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Thanks, Chris. I just left you a VM. Give me a call if I can help with this one in any way.  
Jim

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On Mon, Dec 11, 2017 at 7:58 AM, Colvin, Chris <[christopher\\_colvin@nps.gov](mailto:christopher_colvin@nps.gov)> wrote:

+ Melissa Kuckro and Chris Powell.

Yep, committee staff notified us of the hearing on 12/7.

Here's the hearing page, where a hearing memo, witness list, webcast, etc. will be posted: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=403557>

And the E&E news article about the hearing from this am:

## Lawmakers to debate monuments bill, new Utah national park

**Kellie Lunney, E&E News reporter**

*Published: Monday, December 11, 2017*

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Azuki350/Wikipedia

A House Natural Resources subcommittee this Thursday will discuss legislation to create a sixth national park in Utah and codify President Trump's reduction of the 1.9-million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

The "**Grand Staircase Escalante Enhancement Act**," introduced by Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah) last week, would establish the Escalante Canyons National Park and Reserve, comprising roughly 100,000 acres within the newly created Escalante Canyons Unit of the monument.

President Trump last week issued two proclamations shrinking the size of Grand Staircase-Escalante and the Bears Ears National Monument, both in Utah, sparking controversy and several lawsuits from groups that view the move as illegal under the 1906 Antiquities Act and as part of an overall assault on public lands (*Greenwire*, Dec. 5).

The executive proclamation reduces Grand Staircase-Escalante, designated in 1996 by President Clinton, by about 50 percent, subtracting 862,000 acres.

Stewart's bill would codify those new boundaries consisting of three new units: the Escalante Canyons National Monument, where the new park would be located; Grand Staircase National

Monument; and Kaiparowits National Monument.

Stewart's proposal seeks to enhance access to hunting, fishing, trapping and grazing within the park and national monument land. The legislation would prohibit mineral extraction within the new park and preserve.

The Grand Staircase-Escalante area is rich in energy and mineral resources. Oil, gas and coal leasing is expected to increase significantly on the lands left out of the monument's redrawn boundaries.

"I love these lands. I want to preserve them," Stewart said during a press conference last week, while also emphasizing he wanted to create more economic opportunities for his constituents.

"I love tourism," he said, "but it's difficult to raise a family in the tourism industry when you're working from May to October. There needs to be a foundation for other economic foundations for those families."

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance called Stewart's bill "a brazen handout" to those who want to get rid of federal control of public lands.

"Though it purports to protect these landscapes, by handing control almost exclusively to development interests in Kane [County] and Garfield County, it is clear the remnants of Grand Staircase-Escalante would become playgrounds for destructive recreation, poor lands management and dirty energy," said Scott Groene, executive director of the SUWA.

"The bill, with its throw away national park designation, is a bait and switch," he said. "No one should bite."

Stewart's legislation seeks to give local leaders a more prominent voice in management of federal lands in Utah by creating a council of local officials to oversee a management plan for the new park and monument units within the Grand Staircase-Escalante footprint.

Another provision in H.R. 4558 would transfer authority from the federal government to Utah to manage Hole-in-the-Rock Road, a 55.5-mile historic road constructed by Mormon settlers migrating to the state in the 19th century.

House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop and other Utah Republicans, Mia Love and John Curtis, are co-sponsors of the bill.

**Schedule:** The hearing is Thursday, Dec. 14, at 9:30 a.m. in 1334 Longworth.

**Witnesses:** TBA.

On Sun, Dec 10, 2017 at 8:15 PM, Doyle, James <[james\\_doyle@nps.gov](mailto:james_doyle@nps.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Jim. They will have to do a lot of work to shape this up for then IMHO.

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On Sat, Dec 9, 2017 at 1:40 PM, Jim Ireland <[jim\\_ireland@nps.gov](mailto:jim_ireland@nps.gov)> wrote:

Looks like this bill is scheduled for its first hearing on Thursday, Dec 14.  
Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 7, 2017, at 4:07 PM, Colvin, Chris <[christopher\\_colvin@nps.gov](mailto:christopher_colvin@nps.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Vanessa and Jim.  
Good to have confirmed that there are no more maps specific to HR 4558,  
beyond the NM maps DOI posted.

I'll let you know if folks back here in DC have any additional questions.

Chris

On Thu, Dec 7, 2017 at 6:04 PM, Jim Ireland <[jim\\_ireland@nps.gov](mailto:jim_ireland@nps.gov)> wrote:

Thanks. I left a VM for James this morning. Had a good talk with Gary Webster, Stewart's District Director, and a brief talk with BLM state director just now.  
No map yet, because they're waiting for "locals" (not sure who) to decide on proposed park area and draw map.

Give me a call if you or OCLA folks want to discuss further.

Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 7, 2017, at 3:57 PM, Lacayo, Vanessa <[vanessa\\_lacayo@nps.gov](mailto:vanessa_lacayo@nps.gov)> wrote:

Here is the map from the announcement Monday, which is also referenced (not map, but unit) in Stewart's bill:

[https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/gsenm\\_12022017.pdf](https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/gsenm_12022017.pdf)

Also, Bear's Ear's map:

[https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/benm\\_12012017.pdf](https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/benm_12012017.pdf)

All pulled from here:

<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/president-trump-and-secretary-zinke-announce-modification-utah-monumentsresulting-5>

Meant to send this earlier today....sorry!

Thanks!

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