resources;

9 (2) recreation, including hunting; and

10 (3) grazing.

11 **SEC. 5. WITHDRAWALS.**

12 Subject to valid existing rights, any Federal land
13 within the Escalante Canyons National Park and Pre-
14 serve, including any land or interest in land that is ac-
15 quired by the United States after the date of enactment
16 of this Act, is withdrawn from

17 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
18 public land laws;

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

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

23 **SEC. 6. MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL. As soon as practicable after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-

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1 mit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
2 of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and
3 Natural Resources of the Senate a map and legal descrip-
4 tion of the Escalante Canyons National Park and Pre-
5 serve.

6 (b) FORCE AND EFFECT. The map and legal de-
7 scription submitted under this section shall have the same
8 force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the
9 Secretary may make minor modifications of any clerical
10 or typographical errors in the map or legal description
11 provided these changes are first reported to the State of
12 Utah, Garfield and Kane Counties in Utah, and the Man-
13 agement Council.

14 **SEC. 7. GRAND STAIRCASE NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

15 (a) ESTABLISHMENT. Subject to valid existing
16 rights, the Federal land comprising approximately
17 211,983 acres, identified as “Grand Staircase Unit” and
18 generally depicted on the map entitled “Grand Staircase-
19 Escalante National Monument Modification” is hereby es-
20 tablished as the “Grand Staircase National Monument”.

21 (b) PURPOSE. The purpose of the Grand Staircase
22 National Monument shall be to protect, conserve, and en-
23 hance the monument’s

24 (1) unique and nationally important historic,
25 scenic, and natural resources;

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1 (2) recreation, including hunting; and

2 (3) grazing.

3 (c) MAP.

4 (1) As soon as practicable after the date of the
5 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
6 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
7 of Representatives and the Committee on Energy
8 and Natural Resources of the Senate a map and
9 legal description of the Grand Staircase National
10 Monument established in this section.

11 (2) The map and legal description submitted
12 under this section shall have the same force and ef-
13 fect as if included in this title, except that the Sec-
14 retary may make minor modification of any clerical
15 or typographical errors in the map or legal descrip-
16 tion provided these changes are first reported to the
17 State of Utah, Kane County, Utah, and the Manage-
18 ment Council.

19 (3) a copy of the map and legal description
20 shall be on file and available for public inspection in
21 the appropriate field offices of the Bureau of Land
22 Management.

23 **SEC. 8. KAIPAROWITS NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT. Subject to valid existing
25 rights, the Federal land comprising approximately

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1 551,117 acres, identified as “Kaiparowits Unit” and gen-
2 erally depicted on the map entitled “Grand Staircase-
3 Escalante National Monument Modification” is hereby es-
4 tablished as the “Kaiparowits National Monument”.

5 (b) PURPOSE. The purpose of the Kaiparowits Na-
6 tional Monument shall be to protect, conserve, and en-
7 hance the monument’s

8 (1) unique and nationally important historic,
9 scenic, and natural resources;

10 (2) recreation, including hunting; and

11 (3) grazing.

12 (c) MAP.

13 (1) As soon as practicable after the date of the
14 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
15 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
16 of Representatives and the Committee on Energy
17 and Natural Resources of the Senate a map and
18 legal description of the Kaiparowits National Monu-
19 ment established in this section.

20 (2) The map and legal description submitted
21 under this section shall have the same force and ef-
22 fect as if included in this title, except that the Sec-
23 retary may make minor modification of any clerical
24 or typographical errors in the map or legal descrip-
25 tion provided these changes are first reported to the

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1 State of Utah, Kane and Garfield Counties, Utah,
2 and the Management Council.

3 (3) A copy of the map and legal description
4 shall be on file and available for public inspection in
5 the appropriate field offices of the Bureau of Land
6 Management.

7 **SEC. 9. ESCALANTE CANYONS NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT. Subject to the valid existing
9 rights, the Federal land comprising approximately
10 243,241 acres, identified as “Escalante Canyons Unit”
11 and generally depicted on the map entitled “Grand Stair-
12 case-Escalante National Monument Modification” is here-
13 by established as the “Escalante Canyons National Monu-
14 ment”.

15 (b) PURPOSE. The purpose of the Escalante Can-
16 yons National Monument shall be to protect, conserve, and
17 enhance the monument’s

18 (1) unique and nationally important historic,
19 scenic, and natural resources;

20 (2) recreation, including hunting; and

21 (3) grazing.

22 (c) MAP.

23 (1) As soon as practicable after the date of the
24 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
25 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House

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1 of Representatives and the Committee on Energy
2 and Natural Resources of the Senate a map and
3 legal description of the Escalante Canyons National
4 Monument established in this section.

5 (2) The map and legal description submitted
6 under this section shall have the same force and ef-
7 fect as if included in this title, except that the Sec-
8 retary may make minor modification of any clerical
9 or typographical errors in the map or legal descrip-
10 tion provided these changes are first reported to the
11 State of Utah, Garfield County, Utah, and the Man-
12 agement Council.

13 (3) a copy of the map and legal description
14 shall be on file and available for public inspection in
15 the appropriate field offices of the Bureau of Land
16 Management.

17 **SEC. 10. ESCALANTE CANYONS NATIONAL PARK AND PRE-**
18 **SERVE, GRAND STAIRCASE NATIONAL MONU-**
19 **MENT, KAIPAROWITS NATIONAL MONUMENT,**
20 **AND ESCALANTE CANYONS NATIONAL MONU-**
21 **MENT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT. The Management Council is
23 hereby established.

24 (b) DUTIES. The Management Council shall develop
25 and implement the comprehensive management plans for

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1 the Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve, the
2 Grand Staircase National Monument, the Kaiparowits Na-
3 tional Monument, and the Escalante Canyons National
4 Monument consistently with the purposes of those areas
5 as provided in this Act.

6 (c) MEMBERSHIP. The Management Council shall
7 be composed of 7 members appointed not later than 180
8 days after the date of the enactment of this Act as follows:

9 (1) One individual from the Department of In-
10 terior, appointed by the President.

11 (2) Five individuals, appointed by the President
12 in consultation with the Congressional delegation
13 from the State of Utah and the Governor of Utah,
14 who shall represent the following:

15 (A) Two from the Garfield County, Utah,
16 Board of Commissioners.

17 (B) Two from the Kane County, Utah,
18 Board of Commissioners.

19 (C) One Utah State Legislator rep-
20 resenting Kane County, Garfield County, or
21 both.

22 (3) One at-large representative appointed by
23 the President.

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1 (d) QUALIFICATIONS. The members appointed
2 under subsections (c)(2) and (3) shall not be employees
3 of the Federal Government

4 (e) TERMS. The President shall appoint the mem-
5 bers under subsections (c)(2) and (3) for a term of 5
6 years, except that the President shall designate staggered
7 terms for the members initially appointed to the Manage-
8 ment Council. The President may reappoint a member to
9 not more than three consecutive terms.

10 (f) VACANCIES. Vacancies of members appointed
11 under subsections (c)(2) and (3) shall be filled in the same
12 manner as such positions were originally filled as soon as
13 practicable after the vacancy has occurred.

14 (g) COMPENSATION. Members appointed under sub-
15 sections (c)(2) and (3) shall serve without pay, except for
16 reasonable travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of
17 subsistence, at the rate authorized for employees of agen-
18 cies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United
19 States Code, while away from their homes or regular
20 places of business in the performance of duties for the
21 Council.

22 (h) CHAIR. The members shall select the chair of
23 the Management Council from the members appointed
24 under subsection (c)(2) and (3) for a term beginning on

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1 the date of selection, and ending in 5 years or until the
2 member's term of office expires, whichever occurs first.

3 (i) STAFF ASSISTANCE. The Management Council
4 may request administrative assistance from Federal em-
5 ployees under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Inte-
6 rior or the Secretary of Agriculture.

7 (j) MEETINGS.

8 (1) FREQUENCY. The Management Council
9 shall meet at the call of the Chair or a majority of
10 the members. Meetings shall be held no less than
11 once per year. A majority must be present to con-
12 stitute a quorum to conduct official business.

13 (2) ANNOUNCEMENT; OPEN MEETINGS. All
14 meetings of the Management Council shall be an-
15 nounced at least one week in advance in publications
16 of general circulation and shall be open to the pub-
17 lic.

18 (k) ADMINISTRATION.

19 (1) The Management Council shall allow hunt-
20 ing, fishing and trapping on lands and water under
21 the jurisdiction of the Secretary within the
22 Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve in
23 accordance with the applicable laws of the State of
24 Utah.

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1 (2) The Management Council shall ensure that
2 the privilege of grazing domestic livestock on lands
3 with the Escalante Canyons National Park and Pre-
4 serve shall continue to be exercised and enhanced in
5 perpetuity. Grazing within the Escalante Canyons
6 National Park and Preserve shall be administered by
7 the National Park Service.

8 **SEC. 11. FEDERAL LAND MANAGER ADHERENCE.**

9 Federal land managers shall adhere to the manage-
10 ment plans created by the Management Council.

11 **SEC. 12. CLARIFICATION.**

12 Nothing in this Act affects the jurisdiction of the
13 State of Utah with respect to the management of fish,
14 wildlife and predators in the State.

15 **SEC. 13. RESTORATION OF LAND STATUS.**

16 Subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of ex-
17 isting withdrawals, and the requirements of applicable law,
18 the public lands excluded from the monument reservation
19 under Presidential Proclamation _____, dated December
20 4, 2017, and issued under chapter 3203 of title 54, United
21 States Code, shall be open to:

22 (1) entry, location, selection, sale or other dis-
23 position under the public land laws;

24 (2) disposition under all laws relating to min-
25 eral and geothermal leasing; and

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1 (3) location, entry, and patent under the mining
2 laws.

3 **SEC. 14. HOLE IN THE ROCK ROAD.**

4 The Secretary shall convey to the State of Utah all
5 right, title and interest of the United States in and to the
6 Hole in the Rock Road (BLM Road 200).

7 **SEC. 15. EFFECT ON PROCLAMATIONS.**

8 Any provision of Presidential Proclamation 6920,
9 dated September 18, 1996, and Presidential Proclamation
10 _____, dated December 4, 2017, and issued under
11 chapter 3203 of title 54, United States Code, that is in-
12 consistent with this Act is hereby declared null and void.