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**From:** Michele Straube  
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**Subject:** Re: GARFIELD COUNTY RESOLUTION TO REDEFINE GSENM BOUNDARIES  
**Received:** 2017-02-16T11:02:13-05:00

Just to keep everyone updated: [http://www.sltrib.com/news/4941386-155/escalante-business-owners-rebel-against-anti-monument?page\\_1](http://www.sltrib.com/news/4941386-155/escalante-business-owners-rebel-against-anti-monument?page_1)

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**From:** "Betenson, Matthew" <mbetenso@blm.gov>  
**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 1:28 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: FW: GARFIELD COUNTY RESOLUTION TO REDEFINE GSENM BOUNDARIES

I believe ERWP is precluded from lobbying and political activities because its' composition contains federal agencies. Any comment letter from ERWP would be damaging to all the federal partners. As a federal employee, Monument staff may not participate in lobbying or commenting as a representatives of the BLM (the Executive Branch).

This should not be topic of an agenda for any ERWP meeting.

On Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 8:40 AM, Michele Straube <[michele.straube@law.utah.edu](mailto:michele.straube@law.utah.edu)> wrote:  
*ERWP CC and signatory partners:* I just received this in my e-inbox. There is a very short time to get ERWP partners to decide whether to submit any kind of statement on behalf of the partnership, but partner organizations or individuals may wish to do so on their own behalf. I recognize that partner government entities probably cannot take such an action, but have included those representatives in this email for transparency purposes. Due date is Tue Feb 14, 11 am.

-----Original Message-----

From: John Holland (b) (6)  
Sent: Fri, Feb 10, 2017 3:18 pm  
Subject: Garfield County Resolution to Redefine GSENM Boundaries

Greetings,

For your information Garfield County Commission will introduce their Resolution in support of shrinking Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) this coming Tuesday, February 14 between 11 am and noon in their revised, scheduled Commission Meeting. The resolution will quite likely be the same as the one passed in Kane County last week which I have attached to this message. The outcome of this action by the Commission will very likely be a unanimous endorsement of the resolution. We know support for the Monument is divided in the towns around the Monument but showing some opposition to the resolve of the County Commission can be important and empowering.

As described at the bottom of the Kane County resolution, this non-binding action by Garfield County will become part of the "overwhelming evidence" likely to be presented to the United States Congress some day in the future in order to move Congress to act accordingly to make the monument smaller.

You are encouraged to attend the Commission meeting to speak out and to add your voice to the record of opposition to this notion of making GSENM smaller. I have also attached the GSENM fact sheet which can help to create a unified message of opposition which will become just as challenging but quite important should legislation be eventually introduced in the U.S. House or Senate. Thanks to Nicole at GSENM Partners ([gsenm.org](http://gsenm.org)) for the fact sheet! I know that Nicole and everyone at Partners is working tirelessly to build on the existing support for GSENM.

I will be in Salt Lake City at the State Capital and will not be in attendance in Panguitch on Tuesday but I hope you will consider an appearance at the Commission Meeting. I will be visiting with legislators on Monday and Tuesday and will have my chance to make my case for leaving GSENM as it was originally designated.

Please feel free to forward my message to others who may be willing to make the trip to Panguitch on Tuesday.  
Thanks!  
John

Here's the Garfield County Agenda taken from the State Public Notice Board: (The item is under "Public Works Business")

**Entity:** Garfield County  
**Body:** [Garfield County Commission](#)  
**Subject:** County Government

**Notice Title:** February 14, 2017 Commission Meeting

**Notice Type:** Notice, Meeting

**Event Start Date & Time:** February 7, 2017

**Description/Agenda:**

10:00 am ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

11:00 am 1. Adoption of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes January 23, 2017

3. Executive Session

4. Board Reports

5. Sheriff's Office Business

11:15 am 6. Public Works Business

Land Lease - Bryce Canyon Towing Scott Walters

Monument Resolution

11:30 am 7. Planning Department Business

11:45 am 8. Youth Baseball Clint Barney

11:50 am 9. Five County Community Fire Plans Bevin Killpack

12:00 noon 10. Site Planning Project Alberto Vasquez

11. Department Business

Travel Council Board

12. Other Business

Five County E-Cigarette Information

Region and State Basketball Tournament Sponsorship

13. Accounts payable

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