

Timeline of Events in the Public Process

1936:

- Area proposed for protection by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

2010:

- Navajo Nation begins working on a proposal to protect the Bears Ears region.

2013:

- Navajo Nation officially releases a specific proposal to protect the Bears Ears landscape.
- **Feb 15, 2013:** Congressman Rob Bishop (later joined by Congressman Jason Chaffetz and Stewart) begins working on the Public Lands Initiative (PLI) for eastern Utah, engaging a large number of stakeholders. They send a first round of letters to 21 local stakeholders to solicit ideas for PLI.
- **April 16, 2013:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **June 3, 2013:** Congressman Bishop, Chaffetz and Stewart send a second round of letters to 60 organizations to gather input for PLI.
- **June 28, 2013:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **July 31, 2013:** Secretary Jewell meets with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **August 1, 2013:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Congressman Rob Bishop.

2014:

- **January 22, 2014:** Secretary Jewell meets with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **June 18, 2014:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressman Rob Bishop in Room 123 of the Cannon House Office Building, staffed by DOI Congressional staff.
- **May 9, 2014:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **July 22, 2014:** Secretary Jewell meets with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **July 29, 2014:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **November 19, 2014:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **December 10, 2014:** Sally Jewell has a courtesy meeting with Senator Orrin Hatch, staffed by DOI Congressional staff.
- **December 11, 2014:** Secretary Jewell has a meeting with Congressman Jason Chaffetz.

2015:

- **Early 2015:** Five tribes—the Hopi, Navajo, Zuni, Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian—officially come together to form the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.
- **April 28, 2015:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **May 29, 2015:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **June 17, 2015:** Secretary Jewell and senior DOI staff meet with Congressman Jason Chaffetz and Congressman Rob Bishop in the Secretary's office at DOI to discuss draft PLI legislation and efforts to protect the Bears Ears Region.
- **July 2015:** Senior representatives from DOI and USFS attend an Inter-Tribal Council meeting in Utah at the Bears Ears Buttes to engage in government-to-government dialogue and listen to the Coalition's requests.

- **July 16, 2015:** Senior White House officials meet with Rep. Bishop to discuss PLI and efforts to protect the Bears Ears region.
- **October 2015:** The Inter-Tribal Coalition publicly releases their protection proposal, building on the Navajo Nation's earlier proposal and developing a request for collaborative management in the form of a proposed Bears Ears Tribal Commission.
- **October 16, 2015:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **December 30, 2015:** The Tribes send a letter to the Utah Delegation stating, "'The promised draft (Public Lands Initiative) was never delivered," and ending further engagement with the delegation. At this point, the tribes focused on the Presidential action as the preferred, and possibly only, way to protect the Bears Ears landscape.

2016:

- **January 15, 2016:** Delegation informally shares maps with CEQ and DOI.
- **January 20, 2016:** The Congressmen release a discussion draft of the PLI which includes protections for over 1 million acres in the Bears Ears region.
- **February 29, 2016:** Secretary Jewell meets with Congressmen Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz.
- **March 8, 2016:** Secretary Jewell meets with Senator Orrin Hatch.
- **March 29, 2016:** The Congressmen initiate an oversight request related to designations between January 1, 2015 and March 29, 2016.
- **April 12:** CEQ sends a letter in response to the Congressmen's oversight request, committing itself to working with DOI in providing responsive documents.
- **April 29, 2016:** Senior Administration officials meet with the Utah delegation regarding the PLI draft, sharing areas of contention and agreement.
- **May 5, 2016:** Senior Administration officials meet with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal coalition.
- **May 13, 2016:** CEQ meets with Congressman Chaffetz's staff. DOI provides an initial document production in response to the oversight request.
- **May 17, 2016:** CEQ receives draft grazing language with a Technical Assistance Request.
- **May 18, 2016:** Congressman Chaffetz's staff sends initial draft language to the Administration.
- **May 24, 2016:** CEQ sends additional documents in response to the oversight request.
- **June 9-10, 2016:** Senior CEQ and DOI staff meet with staff from Congressman Chaffetz and Senator Hatch's offices to discuss technical assistance on the PLI.
- **June 17, 2016:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Senator Mike Lee.
- **June 23, 2016:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Congressman Jason Chaffetz.
- **July 14, 2016:** The PLI bill, H.R. 5780, is introduced in Congress.
- **July 16-18, 2016:** Secretary Jewell, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment Robert Bonnie, and other Administration officials and staff travel to the Bears Ears region of Utah to hear from stakeholders in the region and to conduct a public meeting.
 - **July 16, 2016:** A large public meeting is held in Bluff, Utah to solicit input from all interested parties about the various protection proposals for the region. An overflow crowd of 1,500 citizens attended to share their views. The majority of speakers encouraged permanent protection of the iconic landscape, as did the majority of almost 600 written comments.
 - Public Meeting Attendees: Secretary Jewell, USDA Under Secretary Bonnie, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts, BLM Director Neil Kornze,

National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, and staff from the offices of Governor Herbert, Congressman Chaffetz, Congressman Bishop, Senator Lee, and Senator Hatch.

- Secretary Jewell, Under Secretary Bonnie, and other Administration officials held smaller meetings with local stakeholders, including a meeting with the San Juan County Commission that was well-attended by local citizens.
- **July 18, 2016:** DOI provides another document production in response to the oversight request.
- **August 2016:** The Administration commits to providing the Utah delegation with written Technical Assistance to the PLI.
- **August 1, 2016:** Secretary Jewell has a call with Congressman Rob Bishop.
- **September 2, 2016:** The Administration provides Technical Assistance to the delegation on the PLI, also highlighting what provisions they would be unable to support and ways that could be addressed.
- **September 14, 2016:** BLM and USFS offer testimony at a PLI hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee (HNRC).
- **September 22, 2016:** HNRC passes the bill with minor changes. The House does not take further action after this point, and the Senate never introduces a bill.
- **October, 2016:** TBD
- **November, 2016:** TBD

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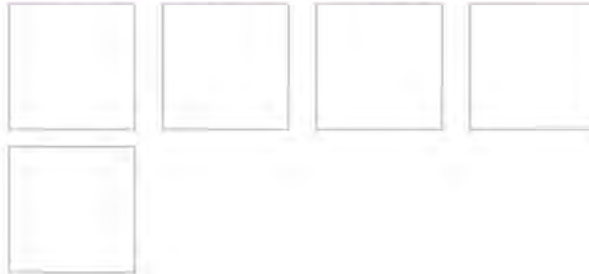
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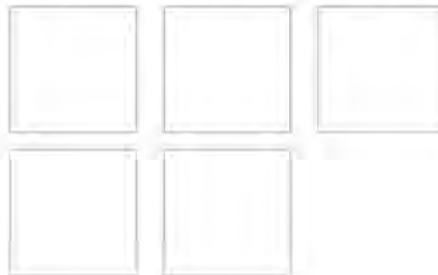
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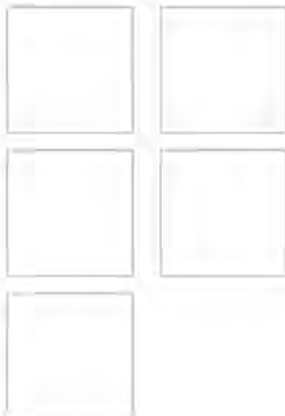
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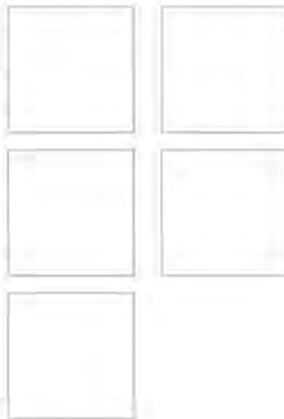
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Visuals:

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Also confirmed to attend: Alan Matheson (Dept. of Environmental Quality), Laynee Jones (Mountain Accord) and leaders of the 20+ government, business and environmental advocacy groups involved in the discussions preceding the bill.

When:

Monday, July 11 at 7:30 a.m.

Where:

2945 S. Wasatch Boulevard, Salt Lake City, UT 84109

<https://goo.gl/maps/KJXqWxDjmk52>

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Nature Conservancy - Sue Bellagamba <sbellagamba@TNC.ORG>
Utah Cattlemen – Brent Tanner utahbeef@aol.com
Western Energy Alliance - Lowell Braxton <vanbrax@gmail.com>

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Ann;

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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 any Indian tribe, the following areas ~~of the State~~ 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.).

- (A) CANDLAND MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 12,330 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Candland Mountain Wilderness”.
- (B) DESOLATION CANYON. --- Not including land within the exterior boundaries of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation. cCertain federal land in Duchesne, Uintah, Carbon, Emery, and Grand Counties managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 473,272 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Desolation Canyon Wilderness.”
- (C) HIGH UINTA. --- Certain federal land in Duchesne, Summit, and Uintah Counties, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 26,701 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “High Uintah Wilderness.”
- (D) MANCOS MESA.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah 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 and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mancos Mesa Wilderness.”
- (E) CHEESEBOX CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 14,441 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cheesebox Canyon Wilderness.”
- (F) BUTLER WASH.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 27,813 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Butler Wash Wilderness.”
- (G) DARK CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 72,990 acres, as

generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Dark Canyon Wilderness.”

- (H) BEHIND THE ROCKS.—Certain federal land in San Juan and Grand Counties in Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 13,025 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Behind the Rocks Wilderness.”
- (I) BRIDGER JACK MESA.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 6,333 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Bridger Jack Mesa Wilderness.”
- (J) CEDAR MESA.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 223,566 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cedar Mesa Wilderness.”
- (K) MIKES CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah 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 and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mikes Canyon Wilderness.”
- (L) MULE CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 5,859 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mule Canyon Wilderness.”
- (M) MARSH PEAK.—Certain federal land in Uintah County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 15,032 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Marsh Peak Wilderness.”
- (N) CLIFF PEAK.—Certain federal land in Uintah County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 9,154 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cliff Peak Wilderness.”
- (O) 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 _____, which shall be known as the “Bull Canyon Wilderness.”
- (P) WHITE CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 18,886 acres, as

generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “White Canyon Wilderness.”

- (Q) MEXICAN MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 85,150 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mexican Mountain Wilderness.”
- (R) SIDS MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 82,406 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Sids Mountain Wilderness.”
- (S) MUDDY CREEK.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 72,400 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Muddy Creek Wilderness.”
- (T) SAN RAFAEL REEF.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 65,146 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “San Rafael Reef Wilderness.”
- (U) CRACK CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 27,191 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Crack Canyon Wilderness.”
- (V) DEVILS CANYON.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 8,652 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Devils Canyon Wilderness.”
- (W) NELSON MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 12,856 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Nelson Mountain Wilderness.”
- (X) WILLIAM GRANSTAFF CANYON.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 8,983 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “William Granstaff Canyon Wilderness.”
- (Y) MILL CREEK CANYON.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 12,358

acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mill Creek Canyon Wilderness.”

- (Z) LABYRINTH CANYON.—Certain federal land in Grand and Emery Counties in the state of Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 52,969 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Labyrinth Canyon Wilderness.”
- (AA) CANYONLANDS.—Certain federal land in San Juan and Grand Counties in the State of Utah managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 257,607 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Canyonlands Wilderness.”
- (BB) ARCHES.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 76,259 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Arches Wilderness.”
- (CC) FISHER TOWERS.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 1,190 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Fisher Towers Wilderness.”
- (DD) MARY JANE CANYON.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 13,574 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mary Jane Canyon Wilderness.”
- (EE) GRANITE CREEK.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 25,104 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Granite Creek Wilderness.”
- (FF) BOOK CLIFFS.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 175,491 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Book Cliffs Wilderness.”
- (GG) WESTWATER.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 32,955 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Westwater Wilderness.”
- (HH) BEAVER CREEK.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 48,514 acres, as

generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Beaver Creek Wilderness.”

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

(JJ) HAMMOND CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 7,594 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Hammond Canyon Wilderness.”

(KK) ARCH CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 4,376 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Arch Canyon Wilderness.”

(LL) RANGE CREEK.—Certain federal land in Carbon County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 4,062 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Range Creek Wilderness.”

(MM) DINOSAUR.—Certain federal land in Uintah County, Utah managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 52,349 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Dinosaur Wilderness.”

(NN) CEDAR MOUNTAIN. - Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 17,355 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cedar Mountain Wilderness.”

(OO) INDIAN CREEK. - Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 6,562 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Indian Creek Wilderness.”

SEC. 102 MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years from the date the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall file a map and legal description 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.

(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.

(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 any Indian 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.

(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.

(3) with reference to wilderness areas located within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, within 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture shall consult, develop and implement an agreement with the respective Indian Tribe to manage those areas in accordance with federal and tribal laws for the purpose of—

(a) identifying, restoring, conserving, protecting, and preventing any damage to the important cultural, archaeological, and historical value of the wilderness areas to the respective Indian tribe;

(b) conserving, protecting, and improving the ecological integrity, social values, and economic environment of the area, including grazing, vegetation, fishery, prescribed fire, geological, biological, wildlife, and scenic resources of such wilderness areas to the respective Indian tribe;

(c) protecting and preserving the hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities to the respective Indian tribe; and

(d) authorizing only such uses on wilderness areas that are consistent with the purposes of this Act, the purposes of an Indian reservation or Indian Country, or any other uses as agreed to by the respective Indian tribe and Secretary.

(4) The respective Indian tribe and Secretary will determine in consultation and cooperation the agreement mechanism that will set forth an enforceable agreement that will result in mutual and shared management of the wilderness areas and Indian reservation or within Indian Country to achieve the purposes of this Section.

- (5) The functions, activities, and services that may be performed by an Indian Tribe shall include, but are not limited to—
- (a) cultural heritage activities;
 - (b) natural resource management, including cultural resources and hunting and fishing;
 - (c) recreation regulation and management;
 - (d) grazing regulation; and
 - (e) law enforcement.

(2) _____

(b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE.— In accordance with this section, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate may—

- (1) carry out any measures to manage wildland fire and treat hazardous fuels, insects, and diseases in the wilderness; and
- (2) coordinate those measures with the appropriate State, Indian tribe or local agency.

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

(d) LIVESTOCK.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—Within the wilderness areas, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, except that the grazing of livestock within an Indian reservation and related grazing permits shall be governed by the laws of the respective Indian tribe and applicable federal law whether established before the date of enactment of this Act or in the future.
- (2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Except as limited by and required under federal or tribal laws for livestock grazing on an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, Existing livestock grazing shall continue in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in wilderness areas simply because an area is, or has been designated as wilderness, nor should wilderness designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.
 - B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in wilderness shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area enters the wilderness system. If range condition and monitoring studies and an analysis determine that increased livestock

numbers and/or animal unit months (AUMs) can be made available with no adverse impact on wilderness values, increases in stock numbers and/or AUMs shall be authorized.

C) the maintenance of supporting facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as wilderness (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance shall include the use of motorized and/or mechanized tools and equipment where such use is the most reasonable means of accomplishing maintenance.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in wilderness is permissible.

E) the use of motorized equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

(3) Applicability of Certain Requirements

The plant and animal viability requirements of section 219 of title 36, United States Code of Federal Regulations, shall not apply to any proposed action or decision of the United States Forest Service regarding livestock grazing on National Forest Service lands affected by this section except that any such proposed action or decision of the United States within the exterior boundary of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall only be made in consultation and coordination with the respective Indian tribe and consistent with tribal law, as applicable.

(4) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Excluding grazing of livestock on or within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, in instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee and the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given priority consideration by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate to establish historic grazing areas, locations, or use except that data and information related to such disputes and arising within the exterior boundary an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be provided by the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate, and given priority consideration, in consultation with the respective Indian tribe.

~~(e)~~(d)) 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 to the extent necessary for realizing the recreational purposes of the areas, except that any commercial services within a wilderness area that is also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country must be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

~~(d)~~(c) 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 public land in the State outside the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or outside of Indian Country, or of a respective Indian tribe within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping and use of helicopters to maintain healthy wildlife populations within the wilderness areas.

~~(e)~~(f) ACCESS.—In accordance with section 5(a) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1134(a)), the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a wilderness area access to the property, except that the owners of State or private property within the boundary of a wilderness area that is also within the exterior boundary an Indian reservation or within Indian Country are required to obtain a right-of-way from the respective Indian tribe to access the property.

~~(f)~~(g) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—Structures and facilities, including future and existing structures and facilities, for wildlife water development projects (including guzzlers) are allowed in the wilderness areas designated by section 101, if—

- (1) the structures and facilities will enhance wilderness values by promoting healthy, viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife populations; ~~and~~
- (2) the visual impacts of the structures and facilities on the wilderness can be minimized; ~~and~~
- ~~(2)(3)~~ any wildlife water development projects within a wilderness area that is also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

~~(g)(h)~~ HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL AND TARGET SHOOTING.

– Within the wilderness areas, hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting, in areas where hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting has been allowed on lands and waters owned or managed by the Department of the Interior or Department of Agriculture before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue, except that such hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting activities on land and water within an Indian reservation, within Indian Country, or under the concurrent jurisdiction of an Indian tribe and the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture shall be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

~~(h)(i)~~ WITHDRAWALS- Subject to valid existing rights, including the rights of any Indian tribe, all public land within the areas established under this title, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States (except land taken in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe) within the wilderness area 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.

~~(i)(j)~~ TRAIL AND FENCE MAINTENANCE. – The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture, subject to any agreement with an Indian tribe under subsections 103(a)(3), (4) and (5), shall work to ensure that existing trails and fence lines located in the lands identified in this title are adequately cleared and maintained, including through the use of chainsaws as appropriate and necessary.

SEC. 104. WATER RIGHTS.

(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;
- ~~(1)(2)~~ shall affect the federal Indian reserved water rights of an Indian tribe under the Winters Doctrine, either adjudicated as of the date of enactment of this Act or settled or adjudicated in the future, and including water rights of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah, recognized and acknowledged by the United States, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and the State of Utah in the Agreement of September 20, 1965, Contract No. 14-06-W-194;
- ~~(2)(3)~~ affects any water rights in the State of Utah, or the state’s right to define uses, existing on the date of enactment of this Act, including any water rights held by the United States, except water rights held by the United States in trust

for an Indian tribe and the federal Indian reserved water rights described in subsection (2) above, where such water rights uses are defined by the respective Indian tribe.

~~(3)~~(4) establishes a precedent with regard to any future wilderness designations.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture 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 wilderness areas designated by section 101, except that the procedural and substantive requirements governing the Indian reserved water rights described in subsection (a)(2) above shall be governed by a respective Indian tribe’s water code and applicable Federal law.

(c) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS. – Except for federal actions related to an Indian tribe’s federal Indian reserved water rights as described in subsection (a)(2) above and the respective Indian tribe’s jurisdiction and regulatory authority over such Indian reserved water rights, the ~~The~~ Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall not take any action that adversely affects –

- (1) any water rights granted by the State;
- (2) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;
- (3) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;
- (4) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;
- (5) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law; or
- (6) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(d) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect, encumber, transfer, impair, limit, or eliminate the jurisdictional and regulatory authority of an Indian tribe to determine access to its respective Indian reservation and Indian Country by local municipalities and other water right holders.

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(4) Except as limited and restricted under (1) and by federal law governing federal water resource facilities, and the laws of an Indian tribe governing its water resource facilities, nNothing in this Act shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 wilderness areas designated by section 101.

(2)(3) Except for the limitations and restrictions provided under subsection (d)(1) and an Indian tribe's jurisdiction and regulatory authority over its federal Indian reserved water rights, and the exception provided in subsection (c) above, nNothing in this Act 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.

(e)) DEFINITION. – 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.

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.

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. NATIVE AMERICAN ~~TREATY~~-RIGHTS.

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

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

(a) ACQUISITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate may acquire land or interest in land within the boundaries of the wilderness areas designated by section 101 only by donation, ~~or~~ exchange or acquired to be held by the United States in trust for an Indian tribe.

(2) LAND EXCHANGE.—

(A) At the request of the State, not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall complete exchanges for State land located within the boundaries of the wilderness areas designated by this title.

~~(2)~~ (B) For any State land exchanged under 2(A) that is located within the boundaries of a wilderness areas designated by this title and also within the exterior boundary of an Indian reservation, the respective Indian tribe may request that the land be held in trust for that Indian tribe. Upon such request, the Secretary of the Interior shall declare the land to be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the respective Indian tribe.

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

(b) INCORPORATION IN WILDERNESS AREA.—Any land or interest in land 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 taken in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe) shall be added to, and administered as part of the wilderness area.

SEC. 109. WILDERNESS REVIEW.

(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 and dated _____, have been adequately studied for wilderness designation:

- A. 43,323-acre area known as Winter Ridge Wilderness Study Area;
- B. 7,051-acre area known as Jack Canyon Wilderness Study Area;
- C. 6,557-acre area known as Squaw and Papoose Wilderness Study Area;
- D. 20,404-acre area known as Desolation Canyon Wilderness Study Area included within the Desolation Canyon National Conservation Area as designated by this Act and as depicted on the map;
- E. 2,517-acre area known as Daniels Canyon Wilderness Study Areas; and
- F. 945-acre 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), provided the land management plans have been adjusted to reflect the new policies included in this Act; 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.

The wilderness areas designated under section 101 shall not be designated as Class I airsheds under the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7661) unless such designation is approved under the requirements of Subsections 103(a)(3), (4) and (5) of this Title.

Title II – National Conservation Areas

SEC. 201. NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, ~~including the rights of any~~ Indian tribe, the following areas in the State are hereby established as National Conservation Areas:

~~(1) WHITE RIVER.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 16,785 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “White River National Conservation Area.”~~

~~(2)~~(1) BEACH DRAW.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 659 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Beach Draw National Conservation Area.”

~~(3)~~(2) DIAMOND MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 30,391 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Diamond Mountain National Conservation Area.”

~~(4)~~(3) DOCS VALLEY.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 8,544 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Docs Valley National Conservation Area.”

~~(5)~~(4) STONE BRIDGE DRAW.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 2,415 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Stone Bridge Draw National Conservation Area.”

~~(6)~~(5) STUNTZ DRAW.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 2,284 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Stuntz Draw National Conservation Area.”

~~(7)~~(6) _____ SAN RAFAEL SWELL.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 329,933 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 _____, to be known as the “San Rafael Swell National Conservation Area.”

~~(8)~~(7) LABYRINTH CANYON.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 35,049 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Emery County and Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation

Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Labyrinth Canyon National Conservation Area.”

~~(9)~~(8) MUDDY CREEK.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 55,208 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 _____, to be known as the “Muddy Creek National Conservation Area.”

~~(10)~~(9) _____ COLORADO RIVER.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 116,156 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Colorado River National Conservation Area.”

~~(11)~~(10) _____ DESOLATION CANYON.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 8,770 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Carbon County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Desolation Canyon National Conservation Area.”

~~(12)~~(11) _____ NINE MILE CANYON.— Not including land within the exterior boundaries of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, cCertain federal land, comprising approximately 41,301 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Carbon County and Duchesne County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Nine Mile Canyon National Conservation Area.”

SEC. 202 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 shall file a map and legal description of the National Conservation Areas established by sections 201, 205 and 206 of this Act 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.—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 may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.

(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. 203. ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS

(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 Secretary of the Interior shall manage the National Conservation Areas established by section 201 in a

manner that conserves and enhances the scenic, natural, historical, ecological,

educational, cultural, and motorized, mechanized, and primitive recreational resources of the National Conservation Areas, except that all National Conservation Areas within the exterior boundary of an Indian Reservation or within Indian Country shall be managed according to subsection (b)(4).

(b) MANAGEMENT PLANS.

(1) 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 each conservation area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the State, local governments, and ~~Native American~~Indian tribes, with priority given to the preferences of the Ute Indian Tribe within the exterior boundaries of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation. If the Secretary of the Interior does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State, local, and ~~Native American~~Indian tribes 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 Indian tribes.

(3) REQUIREMENTS- Each management plan shall--

(A) describe the appropriate uses, such as scenic, natural, historical, recreational, ecological, educational, and cultural, and for management of the conservation area; and

(B) include interpretive and educational materials regarding the cultural and biological resources of the region within which the conservation area is located.

(C) Complies with Sec. 203 and Sec. 204 .

(4) TRIBAL CO-MANAGEMENT.—In addition to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), and other applicable laws, the Secretary of the Interior shall develop a management plan for any National Conversation Area within the exterior boundaries of an Indian Reservation or within Indian Country in consultation or coordination with the respective Indian tribe. Management plans developed under this subsection shall:

(A) identify, restore, conserve, protect, and prevent any damage to the important cultural, archaeological, and historical value of the wilderness areas to the respective Indian tribe;

(B) conserve, protect, and improve the ecological integrity, social values, and economic environment of the area, including grazing, vegetation, fishery, prescribed fire, geological, biological, wildlife, and scenic resources of such wilderness areas to the respective Indian tribe;

(C) provide for tribal authority and management of cultural heritage activities; natural resource management, including cultural resources and hunting and fishing; recreation regulation and management; grazing regulation; and law enforcement;

(D) protect and preserve the hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities to the respective Indian tribe; and

~~(C)~~(E) authorize only such uses that are consistent with the purposes of an

Indian reservation or Indian Country, or any other uses as agreed to by the respective Indian tribe and Secretary.

(c) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the conservation area that would further the recommendations put forth in the Management Plan

(d) ACQUISITION OF LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND. -

(a) ACQUISITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may acquire land or interest in land within the boundaries of the National Conservation Areas designated by section 201 only by donation, ~~or exchange,~~ or acquired to be held by the United States in trust for an Indian tribe.

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

~~(2)~~(3) For any State land exchanged under (d)(a)(2) above that is located within the boundaries of a National Conservation Area designated by this title and also within the exterior boundary of an Indian reservation, the respective Indian tribe may request that the land be held in trust for that Indian tribe. Upon such request, the Secretary of the Interior shall declare the land to be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the respective Indian tribe.

~~(3)~~(4) NO CONDEMNATION. – Within the areas designated by this title the use of eminent domain or condemnation shall be prohibited.

(b) INCORPORATION IN CONSERVATION AREA.—Any land or interest in land located inside the boundary of a conservation area that is acquired by the United States after the date of enactment of this Act (except land taken in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe) shall be added to, and administered as part of the conservation area.

SEC. 204. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) WITHDRAWALS-

(1) Subject to valid existing rights, all federal land within the National Conservation Areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 , including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the conservation area after the date of enactment of this Act, except for land taken in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe, 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.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the withdrawal in paragraph (1), for the Desolation Canyon National Conservation Area, White River National Conservation Area, and the Book Cliffs Sportsmens National Conservation Area, the Secretary of the Interior 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:

- (A) the area may be accessed only by directional drilling from a lease held on the date of enactment of this Act on land that is adjacent to, and outside of, the conservation area.
- (B) the lease shall prohibit surface occupancy and surface disturbance for any mineral activities within the national conservation areas.

(b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE .— In accordance with this title, in national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 the Secretary of the Interior may—

- (A) carry out any measures to manage wildland fire and treat hazardous fuels, insects, and diseases in the national conservation areas; and
- (B) coordinate those measures with the appropriate State, Indian tribe -or local agency.

(c) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS. – Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, Indian tribe or local agency from conducting wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment) or interferes with the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to prevent or control the spread of wildfires or the use of mechanized equipment for wildfire pre- suppression and suppression in national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 .

(d) LIVESTOCK .—

(1) IN GENERAL .—Within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, except that the grazing of livestock within an Indian reservation and related grazing permits shall be governed by the laws of the respective Indian tribe and applicable federal law whether established before the date of enactment of this Act or in the future.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Except as limited by and required under federal or tribal laws for livestock grazing on an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, eExisting livestock grazing shall continue in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has

been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking

levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated. If range condition and monitoring studies and an analysis determine that increased livestock numbers or animal unit months (AUMs) can be made available with no adverse impact on the areas designated by this title, increases in stock numbers and/or AUMs shall be authorized.

C) the maintenance of supporting facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of motorized or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible.

E) the use of motorized equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

(3) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS

The plant and animal viability requirements of section 219 of title 36, United States Code of Federal Regulations, shall not apply to any proposed action or decision of the United States Forest Service regarding livestock grazing on National Forest Service lands affected by this title except that any such proposed action or decision of the United States within the exterior boundary of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall only be made in consultation and coordination with the respective Indian tribe and consistent with tribal law, as applicable.

(4) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Excluding grazing of livestock on within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, in instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee and the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given priority consideration by the Secretary of the Interior or —————the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate to establish historic grazing areas or use, except that data and information related to such disputes and arising within the exterior boundary an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be provided by the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate, and given priority consideration, in consultation with the respective Indian tribe.

(e) AIRSHED. - The national conservation areas designated under sections 201, 205, and 206 shall not be designated as Class I airsheds under the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401- 7661) unless such designation is approved according to the management plan developed under Subsection 203(b)(4) of this Title.

(f) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY. – Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary of the Interior from renewing easements or rights-of-way in national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 in existence on the date

of enactment of this Act, in accordance with this Act and existing law, except any easements or rights-of-way in existence on the date of enactment of this Act that are also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be required to obtain a right-of-way from the respective Indian tribe.

(g) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around a Conservation area designated by sections 201, 205 and 206 .

(b) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE CONSERVATION AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside a conservation area established under sections 201, 205, and 206 can be seen, heard, or smelled within the conservation area shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the Conservation area.

(h) **OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES** .— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 are authorized except that any commercial services within a National Conservation Area that is also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country must be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

(i) **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 outside the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or outside of Indian Country, or of a respective Indian tribe within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping and use of helicopters to maintain healthy wildlife populations, within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206.

(j) **ACCESS** .—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a conservation area established under sections 201, 205, and 206 access to the property, except that the owners of State or private property within the boundary of a National Conservation Area that is also within the exterior boundary an Indian reservation or within Indian Country are required to obtain a right-of-way from the respective Indian tribe to access the property.

(k) **WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** .— Structures and facilities, including future and existing structures and facilities, for wildlife water development projects (including guzzlers) in the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 are authorized, except that any wildlife water development projects within a National Conversation Area that is also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

(l) **HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL AND TARGET SHOOTING** .— Within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206, hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting, in areas where hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting has been allowed on lands and waters owned or managed by the Department of the Interior or Department of Agriculture before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue, except that such hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting activities on land and water within an Indian reservation, within Indian Country, or under the concurrent jurisdiction of an Indian tribe and the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture shall be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

(m) **WATER RIGHTS** .—

(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 national conservation areas designated by sections 201, 205, and 206 ;

(2) shall affect the federal Indian reserved water rights of an Indian tribe under the *Winters* Doctrine, either adjudicated as of the date of enactment of this Act or settled or adjudicated in the future, and including water rights of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah recognized and acknowledged by the United States, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and the State of Utah in the Agreement of

September 20, 1965, Contract No. 14-06-W-194:

(2)(3) affects any water rights in the State of Utah existing on the date of enactment of this Act, including any water rights, or the state's right to define uses, existing on date of enactment, including any water rights held by the United States, except water rights held by the United States in trust for an Indian tribe and the federal Indian reserved water rights described in subsection (2) above, where such water rights uses are defined by the respective Indian tribe.

(3)(4) establishes a precedent with regard to any future national conservation areas designations.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of the Interior 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 national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206, except that the procedural and substantive requirements governing the Indian reserved water rights described in subsection (a)(2) above shall be governed by a respective Indian tribe's water code and applicable Federal law.

(c) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS. – Except for federal actions related to an Indian tribe's federal Indian reserved water rights as described in subsection (a)(2) above and the respective Indian tribe's jurisdiction and regulatory authority over such Indian reserved water rights, the ~~The~~ Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall not take any action that adversely affects –

- (1) any water rights granted by the State;
 - (2) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;
 - (3) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;
 - (4) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;
 - (5) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law;
- or
- (6) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(d) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect, encumber, transfer, impair, limit, or eliminate the jurisdictional and regulatory authority of an Indian tribe to determine access to its respective Indian reservation and Indian Country by local municipalities and other water right holders.

~~(1)~~(2) Except as limited and restricted under (1) and by federal law governing federal water resource facilities, and the laws of an Indian tribe governing its water resource facilities, Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 national conservation areas designated by sections 201, 205, and 206 .

~~(2)~~(3) Except for the limitations and restrictions provided under subsection (d)(1) and an Indian tribe’s jurisdiction and regulatory authority over its federal Indian reserved water rights, and the exception provided in subsection (c) above, Nothing in this Act 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.

(e)) DEFINITION. – 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.

(n) WILDERNESS REVIEW. –

(a) Congress finds that the national conservation areas described in sections 201, 205, and 206 have been adequately studied for wilderness character and wilderness designation pursuant to sections 201 and 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, except that lands within the exterior boundary of an Indian Reservation or within Indian Country may be subject to such requirement and require additional study as determined by the applicable Indian tribe.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior may not promulgate or issue any system-wide regulation, directive, instruction memorandum or order that would direct management of the federal lands designated as national conservation areas in sections 201, 205, and 206 in a manner contrary to subsection (n) .

(o) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this title prevents the Secretary of the Interior from conducting vegetation management projects within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206-, except that the Secretary shall coordinate and consult on vegetation management projects with the applicable Indian tribe for any National Conversation Area within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country.

(p) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.

(1) IN GENERAL- Except in cases in which motorized vehicles are needed for administrative purposes, including project construction and maintenance, or to respond to an emergency, the use of motorized vehicles shall be permitted only on designated routes within the national conservation areas, except that the Secretary shall coordinate and consult on motorized vehicles with the applicable Indian tribe for any National Conversation Areas within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country.

(2) DESIGNATED ROUTES

(A) IN GENERAL- Except for the management of routes on lands within the exterior boundary of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, which shall be determined by the applicable Indian tribe in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, the ~~The~~ Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that--

- (i) is consistent with motorized and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized on January 1, 2016;
- (ii) minimizes conflict with sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources; and
- (iii) does not interfere with private property or water rights.

(B) CLOSURE OR REROUTING-

(i) IN GENERAL- Except for closure or rerouting routes on lands within the exterior boundary of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, which shall be determined by the applicable Indian tribe in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, the A-designated route may be temporarily closed or rerouted, for a period not to exceed two years, if the Secretary of

the Interior, in consultation with the State, and relevant local government within the State determines that--

- (I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;
- (II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.
- (III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the conservation area.
- (IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.
- (V) an alternative route has been provided, which can include routes previously closed.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of the Interior shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been rerouted, or are temporarily closed through--

- (i) use of appropriate signage within the Conservation Area;
- (ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(3) PERMANENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION-

(1) After the date of enactment of this Act, except as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, or in consultation with an applicable Indian tribe, the Secretary of the Interior shall not construct any permanent road within the conservation areas designated under section 201, 205, or 206

(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.

~~SEC. 205. — BOOK CLIFFS SPORTSMENS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA~~

~~(a) ESTABLISHMENT. — Subject to valid existing rights, certain federal land, comprising approximately 42,352 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County in the State of Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, is established as “Book Cliffs Sportsmens National Conservation Area.”~~

~~(b) — PURPOSES. — The purpose of the Book Cliffs Sportsmen’s National Conservation Area (referred to in this section as the “NCA”) is to facilitate hunting and fishing opportunities and to provide for state management of wildlife habitat.~~

~~(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN. —~~

~~(1) 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 NCA.~~

~~(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION — The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Advisory Council. 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.~~

~~(3) REQUIREMENTS—The management plan shall be written in accordance with subsection (b)~~

~~(4) Uses—The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the NCA that would further the purposes of the NCA.~~

~~(d) BOOK CLIFFS SPORTSMEN'S NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL.—~~

~~(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall establish the Book Cliffs Sportsmens National Conservation Area Advisory Council (referred to as the Advisory Council") to:~~

~~(A) advise the Secretary of the Interior with respect to development and implementation of the NCA management plan to the greatest extent allowable by law.~~

~~(B) encourage and promote local participation in the decision making processes affecting the NCA.~~

~~(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Council shall consist of 11 members.~~

~~(3) MEMBERS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint one member from each of the from the following groups:~~

~~(i) State fish and wildlife agencies.~~

~~(ii) Game bird hunting organizations.~~

~~(iii) Wildlife conservation organizations.~~

~~(iv) Big game hunting organizations.~~

~~(v) a cold water fishing organization.~~

~~(vi) the tourism, outfitter, or guiding industry.~~

~~(vii) the hunting or shooting equipment retail industry.~~

~~(viii) tribal resource management organizations.~~

~~(ix) The agriculture industry.~~

~~(x) the ranching industry.~~

~~(xi) the Uintah County Commission or its designee.~~

~~(4) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall determine that all individuals appointed to the Advisory Council, and the organization or industry each individual represents, support sustainable use hunting, wildlife conservation, and recreational shooting.~~

~~(1) TERMS.—~~

~~(A) IN GENERAL.—Except for the initial appointees, members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed for a term of 4 years. Members shall not be appointed for more than 3 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.~~

~~(2) TERMS OF INITIAL APPOINTEES.—The Secretary of the Interior~~

shall appoint the initial members of the Advisory Council as follows:

- (i) 5 members shall be appointed for a term of 4 years;
- (ii) 4 members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years; and
- (iii) 2 members shall be appointed for a term of 2 years.

~~(5) PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ADVISORY STATUS.~~— No individual may be appointed as a member of the Advisory Council while serving as an officer or employee of the Federal Government.

~~(6) VACANCY AND REMOVAL.~~—

~~(A) IN GENERAL.~~— Any vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

~~(B) REMOVAL.~~— Advisory Committee members shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior and may be removed at any time for good cause.

~~(7) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.~~— Each member may continue to serve after the expiration of the term of office to which such member was appointed until a successor has been appointed.

~~(8) CHAIR.~~— The Chair of the Advisory Council shall be appointed to a 3-year term by the Secretary of the Interior from among the members of the Advisory Council. An individual appointed to the Advisory Council under (4)(2)(iii) shall be eligible to serve as Chair, but may serve for two years. An individual may not be appointed as Chair for more than 2 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

~~(9) PAY AND EXPENSES.~~— Members of the Advisory Council shall serve without pay, but each member of the Advisory Council may be reimbursed for travel and lodging incurred through attending meetings of the Advisory Council (including approved workgroup or subgroup meetings) in the same amounts and under the same conditions as Federal employees in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

~~(10) MEETINGS.~~—

~~(A) IN GENERAL.~~— The Advisory Council shall meet at the call of the Secretary of the Interior, the chair, or a majority of the members, but not less frequently than twice annually.

~~(B) OPEN MEETINGS.~~— Each meeting of the Advisory Council shall be open to the public.

~~(C) PRIOR NOTICE OF MEETINGS.~~— Timely notice of each meeting of the Advisory Committee shall be published in the Federal Register and be submitted to publications of general circulation.

~~(D) SUBGROUPS.~~— The Advisory Council may establish such workgroups or subgroups as it deems necessary for the purpose of compiling information or conducting research. However, such workgroups or subgroups may not conduct business without the direction of the Advisory Council.

~~(11) QUORUM.~~— Nine members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum.

~~(12) EXPENSES.~~— The expenses of the Advisory Council that the Secretary of the Interior determine to be reasonable and appropriate shall be paid by the Secretary of the Interior.

~~(13) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.~~— The Secretary of the Interior shall provide to the Advisory Council the administrative support and technical services.

~~(14) ANNUAL REPORT.~~—

~~(1) REQUIRED.— Not later than September 30 of each year, the Advisory Council shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Interior, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate. If circumstances arise in which the Advisory Council 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 Advisory Committee during the preceding year;~~
~~(B) the reports and recommendations made by the Advisory Council 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.~~

~~(15) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.— The Advisory Council shall be exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).~~

~~(16)(1) _____ VEGETATION MANAGEMENT: Within the NCA, the Secretary of the Interior may authorize vegetation management including through mechanical means to the extent necessary to control fire, insects, or disease to promote and improve wildlife habitat and diversity.~~

SEC. 206. - BEARS EARS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights certain federal land, comprising approximately 1,145,238 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service in San Juan County in the State of Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Bears Ears National Conservation Area”.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Bears Ears National Conservation Area (referred to in this section as the “Bears Ears”) is to integrate greater local control, science and land management techniques, traditional knowledge, scientific expertise, and commitment of the Hopi Tribe; Navajo Nation; Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Utah; ~~Ute Tribe~~, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; Zuni Tribe; San Juan County; and the State of Utah to the culturally significant landscape known as the Bears Ears and to manage the area in a way that conserves, protects, and enhances the scenic, biological, natural, historical, scientific, recreational, ecological, educational, scientific, and cultural resources of the area while maintaining access via motorized and non-motorized uses to sacred sites, historical and recreational places, and gathering and hunting grounds.

(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) PLAN REQUIRED- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall develop a management plan for the long-term management of the NCA.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall implement the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Bears Ears Commission. If the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture do not implement the

recommendations submitted by the Bears Ears Commission into the management plan, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture 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 Bears Ears Commission.

(3) REQUIREMENTS- The management plan shall be written in accordance with subsection (b) of this subsection.

(4) Uses- The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall allow only such uses of the NCA that would further the purposes of the NCA described in subsection (b).

(d) BEARS EARS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION. –

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish the Bears Ears Management Commission, to:

- (A) Advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to development and implementation of the management plan.
- (B) Encourage and promote local participation in the decision-making processes affecting the Bears Ears National Conservation Area.
- (C) Advise the Secretaries on ongoing management and implementation actions.

(2) MEMBERS.—The members shall be appointed jointly by the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture from the following:

- (i) One representative from one of the seven Utah Chapters of the Navajo Nation who is a resident of San Juan County, Utah; and
- (ii) One representative from the Hopi Tribe; ~~the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Utah; Ute Tribe,~~ Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; or the Zuni Tribe; and
- (iii) a representative from the Utah Department of Natural Resources designated by the Governor of Utah; and
- (iv) a designee, and resident of San Juan County, Utah, of the San Juan County Commission.

(3) TERMS.—Members of the Bears Ears Management Commission shall be appointed for a term of 4 years. Members shall not be appointed for more than 3 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(4) TERMS OF INITIAL APPOINTEES.—The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint the initial members of the Bears Ears Management Commission as follows:

- (i) The first tribal representative shall be appointed for a term of 4 years;
- (ii) The second tribal representative shall be appointed for a term of 3 years; and
- (iii) The Utah Department of Natural Resources representative and the San Juan County Commission representative shall each be appointed for a term of 2 years.

(5) PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ADVISORY STATUS.—No individual may be appointed as a member of the Bears Ears Management Commission while serving as an officer or employee of the Federal Government.

(6) VACANCY AND REMOVAL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Any vacancy on the Bears Ears Management Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(B) REMOVAL.—Bears Ears Management Commission members shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture and may be removed at any time for good cause.

(7) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—Each appointed member may continue to serve after the expiration of the term of office to which such member was appointed until a successor has been appointed.

(8) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Bears Ears Management Commission shall be appointed to a 3-year term by the Secretary of the Interior from among the members of the Bears Ears Commission. An individual appointed to the Bears Ears Management Commission under (4)(2)(iii) shall be eligible to serve as Chair, but may serve for two years. An individual may not be appointed as Chair for more than 2 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(9) PAY AND EXPENSES.—Members of the Bears Ears Management Commission shall serve without pay, but each member of the Bears Ears Management Commission may be reimbursed for travel and lodging incurred through attending meetings of the Bears Ears Management Commission approved subgroup meetings in the same amounts and under the same conditions as Federal employees in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(10) MEETINGS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Bears Ears Management Commission shall meet at the call of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, the chair, or a majority of the members, but not less frequently than twice annually.

(B) OPEN MEETINGS.—Each meeting of the Bears Ears Management Commission shall be open to the public.

(C) PRIOR NOTICE OF MEETINGS.—Timely notice of each meeting of the Bears Ears Management Commission shall be published in the Federal Register and be submitted to publications of general circulation.

(D) SUBGROUPS.—The Bears Ears Management Commission may establish such workgroups or subgroups as it deems necessary for the purpose of compiling information or conducting research. However, such workgroups or subgroups may not conduct business without the direction of the Bears Ears Management Commission.

(11) QUORUM.—Four members of the Bears Ears Management ~~Management~~ Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(12) EXPENSES.—The expenses of the Bears Ears Management Commission that the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture determine to be reasonable and appropriate shall be paid by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.

(13) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.—The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall provide to the Bears Ears Management Commission administrative support and technical services.

(14) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The Bears Ears

Management Commission shall be exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

(e) MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(1) PLAN REQUIRED- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Bears Ears Management Commission shall develop recommendations for a management plan for the long-term management of the Bears Ears.

(2) REQUIREMENTS- The management plan shall--

(a) describe the appropriate uses and management of the Bears Ears NCA consistent with the stated purposes of the NCA;

(b) include a recommendation on interpretive and educational materials regarding the cultural and biological resources of the region;

(c) protect valid exiting rights;

(d) continue livestock grazing in areas where livestock grazing was permitted on the date of enactment of this act;

(e) protect and preserve Native American historical uses, access to ceremonial sites, hunting and gathering, and other cultural uses and sites;

(f) enhance recreation;

(g) promote scientific research;

(h) promote traditional knowledge;

(i) promote and continue lifestyles and activities, including motorized access; and

(j) be adopted by a majority vote of the Bears Ears Management Commission

(3) PLAN ADOPTION. – The recommendations for a management plan shall only be adopted and transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture except by a majority vote of the Bears Ears Management Commission.

SEC. 207- ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR DOCS VALLEY, STONE BRIDGE DRAW, STUNTZ DRAW, BEACH DRAW, MCCOOK RIDGE, AND DIAMOND MOUNTAIN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS

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

Title III – Special Management Areas

SEC. 301. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The following special management areas are hereby established ~~in the State of Utah~~, subject to valid existing rights, including the rights of any Indian tribe:

(1) ASHLEY SPRING.—The “Ashley Spring Special Management Area”, consisting of approximately 10,951 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Uintah County,

Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated_____.

(2) DRY FORK.—The “Dry Fork Special Management Area”, consisting of approximately 9,641 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated_____.

(3) HIGH UINTAS.—The “High Uintas Special Management Area”, consisting of approximately 20,683 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Uintah and Duchesne County, Utah as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated_____.

(4) CASTLE VALLEY.—The “Castle Valley Special Management Area”, consisting of approximately 34,248 acres of the Manti-LaSal National Forest in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated_____.

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

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

(7) LITTLE WEST FORK BLACKS.—The “Little West Forks Blacks Special Management Area”, consisting of approximately 8,232 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Summit County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated_____.

(b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION. –

(1) IN GENERAL. – Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the Special Management Areas 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 of Agriculture may correct minor errors in the map or legal description.

(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 Indian Affairs and the United States Forest Service.

SEC. 302. ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.

(a) **PURPOSE** .—The purpose of the Special Management Areas is to conserve and protect for the benefit of present and future generations watershed, cultural, wildlife, and motorized, mechanized, and primitive recreational resources and to promote outdoor recreation within the Special Management Areas.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION** .—

(A) **IN GENERAL** .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall administer the Special Management Areas—

(i) in a manner that promotes, protects, and manages the resources of the Special Management Areas described in subsection (a); and

(ii) in accordance with—

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

(II) this Act; and

(III) other applicable laws.

(c) **TRIBAL CO-MANAGEMENT** .—In addition any other applicable laws, the Secretary of the Interior shall develop a management plan for any Special Management Area within the exterior boundaries of an Indian Reservation or within Indian Country in consultation or coordination with the applicable Indian tribe. Management plans developed under this subsection shall:

(i) identify, restore, conserve, protect, and prevent any damage to the important cultural, archaeological, and historical value of the wilderness areas to the respective Indian tribe;

(ii) conserve, protect, and improve the ecological integrity, social values, and economic environment of the area, including grazing, vegetation, fishery, prescribed fire, geological, biological, wildlife, and scenic resources of such wilderness areas to the respective Indian tribe;

(iii) provide for tribal authority and management of cultural heritage activities; natural resource management, including cultural resources and hunting and fishing; recreation regulation and management; grazing regulation; and law enforcement;

(iv) protect and preserve the hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities to the respective Indian tribe; and

(v) authorize only such uses that are consistent with the purposes of an Indian reservation or Indian Country, or any other uses as agreed to by the respective Indian tribe and Secretary.

(e)(d) **MANAGEMENT PLAN** .— For any Special Management Area not within the exterior boundaries of an Indian Reservation and not within Indian Country, nNot later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall develop management plans for the long-term protection and management of the Special Management Areas—

(A) in consultation with State, local and tribal government entities; and

(B) that provides for recreational opportunities to occur within the Special Management Areas, including skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, snowmobiling, motorcycle riding, off-highway vehicle use, snowshoeing,

and camping.

(C) complies with Sec. 303-.

SEC. 303 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a)) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

(1) IN GENERAL- Except in cases in which motorized vehicles and non-mechanized 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 Special Management Areas, except that the Secretary shall coordinate and consult on motorized vehicles with the applicable Indian tribe for any Special Management Areas within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country.

(2) MANAGEMENT-

(A) IN GENERAL- Except for the management of routes on lands within the exterior boundary of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, which shall be determined by the applicable Indian tribe in consultation with the Secretary of the Agriculture, the ~~The~~ Secretary of Agriculture shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that--

- (i) is consistent with motorized and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized on January 1, 2016;
- (ii) minimizes conflict with sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources; and
- (iii) does not interfere with private property or water rights.

(B) CLOSURE OR REROUTING.

(i) IN GENERAL- Except for closure or rerouting routes on lands within the exterior boundary of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, which shall be determined by the applicable Indian tribe in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, the ~~A~~ designated route may be temporarily closed or rerouted, for a period not to exceed two years, if the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the State, or relevant local

government within the State, subject to subparagraph (C), determines that--

(I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;

(II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.

(III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the conservation area.

(IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.

(V) an alternative route has been provided, which can include routes previously closed.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been rerouted, or are temporarily closed through--

(i) use of appropriate signage within the Special Management Areas.;

(ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(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- Except as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, or in consultation with an applicable Indian tribe, the Secretary of Agriculture shall not construct any permanent road within the Special Management Areas after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) OVERSNOW VEHICLES .—The In consultation with any applicable Indian tribe and applicable tribal co-management plan under Section 302(c), the Secretary of Agriculture shall authorize the use of snowmobiles and other oversnow vehicles within the Special Management Areas when there is at least six inches of snow coverage.

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

(A) carry out any measures to manage wildland fire and treat hazardous fuels, insects, and diseases in the Special Management Areas; and

(B) coordinate those measures with the appropriate State, Indian tribe or local agency.

(f) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS. – Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, Indian tribe or local agency from conducting wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment) or interfere with the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to prevent or control the spread of wildfires or the use of mechanized equipment for wildfire pre-suppression and suppression.

(g) LIVESTOCK GRAZING .—

(1) IN GENERAL .—Within the Special Management Areas, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue at levels that existed on January 1, 2016, except that the grazing of livestock within an Indian reservation and related grazing permits shall be governed by the laws of the respective Indian tribe and applicable federal law whether established before the date of enactment of this Act or in the future.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Except as limited by and required under federal or tribal laws for livestock grazing on an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, Existing livestock grazing shall continue in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has

been designated by this title, nor should designations be used an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at levels at the time an area is designated. If land management plans reveal conclusively that increased livestock numbers or animal unit months (AUMs) can be made available with no adverse impact on the areas designated by this title, some increases in AUMs shall be permissible.

C) the maintenance of supporting facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and lines, stock tanks, etc.), is permissible.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible.

E) the use of motorized equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

(3) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS

The plant and animal viability requirements of section 219 of title 36, United States Code of Federal Regulations, shall not apply to any proposed action or decision of the United States Forest Service regarding livestock grazing on National Forest Service lands affected by this title except that any such proposed action or decision of the United States within the exterior boundary of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall only be made in consultation and coordination with the respective Indian tribe and consistent with tribal law, as applicable.

(4) BIGHORN SHEEP VIABILITY

Subject to any applicable tribal co-management plan under Section 302(c), Ranchers, conservation groups, and other involved stakeholders shall work cooperatively with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation Utah, and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) to achieve bighorn sheep management in the Uinta Mountains that is consistent with the following principles:

- (a) Bighorn sheep populations east of the ridge running northeast from Gilbert Peak will be maintained.
- (b) Bighorn sheep will not be reintroduced west of the ridge.
- (c) If bighorn sheep migrate west of the ridge, UDWR will determine whether the sheep are threatened with disease transmission through interaction with domestic livestock. If no threat exists, the bighorn sheep may be permitted to remain west of the ridge, and if threat of disease transmission does exist, UDWR may relocate the bighorn sheep back to the east side of the ridge and/or issue depredation tag(s).

(5) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Excluding grazing of livestock on within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, in instances in which historic grazing locations, access, or use is disputed by the permittee and the Secretary of Agriculture, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given priority consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture to establish historic access, locations, or use, except that data and information

related to such disputes and arising within the exterior boundary an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be provided by the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate, and given priority consideration, in consultation with the respective Indian tribe..

(h) AIRSHED. - The Special Management Areas designated under section 301 shall not be designated as Class I airsheds under the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7661) unless such designation is approved according to a tribal co-management plan developed under Subsection 302(c) of this Title.

(i) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY. – Nothing in this Act precludes the Secretary of Agriculture from renewing easements or rights-of-way in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with this Act and existing law, except any easements or rights-of-way in existence on the date of enactment of this Act that are also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be required to obtain a right-of-way from the respective Indian tribe.

(j)) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around a Special Management area designated by section 301.

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

(k) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES .— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the Special Management Areas are authorized except that any commercial services within a Special Management Area that is also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country must be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

(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, outside the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or outside of Indian Country, or of a respective Indian tribe within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping within the Special Management Area.

(m)) ACCESS .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a Special Management Area access to the owner's property, provided that the owners of State or private property within the boundary of a Special Management Area that is also within the exterior boundary an Indian reservation or within Indian Country are required to obtain a right-of-way from the respective Indian tribe to access 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 Special Management Areas are authorized, provided that any wildlife water development projects within a Special Management Area that is also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

(o) HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL AND TARGET SHOOTING. – Within the Special Management Areas in where hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of the Interior or Department of Agriculture was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue, provided that such hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting activities on land and water within an Indian reservation, within Indian Country, or under the concurrent jurisdiction of an Indian tribe and the Department of the Interior or

the Department of Agriculture shall be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.-

(p) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 Special Management Areas designated by section 301;

(1) shall affect the federal Indian reserved water rights of an Indian tribe under the *Winters Doctrine*, either adjudicated as of the date of enactment of this Act or settled or adjudicated in the future, and including water rights of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah recognized and acknowledged by the United States, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and the State of Utah in the Agreement of September 20, 1965, Contract No. 14-06-W-194;

(2) affects any water rights in the State of Utah, or the state’s right to define uses, existing on the date of enactment of this Act, including any water rights held by the United States-, except water rights held by the United States in trust for an Indian tribe and the federal Indian reserved water rights described in subsection (2) above, where such water rights uses are defined by the respective Indian tribe.

(3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future Special Management Areas designations.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of Agriculture 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 Special Management Areas, provided that the procedural and substantive requirements governing the Indian reserved water rights described in subsection (a)(2) above shall be governed by a respective Indian tribe’s water code and applicable Federal law.

(c) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS. – Except for federal actions related to an Indian tribe’s federal Indian reserved water rights as described in subsection (a)(2) above and the respective Indian tribe’s jurisdiction and regulatory authority over such Indian reserved water rights, the ~~The~~ Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall not take any action that adversely affects –

- (1) any water rights granted by the State;
- (2) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;
- (3) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;
- (4) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;
- (5) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law;
- or
- (6) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(d) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect, encumber, transfer, impair, limit, or eliminate the jurisdictional and regulatory authority of an Indian tribe to determine access to its respective Indian reservation and Indian Country by local municipalities and other water right holders.

(2) Except as limited and restricted under (1) and by federal law governing federal water resource facilities, and the laws of an Indian tribe governing its water resource facilities, nNothing in this title shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 Special Management Areas designated by section 301.

(3) Except for the limitations and restrictions provided under subsection (d)(1) and an Indian tribe’s jurisdiction and regulatory authority over its federal Indian reserved water rights, and the exception provided in subsection (c) above, nNothing in this Act 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.

(e)) DEFINITION. – 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.

(q) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this title prevents the Secretary of Agriculture from conducting vegetation management projects within the Special Management Areas, except that the Secretary shall coordinate and consult on vegetation management projects with the applicable Indian tribe for a Special Management Area within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country.

(r) COMMERCIAL TIMBER HARVEST.—Within the Special Management Areas, commercial timber harvest is not prohibited if the primary purpose is to restore or improve forest health and watershed function or to further the purposes described in this Ttitle, except that the Secretary shall coordinate and consult on commercial timber harvest with the applicable Indian tribe for a Special Management Area within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country.¶

(s) WITHDRAWAL .—

(1) IN GENERAL .—Subject to valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of this title, including the rights of any Indian tribe in existence on the date of the enactment of this title and in the future, –,the Federal land within the Special

Management Areas designated by section 301 are withdrawn from—

- (a) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the federal land laws;
- (b) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (c) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

Title IV - ARCHES NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION

SEC. 401. ARCHES NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION

(A) 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 19,255 acres and depicted as Arches Expansion on the map entitled “Utah PLI Park and Monument Map” and dated _____.”;

(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)”.

Title V - JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT

SEC. 501. JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT

(a)) **PURPOSES.** - To conserve, protect, interpret, and enhance for the benefit of present and future generations the unique and nationally important paleontological, scientific, educational, and recreational resources, there is established in Emery County, Utah, subject to valid existing rights, the Jurassic National Monument (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” and dated _____

(c)) **MAP ; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.** —

(1) **IN GENERAL.** – Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall file a map and legal description of the Special 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 (b) 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.

(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 of the Interior may acquire land or interests in land within the boundaries of the Monument only by donation or exchange.

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

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

(e) **WITHDRAWALS.** —Subject to valid existing rights, any 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—

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

(f) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.** -

(1) **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 Monument.

(2) **RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION-** The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the State and relevant local governments. If the Secretary of the Interior does not incorporate recommendations submitted by the State and local governments 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 and local governments.

(3) **REQUIREMENTS-** The management plan shall--

- (A) describe the appropriate uses, such as educational opportunities, recreation, and scientific research of the Monument; and
- (B) include interpretive and educational materials regarding the scientific and paleontological resources of the Monument region; and
- (C) address transportation issues to and from the Monument; and
- (D) codify the current Special Recreation Management Area boundary.

(g) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Monument in accordance with---

- (1) the Management Plan; and
- (2) any other applicable laws.

(h) **ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.**—

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around a Monument designated by this Act.

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

(i) **AIRSHED.** - The Monument designated under this title shall not be designated as Class I airsheds under the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7661).

TITLE VI - WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

SEC. 601 - WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

(a) 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 14.4 mile segment from Westwater Canyon from River Mile 125 to River Mile 112 as a wild river.
- (B) The approximately 8 mile segment from River Mile 112 to Cisco Wash as a scenic river.
- (C) The approximately 33.1 mile segment from the Confluence of the Colorado River with the Dolores River to River Mile 49 near Potash as a recreational river.
- (D) The approximately 5.7 mile segment from River Mile 44.5 to River mile 38.5 as a scenic river.
- (E) The approximately 3.7 mile segment from River Mile 37.5 to River Mile 34 at the Canyonlands National Park boundary as a scenic river.
- (F) The approximately 5.5 mile river segment from River Mile 44 to River Mile 38.5 as a scenic river.
- (G) The approximately 6.5 river segment of the Colorado River from River Mile 37.5 to the boundary of Canyonlands National Park at River Mile 31 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 5.9 mile segment from the Colorado State line to Fisher Creek as a recreational river.
- (B) The approximately 6.3 mile segment from Fisher Creek to Bridge Canyon as a scenic river
- (C) The approximately 9.9 mile segment from Bridge Canyon to the Colorado River 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 50 mile river segment from River Mile 97 at the confluence with the San Rafael River to Canyonlands National Park Boundary as a scenic river.~~
- ~~(B) The approximately 44.5 miles from Nine Mile Creek to Chandler Canyon as a wild river~~
- ~~(C) The approximately 8 miles from Chandler Creek to Florence Creek as a scenic river.~~
- ~~(D) The approximately 19 miles from Florence Creek to the Nefertiti Boat Ramp as a wild river.~~
- ~~(E) The approximately 62 miles from the northern border of the Desolation Canyon Wilderness, designated under this Act, in Uintah County, Utah to the Carbon County line as a scenic river.~~

“(216) DARK CANYON, UTAH. The approximately 18.7 miles of the Dark Canyon River from the forest boundary to the Lake Powell below Young’s Canyon to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

(b) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

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

(c) 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 or exchange, or acquired to be held by the United States in trust for an Indian tribe.”

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

(e) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the wild and scenic rivers are authorized.

(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, entitled Utah PLI Wild and Scenic Rivers, and legal description of the rivers 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.

(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.

TITLE VII – ASHLEY CREEK RECREATIONAL AND SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

SEC. 701. ASHLEY CREEK NATIONAL RECREATIONAL AND SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, including the rights of any Indian tribe, the approximately 110,839 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____, are hereby established as the “Ashley Creek National Recreation and Special Management Area”.

(b) PURPOSES—The purposes of the Ashley Creek National Recreational and Special Management Area (referred to in this title as the Area) are to provide recreational opportunities, utilize commercial forest products, and withdraw minerals from development.

SEC. 702. – MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

(1) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture 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.

(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.

(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 Indian Affairs and the United States Forest Service.

SEC. 703. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) ADMINISTRATION .—

(1) IN GENERAL .— The Secretary of Agriculture shall administer the Area 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.

(2) TRIBAL CO-MANAGEMENT.—In addition any other applicable laws, the Secretary of Agriculture shall develop a management plan for the portion of the Area within the exterior boundaries of an Indian Reservation or within Indian Country in consultation or coordination with the applicable Indian tribe. Management plans developed under this subsection shall:

- (a) identify, restore, conserve, protect, and prevent any damage to the important cultural, archaeological, and historical value of the wilderness areas to the respective Indian tribe;
- (b) conserve, protect, and improve the ecological integrity, social values, and economic environment of the area, including grazing, vegetation, fishery, prescribed fire, geological, biological, wildlife, and scenic resources of such wilderness areas to the respective Indian tribe;
- (c) provide for tribal authority and management of cultural heritage activities; natural resource management, including cultural resources and hunting and fishing; recreation regulation and management; grazing regulation; and law enforcement;
- (d) protect and preserve the hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities to the respective Indian tribe; and
- (e) authorize only such uses that are consistent with the purposes of an Indian reservation or Indian Country, or any other uses as agreed to by the respective Indian tribe and Secretary.

(2)(3) MANAGEMENT PLAN .— For any portion of the Area not within the exterior boundaries of an Indian Reservation and not within Indian Country, not ~~Not~~ later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall develop a management plan for the management of the Area—

- (A) in coordination with State, local and tribal government entities;
- (B) that provides for recreational opportunities to occur within the Area including skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, snowmobiling, motorcycle riding, off-highway vehicle use, snowshoeing, and camping;
- (C) that promotes an economically sustainable commercial forest products industry;
- (D) that prohibits mineral development;
- (E) that provides for new route and trail construction for motorized and non-motorized to further recreational opportunities; and
- (F) that complies with Sections 701 and 704 .

SEC. 704 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) **MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** Except as determined by the management plan developed under 703(a)(2), the ~~The~~ use of motorized and mechanized vehicles shall be permitted within the Area.

(2) **MANAGEMENT-**

(A) **IN GENERAL-** Except for the management of routes subject to the management plan developed under 703(a)(2), t ~~The~~ Secretary of Agriculture shall designate existing routes in a manner that--

- (i) is consistent with motorized and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016 ;

- (ii) minimizes conflict with sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources;
- (iii) does not interfere with private property or water rights.

(B) CLOSURE OR REROUTING-

(i) IN GENERAL- Except for the management of routes subject to the management plan developed under 703(a)(2), a designated route may be temporarily closed or rerouted, for a period not to exceed two years, if the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the State, or relevant local government within the State determines that--

- (I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;
- (II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.
- (III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the conservation area.
- (IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.
- (V) an alternative route has been provided, which can include routes previously closed.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been rerouted, or are temporarily closed through--

- (i) use of appropriate signage within the Area; and
- (ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(b) TRAIL CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) FEASIBILITY STUDY.— Except for the management of routes subject to the management plan developed under 703(a)(2), a ~~N~~ot later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall study the feasibility and public interest of constructing new routes as needed to further motorized recreational opportunities.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—

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

(B) USE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—A route may be constructed under this subsection through the acceptance of volunteer services and contributions from non-federal sources.

(c) 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 Ashley Creek Recreational and Special Management Area.

(d) OVERSNOW VEHICLES .— Except for the management of routes subject to the management plan developed under 703(a)(2), a ~~t~~The Secretary of Agriculture shall

authorize the use of snowmobiles and other oversnow vehicles within the Area when there is at least six inches of snow coverage.

(e)) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE .— In accordance with this title, the Secretary of Agriculture 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, Indian tribes, or local agency.

(f) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS. – Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, Indian tribe or local agency from conducting wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment) or interfere with the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to prevent or control the spread of wildfires or the use of mechanized equipment for wildfire pre-suppression and suppression.

(g) LIVESTOCK GRAZING..—

(1) IN GENERAL .—Within the Area, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue at levels that existed on January 1, 2016, except that the grazing of livestock within an Indian reservation and related grazing permits shall be governed by the laws of the respective Indian tribe and applicable federal law whether established before the date of enactment of this Act or in the future.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Except as limited by and required under federal or tribal laws for livestock grazing on an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, Existing livestock grazing shall continue in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.
- B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels at the time an area is designated. If land management plans reveal conclusively that increased livestock numbers or animal unit months (AUMs) can be made available with no adverse impact on the areas designated by this title, some increases in AUMs shall be permissible.
- C) the maintenance of supporting facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and lines, stock tanks, etc.), is permissible.
- D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible.
- E) the use of motorized equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

(3) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS

The plant and animal viability requirements of section 219 of title 36, United States Code of Federal Regulations, shall not apply to any proposed action or decision of the United States Forest Service regarding livestock grazing on National Forest Service lands affected by this title except as provided by the management plan developed under 703(a)(2).

(4) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Excluding grazing of livestock on within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, in instances in which historic grazing locations, access, or use is disputed by the permittee and the Secretary of Agriculture, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given priority consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture to establish historic access, locations, or use, except that data and information related to such disputes and arising within the exterior boundary an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be provided by the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate, and given priority consideration, in consultation with the applicable Indian tribe.

(h) AIRSHED. - The Area designated under this title shall not be designated as Class I airshed under the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7661) except as provided by the management plan developed under 703(a)(2).

(i) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY. – Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary of Agriculture from renewing easements or rights-of-way in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with this Act and existing law, provided that easements or rights-of-way in existence on the date of enactment of this Act that are also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be required to obtain a right-of-way from the respective Indian tribe.

(j)) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

(b) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the Area can be seen, heard, 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 provided that any commercial services within the Area that are also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country must be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

(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, outside the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or outside of Indian Country, or of a respective Indian tribe within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping within the Area.

(m)) ACCESS .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of the Area access to the property outside the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or outside of Indian Country, or of a respective Indian tribe within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country.

(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, provided that any wildlife water development projects within the Area that are also within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country shall be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

(o) HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL AND TARGET SHOOTING. – Within the Area in where hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of the Interior or Department of Agriculture was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue, provided that such hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting activities on land and water within an Indian reservation, within Indian Country, or under the concurrent jurisdiction of an Indian tribe and the Department of Agriculture shall be authorized, licensed or approved by the respective Indian tribe.

(p) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 Area designated by section 801;

(2) shall affect the federal Indian reserved water rights of an Indian tribe under the *Winters* Doctrine, either adjudicated as of the date of enactment of this Act or settled or adjudicated in the future, and including water rights of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah recognized and acknowledged by the United States, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and the State of Utah in the Agreement of September 20, 1965, Contract No. 14-06-W-194;

~~(1)~~

~~(2)~~(3) affects any water rights in the State, or the state’s right to define uses, existing on the date of enactment of this Act, including any water rights held by the United States, except water rights held by the United States in trust for an Indian tribe and the federal Indian reserved water rights described in subsection (2) above, where such water rights uses are defined by the respective Indian tribe..-

~~(3)~~(4) establishes a precedent with regard to any future designations.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of Agriculture 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, except that the procedural and substantive requirements governing the Indian reserved water rights described in subsection (a)(2) above shall be governed by a respective Indian tribe’s water code and applicable Federal law.:-

(c) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS. – Except for federal actions related to an Indian tribe’s federal Indian reserved water rights as described in subsection (a)(2) above and the respective Indian tribe’s jurisdiction and regulatory authority over such Indian reserved water rights, the The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall not take any action that adversely affects –

(1) any water rights granted by the State;

- (2) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;
- (3) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;
- (4) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;
- (5) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law; or
- (6) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(d) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect, encumber, transfer, impair, limit, or eliminate the jurisdictional and regulatory authority of an Indian tribe to determine access to its respective Indian reservation and Indian Country by local municipalities and other water right holders.

~~(1)(2)~~ Except as limited and restricted under (1) and by federal law governing federal water resource facilities, and the laws of an Indian tribe governing its water resource facilities, nothing ~~Nothing~~ in this title shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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.

~~(2)(3)~~ Except for the limitations and restrictions provided under subsection (d)(1) and an Indian tribe’s jurisdiction and regulatory authority over its federal Indian reserved water rights, and the exception provided in subsection (c) above, nothing ~~Nothing~~ in this Act 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.

(e)) DEFINITION. – 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.

(q) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this title prevents the Secretary of Agriculture from conducting vegetation management projects within the Area, provided that the Secretary shall coordinate and consult on vegetation management projects with the applicable Indian tribe for the portion of the Area within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation or within Indian Country.

(r) WITHDRAWAL .—

(A) IN GENERAL .—Subject to valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, including the rights of any Indian tribe in existence on the date of the enactment of this title and in the future, the federal land within the Area is withdrawn from—

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

(s) FEES .—Within the Area the United States Forest Service is prohibited from the

collecting or requiring fees for access or use except as provided by the management plan developed under 703(a)(2).

(t) TRAIL AND OPEN AREA SNOWMOBILE USAGE .—Nothing in this title affects the use or status of trails authorized for motorized or mechanized vehicle or open area snowmobile use on the date of enactment of this Act except as provided by the management plan developed under 703(a)(2).

(u) COMMERCIAL TIMBER SALES – ~~N~~Except as provided by the management plan developed under 703(a)(2), nothing in this title prevents the Secretary of Agriculture from:

- (A) Permitting current or future forest management activities; and
- (B) Constructing permanent or temporary roads as part of a commercial timber sale.

(v) DISPERSED CAMPING – Camping, including through the use of vehicles, where permitted prior to the establishment of the Area, shall be allowed except as provided by the management plan developed under 703(a)(2).

(w) PRIORITY TRAILS – Marsh Peak South Road and South Fork Trail, as depicted on the Utah PLI Special Management Area Map, shall be open for motorized use except as provided by the management plan developed under 703(a)(2).

Division B – Opportunity

Title I – Trust Restoration and School Trust Land Consolidations

SEC. 101. TRUST RESTORATION OF SURPLUS LANDS WITHIN THE UINTAH AND OURAY RESERVATION AND SCHOOL TRUST LAND CONSOLIDATION. RATIFICATION OF AGREED EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE STATE OF UTAH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

(a) AGREEMENT TRUST RESTORATION.— Under the authority provided in Section 3 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, Congress finds it is in the public interest and the Secretary of the Interior shall restore tribal ownership and trust status of all lands and minerals which were undisposed-of opened lands of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation which includes the Uncompahgre Reservation established by President Chester A. Arthur in a January 5, 1882 Executive Order for the Uncompahgre Band of Ute Indians, which were opened to allotment by the Act of Aug. 15, 1894 (ch. 290, Section 21, 28 Stat. 337) and the Act of June 7, 1897 (30 Stat. 87), and which are currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management, provided that—

- (1) the restored lands and minerals shall be added to and made a part of the existing Uintah and Ouray Reservation;
- (2) the Ute Indian Tribe and the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into a joint management agreement providing for shared management and approval of all matters, according to current Federal laws and regulations, regarding lands and resources within the Uncompahgre Reservation for a period of 20 years from the date the lands and minerals are restored;
- (3) the State of Utah may continue to collect taxes and royalties from the development of oil and gas from the restored lands, including ad valorem property taxes and revenues received under 30 U.S.C. 191, for a period of 20 years from the date of restoration, provided that 25% of all the taxes and royalties collected by the State shall be paid to the Ute Indian Tribe;
- (4) restored lands and minerals shall be subject to any other valid existing rights not addressed in subsection (3); and,
- (5) restoration of the lands and minerals shall not be subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law 91-190, 83 Stat. 852).

~~(a) The State of Utah and the Department of the Interior have agreed to exchange certain federal lands and federal mineral interests for lands and mineral interests managed by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, and lands and mineral interests in held within the conservation areas created under this Act.~~

~~—CONSOLIDATION OF STATE LANDS WITHIN THE RESERVATION.— Following trust restoration in subsection (a) above, the State of Utah and the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah may enter into an agreement for the exchange and consolidation of State lands and mineral interests currently within the exterior boundaries of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation. These existing State lands and mineral interests may~~

~~be exchanged and consolidated on an acre per acre basis with Indian trust lands and mineral interests within the Reservation. Following exchange and consolidation, the State of Utah and the Ute Indian Tribe may jointly develop the State lands and mineral interests and shall equally divide any revenues from this development.~~

~~(b)~~

~~(e) (c) CONSOLIDATION OF STATE LANDS OUTSIDE THE RESERVATION RATIFICATION.~~— ~~The State of Utah and the Department of the Interior have~~ shall enter into an agreed Agreement to exchange certain federal lands and federal mineral interests for lands and mineral interests managed by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, and ~~—~~ lands and mineral interests in held within the conservation areas created under this Act. The State may seek to exchange up to 100,000 acres, provided that none of the federal land and mineral interests are within a reservation of any Indian tribe. All terms, conditions, procedures, covenants, reservations, and other provisions set forth in the document entitled “_____” (herein referred to as “the Agreement”) are hereby incorporated in this title, are ratified and confirmed, and set forth the obligations and commitments of the United States, the State of Utah, and Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (herein referred to as “SITLA”) as a matter of federal law.

SEC. 102. LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The maps and legal descriptions referred to in the Agreement depict the lands subject to the conveyances.

(b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY .—The maps and descriptions referred to in the Agreement shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Secretary of the Interior and the Utah State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) CONFLICT .—In case of conflict between the maps and the legal descriptions, the legal descriptions shall control.

SEC. 103. COSTS.

The United States and the State of Utah shall each bear its own respective costs incurred in the implementation of this title.

SEC. 104. SCHEDULE FOR CONVEYANCES.

All conveyances under the agreement shall be completed within 70 days after the date of enactment of this title.

SEC. 105. – BOOK CLIFFS CONSERVATION AREA. – The non-federal mineral estate acquired by the United States as a result of the agreement in section 101 and depicted on the map entitled the “Utah PLI Book Cliffs Federal Mineral Withdrawal Area map” and dated _____ is withdrawn from the operation of the mineral entry, leasing and mineral material disposal laws until otherwise determined by Congress.

Title II – Goblin Valley State Park

SEC. 201. LAND CONVEYANCE

(a) LAND CONVEYANCE. – At the request of the State of Utah, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey, without consideration, the approximately 9,994 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_____, 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, 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).

(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 156,540 acres, identified as “Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area” on the map entitled Utah PLI Goblin Valley State Park Map and dated_____.

(c) TERMS.—The cooperative agreement shall—

(1) clarify the roles, responsibilities, and limitations, of the Secretary of the Interior and the State with regard to recreation management within the federal land;

(2) extend only to recreational activities, including motorized and non-motorized, within the federal land, and shall not affect other land management within the federal land, or recreational activities outside the federal land;

(3) require that recreational activities within the federal land shall continue to be managed in accordance with—

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

(B) applicable federal laws.

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

(5) specify that the State agency administering the federal land shall be the Utah State Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

Title III – Price Canyon State Forest

SEC. 301. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) MAPS.—The term “Map” means the map titled Utah PLI Price Canyon State Forest Map.

(2) FEDERAL LAND. – The term “federal land” means the 13,321-acres owned by the Bureau of Land Management and identified as “BLM Lands Proposed for Transfer to State Sovereign Land” located in Carbon County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Utah PLI Price Canyon State Forest Map” and date_____

(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

(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.

SEC. 302. EXCHANGE OF LAND.

(a) In General.-- 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) If the State offers to convey to the United States title to the non-federal land, the Secretary of the Interior 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 format acceptable to the Secretary of the Interior and the State.

SEC. 303. LIVESTOCK GRAZING.

(a) LIVESTOCK GRAZING--- Within the 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:

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

(b) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “federal land” means the approximately 156 acres of National Forest System land in Daggett County, Utah, identified as “Deer Lodge Cabin Site” on the map entitled “Utah PLI Deer Lodge Land Exchange Map” and dated_____.

(c) 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 entitled “Utah PLI Deer Lodge Land Exchange Map” and dated _____

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

SEC. 402 LAND EXCHANGE.

(a) CONVEYANCE OF LAND.—No less 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 of Agriculture 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 of Agriculture 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).

SEC. 403 CONDITIONS OF EXCHANGE.

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

(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—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 entitled “Utah PLI Deerlodge Land Exchange” and dated _____.”

Title V – Scofield Land Transfers

SEC. 501. 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 , Utah, as of the date of enactment of this Act, claims title to, or an interest in, the federal land.

(3) FEDERAL LAND.—

(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 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 any mineral or subsurface rights to the land described in subparagraph (A); or the 205 acres of land adjoining the Scofield Reservoir, as adjudicated in the case styled *United States v. Dunn* (557F.3d 1165 (10th Cir. 2009)).

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

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

SEC. 502. CONVEYANCE OF SCOFIELD PROJECT LAND.

(a) The Secretary of the Interior shall convey all right and title to the federal land, without consideration, to any valid claimant, or life estate, that submits a request to the Secretary of the Interior not later than 18 months after enactment of this Act. If the Secretary of the Interior does not act upon the request within 18 months from the date of enactment of this act, the federal land shall be transferred to the claimant.

(b) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENTS- A conveyance under this title shall be subject to—

(A) 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 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;

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

(C) 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 to 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.

(c) If the claimant is a willing seller, the Secretary of the Interior may offer the claimant fair market value for the land in lieu of a conveyance of all right and title to the federal land.

Title VI – Land Conveyances

SEC. 601. Land Conveyances.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the land use planning requirements of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713) and subject to subsection (b) below, upon the request of the specified local entity in the county in which the conveyance will occur, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall convey the following federal land to that entity, without consideration.

(b) CONVEYANCES WITHIN INDIAN RESERVATIONS.—For any conveyance within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation, prior to any request by the local entities specified in subsection (a) and in each conveyance, the respective Indian tribe may request that the land described in that conveyance be held in trust for that Indian tribe. Upon such request, the Secretary of the Interior shall declare the land to be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the respective Indian tribe.

(a)(c) CONVEYANCES.—Subject to subsections (a) and (b) the following lands may be conveyed:

(1) SAND FLATS. - The approximately 3,292 acres of land depicted as “Sand Flats Recreation Area” on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, to Grand County, Utah for use as an outdoor recreation area

(2) 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 _____, to Grand County, Utah for use as an airport

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(3) MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT – Upon completion of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project, the approximately 474 acres of land depicted as “UMTRA Conveyance,” on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, shall be conveyed, without consideration, to Grand County, Utah.

(4) HUNTINGTON AIRPORT EXPANSION.—The approximately 1,398 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as

“Huntington Airport,” to Emery County, Utah, for expansion of the Huntington Municipal Airport.

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

(6) EMERY COUNTY SHERIFF SUBSTATION.—The approximately 643 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, as “Emery County Sheriffs Substation,” to Emery County, Utah for a substation for the Emery County Sheriff’s Office.

(7) BLANDING OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA.—The approximately 5,197 acres of land depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, as “Blanding Outdoor Recreation Area,” to Blanding City, Utah for use as an outdoor recreation area.

(8) CAL BLACK AIRPORT.—The approximately 1,916 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Cal Black Airport,” to San Juan County, Utah for a municipal airport.

(9) BLUFF AIRPORT.—The approximately 1,406 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Bluff Airport,” to San Juan County, Utah, for a municipal airport.

(10) MONTICELLO WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT PLANT.—The approximately 164 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Monticello Water Storage and Treatment Plant,” to Monticello City, Utah, for a water storage and treatment plant.

(11) BLANDING SHOOTING RANGE.—The approximately 21 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, as “Blanding Shooting Range,” to San Juan County, Utah, for a public shooting range.

(12) HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK TRAIL- The approximately 694 acres of land generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, as “The Hole in the Rock Trail”, to San Juan County, Utah for use as an outdoor recreation and historical trail.

~~(13) FANTASY CANYON.—The approximately 160 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, as “Fantasy Canyon” to the State of Utah, for public recreation.~~

~~(14)~~(13) _____ PARK CITY CONVEYENCE I – The approximately 2.5 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as

“Park City Conveyance I,” to Park City, Utah, for public recreation and open space.

~~(15)(14)~~ _____ PARK CITY CONVEYENCE II – The approximately 1 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Park City Conveyance II,” to Park City, Utah, for public recreation and open space.

(18) DUGOUT RANCH -- The approximately 15,379 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Dugout Ranch," to Utah State University, for education and research.

(16) LISBON VALLEY -- The approximately 398 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Lisbon Valley," to Utah State University, Utah, for education and research.

(17) WELLINGTON -- The approximately 645 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Wellington," to Utah State University, for education and research.

(18) RANGE CREEK RESEARCH STATION EXPANSION-- The approximately 1,663 acres depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Range Creek Research Station Expansion," to the University of Utah, for education and research.

(19) ASHLEY SPRING ZONE.—The approximately 1,102 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Ashley Spring," to Uintah County, Utah, for use as open space and for watershed protection.

~~(20) SEEP RIDGE UTILITY CORRIDOR.— The approximately 4,596 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Seep Ridge Utility Corridor," to the State of Utah, for use as rights-of-way for transportation and public utilities.~~

~~(21)~~(20) _____ BLUFF RIVER RECREATION AREA. - The approximately 177 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Bluff River Recreation Area," to San Juan County, for use as recreation and municipal facilities.

~~(22)~~(21) _____ EMERY INFORMATION CENTER. – The approximately 80 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, as "Emery County Information Center," to Emery County, Utah for an information and visitor center to promote public lands.

~~(b)~~(d) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the Land Conveyances with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(2) 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 or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.

(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 Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service.

~~(e)(e)~~ REVERSION.—Except for parcels held in trust by the United States for the benefit of an Indian tribe, if any parcel conveyed under subsection (a) this section ceases to be used for the purpose for which it was conveyed or any other public purpose, the land shall revert to the United States, if the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate determines that the reversion is in the best interest of the United States.

Title VII – Land Disposals

SEC. 701. LAND DISPOSALS.

(a) Disposal. -- Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior shall dispose of federal lands identified as “Lands for Disposal” on the map entitled “Utah PLI Land Disposal Map” and dated _____ within two years.

(b) DISPOSALS WITHIN INDIAN RESERVATIONS.—For any Federal lands identified in subsection (a) within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation, prior to disposal to any other entity, the respective Indian tribe may request that the land be held in trust for that Indian tribe. Upon such request, the Secretary of the Interior shall declare the land to be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the respective Indian tribe.

Title VIII – CANYON COUNTRY RECREATION ZONES

SEC 801. ESTABLISHMENT

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, and to enhance existing and future recreational opportunities and use the following areas in Grand County and San Juan County, Utah are hereby established as Recreation Zones:

- (1) KLONDIKE RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 24,968 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Klondike Recreation Zone.”
- (2) MONITOR AND MERRIMAC RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 17,370 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone.”

- (3) GOLDBAR RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 23,050 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Goldbar 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, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Big Flat Recreation Zone.”

- (5) MINERAL CANYON RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 19,809 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone.”
- (6) DEE PASS AND UTAH RIMS RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 210,116 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zone.”
- (7) YELLOW CIRCLE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 7,040 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Yellow Circle Recreation Zone.”
- (8) CAMEO CLIFFS.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 48,025 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Cameo Cliffs 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 shall file a map and legal description of the recreation zones established by sections 801 of this Act 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 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 may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.
- (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. 803. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (a) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE .— In accordance with this title, the Secretary of the Interior may—
 - (1) carry out any measures to manage wildland fire and treat hazardous fuels, insects, and diseases in the recreation zones; and
 - (2) coordinate those measures with the appropriate State or local agency.
- (b) 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) or interferes with the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to prevent or control the

spread of wildfires or the use of mechanized equipment for wildfire pre-suppression and suppression.

(c) LIVESTOCK GRAZING. —

(1) IN GENERAL. —Within the recreation planning areas, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect that existed on January 1, 2016.

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

A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated. If range condition and monitoring studies and an analysis determine that increased livestock numbers and/or animal unit months (AUMs) can be made available with no adverse impact on the areas designated by this title, increases in stock numbers and/or AUMs shall be authorized.

C) the maintenance of supporting facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible.

E) the use of motorized equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

(3) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee and the Secretary of the Interior, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given priority consideration by the Secretary of the Interior to establish historic grazing, locations, or use.

(d) AIRSHED. - The recreation zones under this title shall not be designated as Class I airshed under the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7661).

(e) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY. – Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary of the Interior 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.

(f) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around any recreation zone designated by this title.

(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE RECREATION ZONES.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside a recreation zone can be seen, heard, or smelled within the recreation zone shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the recreation zone.

(g) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES .— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the recreation zones are authorized.

(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 recreation zones.

(i) ACCESS .—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a recreation zones 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 recreation zones are authorized

(k) HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL AND TARGET SHOOTING. – Within the recreation zones in where hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of the Interior was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(l) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 recreation zones 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 recreation zone.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of the Interior 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 recreation zones.

(c) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 recreation zones designated by this title.

(d) DEFINITION. – 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.

(m) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this title prevents the Secretary of the Interior from conducting vegetation management projects within the recreation zones.

(n) WILDERNESS REVIEW. –

(a) Congress finds and directs that the recreation zones described in section 801 have been adequately studied for wilderness character and wilderness designation pursuant to sections 201 and 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.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior may not promulgate or issue any system-wide regulation, directive, instruction memorandum or order that would direct management of the federal lands identified in section 801 in a manner contrary to subsection (m).

SEC. 804. GOLDBAR RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) **PURPOSES.**---The purposes of the Goldbar Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, and hiking, provide for the construction of new non-motorized trails, and to prevent future energy and mineral leases or claims, and to manage and protect indigenous plants.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**---

(1) **IN GENERAL.**--- The Secretary of the Interior 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) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.** ---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 management of the Goldbar Recreation Zone that—

(A) coordinates and consults with State and local government entities

(B) provides for recreational opportunities to occur within the Goldbar Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and camping

(C) prohibits future mineral and energy leasing or claims.

(D) provides for new route and trail construction for motorized and non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities.

(E) in a manner that protects and manages indigenous plants.

(F) complies with Section 803 .

(3) **MANAGEMENT OF MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.**---

(A) **IN GENERAL.**- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that--

(i) is consistent with motorized and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016..

(ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

(iii) allows for the construction of new non-motorized trails.

SEC. 805. MONITOR AND MERRIMAC RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) **PURPOSES.**---The purposes of the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking, provide for the construction of new motorized and non-motorized trails, and to prevent future energy and mineral leases or claims,

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**---

- (1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Monitor and Merrimac 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) MANAGEMENT PLAN .—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 management of the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone that—
- (A) coordinates and consults with State and local government entities
 - (B) provides for recreational opportunities to occur within the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
 - (C) prohibits future mineral and energy leasing.
 - (D) provides for new route and trail construction for motorized and non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities.
 - (E) complies with Section 803 .
- (3) MANAGEMENT OF MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—
- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated motorized routes in a manner that--
- (i) is consistent with motorized and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) allows for the construction of new motorized and non-motorized trails.

SEC. 806 KLONDIKE RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- (a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Klondike Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking, provide for the construction of new non-motorized trails, and to prevent future energy and mineral leases or claims,
- (b) ADMINISTRATION.---
- (1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Klondike 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) MANAGEMENT PLAN .—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 management of the Klondike Recreation Zone that—
- (A) coordinates and consults with State and local government entities
 - (B) provides for recreational opportunities to occur within the Klondike Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
 - (C) prohibits future mineral and energy leasing.

(D) provides for new route and trail construction for non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities.

(E) complies with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that--

(i) is consistent with motorized and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016, including off-highway vehicle use of Sovereign Trail System.

(ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

(iii) allows for the construction of new non-motorized trails.

SEC. 807 BIG FLAT RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Big Flat Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking, to promote mineral development, and provide for new motorized route construction.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Big Flat 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) MANAGEMENT PLAN .—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 management of the Big Flat Recreation Zone that—

(A) coordinates and consults with State and local government entities

(B) provides for recreational opportunities to occur within the Big Flat Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycle, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing

(C) provides for future mineral leasing with No Surface Occupancy stipulations

(D) prevents the retirement of mineral leases.

(E) provides for new route and trail construction for motorized and non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities.

(F) complies with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that--

(i) is consistent with motorized and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016.

(ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

(iii) Allows for the construction of new motorized and non-motorized trails.

SEC. 808 MINERAL CANYON RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone are to promote non-motorized outdoor recreation, such mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking, to prevent future energy or mineral leases or claims, and provide for new non-motorized route construction, maintain boating access, maintain airstrip access, and maintain access and use of country borrow areas.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone:

- (i) in accordance with---
- (ii) this title;
- (iii) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and
- (iv) other applicable laws.

(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN .---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 management of the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone that—

- (A) coordinates and consults with State and local government entities;
- (B) provides for non motorized recreational opportunities to occur within the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone including, biking, and hiking,
- (C) prevent future energy or mineral leasing or claims
- (D) provides for new route and trail construction for non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) maintains access for boating
- (F) maintains access for aircraft to the existing airstrip
- (G) maintains access and use to the county borrow areas.
- (H) complies with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that--

- (i) is consistent with motorized and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016.
- (ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
- (iii) allows for the construction of new non-motorized trails.

SEC. 809. DEE PASS AND UTAH RIMS RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zones are to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new motorized 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 Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zones 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) MANAGEMENT PLAN .---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 management of the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zones that---

(A) coordinates and consults with State and local government entities

(B) provides for recreational opportunities to occur within the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing

(C) promotes future mineral and energy leasing and development.

(D) provide for new route and trail construction for motorized and non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities.

(E) complies with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.---

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that--

(i) is consistent with motorized and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016.

(ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

(iii) Allows for the construction of new motorized and non-motorized trails.

(4) WHITE WASH CROSS COUNTRY TRAVEL AREA.--- The approximately _____ acres identified as the “White Wash Cross Country Travel Area”, on the map entitled “Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map” and dated _____ is open to cross country motorized travel.

SEC. 810. YELLOW CIRCLE MINE AND CAMEO CLIFFS ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Yellow Circle Mine and Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zones are to promote off-highway vehicle use and to provide for the construction of new motorized 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 Yellow Circle Mine 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.); and
 - (c) other applicable laws
- (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN .—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 management of the Yellow Circle Mine and Cameo Cliffs that—
- (A) coordinates and consults with State and local government entities
 - (B) provides for recreational opportunities to occur within the Yellow Circle Mine and Cameo Cliffs including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
 - (C) promotes future mineral and energy leasing and development.
 - (D) provide for new route and trail construction for motorized and non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities.
 - (E) complies with Section 803 .
- (3) MANAGEMENT OF MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—
- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated motorized routes in a manner that--
 - (i) is consistent with motorized and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) Allows for the construction of new motorized and non-motorized trails.

TITLE IX -- RED ROCK COUNTRY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRAIL.

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 subsection (b).
- (4) FEDERAL LAND. – The term “federal land” means land owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

SEC. 902 DESIGNATION.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.— the Secretary of the Interior shall designate a trail system in Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah—
 - (A) for use by motorized 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 of the Interior shall prioritize a long distance route for off-highway vehicles that—

(A) as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Plans Map and date ____;

(B) connects the federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah to the federal land adjacent to Grand Junction, Colorado through the Utah Rims Recreation Area;

(C) connects the federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah to the federal land adjacent to Green River, Utah through the Dee Pass Recreation Area;

(D) connects the federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah to the federal land adjacent to Monticello, Utah through the Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zone;

(E) utilizes existing routes, where feasible, which may include the Kokopelli's Trail and the Orange Trail and Trail 1, consistent with this paragraph;

(F) minimizes the use of graded roads;

(G) 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; and

(iv) motorized 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 of the Interior shall manage future designated routes in a manner that--

(i) is consistent with Section 902 ;

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

(B) CLOSURE OR RELOCATING-

(i) IN GENERAL- A designated route may be temporarily closed or detoured, for a period not to exceed two years, if the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the State, or relevant local government within the State determines that--

(I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;

(II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.

(III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the given area.

(IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.

(V) a new alternative route, which can include routes previously closed, has been provided to effectively relocate the trail.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of the Interior shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been relocated, or are temporarily closed through--

- (i) use of appropriate signage within the trail;
- (ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(3) 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.

(d) TRAIL CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall study the feasibility and public interest in constructing new routes as part of a the Red Rock County Off-Highway Vehicle Trail System to further motorized recreational opportunities.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—

(A) CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED.— If the Secretary of the Interior determines that the construction of a route is feasible, construction is authorized.

(B) USE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—A route 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 of the Interior shall comply with—

- (A) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and
- (B) this title; and
- (C) other applicable law.

Title X – Long-Term Native American Economic Development Certainty

SEC. 1001. Native American Economic Development in San Juan County, Utah

(a) McCracken Mesa Mineral Transfer. The federal minerals located within the Aneth Extension of the Navajo Nation shall be transferred to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

SEC. 1002. Ute Indian Tribe Economic Development ~~Area~~

(a) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposed of this Section the term Tribe means the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah.

(b) SPLIT ESTATE UNIFICATION.—the Secretary of the Interior shall unify surface and mineral interests in land within the exterior boundaries of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation by:

(1) where United States holds title to either the surface or mineral estate in trust for the Tribe, but a Federal agency owns or manages the corresponding mineral or surface estates, the title to interests owned or managed by the Federal agency shall be transferred into trust by the United States for the Tribe to unify the surface and mineral estates for the benefit of the Tribe.

(c) TRIBAL CO-MANAGEMENT OF ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST.—Subject to any applicable laws and existing rights, the Secretary of Agriculture shall co-manage the portion of the Ashley National Forest within the exterior boundaries of the Tribe’s Uintah and Ouray Reservation in consultation or coordination with the Tribe. In consultation and coordination with the Tribe, the Secretary and the Tribe shall develop a co-management plan including:

- (1) identifying, restoring, conserving, protecting, and preventing any damage to the important cultural, archaeological, and historical value of the wilderness areas to the respective Indian tribe;
- (2) conserving, protecting, and improving the ecological integrity, social values, and economic environment of the area, including grazing, vegetation, fishery, prescribed fire, geological, biological, wildlife, and scenic resources of such wilderness areas to the respective Indian tribe;
- (3) providing for tribal authority and management of cultural heritage activities; natural resource management, including cultural resources and hunting and fishing; recreation regulation and management; grazing regulation; and law enforcement;
- (4) protecting and preserving the hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities to the respective Indian tribe; and
- (5) authorizing only such uses that are consistent with the purposes of an Indian reservation or Indian Country, or any other uses as agreed to by the respective Indian tribe and Secretary.

(d) DISPOSAL OF NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES AMENDMENTS.—Section 3405 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (10 U.S.C. 7420 note; Public Law 105-261), as amended by Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [div. C, title XXXIV, § 3403(a), (c)], is amended:

- (1) in subsection 3405(b) by striking “are hereby conveyed to the Tribe in fee simple.” and inserting “shall be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe.”;
- (2) in subsection 3405(c) by striking subparagraphs (c)(2) and (c)(3) and renumbering subparagraphs (c)(4) and (c)(5) as (c)(2) and (c)(3), respectively;
- (3) in subsection 3405(c) by renumbering subparagraph (c)(6) as (c)(4), striking “Notwithstanding that the land conveyed to the Tribe under subsection (b) shall not be part of the reservation of the Tribe, such land” and inserting “The land conveyed to the Tribe under subsection (b)”;
- (4) by striking subsection 3405(e);
- (5) by striking subparagraph 3405(i)(3) and renumbering (i)(4) and (i)(5) as (i)(3) and (i)(4), respectively.

(e) JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF UNLEASED ACRES. The Ute Indian Tribe and the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration may enter into joint development agreements for un-leased acres within the Uintah and Ouray Reservation.

(f) MINERALS TRANSFER. The Bureau of Land Management shall transfer all minerals held by the Bureau of Land Management within the Hill Creek Extension, originally established by the Act of March 11, 1948 (62 Stat. 72), to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be held in trust for the Ute Indian Tribe, provided that—

- (1) this transfer shall be considered a mandatory transfer;
- (2) this transfer shall not be subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law 91-190, 83 Stat. 852)

(g) WATER DEVELOPMENT.

(1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subsection is to address the critical and historical water shortages in the Uintah Indian Irrigation Project (“Project”) due to a lack of storage to augment the erratic natural river flows and supplement the delivery of water to irrigate lands with a right to use Tribal water. Rehabilitation and Betterment of the Project, including attention to decades of Deferred Project Maintenance, is needed to improve the inefficiencies in the Project that will reduce the need for multiple costly storage facilities.

(2) Notwithstanding any other laws or policies, the Ute Indian Tribe’s Uintah Indian Irrigation Project Water Storage and Deferred Maintenance, Rehabilitation, and Betterment, as set forth below, are hereby authorized and approved.

(3) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and in accordance with the subsections below, shall carry out the following activities relating to the Uintah Indian Irrigation Project (“Project”):

(A) Ownership.—The Secretary shall transfer at no cost to the Tribe the right, title, and interest in all Project facilities and works, including those described in the 1967 Midview Exchange Agreement with the property appurtenant thereto, and those to be constructed in the future, including storage facilities, to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be held in trust as part of the Project for the benefit of the Ute Indian Tribe; and

(B) Storage Design and Construction in the Uintah River Basin.—The scope of the design and construction of the Coyote Basin reservoir in the Uintah River Basin shall be as generally described in the document entitled “Ute Indian Tribe Water Storage Assessment Report,” dated June 2016, at Schedule 1, attached, and the total funding amount shall not exceed \$151,140,000.

(C) Scope of Deferred Maintenance, Rehabilitation, and Betterment of Project Irrigation Facilities in the Uintah River and Lakefork River Basins.— The scope of the deferred maintenance needs and rehabilitation of the irrigation facilities shall be as generally described in the document entitled “Analysis of Improvements to the Uintah Indian Irrigation Project in the Lake Fork and Uinta River Basins, dated June 2016, at Schedule 2, attached, and the total funding amount shall not exceed—

(i) \$38,000,000 for improvements to the Uinta River Project system, to create a conveyance and distribution efficiency that allows adequate service of on-farm demands. These Project improvements will include remediation of 789 of 801 leaking structures and concrete lining of 26 miles of irrigation canal; and

(ii) \$30,000,000 for improvements to the Lake Fork River Project system, to create a conveyance and distribution efficiency that allows adequate service of on-farm demands. These Project improvements will include remediation of 390 of 395 leaking structures and concrete lining of 28 miles of canal.

(D) Applicability of the Indian Self-Determination Act.—At the request of the Tribe, and in accordance with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 *et seq.*), the Secretary shall enter into 1 or more agreements with the Tribe to carry out the activities authorized by this section (g).

(4) TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS.—Tribal water rights under the Project shall include the following—

(A) The United States shall provide 0.40 acre-feet per acre of annual diversion from storage with an 1861 priority date for a total of 3.40 acre-feet per acre for those lands supplied from the Lakefork, Yellowstone, Uinta, and Whiterocks rivers, as decreed by the United States District Court for the District of Utah in *United States v. Cedarview Irrigation Company*, Case No. 4427 (1923) and *United States v. Dry Gulch Irrigation Company*, Case No. 4418 (1923).

(B) Tribal water rights under the Project shall be administered, managed, regulated, and enforced in accordance with federal Indian Irrigation Projects consistent with federal and Tribal laws, and in accordance with an ideal delivery schedule that is tailored to the irrigation needs of the users.

(C) The Tribe may voluntarily use its water by entering into agreements, such as forbearance agreements, leasing, contracts, exchanges, or other agreements, within the Colorado River basin, notwithstanding any other laws or policies, and without any requirement of prior diversion or use of the water for irrigation or other purposes. The Tribe shall retain the right at any time to elect to return all or a portion of the water so delivered under this subsection to within the boundaries of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation.

(D) NONREIMBURSABILITY OF COSTS.—All costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out this section shall be nonreimbursable.

(5) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is established in the Treasury a fund account, to be known as the “Ute Indian Tribe Uintah Indian Irrigation Project Trust Fund Account,” (“Trust Fund Account”) to be managed, invested, and distributed by the Secretary and to remain available until expended, consisting of the amount deposited in the Trust Fund under section (A), together with any interest earned on those amounts, for the purpose of carrying out section (g) of this Act.

(A) The Secretary shall deposit in the Trust Fund Account the amount made available pursuant to subsection (6).

(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.—there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for deposit in the Ute Indian Tribe Uintah Indian Irrigation Project Trust Fund Account

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(i) As adjusted on appropriation to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers West Urban 50,000 to 1,500,000 index dated April 2010 for the amount appropriated—

(ii) Mandatory Appropriations.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit in the Ute Indian Tribe Uintah Indian Irrigation Project Trust Fund Account \$120,527,000.

(iii) Authorization of Appropriations.—In addition to amounts made available under subparagraph (ii), there is authorized to be appropriated for deposit in the Ute Indian Tribe Uintah Indian Irrigation Project Trust Fund Account \$98,613,000.

(B) ADJUSTMENTS.—The adjustment of the amounts authorized to be appropriated pursuant to subsection (A) shall occur each time an amount is appropriated for an account and shall add to, or subtract from, as applicable, the total amount authorized.

(i) The adjustment process under this subsection shall be repeated for each subsequent amount appropriated until the amount authorized, as adjusted, has been appropriated.

(ii) The amount of an adjustment may be considered to be authorized as of the date on which congressional action occurs and in determining the amount authorized to be appropriated.

(7) Tribal Storage in Flaming Gorge Reservoir.—The Secretary, acting on behalf of the United States, and the Chairman of the Tribe, acting pursuant to an authorization from the Ute Tribal Business Committee, shall enter into a Flaming Gorge Reservoir storage contract, but in no event shall such contract be limited by any term of years, or be cancelled, terminated or rescinded by the action of any party, by the Secretary, except as provided herein.

(A) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT.—The Congress approves, ratifies, and hereby incorporates by reference the Ute Indian Tribe Flaming Gorge Reservoir Storage Contract.

(C) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary is authorized to enter into such agreements and to take such measures as the Secretary may deem necessary or appropriate to fulfill the intent of this subsection.

(D) WATER AVAILABLE UNDER THE CONTRACT.—The Secretary shall make up to

208,861 acre-feet of the Tribe's natural flow right in the Green River to be stored in the Flaming Gorge Storage Reservoir, at the Tribe's election. The Tribe will be entitled to use any and all return flows attributable to uses of the water by the Tribe or its contractors, as long as the water depletions do not exceed an agreed upon depletion amount.

(E) AUTHORITY OF TRIBE.—When water made available under the Flaming Gorge Reservoir Storage Contract is not being used by the Tribe, the Tribe may subcontract with third parties, subject to the approval of the Secretary in accordance with this subsection, to supply water for beneficial use outside of the reservation and within the Colorado River Basin,

(F) MAXIMUM TERM.—The Tribe shall not permanently alienate any rights it has under the Reservoir Storage Contract. The maximum term of any water use subcontract shall not exceed 99 years in duration.

(G) APPROVAL OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall approve or disapprove any subcontracts submitted to him for approval within 180 days after submission. If the Secretary does not take action, the subcontracts shall be deemed approved. If the Secretary disapproves the subcontract, the Secretary shall have an additional 60 days to reach a mutually agreeable subcontract with the Tribe, or the subcontract shall be deemed approved.

(H) COSTS.—The Tribe shall pay its pro rata share of the annual OM&R costs only when it uses or has secured subcontracts for use of its Tribal water from the Flaming Gorge Reservoir for each annual yearly period of use.

(I) FORFEITURE.—The nonuse of the water supply secured herein by a subcontract of the Tribe shall in no event result in a forfeiture, abandonment, relinquishment, or other loss of all or any part of the water rights exercised by the Tribe.

~~ADDITIONAL SECTIONS TO BE ADDED BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM VARIOUS TRIBES~~

Title XI – Long-Term Energy Development Certainty

SEC. 1101. – ENERGY PLANNING AREAS.

(a)) In General. - To promote domestic energy production and job creation in eastern Utah, lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and identified on January 1, 2016, not including any lands within the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, as being open with standard stipulations to oil, gas, oil shale, bituminous sands, wind, solar, geothermal, potash, coal, uranium and other locatable and saleable minerals, within the covered lands of this Act, shall be managed for the production of energy and mineral resources as the highest management priority and shall be developed under the following requirements---

- (a) The Secretary of the Interior shall not withdraw any covered energy project issued under this title without finding a violation of the terms of the lease by the lessee.
- (b) The Secretary of the Interior shall not infringe upon lease rights on the lands identified by indefinitely delaying issuance of project approvals, drilling and seismic permits, and rights of way for activities under such a lease.
- (d) Leases shall be issued 60 days following payment by the successful bidder of the remainder of the bonus bid, if any, and the annual rental for the first lease year.
- (e) The Secretary of the Interior shall not cancel or withdraw any energy or mineral lease parcel after a competitive lease sale has occurred and a winning bidder has submitted the last payment for the parcel.
- (f) Not later than 60 days after a energy or mineral lease sale occurs involving any parcel located in the planning areas described in this title, the Secretary of the Interior shall adjudicate any lease protests filed following a lease sale. If after 60 days any protest is left unsettled, said protest is automatically denied and appeal rights of the protestor begin.
- (g) No additional lease stipulations may be added after the parcel is sold without consultation and agreement of the lessee.
- (h) Planning under Bureau of Land Management Instructional Memorandum 2010-117 shall have no force or effect within the counties referenced in subsection 1103 (2).
- (i) Limitation on lease restrictions for wildlife shall pertain only to specific wildlife laws.
- (j) Cultural resource mitigation within the immediate covered energy project planning area should be prioritized.

SEC. 1102. LEASING OUTSIDE OF THE ENERGY PLANNING AREAS

Nothing in this title precludes leasing or resource development of BLM managed lands not described in subsection 1101 from occurring under regular order pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act or other federal energy development laws.

SEC. 1103. – FUTURE LAND STATUS DETERMINATIONS.

Future land status determinations by the Bureau of Land Management regarding lands identified as open with standard stipulations shall be developed pursuant to this title.

SEC.1104. DEFINITIONS

(1) the term “covered energy project” means the leasing of federal lands of the United States for the exploration, development, production, processing, or transmission of oil, gas, oil shale, bituminous sands, wind, solar, geothermal, potash, coal, uranium and other locatable and saleable minerals, and any action under such a lease.

(2) the term “covered lands” mean all federal lands managed by the BLM within Uintah, Duchesne, Grand, Carbon, Emery, and San Juan Counties in the State of Utah in which BLM land management experts have identified lands as being open with standard stipulations to covered energy projects. Covered lands do not include lands designated in Division A of this Act.

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 grant a right-of-way to the state for public travel and access upon the following roads:

(1) all roads claimed as Class B identified as rights-of-way in judicial actions in the federal court system as of January 1, 2016, in Uintah, Summit, Duchesne, Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan counties.

(2) all roads claimed as Class D highways identified as rights-of-way in judicial actions in the federal court system as of January 1, 2016, in Uintah, Summit, Duchesne, Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan counties, as long as the claimed Class D highway does not pass through United States Forest Service or National Forest System lands, Bureau of Land Management lands designated by Congress as wilderness, excluding those roads which are cherry-stemmed, including lands designated as wilderness or National Conservation Area under this Act, or lands designated by Congress as a National Park as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) APPLICABLE LAW.—A right-of-way granted under subsection (a) shall be granted in perpetuity, except in the case of abandonment, and shall not require the payment of rental. This Title shall not apply to roads passing through an Indian reservation or other Indian Country as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1151, including but not limited to roads listed on the Tribal Transportation Program Inventory and the Indian Reservation Roads Inventory. For rights-of-way on an Indian reservation or other Indian Country, the existing laws for obtaining such rights-of way and the existing laws for closures shall apply.

(c)) ADMINISTRATION

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(i) Each right-of-way granted by the Secretary under the provisions of this Title shall be perpetual, and shall consist of the full geographic extent authorized by Utah state law in effect as of January 1, 2016.

- (ii) The appropriate holder of each right-of-way granted pursuant to this Title may be abandoned pursuant to state law.
- (d) FUTURE CLAIMS. – Nothing in this section precludes the state or county from applying for future or existing rights-of-way on exiting or new roads.

SEC. 1202. GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CERTAIN ROADS.

The recommendations of the Grand County Council, as depicted on the map titled “Grand County PLI Final Map 4-17-2015”, for Hey Joe Canyon, Tenmile 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.

Title XIII – Long-Term Land Use Certainty

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Utah

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Call

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Call my desk. 202-226-7721

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Rep. Chaffetz (UT-03)
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Sent a call in. thanks!

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Subject: Call

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FYI

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Interesting. I think they've requested a meeting with us in DC but we'll be in UT. We'll find another time.

On Jul 6, 2016, at 11:09 AM, Ferguson, Fred <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov> wrote:

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Cody Stewart

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4p call?

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Does that work for you guys?

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From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 30 2016 09:10:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>, Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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Chief of Staff
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Sent: Thu Jun 30 2016 09:51:20 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 30 2016 09:53:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
CC: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>, Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
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"Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>

From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 30 2016 12:39:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: 4p call?

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Sent: Thu Jun 30 2016 13:01:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
CC: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: 4p call?

Good Afternoon,

You can use Nikki's conference line of: Dial-in: (b) (5) and code: (b) (5)

Gisella

On Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 2:39 PM, Ferguson, Fred <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov> wrote:
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"Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children."

- Tribe Unknown

Conversation Contents

letter to Utah delegation

Attachments:

/219. letter to Utah delegation/1.1 BearsEarsLetterUtahDelegation062916.pdf

/219. letter to Utah delegation/3.1 BearsEarsLetterUtahDelegation062916.pdf

"Natasha K. Hale" <njohnson@grandcanyontrust.org>

From: "Natasha K. Hale" <njohnson@grandcanyontrust.org>
Sent: Thu Jun 30 2016 11:34:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Degnan, Michael" (b) (6)
"Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: letter to Utah delegation
Attachments: BearsEarsLetterUtahDelegation062916.pdf

Dear Michael and Nikki,

See attached.

Best,
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Natasha Kaye Hale
2601 N. Fort Valley Road | Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Office: (928) 774-7488 | Fax: (928) 774-7570

"Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 30 2016 12:00:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:
CC: "Degnan, Michael" (b) (6)
Subject: Re: letter to Utah delegation

The strategy here is not the best, in my opinion.

On Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 1:34 PM, Natasha K. Hale <njohnson@grandcanyontrust.org> wrote:

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See attached.

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"Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 05 2016 07:29:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Laura (Liz) Pardue" <liz_pardue@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: letter to Utah delegation
Attachments: BearsEarsLetterUtahDelegation062916.pdf

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Natasha K. Hale** <njohnson@grandcanyontrust.org>
Date: Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 1:34 PM
Subject: letter to Utah delegation
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Conversation Contents

Talk UT

Attachments:

/220. Talk UT/1.1 invite.ics

nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov

From: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov
Sent: Thu Jun 30 2016 10:45:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Talk UT
Attachments: invite.ics

Subject: Talk UT
Location: Dial-in: (b) (5) and code: (b) (5)
Start: Thu 6/30/2016 4:00 PM
End: Thu 6/30/2016 4:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Not yet responded
Organizer: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov

Conversation Contents

Talk UT

Attachments:

/221. Talk UT/1.1 invite.ics

nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov

From: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov
Sent: Fri Jun 24 2016 07:57:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Talk UT
Attachments: invite.ics

Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 30 2016 08:01:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Talk UT

Still want to talk next steps today? I have a thing right at 4pm, so I'm not sure about getting up there. We can do by phone or we can end at 340. Let me know! Also, happy to include Tanner too if you want.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov [mailto:nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 9:58 AM
To: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov; Ferguson, Fred
Subject: Talk UT
When: Thursday, June 30, 2016 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: TBD

"Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>

From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 30 2016 08:26:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)

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To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Talk UT

Could we do a call at 4 with you me and tanner?

Fred Ferguson

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Organizer: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov

Conversation Contents

Response from Bears Ears coalition

Attachments:

/222. Response from Bears Ears coalition/1.1

BearsEarsLetterUtahDelegation062916.pdf

/222. Response from Bears Ears coalition/1.2 ATT00001.txt

"Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>

From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent: Wed Jun 29 2016 21:21:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Stephenne Harding
(b) (6)
Subject: Response from Bears Ears coalition
Attachments: BearsEarsLetterUtahDelegation062916.pdf ATT00001.txt

"Harding, Stephenne S. EOP/CEQ"

(b) (6)

From: "Harding, Stephenne S. EOP/CEQ"
(b) (6)
Sent: Wed Jun 29 2016 21:55:20 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>, "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Response from Bears Ears coalition

Thx. Next steps since they don't want to sit down and talk? Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network. Original Message From: Tanner, John (Hatch) Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:21 PM To: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov; Harding, Stephenne S. EOP/CEQ Subject: Response from Bears Ears coalition



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FW: Utah Delegation PLI Meeting

Attachments:

/223. FW: Utah Delegation PLI Meeting/1.1 Bears Ears PLI Meeting Request.pdf

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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Mon Jun 27 2016 12:34:23 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <Tommy_Beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Stephenne Harding
(b) (6)
Subject: FW: Utah Delegation PLI Meeting
Attachments: Bears Ears PLI Meeting Request.pdf

FYI -

From: "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>
Date: Friday, June 24, 2016 16:02 PM
To: "rwhiteskunk@utemountain.org" <rwhiteskunk@utemountain.org>, "alomahquahu@hopi.nsn.us" <alomahquahu@hopi.nsn.us>
Cc: "njohnson@grandcanyontrust.org" <njohnson@grandcanyontrust.org>, Fred Ferguson <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Utah Delegation PLI Meeting

June 24, 2016

Dear Chairwoman Whiteskunk and Chairman Lomahquahu:

On behalf of our offices, we write to formally request a meeting with you and your fellow tribal leaders, who make up the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition. The purpose of this meeting is to solicit feedback on updated materials regarding the Utah Public Lands Initiative in southeastern Utah.

We understand the limited timeframe under which we are all working and the significant scheduling demands of all those involved. Members of our staff are available to meet with each of you or your designee(s) at your earliest convenience and at a location of your choosing. Following staff level discussions, we would like to find a time of mutual convenience for a larger meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



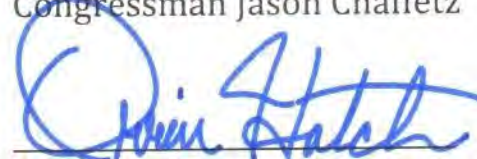
Congressman Rob Bishop



Congressman Jason Chaffetz



Senator Mike Lee



Senator Orrin Hatch

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Nikki's out of the office Re: FW: Utah Delegation PLI Meeting

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Sent: Mon Jun 27 2016 12:34:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov
Subject: Nikki's out of the office Re: FW: Utah Delegation PLI Meeting

I will be out of the office until Tuesday, June 28th. I will return your message when I return. If this is an emergency, please call my cell phone at (b) (6)

Thank you,
Nikki

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/225. /1.1 Bears Ears PLI Meeting Request[1].pdf

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Stephenne Harding
To: (b) (6), Nicole Buffa
<nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:
Attachments: Bears Ears PLI Meeting Request[1].pdf

Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Jun 24 2016 15:09:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Stephenne Harding
CC: (b) (6)
Subject: Re:

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Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Jun 24 2016 15:09:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Michael Degnan (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: Bears Ears PLI Meeting Request[1].pdf

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Date: June 24, 2016 at 4:55:21 PM EDT
To: Stephenne Harding (b) (6) [REDACTED], Nicole Buffa
<nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent: Fri Jun 24 2016 15:09:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: Bears Ears PLI Meeting Request[1].pdf

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Date: June 24, 2016 at 4:55:21 PM EDT
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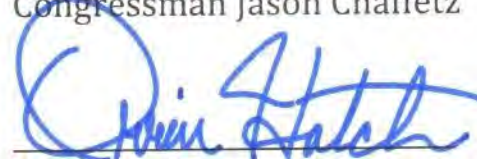
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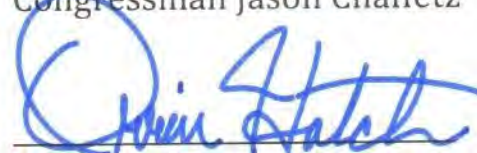
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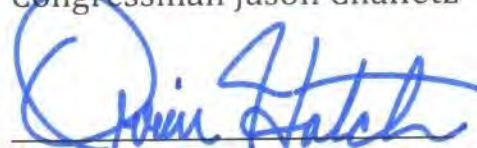
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Sent: Fri Jun 24 2016 07:59:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent: Thu Jun 23 2016 14:53:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tommy Beaudreau <Tommy_Beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Stephenne Harding
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Subject: Fwd: Public Lands Initiative Data Hand-off

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From: "Harding, Stephenne S. EOP/CEQ"
(b) (6)

Sent: Thu Jun 23 2016 15:35:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

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Sent: Thu Jun 23 2016 15:37:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>,
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Sent: Thu Jun 23 2016 16:05:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Harding, Stephenne S. EOP/CEQ"
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Sent: Thu Jun 23 2016 16:36:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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From: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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"Neimeyer, Sarah" <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Neimeyer, Sarah" <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Jun 24 2016 07:24:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nikki_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Felipe Mendoza <felipe_mendoza@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Utah SENR field hearing

Tommy and Nikki -- Let's discuss this at some point. Thanks, Sarah

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Prandoni, Chris (Lee) <Chris_Prandoni@lee.senate.gov>
Date: Fri, Jun 24, 2016 at 9:23 AM
Subject: Utah SENR field hearing
To: "sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov" <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>

Hey Sarah,

Last Friday when our bosses spoke Sen. Lee pitched Sec. Jewell on attending a field hearing we are having in San Juan County on July 27th. It sounds like the conversation went well with the Secretary asking a bunch of questions about location, format, etc. We would love to have her there and think it would be mutually beneficial.

We are still working out many of the details and are open to any suggestions you all have.

Of course happy to chat more offline. My direct is 202 224 3910 or we could sit-down, whatever works for you.

Talk soon,
Chris

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From: "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 11:06 AM
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Sent: Tue Jun 07 2016 09:38:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Appointment Request - Utah Public Lands Writers

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Sent: Tue Jun 07 2016 11:39:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Appointment Request - Utah Public Lands Writers

I do not. I know Stephen Trimble. He is a regular in the SUWA fly-in's.

From: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
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To: Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
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To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Appointment Request - Utah Public Lands Writers

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Sent: Fri Jun 17 2016 09:05:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nikki_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Appointment Request - Utah Public Lands Writers

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Thanks!

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To: John Blair <john_blair@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Stephen Trimble <steve@stephentrimble.net>

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Sent: Mon Jun 20 2016 08:41:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Blair, John" <john_blair@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Nicole Buffa <nikki_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Appointment Request - Utah Public Lands Writers

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Sent: Fri Jun 17 2016 12:19:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Sarah Neimeyer <Sarah_Neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Call

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Sent: Fri Jun 17 2016 12:22:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)

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To: "Beaudreau, Tommy" <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
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Jamie

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Thank you all for you help and patience along the way.

Best,
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Herbert yesterday said he prefers the legislative path to protecting the lands.

"Our concern is not that Bears Ears doesn't need some protection," he said. "The question is, one, what's the vehicle to do it? And let's make sure we work together on it. We don't want to be blindsided like we were with the Clinton administration."

Herbert was referring to the 1996 surprise designation of the 1.7-million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, which Gov. Mike Leavitt (R) first learned about from an article in *The Washington Post*.

Jewell said her staff has worked closely with Bishop and Chaffetz on a bill but has yet to see language sufficient to protect the lands.

"We were disappointed at the first language that came out," she said. "It's materially different than what we thought they were going to come out with, and we've expressed that to them."

The draft released in January would designate roughly 2.2 million acres of wilderness in several counties, create vast motorized recreation areas and expedite the development of oil, gas and minerals.

Conservation groups said the proposal leaves too much wilderness-quality land unprotected and contains troubling loopholes for development on lands it does protect. But Herbert said legislation offers protections that Obama cannot offer under the Antiquities Act, such as an expansion of Arches National Park and protection of 300 miles of the Colorado, Green and Dolores rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Debate over the Bears Ears region has intensified in recent months with the proliferation of fake fliers in San Juan that claimed the monument would restrict access to Utah Navajos and separate postings that advertised a hunting season for backpackers ([Greenwire](#), June 10).

Yesterday, the liberal Center for American Progress **warned** that the Bears Ears region is a "hotbed" for archaeological looting and needs immediate presidential protections.

"The Bears Ears area of Utah is one of the most vulnerable Native American heritage sites in the country," said Jenny Rowland, a research and advocacy associate at CAP. "Important burial sites have been desecrated and vandalized, and sacred artifacts have been looted and sold."

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To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Stephenne Harding
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To: Doug Crandal <dcrandall@fs.fed.us>
Subject: **Public Lands Initiative in Utah**

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Sent: Fri Jun 10 2016 12:15:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>, Leslie Jones <Leslie.Jones@osec.usda.gov>
CC: Stephenne Harding
(b) (6)
Subject: Re: Public Lands Initiative in Utah

Hi Leslie - Fred would love to talk PLI with you or someone on your team. Hope you guys can connect soon!

Thanks,
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From: "Harding, Stephenne S. EOP/CEQ"
(b) (6)
Sent: Fri Jun 10 2016 12:16:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "dcrandall@fs.fed.us" <dcrandall@fs.fed.us>
Subject: FW: Public Lands Initiative in Utah

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Sent: Fri Jun 10 2016 12:31:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Harding, Stephenne S. EOP/CEQ"
(b) (6)
Subject: Re: Public Lands Initiative in Utah

Of course----not sure what happened, thought we were on this. I'll make sure we connect right away. Thanks,
Doug

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Donnay, Jacob S -FS" <jacobsdonnay@fs.fed.us>
Date: May 27, 2016 at 1:53:07 PM EDT
To: "Crandall, Doug -FS" <dcrandall@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Draft analysis and side x side of SENR discussion draft

Doug-

See attached draft analysis of the SENR discussion draft along with the "side x side" that compares the draft with other similar bills. If you concur, we can send to OCR based on Joe's earlier request.

-Jake



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roads language

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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 09 2016 12:32:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)
Stephenne Harding
To: (b) (6); Nikki Buffa
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Subject: roads language

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Sent: Thu Jun 09 2016 13:03:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>, Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: RE: roads language

I am swamped in mgts for the rest of the day, so if you won't mind, can we get you something for tomorrow. I think we all know there is a hold there. -----Original Message----- From: Ferguson, Fred [mailto:Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov] Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 2:32 PM To: Harding, Stephenne S. EOP/CEQ (b) (6); Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov> Subject: roads language If you guys could send me in the direction of some roads language, I can add to the base bill before I send you guys a copy. Thanks

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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 09 2016 12:44:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: arches

Here is the narrative from the local OHV group. Instead of cherry stems, could we outline a permit system to give them management authority?

8. Arches National Park Expansion (Div. A, Title IV) - The proposed park expansion would cover five 4WD routes of particular importance, which are Klondike Bluffs, Dry Mesa, Winter Camp Ridge (to the overlook of Salt Wash), The Highlands (pipeline to the overlook of Salt Wash), and The Eagle's Nest (from reservoir northwest of Long Valley to overlook of Salt Valley). (See enclosed map and shapefile.) Legislation should direct NPS to permit motorized use of these routes by the general public. Further, the NPS currently prohibits OHV use of any motorized routes in Arches, even if the OHVs are "street legal." Therefore we would prefer that legislation direct NPS to permit OHV use of these routes by the general public.

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grand county council

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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 09 2016 11:27:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
Stephene Harding
To: (b) (6) Tommy
Beaudreau <Tommy_Beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Nikki Buffa
<nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: grand county council

FYI - this article was just published that summarizes our meeting down in Moab from last week:
http://www.moabsunnews.com/news/article_8a24a670-2e51-11e6-962a-670196a83806.html?mode=story

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River House Ruin

Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri May 27 2016 10:13:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov
Subject: River House Ruin

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"Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>

From: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Sent: Fri May 27 2016 10:52:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: River House Ruin

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From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri May 27 2016 11:02:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
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Sent: Thu Jun 02 2016 19:58:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
CC: "Tanner, John (Hatch)" <John_Tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: River House Ruin

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Jenna Whitlock <jwhitloc@blm.gov>

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Sent: Thu Jun 02 2016 20:37:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: John Tanner <john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov>
CC: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: River House Ruin

Hi again John -- we'd be delighted to show you and your boss River House Ruin tomorrow morning, if it works out with your schedule. It will be our Monticello Field Manager, Don Hoffheins and one of his Archaeologist.

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"Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>

From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wed Jun 01 2016 06:37:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <Tommy_Beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: update?

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From: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Date: June 1, 2016 at 08:34:28 EDT
To: Anders Reynolds <areynolds@pewtrusts.org>
Cc: "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: update?

That's strange. I'm emailing with admin on an almost daily basis. They are meeting with SITLA tomorrow. And they've asked me to schedule meetings with various county leaders in the very near future.

I'm in Utah today and tomorrow pitching the big picture changes to the counties, including a public meeting in Moab.

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To: Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent: Wed Jun 01 2016 09:52:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella" <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent: Tue May 31 2016 14:43:38 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: RE: update

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Good luck out there,
Nikki

From: Ferguson, Fred [mailto:Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 4:29 PM
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To: Tommy Beaudreau <Tommy_Beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Nikki Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: FW: PLI geodatabase

This is good. Thanks for making this happen.

From: Sean Edwards <sedwards@utah.gov>
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016 12:16 PM
To: "lroth@blm.gov" <lroth@blm.gov>
Cc: Jeana Whitlock <jwhitlock@utah.gov>, Jamie Pool <jpool@blm.gov>, Fred Ferguson <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>, "Snider, Casey" <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>, Wade Kloos <wkloos@utah.gov>
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Hey Lynn.

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Have a good day.

Sean

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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016 12:16 PM
To: "Iroth@blm.gov" <Iroth@blm.gov>
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Have a good day.

Sean

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Sent: Wed May 25 2016 08:12:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Beaudreau, Tommy" <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: SITLA and DOI e-intro

You are set to call him at 1pm.

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To: "Ferguson, Fred" <fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov>
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Sent: Mon May 23 2016 08:29:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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SEC. 101. WILDERNESS DESIGNATIONS

In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act, and subject to valid existing rights, the following areas of the State 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.).

- (A) CANDLAND MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 12,330 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Candland Mountain Wilderness”.
- (B) DESOLATION CANYON. --- Certain federal land in Duchesne, Uintah, Carbon, Emery, and Grand Counties managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 473,272 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Desolation Canyon Wilderness.”
- (C) HIGH UINTA. --- Certain federal land in Duchesne, Summit, and Uintah Counties, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 26,701 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “High Uinta Wilderness.”
- (D) MANCOS MESA.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah 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 and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mancos Mesa Wilderness.”
- (E) CHEESEBOX CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 14,441 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cheesebox Canyon Wilderness.”
- (F) BUTLER WASH.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 27,813 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Butler Wash Wilderness.”
- (G) DARK CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 72,990 acres, as

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generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Dark Canyon Wilderness.”

- (H) BEHIND THE ROCKS.—Certain federal land in San Juan and Grand Counties in Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 13,025 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Behind the Rocks Wilderness.”
- (I) BRIDGER JACK MESA.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 6,333 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Bridger Jack Mesa Wilderness.”
- (J) CEDAR MESA.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 223,566 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cedar Mesa Wilderness.”
- (K) MIKES CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah 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 and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mikes Canyon Wilderness.”
- (L) MULE CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 5,859 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mule Canyon Wilderness.”
- (M) MARSH PEAK.—Certain federal land in Uintah County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 15,032 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Marsh Peak Wilderness.”
- (N) CLIFF PEAK.—Certain federal land in Uintah County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 9,154 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cliff Peak Wilderness.”
- (O) 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 _____, which shall be known as the “Bull Canyon Wilderness.”
- (P) WHITE CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 18,886 acres, as

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generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “White Canyon Wilderness.”

- (Q) MEXICAN MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 85,150 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mexican Mountain Wilderness.”
- (R) SIDS MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 82,406 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Sids Mountain Wilderness.”
- (S) MUDDY CREEK.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 72,400 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Muddy Creek Wilderness.”
- (T) SAN RAFAEL REEF.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 65,146 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “San Rafael Reef Wilderness.”
- (U) CRACK CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 27,191 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Crack Canyon Wilderness.”
- (V) DEVILS CANYON.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 8,652 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Devils Canyon Wilderness.”
- (W) NELSON MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 12,856 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Nelson Mountain Wilderness.”
- (X) WILLIAM GRANSTAFF CANYON.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 8,983 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “William Granstaff Canyon Wilderness.”
- (Y) MILL CREEK CANYON.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 12,358

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acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mill Creek Canyon Wilderness.”

(Z) LABYRINTH CANYON.—Certain federal land in Grand and Emery Counties in the state of Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 52,969 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Labyrinth Canyon Wilderness.”

(AA) CANYONLANDS.—Certain federal land in San Juan and Grand Counties in the State of Utah managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 257,607 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Canyonlands Wilderness.”

(BB) ARCHES.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 76,259 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Arches Wilderness.”

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

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

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

(FF) BOOK CLIFFS.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 175,491 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Book Cliffs Wilderness.”

(GG) WESTWATER.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 32,955 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Westwater Wilderness.”

(HH) BEAVER CREEK.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 48,514 acres, as

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generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Beaver Creek Wilderness.”

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

(JJ) HAMMOND CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 7,594 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Hammond Canyon Wilderness.”

(KK) ARCH CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 4,376 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Arch Canyon Wilderness.”

(LL) RANGE CREEK.—Certain federal land in Carbon County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 4,062 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Range Creek Wilderness.”

(MM) DINOSAUR.—Certain federal land in Uintah County, Utah managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 52,349 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Dinosaur Wilderness.”

(NN) CEDAR MOUNTAIN. - Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 17,355 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cedar Mountain Wilderness.”

(OO) INDIAN CREEK. - Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 6,562 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Indian Creek Wilderness.”

(PP) STEER GULCH. - Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately _____ acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Steer Gulch Wilderness.”

SEC. 102 MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.

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(a) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years from the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall file a map and legal description 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.

(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.

(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, the National Park Service, and the United States Forest Service.

SEC. 103. WILDERNESS ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL .—Subject to valid existing rights, 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.

(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 Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate may take such measures in the Wilderness as are necessary for the control of fire, insects, and diseases (including, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, the coordination of the activities with a State or local agency).

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

(d) LIVESTOCK .—

(a)The grazing of livestock in the Wilderness, if established before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be allowed to continue, subject to such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary considers to be necessary in accordance with—

(1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.1133(d)(4)); and

(2) 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).

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In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate to establish historic grazing areas, locations, or use.

(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 to the extent necessary for realizing the recreational purposes of the areas.

(f) **FISH AND WILDLIFE**

(1) **MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**.—In furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary may conduct any management activities in the Wilderness that are necessary to maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations and the habitats to support the populations, if the activities are carried out—

(A) consistent with relevant wilderness management plans; and

(B) in accordance with—

(i) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.); and

(ii) the guidelines set forth in Appendix B 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), including the occasional and temporary use of Off-highway vehicle vehicles if the use, as determined by the Secretary, would promote healthy, viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife populations that would enhance wilderness values with the minimal impact necessary to reasonably accomplish those tasks.

(2) **EXISTING ACTIVITIES**.—Consistent with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and in accordance with the guidelines set forth in appendix B 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), the State may continue to use aircraft, including helicopters, to survey, capture, transplant, monitor, and provide water for wildlife populations in the Wilderness.

(g) **ACCESS** .—In accordance with section 5(a) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1134(a)), the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a wilderness area adequate access to the property.

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

(1) the structures and facilities will enhance wilderness values by promoting healthy, viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife populations; and

(2) the visual impacts of the structures and facilities on the wilderness can be minimized.

(i) **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 public land in the

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State, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping within the wilderness areas.

(B) CONSULTATION .—Except in emergencies, the Secretary shall consult with the appropriate State agency and notify the public before taking any action under subparagraph (A).

(j) WITHDRAWALS- Subject to valid existing rights, all public land within the areas established under this title, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the wilderness area 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.

(k) TRAIL AND FENCE MAINTENANCE. – The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall work to ensure that existing trails and fence lines located in the lands identified in this title are adequately cleared and maintained.

SEC. 104. WATER RIGHTS.

(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.

(b) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

- (1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 wilderness areas designated by section 101 subject to such reasonable regulations deemed necessary by the Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture.

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.

SEC. 106. ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.

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(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. NATIVE AMERICAN TREATY RIGHTS.

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

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

(a) ACQUISITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate 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, not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate 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 by this title the use of eminent domain or condemnation shall be prohibited.

(b) INCORPORATION IN WILDERNESS AREA.—Any land or interest in land located inside the boundary of a wilderness area 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 wilderness area.

SEC. 109. WILDERNESS REVIEW.

(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 and dated _____, have been adequately studied for wilderness designation:

A. 43,323-acre area known as Winter Ridge Wilderness Study Area;

B. 7,051-acre area known as Jack Canyon Wilderness Study Area;

C. 6,557-acre area known as Squaw and Papoose Wilderness Study Area;

D. 20,404-acre area known as Desolation Canyon Wilderness Study Area included within the Desolation Canyon National Conservation Area as designated by this Act and as depicted on the map;

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E. 2,517-acre area known as Daniels Canyon Wilderness Study Areas; and

F. 945-acre 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.

(D) shall be managed pursuant to this Act if released lands otherwise lie within a designated area pursuant to this Act.”

SEC. 110. AIRSHEDS.

(a) 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 USC 7401-7661) unless Class I status is agreed to by the State of Utah under existing authorities or the areas designated under section 101 are already managed as Class I airsheds.

Title II – National Conservation Areas

SEC. 201. NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, the following areas in the State are hereby established as National Conservation Areas:

- (1) BEACH DRAW.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 659 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Beach Draw National Conservation Area.”
- (2) DIAMOND MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 30,391 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, 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, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Docs Valley National Conservation Area.”

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

(6) SAN RAFAEL SWELL.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 329,933 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 _____, to be known as the “San Rafael Swell National Conservation Area.”

(7) LABYRINTH CANYON.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 35,049 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Emery County and Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Labyrinth Canyon National Conservation Area.”

(8) MUDDY CREEK.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 55,208 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 _____, to be known as the “Muddy Creek National Conservation Area.”

(9) COLORADO RIVER.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 116,156 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Colorado River National Conservation Area.”

(10) INDIAN CREEK. - Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Indian Creek National Conservation Area.”

(11) BEARS EARS. - Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Bears Ears National Conservation Area.”

SEC. 202 MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION. –

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(a) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years from the date the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall file a map and legal description of the National Conservation Areas established by sections 201, 205 and 206 of this Act 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.—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 may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.

(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 and the United States Forest Service.

SEC. 203. ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS

(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 Secretary of the Interior 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 cooperative and innovative management practices between resource managers, private landowners, and the public in the Conservation Area; and
- 3) Recognizes and maintains to the extent practicable historic uses of the Conservation Area.

(b) MANAGEMENT PLANS.

(1) 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 each conservation area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the conservation area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection (a) of this section and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Stakeholder Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

SEC. 204. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) WITHDRAWALS-

(1) Subject to valid existing rights, all federal land within the National Conservation Areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 , including any

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land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the conservation area 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.

(b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE .— In accordance with this title, in national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 the Secretary of the Interior may take such measures in the NCA as are necessary for the control of fire, insects, and diseases (including, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, 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 national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 . subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary

(d) LIVESTOCK .—

(1) IN GENERAL .— Within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established supporting facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

F) Access to historic and traditional water improvements for the purpose of supporting livestock shall be maintained unless the Secretary of the Interior, in

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consultation with the Advisory Council, determines that the water sources are damaging cultural resources or historical resources.

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue.

(4) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate to establish historic grazing areas or use.

(e) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY. – Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary of the Interior from renewing easements or rights-of-way in national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with this Act and existing law.

(f) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around a Conservation area designated by sections 201, 205 and 206 .

(b) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE CONSERVATION AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside a conservation area established under sections 201, 205, and 206 can be seen, heard, 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 national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 are authorized.

(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 national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206.

(i) ACCESS .—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a conservation area established under sections 201, 205, and 206 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 national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 are authorized.

(k) HUNTING AND FISHING. – Within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206, hunting and fishing in areas where hunting and fishing has been allowed on lands and waters owned or managed by the Department or the Interior or Department of Agriculture before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(l). – WATER RIGHTS

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

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- (1) shall constitute either an express or implied reservation by the United States of any water rights with respect to the National Conservation 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 NCA designations.
- (b) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—
- (1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 NCAs designated by this title subject to such reasonable regulations deemed necessary by the Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture.
- (m) WILDERNESS REVIEW. —
- (a) Congress finds that the national conservation areas described in sections 201, 205, and 206 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.
 - (b) The Secretary of the Interior may not promulgate or issue any system-wide regulation, directive, instruction memorandum or order that would direct management of the federal lands designated as national conservation areas in sections 201, 205, and 206 in a manner contrary to this title.
- (n) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this title prevents the Secretary of the Interior from conducting vegetation management projects within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 in a manner consistent with the purposes of the NCA.
- (o) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE VEHICLES.
- (1) IN GENERAL- Except in cases in which Off-highway vehicle vehicles are needed for administrative purposes, including project construction and maintenance, or to respond to an emergency, the use of Off-highway vehicle vehicles shall be permitted only on designated routes within the national conservation areas.
 - (2) DESIGNATED ROUTES
 - (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 on January 1, 2016;
 - (ii) minimizes conflict with sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources; and
 - (iii) does not interfere with private property or water rights.
 - (B) CLOSURE OR REROUTING-

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(i) IN GENERAL- A designated route may be temporarily closed or rerouted, for a period not to exceed two years, if the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the State, and relevant local government within the State determines that--

(I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;

(II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.

(III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the conservation area.

(IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.

(V) an alternative route has been provided, which can include routes previously closed.

(ii) If temporary closure and rerouting options as outlined in section (i) above have been exhausted, and the designated route continues to damage sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources, the minimum track of the designated route necessary to protect said resources may be permanently closed.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of the Interior 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;

(ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(3) PERMANENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION-

(1) After the date of enactment of this Act, except as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the Secretary of the Interior shall not construct any permanent road within the conservation area designated under section 201, 205, or 206

(p) 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.

(q) SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS. — The Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall provide for opportunities, including through partnerships with colleges, universities, schools, scientific institutions, non-profit organizations, researchers, and scientists to conduct research and provide educational and interpretive services of the historical, cultural, scientific, archeological, and natural resources within the National Conservation Areas established under 201, 205, and 206. Research findings from the national conservation areas may be used to develop land use solutions that meet human needs while maintaining ecological and economic viability in the region.

(r) RESEARCH AND INTERPRETIVE FACILITIES. —

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

(A) the conduct of scientific research; and

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(B) the interpretation of the historical, cultural, scientific, archeological, natural and educational resources of the national conservation areas.

(2) GRANTS; COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS. —In carrying out subsection (s), 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, other institutions and organizations, and private entities to conduct research, develop scientific analyses, and carry out any other initiative relating to the restoration or conservation of the Conservation Areas.

(s) PARTNERSHIPS. —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 and local agencies, academic institutions, non-profit organizations and private entities.

(t) RECREATION. — The Secretary shall continue to authorize, maintain, and enhance the recreational use of the national conservation areas, 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 authorized routes, and other recreational activities, so long as such recreational use is consistent with the purposes of the conservation area, this section, and applicable management plans.

(u) ACQUISITION. —

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate may acquire land or interest in land within the boundaries of the national conservation areas designated by section by this title only by donation, exchange, transfer from another federal agency, or purchase from a willing seller.

(2) LAND EXCHANGE.—At the request of the State, not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall complete exchanges for State land located within the boundaries of the national conservation areas designated by this title.

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

(b) INCORPORATION IN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.—Any land or interest in land located inside the boundary of a national conservation area 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 national conservation area.

SEC. 205. — BOOK CLIFFS SPORTSMENS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, certain federal land, comprising approximately 42,352 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County in the State of Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI

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National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, is established as “Book Cliffs Sportsmens National Conservation Area.”

(b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of the Book Cliffs Sportsmen’s National Conservation Area (referred to in this section as the “NCA”) 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 environmental.

(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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 NCA.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Advisory Council. 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.

(3) REQUIREMENTS- The management plan shall be written in accordance with subsection (b)

(4) Uses- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the NCA that would further the purposes of the NCA.

(d) BOOK CLIFFS SPORTSMEN’S NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL. –

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall establish the Book Cliffs Sportsmens National Conservation Area Advisory Council (referred to as the Advisory Council”) to:

(A) advise the Secretary of the Interior with respect to development and implementation of the NCA management plan to the greatest extent allowable by law.

(B) encourage and promote local participation in the decision making processes affecting the NCA.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.— The Advisory Council shall consist of 11 members.

(3) MEMBERS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint one member from each of the from the following groups:

(i) State Division of Wildlife Resources Director or designee.

(ii) Game bird hunting organizations.

(iii) Wildlife conservation organizations.

(iv) Big game hunting organizations.

(v) a cold water fishing organization.

(vi) the tourism, outfitter, or guiding industry.

(vii) the hunting or shooting equipment retail industry.

(viii) Ute Tribe representative.

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- (ix) The agriculture industry.
- (x) the ranching industry designee from Uintah County.
- (xi) Uintah County Commission Chairman or its designee.

(4) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall determine that all individuals appointed to the Advisory Council, and the organization or industry each individual represents, support sustainable-use hunting, wildlife conservation, and recreational shooting.

(1) TERMS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.— Except for the initial appointees, members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed for a term of 4 years. Members shall not be appointed for more than 3 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(2) TERMS OF INITIAL APPOINTEES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint the initial members of the Advisory Council as follows:

- (i) 5 members shall be appointed for a term of 4 years;
- (ii) 4 members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years; and
- (iii) 2 members shall be appointed for a term of 2 years.

(5) PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ADVISORY STATUS.—No individual may be appointed as a member of the Advisory Council while serving as an officer or employee of the Federal Government.

(6) VACANCY AND REMOVAL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Any vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(B) REMOVAL.—Advisory Committee members shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior and may be removed at any time for good cause.

(7) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—Each member may continue to serve after the expiration of the term of office to which such member was appointed until a successor has been appointed.

(8) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Advisory Council shall be appointed to a 3-year term by the Secretary of the Interior from among the members of the Advisory Council. An individual appointed to the Advisory Council under (4)(2)(iii) shall be eligible to serve as Chair, but may serve for two years. An individual may not be appointed as Chair for more than 2 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(9) PAY AND EXPENSES.—Members of the Advisory Council shall serve without pay, but each member of the Advisory Council may be reimbursed for travel and lodging incurred through attending meetings of the Advisory Council (including approved workgroup or subgroup meetings) in the same amounts and under the same conditions as Federal employees in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(10) MEETINGS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council shall meet at the call of the Secretary of the Interior, the chair, or a majority of the members, but not less frequently than twice annually.

(B) OPEN MEETINGS.—Each meeting of the Advisory Council shall be open to the public.

(C) PRIOR NOTICE OF MEETINGS.—Timely notice of each meeting of the

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Advisory Committee shall be published in the Federal Register and be submitted to publications of general circulation.

(D) SUBGROUPS.—The Advisory Council may establish such workgroups or subgroups as it deems necessary for the purpose of compiling information or conducting research. However, such workgroups or subgroups may not conduct business without the direction of the Advisory Council.

(11) QUORUM.—Seven members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum.

(12) EXPENSES.—The expenses of the Advisory Council that the Secretary of the Interior determine to be reasonable and appropriate shall be paid by the Secretary of the Interior.

(13) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide to the Advisory Council the administrative support and technical services.

(14) ANNUAL REPORT.—

(1) REQUIRED.—Not later than September 30 of each year, the Advisory Council shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Interior, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate. If circumstances arise in which the Advisory Council 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 Advisory Committee during the preceding year;
(B) the reports and recommendations made by the Advisory Council 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.

(15) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT: Within the NCA, the Secretary of the Interior may authorize vegetation management including through mechanical means to the extent necessary to control fire, insects, or disease to promote and improve wildlife habitat and diversity as consistent with the purposes of the NCA.

(16) EXCEPTION: Notwithstanding the withdrawal in paragraph 202(a), for the Book Cliffs Sportsmens National Conservation Area, the Secretary of the Interior 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:

(A) the area may be accessed only by directional drilling from a lease held on the date of enactment of this Act on land that is adjacent to, and outside of, the conservation area.

(B) the lease shall prohibit surface occupancy and surface disturbance for any mineral activities within the Sportsmen Conservation Area.

SEC. 206. - BEARS EARS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

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(a) FINDINGS.—

Congress finds the following:

- (1) The lands within Bears Ears National Conservation Area have been utilized by Native Americans for thousands of years.
- (2) The unique, intact archaeological record found throughout the Bear's Ears National Conservation Area is sacred to numerous Native American tribes and Pueblos and is of great significance to American history.
- (3) Native American Tribes and Pueblos maintain deep connections and commitments to the lands within the Bears Ears National Conservation Area and continue to rely on and utilize these lands for practicing 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. Many visitors develop similar attachments and appreciation for these landscapes.

(b) ADDITIONAL PURPOSES

ADDITIONAL 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 Secretary of the Interior shall manage the Bears Ears National Conservation Areas established by section 201 in a manner that:

- (A) Provides for traditional access by indigenous persons for culturally significant subsistence, including but not limited to traditional gathering and hunting, and cultural and religious uses within the National Conservation Area;
- (B) Develops policies, consistent with the Native American Graves Repatriation and Protection Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Utah State Antiquities Act to protect and preserve and minimize disturbance to Native American archaeological sites, including human remains, from permitted uses of the National Conservation Area;
- (C) Integrates Native American Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)(36 CFR 219.19) to improve social, economic, and ecological sustainability in accordance with US Forest Service 2012 Planning Rule regulations, (FSH 1909.12, Zero code & Ch10);

(c) COOPERATING AGENCIES

COOPERATING AGENCIES. – The Secretaries shall designate and involve as cooperating agencies interested Tribes and Pueblos that trace their culture and heritage to the lands within the Bear's Ears National Conservation Area in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(d) TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT

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In employing individuals to perform any administrative, interpretation, construction, maintenance, interpretation, or other service in the Bear's Ears National Conservation Area, the Secretaries shall, insofar as practicable, give priority consideration to members of Native American tribes that meet publically posted job qualifications and criteria consistent with standard federal hiring practices.

(e) NATIVE AMERICAN LIASION

The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint a staff member to serve as a liaison to the Native American tribes that enter into cooperating agency status pursuant to subsection (c). The liaison shall work to ensure the voice and perspectives of the cooperating tribal entities are represented in the implementation management of the NCA.

(f) NATIVE AMERICAN COLLABORATION COMMISSION

In preparing the management plan for the Bears Ears NCA, the Secretary of the Interior shall create a Commission comprising of one representative from each Tribe or Pueblo that enters into cooperating agency status pursuant to subsection (c). The Secretary shall actively seek advice and carefully consider counsel of the Commission. The Secretary shall give full consideration to the recommendations of the Commission.

(A) Stakeholder Advisory Council Representative

The Commission shall select either a representative from the Commission or the Native American Liaison to be the Native American interest representative on the Advisory Council, pursuant to Sec. 2002 subsection (a).

(B) MEDIATION

If necessary, mediation regarding significant disagreements between the Commission and the Advisory Council shall be undertaken by the Secretary.

(g) Bears Ears Stakeholder Advisory Council

(1) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—In addition to the membership listed in SEC. 2002 (a)(3), the San Juan Advisory Council will also include the following members:

- a. One representative with historical expertise in the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail;
- b. One representative with paleontological expertise;
- c. The representative with archaeological and/or historic expertise in SEC. 2002 (a)(3)(iii)(b) shall be an archaeologist.

**SEC. 207 – INDIAN CREEK NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA
ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

(a) ADDITIONAL PURPOSE:

1. Create an experimental range that allows for flexibility in grazing management to promote rangeland health and/or to respond to research needs.
2. Promotes scientific research and conducts research projects on the interactive affects of land use and the environment; and

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SEC. 208- ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR DOCS VALLEY, STONE BRIDGE DRAW, STUNTZ DRAW, BEACH DRAW, MCCOOK RIDGE, AND DIAMOND MOUNTAIN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS

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

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, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____.
 - (2) DRY FORK.—The “Dry Fork Watershed Management Area”, consisting of approximately 9,641 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____.
 - (3) CASTLE VALLEY.—The “Castle Valley Watershed Management Area”, consisting of approximately 34,248 acres of the Manti-LaSal National Forest in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____.
 - (4) WIDDOP MOUNTAIN.—The “Widdop Mountain Watershed Management Area”, consisting of approximately 8,025 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Summit County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____.
 - (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, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____.

(b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION. –

(1) IN GENERAL. – Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture 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 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

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(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.

(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. 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 from 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 areas;
- (4) to allow for the reintroduction of beavers in appropriate watershed management areas;
- (5) to allow for reintroduction of flora (land and aquatic), bird, fish and animal fauna in special management areas and watershed management areas;
- (6) to provide for the restoration of watershed and re-establish ecosystem health in areas damaged by threatened by insects, or disease; and
- (7) to provide for the restoration of ecosystems damaged or threatened by overpopulation of overpopulation of any plant, aquatic or animal species.

(B) MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage the watershed areas—

- (A) in a manner consistent with the purposes described in subsection (a);
- (B) in accordance with—
 - (i) the laws (including regulations) generally applicable to the National Forest System;
 - (ii) this section; and
 - (iii) any other applicable law (including regulations).

(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN .—

- (1) PLAN REQUIRED- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall develop a management plan for the long-term management of each watershed management area.
- (2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.
- (3) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the watershed management area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection (a) of this section and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils established under Division C of

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this Act.

SEC. 303 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) **MOTORIZED VEHICLES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL-** 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 fuel reduction for water protection purposes.

(d) **OVERSNOW VEHICLES .**—Where permitted prior to the date of enactment of this Act the Secretary of Agriculture shall authorize the use of snowmobiles and other oversnow 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, the Secretary of Agriculture may—

(A) in consultation with state, local, and water districts who own or control water resources within Watershed Management Areas, the Secretary of Agriculture may carry out measures to manage wildland fire and treat 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) or affects the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to protect or improve water quality or to maintain or restore the characteristics of ecosystem composition and structure.

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

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(h) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of Agriculture 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) TIMBER HARVESTING.—Within the Watershed Management Areas, timber harvesting may be utilized 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 GRAZING .—

(1) IN GENERAL .— Within the watershed management areas established under sections 301, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue

(5) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing locations, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be

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given consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture to establish historic access, locations, or use.

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

(l) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(a) IN GENERAL.—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, 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.

(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 Area.

(p) ACCESS .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a Watershed Management Area reasonable access to the owner's 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) HUNTING AND FISHING. –

Within the Watershed Management Areas in where hunting and fishing on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of Agriculture was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(s) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 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.

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

(b) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 101 subject to such reasonable regulations deemed necessary by the Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture.

(t) WITHDRAWAL .—

(1) IN GENERAL .—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—

- (a) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the federal land laws;
- (b) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (c) 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.

Title IV –Special Management Areas

SEC. 401. HIGH UINTAS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, the approximately 20,683 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” and dated _____.

(a) PURPOSES—The purposes of the High Uintas Special Management Area (referred to in this title as the Area) is to maintain the presently existing wilderness character of the area and to all for the continued use of winter Off-highway vehicle vehicles.

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

(1) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the High Uintas Special Management Area with the Committee on Natural Resources of

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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.

(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. 403. ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIGH UINTAS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

(a) ADMINISTRATION .—

(1) IN GENERAL .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall administer the High Uintas Special Management Area 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.

(b) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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 each watershed management area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(3) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the special management area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection 401(a) of this Title and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act. Other uses of the special management areas shall:

- (A) maintain the presently existing wilderness character of the special management area.
- (B) allow for non motorized recreational opportunities to occur within the Area including skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, snowshoeing, and camping;
- (C) allow for the continued use and access of Off-highway vehicle winter vehicles including snowmobiles
- (D) prohibit mineral development;
- (E) prohibit new permanent road construction; and
- (F) prohibit commercial timber harvesting.

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

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(a) WITHDRAWALS-

(1) Subject to valid existing rights, all federal land within the High Uintas Special Management Area established under sections 401, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the conservation area 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.

(b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE .— In accordance with this title, the Secretary of the Agriculture may take such measures in the High Uintas Special Management Area as are necessary for the control of fire, insects, and diseases (including, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, 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) or affects the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to protect or improve water quality or to maintain or restore the characteristics of ecosystem composition and structure.

(d) LIVESTOCK .—

(1) IN GENERAL .— Within the High Uintas Special Management Area the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

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D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue

(4) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate to establish historic grazing areas or use.

(e) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

(b) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the High Uintas Special Management Area can be seen, heard, 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 High Uintas Special Management Area are authorized.

(g) 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 High Uintas Special Management Area

(h) ACCESS .—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of the High Uintas Special Management 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 High Uintas Special Management Area are authorized.

(j) HUNTING AND FISHING. – Within the Area, hunting and fishing, in areas where hunting and fishing has been allowed on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of Agriculture before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

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(k). – WATER RIGHTS

(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 High Uintas Special Management Area;
- (2) affects any water rights in the State of Utah existing on the date of enactment of this Act;
- (3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future national conservation areas designations.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of the Interior 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 High Uintas Special Management Area.

(c) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS. – The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall not take any action that adversely affects –

- (1) any water rights granted by the State;
 - (2) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;
 - (3) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;
 - (4) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;
 - (5) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law;
- or
- (6) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(d) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit Off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 High Uintas Special Management Area.

(2) Nothing in this Act 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.

(e) DEFINITION. – 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.

(l) PERMANENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION-

(1) After the date of enactment of this Act, except as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the Secretary of Agriculture shall not construct any permanent road within the High Uintas Special Management Area

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(m) TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION -- Except as necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the High Uintas Special Management Area, and to protect public health and safety, the establishment of temporary roads is prohibited.

(n) USE OF MOTORIZED OR MECHANIZED VEHICLES -- Except as necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the High Uintas Special Management Area and to protect public health and safety the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized vehicles is prohibited.

(o) COMMERCIAL TIMBER HARVESTING – Commercial timber harvesting within the High Uintas Special Management Area is prohibited.

(p) 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 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, the approximately 8,231.25 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” and dated _____.

(B) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION. –

(1) IN GENERAL. – Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the Little West Fork Blacks 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 of Agriculture may correct minor errors in the map or legal description.

(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 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

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

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(b) ADMINISTRATION .—

(A) IN GENERAL .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall administer the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area

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

(ii) in accordance with—

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

(II) this Act; and

(III) other applicable laws.

(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN .—

(1) 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 each watershed management area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(3) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the special management area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection 406(a) of this Title and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act. Other uses of the special management areas shall:

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

(B) allow for reintroduction of flora (land and aquatic), bird, fish and animal fauna in special management areas;

(C) restore watershed and re-establish ecosystem health in areas damaged by threatened by insects, or disease;

(D) restore balance of ecosystem damaged or threatened by overpopulation of overpopulation of any plant, aquatic or animal species.

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

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

(a) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE VEHICLES.—

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

(2) MANAGEMENT-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Agriculture 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 on January 1, 2016;

(ii) minimizes conflict with sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources;
and

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

(B) CLOSURE OR REROUTING.

(i) IN GENERAL- A designated route may be closed or rerouted, if the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the State, or relevant local government within the State, subject to subparagraph (C), determines that--

(I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;

(II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.

(III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the conservation area.

(IV) (IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.

(V) an alternative route has been provided, which can include routes previously closed.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been rerouted, or are temporarily closed through--

(i) use of appropriate signage within the Special Management Areas.;

(ii) use of the internet and web resources.

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(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) PERMANENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION- Except as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the Secretary of Agriculture shall not construct any permanent road within the Special Management Areas after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION. – Temporary road construction shall be permitted to fulfill the purposes of the area, including for fuel reduction and forest health management treatments, including prescribed burns.

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

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

- (A) carry out measures to manage wildland fire and treat hazardous fuels, insects, and diseases in the Special Management Areas; and
- (B) coordinate those measures with the appropriate State or local agency.

(h) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS. – Consistent with the purposes of this Title, nothing in this title precludes the Secretary of Agriculture from authorizing a Federal, State, or local agency from conducting pre-suppression and suppression. wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment

(i) LIVESTOCK GRAZING .—

(1) IN GENERAL .—Within the Special Management Areas, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

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C) the maintenance of pre-established facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue.

(3) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing locations, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture to establish historic access, locations, or use.

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

(k) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

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

(l) 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 Special Management Area are authorized

(m) 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

within the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area.

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(n) ACCESS .—Consistent with the purposes of the Title, and as authorized as of the date of enactment of this Title, The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area access to the owner’s property.

(o) HUNTING AND FISHING. – Within the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area where hunting and fishing on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of the Interior or Department of Agriculture was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(p) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 Special Management Areas designated by section 301;

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

(3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future Special Management Areas designations.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of Agriculture 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 Special Management Areas.

(c) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS. – The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall not take any action that adversely affects –

(1) any water rights granted by the State;

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

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

(4) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;

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

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

(d) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit Off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 Special Management Area

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designated by this section.

(2) Nothing in this Act 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.

(e) DEFINITION. – 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.

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

(r) COMMERCIAL TIMBER HARVEST.—Consistent with the purposes of the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area within the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area, commercial timber harvest is not prohibited if the primary purpose is to restore or improve forest health and watershed function or to further the purposes described in this title

(s) WITHDRAWAL .—

(1) IN GENERAL .—Subject to valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of this title ,the Federal land within the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area designated by this section are withdrawn from—

- (a) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the federal land laws;
- (b) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (c) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

(t) ACCESS.—Nothing in this section prohibits the Secretary from authorizing reasonable access to private land inside or adjacent to the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area including the construction of permanent roads within the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area

SEC. 407. – DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, AND WHITE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS

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

(1) WHITE RIVER.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 16,785 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “White River Special Management Area.”

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

(3) DESOLATION CANYON.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 8,770 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Carbon County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Desolation Canyon Special Management Area.”

(b) PURPOSES—The purposes of the Desolation Canyon, Nine Mile Canyon, and White River Special Management Areas established under 407(a) 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 cooperative and innovative management practices between resource managers, private landowners, and the public in the Conservation Area; and
- 3) Recognizes and maintains to the extent practicable historic uses of the Conservation Area.

SEC. 408. – DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, AND WHITE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

(1) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the Desolation Canyon, Nine Mile Canyon, and White River Special 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.

(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. 409. – ADMINISTRATION OF THE DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, AND WHITE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.

(a) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

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- (1) 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 each watershed management area.
- (2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

SEC. 410. DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, AND WHITE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The general provisions of Title II section 204 shall apply to the Special Management Areas.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the withdrawal of 204(a) for the Desolation Canyon Special Management Area, White River Special Management Area, and the Nine Mile Canyon Special Management Area, the Secretary of the Interior 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:

- (A) the area may be accessed only by directional drilling from a lease held on the date of enactment of this Act on land that is adjacent to, and outside of, the conservation area.
- (B) the lease shall prohibit surface occupancy and surface disturbance for any mineral activities within the national conservation areas.

(c) 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. The management plan required under Sec. 409 of this Title for the Nine Mile Canyon Special Management Area shall be developed jointly between Carbon and Duchesne County Advisory Councils.
3. Upon enactment of this Title, the current ACEC designation shall be permanently removed from Nine Mile Canyon.

Title V - ARCHES NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION

SEC. 501. ARCHES NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION

- (A) Section 1 of Public Law 92-155 is amended—
 - (1) by inserting the following after paragraph (2)—

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“(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 19,255 acres and depicted as Arches Expansion on the map entitled “Utah PLI Park and Monument Map” and dated _____.”;

(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)”.

SEC. 502. – EXISTING TRAILS

(a) The public shall have continued access Off-highway vehicle access to the Klondike Bluffs, Dry Mesa, Winter Camp Ridge (to the overlook of Salt Wash), The Highlands (pipeline to the overlook of Salt Wash), and The Eagle's Nest trails, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(b) The National Park Service shall enter into a cooperative agreement with Ride with Respect that provides for continued public access of the trails outlined in this section, maintains the conservation qualities of the Park, and provides a framework for maintenance cost sharing.

(c) Where practicable, mountain biking shall be permitted and promoted within the trails outlined in subsection (a).

SEC. 503 – TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

(a) The National Park Service shall work to create a northern entrance, which is being facilitated by the expansion outlined in 501(a), that enhances the visitor experience and alleviates traffic congestion at the current Park entrance.

Title VI - JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT

SEC. 601. JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT

(a) PURPOSES. - To conserve, protect, interpret, and enhance for the benefit of present and future generations the unique and nationally important paleontological, scientific, educational, and recreational resources, there is established in Emery County, Utah, subject to valid existing rights, the Jurassic National Monument (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” and dated _____

(c) MAP ; LEGAL DESCRIPTION .—

(1) IN GENERAL. – Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall file a map and legal description of the Special Management Areas with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

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(2) EFFECT. – The map and legal description prepared under paragraph (b) 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.

(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 of the Interior may acquire land or interests in land within the boundaries of the Monument only by donation, exchange, or purchase from a willing seller.

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

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

(e) WITHDRAWALS .—Subject to valid existing rights, any 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—

(i) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the federal land laws;

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

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

(f) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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 national monument.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the national monument that would further the purposes outlined in subsection (a) of this section and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act. Other uses of the national monument may:

(A) address transportation issues to and from the Monument; and

(B) codify the current Special Recreation Management Area boundary.

(g) ADMINISTRATION .—The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Monument in accordance with---

(1) the Management Plan; and

(2) any other applicable laws.

(h) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

(b) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE MONUMENT.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the Monument can be seen, heard, 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) 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 14.4 mile segment from Westwater Canyon from River Mile 125 to River Mile 112 as a wild river.
- (B) The approximately 8 mile segment from River Mile 112 to Cisco Wash as a scenic river.
- (C) The approximately 33.1 mile segment from the Confluence of the Colorado River with the Dolores River to River Mile 49 near Potash as a recreational river.
- (D) The approximately 5.7 mile segment from River Mile 44.5 to River mile 38.5 as a scenic river.
- (E) The approximately 3.7 mile segment from River Mile 37.5 to River Mile 34 at the Canyonlands National Park boundary as a scenic river.
- (F) The approximately 5.5 mile river segment from River Mile 44 to River Mile 38.5 as a scenic river.
- (G) The approximately 6.5 river segment of the Colorado River from River Mile 37.5 to the boundary of Canyonlands National Park at River Mile 31 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 5.9 mile segment from the Colorado State line to Fisher Creek as a recreational river.
- (B) The approximately 6.3 mile segment from Fisher Creek to Bridge Canyon as a scenic river
- (C) The approximately 9.9 mile segment from Bridge Canyon to the Colorado River 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:

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- (A) The approximately 50 mile river segment from River Mile 97 at the confluence with the San Rafael River to Canyonlands National Park Boundary as a scenic river.
- (B) The approximately 44.5 miles from Nine Mile Creek to Chandler Canyon as a wild river
- (C) The approximately 8 miles from Chandler Creek to Florence Creek as a scenic river.
- (D) The approximately 19 miles from Florence Creek to the Nefertiti Boat Ramp as a wild river.
- (E) The approximately 62 miles from the northern border of the Desolation Canyon Wilderness, designated under this Act, in Uintah County, Utah to the Carbon County line as a recreation river.

“(216) DARK CANYON, UTAH. The approximately 18.7 miles of the Dark Canyon River from the forest boundary to the Lake Powell below Young’s Canyon to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

(b) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

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

(c) 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 purchase from a willing seller.”

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

(e) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the wild and scenic rivers are authorized.

(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, entitled Utah PLI Wild and Scenic Rivers, and legal description of the rivers 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.

(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.

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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, the approximately 110,839 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____, 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 (referred to in this title as the Area) are to provide recreational opportunities, protection and management of water resources, utilize commercial forest products, and withdraw minerals from development.

SEC. 802. – MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

(1) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture 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.

(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.

(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. 803. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall administer the Area 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.

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(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN .—

(a) 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 Area.

(b) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) USES- The Secretary of Agriculture shall allow only such uses of the Area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection 801(b) of this section and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act. Other uses of the Area shall:

(A) 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;

(C) provide for appropriate forest management, utilizing commercial harvesting for hazardous fuels reduction, wildland fire control, control of insects and disease, and watershed health;

(D) prohibit mineral development; and

(E) promote the long-term protection and management of the water resources and underground karst system; and

(F) comply with Sections 801 and 804 .

SEC. 804 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(1) IN GENERAL- The use of Off-highway vehicle and mechanized vehicles shall be permitted within the Area.

(2) MANAGEMENT-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Agriculture shall designate existing routes in a manner that--

(i) utilizes Forest Service roads existing as of January 1, 2016 and also new roads authorized by this Act;

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(ii) minimizes conflict with sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources;

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

(B) CLOSURE OR REROUTING-

(i) IN GENERAL- A designated route may be temporarily closed or rerouted, for a period not to exceed two years, if the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the State, or relevant local government within the State determines that--

(I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;

(II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.

(III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the conservation area.

(IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.

(V) an alternative route has been provided.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been rerouted, or are temporarily closed through--

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

(ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(3) 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 shall be allowed for the Forest Service, State and local governments, and water companies to access Whiterocks Lake for general and emergency maintenance purposes.

(b) TRAIL CONSTRUCTION.—

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

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—

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

(B) USE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—A route may be constructed under this subsection through the acceptance of volunteer services and contributions from non-federal sources.

(c) 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.

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

(e) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE .— In accordance with this title, the Secretary of Agriculture 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 or local agency.

(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) or interfere with the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to prevent or control the spread of wildfires or the use of mechanized equipment for wildfire pre-suppression and suppression.

(g) LIVESTOCK GRAZING.—

(1) IN GENERAL .—Within the Area, Within the Area, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in

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accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue

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

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

(i) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

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

(j) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES .— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the Area are authorized.

(k) 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.

(l) ACCESS .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of the Area access to the property.

(m) 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

(n) HUNTING AND FISHING. –
Within the Area in where hunting and fishing on lands and waters owned or managed by the Department of Agriculture was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(o) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 Area designated by section 801;

(2) affects any water rights in the State;

(3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future designations.

(4) shall restrict or prohibit the upstream diversion of water rights held under Utah State law nor shall any claim of resource damages arise due to the rightful diversion or depletion of streams or rivers affecting the Area.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of Agriculture 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.

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(c) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS. – The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall not take any action that adversely affects –

- (1) any water rights granted by the State;
- (2) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;
- (3) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;
- (4) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;
- (5) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law; or
- (6) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(d) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit Off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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.

(2) Nothing in this Act 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.

(e) DEFINITION. – 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.

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

(q) WITHDRAWAL .—

(A) IN GENERAL .—Subject to valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of this Act the federal land within the Area is withdrawn from—

- (i) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the federal land laws;

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

(iii) 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.

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Division B – Opportunity

Title I – School Trust Land Consolidations

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

- (A) Promoting better management of federal conservation areas by removing inheld state trust land sections;
- (B) Securing Federal ownership and protection of land with significant wildlife, recreational, scenic, cultural and other public values;
- (C) 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
- (D) 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 Act:

(1) MAPS.—The term “Maps” means the following maps prepared by the Bureau of Land Management:

- (a) Land Conveyances - Carbon County dated [date]
- (b) Land Conveyances – Duchesne County dated [date]
- (c) Land Conveyances - Emery County dated [date]
- (d) Land Conveyances – Grand County dated [date]
- (e) Land Conveyances – San Juan County dated [date]
- (f) Land Conveyances – Uintah County dated [date]

(2) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Federal land” means the lands identified on the Maps 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 Maps.

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

(4) 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.

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- (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 FLPMA (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 format acceptable to the Secretary and the State.
- (e) Reservation of Interest in Potash.--
- (1) In general.--With respect to Federal land that contains potash resources, the Secretary shall reserve an interest in all potash resources.
 - (2) Extent of interest.--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) Payment.—
 - (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) In general.—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) Extent of interest.—The wellbore interest reserved to the United States under paragraph (1) shall consist of all royalties attributable to any zones or horizons that are being produced from an oil and gas well located on Federal land as of the date of conveyance.

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

(4) Payment.—

(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) Termination of Reserved Interest.—The reserved wellbore interests of the United States in oil and gas shall automatically terminate on the date that is ten years after the enactment of this Act.

(6) Sharing of Revenue. 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 30 U.S.C. 191(a).

(g) Appurtenant Water Rights.--Any conveyance of a parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land under this Act shall include the conveyance of water rights appurtenant to the parcel conveyed.

SEC. 104. APPRAISALS

(a) Equal Value Exchange.—

(1) In general.--The value of the Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under this Act—

(A) shall be equal; or

(B) shall be made equal in accordance with section 5.

(b) Appraisals.--The value of the Federal land and the non-Federal land shall be determined by appraisals conducted by 1 or more independent appraisers retained by the State, with the consent of the Secretary.

(c) Applicable law.--The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) ---

(A) shall be conducted in accordance with section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716); and

(b) shall utilize nationally recognized appraisal standards, including, to the extent appropriate, the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.

(d) Approval.--The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) shall be submitted to the Secretary and the State for approval.

(e) Adjustment.--

(1) In general.--If value is attributed to any parcel of Federal land because of the presence of minerals subject to leasing under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), the value of the parcel (as otherwise established under this subsection) shall be reduced by the estimated value of the payments that would have been made to the State of Utah from bonuses, rentals, and royalties that the United States would have received if such minerals were leased pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

(2) Limitation.--An adjustment under subparagraph (A) shall not be considered as a property right of the State.

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- (f) Valuation of Lands with Reserved Minerals.--Federal land in which the Secretary reserves an interest under subsections 103(3)3(e) and 103(3)(f) shall be appraised—
- (1) without regard to the presence of potash; and
 - (2) taking into account the reserved wellbore interest of the United States, if any.
- (g) Duration.—The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) shall remain valid until the date of the completion of the exchange authorized under this title.
- (h) Availability of appraisals.—
- (1) In general.--All final appraisals, appraisal reviews, and determinations of value for land to be exchanged under this section shall be available for public review at the Utah State Office of the Bureau of Land Management at least 30 days before the conveyance of the applicable parcels.
 - (2) Publication.--The Secretary or the State, as applicable, shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in Salt Lake County, Utah, a notice that the appraisals are available for public inspection.
- (i) Dispute resolution.—
- (1) If, by the date that is 90 days after the date of submission of an appraisal for review and approval under this subsection, the Secretary or State do not agree to accept the findings of the appraisals with respect to any parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with section 206(d)(2) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1716(d)(2)).
 - (2) If agreement has not been reached with respect to the exchange of an individual parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land, the Secretary and the State may agree to set aside the individual parcel to allow the exchange of the other parcels of Federal land and non-Federal land to proceed.
- (j) Conveyance of Parcels in Phases.—
- (1) In General.—Notwithstanding that appraisals for all of the parcels of Federal land and non-Federal land may not have been approved, parcels of the Federal land and non-Federal land may be exchanged in phases as may be mutually determined by the Secretary and the State.
 - (2) Ledger. -- The Secretary and the State may agree to utilize a ledger account to make equal the value of lands conveyed by each party in one or more phases, provided that the overall exchange shall be made equal as provided in section 105.
 - (3) Authority.— It is the intent of Congress that the Secretary may exercise broad discretionary authority in the processing of the land exchange to expedite the final conveyance of the Federal and non-Federal land.

SEC. 105. – EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.

(a) Surplus of federal land.—

If the value of the Federal land exceeds the value of the non-Federal land, the value of the Federal land and non-Federal land shall be equalized by –

- (1) the State conveying to the United States State trust land located within any of the wilderness areas or national conservation areas in Washington County, Utah, established under subtitle O of title I of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1075) that has an appraised value

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equal to the difference between the value of the Federal land; and the value of the non-Federal land;

(2) the reduction in acreage of the Federal land as the State and the Secretary may agree;

(3) the State making a cash payment to the United States; or

(4) any combination of the methods described in paragraphs (1)-(3) as the State and the Secretary may mutually agree.

(b) Surplus of non-federal land.—If the value of the non-Federal land exceeds the value of the Federal land, the value of the Federal land and the non-Federal land shall be equalized by –

(1) the reduction in acreage of the non-Federal land as the State and the Secretary may mutually agree.

SEC. 106. 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 earlier of the date that the Federal land is removed from the exchange or 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. 107. NEPA AND FLPMA COMPLIANCE.

(1) Public Interest. -- The land exchange authorized and directed by this title is in the public interest.

(2) 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 Act:

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

(B) 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).

(3) Presumption of Plan Adequacy.—Conveyances of Federal land to the State in accordance with this Act are presumed to comply with any land use plan enacted under section 202 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1712).

SEC. 108. STATUS AND MANAGEMENT OF LAND AFTER EXCHANGE.

(a) ADMINISTRATION OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2) and in accordance with section 206(c) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1716(c)), the non-Federal land acquired by the United States under this Act 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.—

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(1) IN GENERAL.—If land acquired under this Act 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) RENEWAL.—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) BASE PROPERTIES.—If land conveyed by the State under this Act 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) IN GENERAL.—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 Act.

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

SEC. 109. – LANDS WITHIN HISTORIC UNCOMPAHGRE RESERVATION.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction issues a final judgment against the United States determining that the public lands within the boundaries of the historic Uncompahgre Reservation currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management are or should be tribal trust lands of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, then ---

(a) within one year of the final judgment, the State of Utah shall relinquish all lands acquired by the State under this Act that are located within the historic Uncompahgre Reservation to the United States for the benefit of the Tribe; and

(b) upon such relinquishment, the State of Utah may select unappropriated public lands of equal value elsewhere in Utah in the manner provided by section 6 of the Utah Enabling Act, Act of July 16, 1894, ch. 138, 28 Stat. 107.

SEC. 110. – BOOK CLIFFS CONSERVATION AREA. – The non-Federal mineral estate acquired by the United States in the area depicted on the Grand County map as the Book Cliffs Conservation Area is withdrawn from the operation of the mineral entry, leasing and mineral material disposal laws until otherwise determined by Congress.

Title II – Goblin Valley State Park

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SEC. 201. LAND CONVEYANCE

(a) LAND CONVEYANCE. – At the request of the State of Utah, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey, without consideration, the approximately 9,994 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 _____, 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, 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).

(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 156,540 acres, identified as “Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area” on the map entitled Utah PLI Goblin Valley State Park Map and dated _____.

(c) PURPOSES. - The purposes 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 with regard to recreation management within the federal land;

(2) extend only to recreational activities, including Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle, within the federal land, and shall not affect other land management within the federal land, or recreational activities outside the federal land;

(3) require that recreational activities within the federal land shall continue to be managed in accordance with—

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

(B) applicable federal laws.

(4) require new route and trail construction for motorized and non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities and/or minimize resource conflict, when and where appropriate;

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

(5) specify that the State agency administering the federal land shall be the Utah State Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

Title III – Price Canyon State Forest

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SEC. 301. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

- (1) MAPS.—The term “Map” means the map titled Utah PLI Price Canyon State Forest Map.
- (2) FEDERAL LAND. – The term “federal land” means the 13,321-acres owned by the Bureau of Land Management and identified as “BLM Lands Proposed for Transfer to State Sovereign Land” located in Carbon County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Utah PLI Price Canyon State Forest Map” and date _____
- (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
- (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.

SEC. 302. EXCHANGE OF LAND.

- (a) In General.-- 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) If the State offers to convey to the United States title to the non-federal land, the Secretary of the Interior 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 format acceptable to the Secretary of the Interior and the State.

SEC. 303. LIVESTOCK GRAZING.

- (a) LIVESTOCK GRAZING--- Within the 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, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

Title IV – Deer Lodge Land Exchange

SEC. 401 Definitions

In this title:

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

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(b) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “federal land” means the approximately 156 acres of National Forest System land in Daggett County, Utah, identified as “Deer Lodge Cabin Site” on the map entitled “Utah PLI Deer Lodge Land Exchange Map” and dated _____.

(c) 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 entitled “Utah PLI Deer Lodge Land Exchange Map” and dated _____.

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

SEC. 402 LAND EXCHANGE.

(a) CONVEYANCE OF LAND.—No less 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 of Agriculture 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 of Agriculture 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).

SEC. 403 CONDITIONS OF EXCHANGE.

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

(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—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 entitled “Utah PLI Deerlodge Land Exchange” and dated _____.”

Title V – Scofield Land Transfers

SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) CARBON COUNTY.—

The term “Carbon County” means Carbon County, Utah, within which the Scofield Reservoir property is located.

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(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 , Utah, as of the date of enactment of this Act, claims title to, or an interest in, the federal land.

(3) FEDERAL LAND.—

(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 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 any mineral or subsurface rights to the land described in subparagraph (A); or the 205 acres of land adjoining the Scofield Reservoir, as adjudicated in the case styled United States v. Dunn (557F.3d 1165 (10th Cir. 2009)).

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

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

SEC. 502. CONVEYANCE OF SCOFIELD PROJECT LAND.

(a) The Secretary of the Interior shall convey all right and title to the federal land, or a life estate in the federal land, without consideration, to any valid claimant that submits a request to the Secretary of the Interior not later than 18 months after the enactment of this Act. If the Secretary of the Interior does not act upon the request within 18 months from the date of enactment of this act, the federal land shall be transferred to the claimant.

(b) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENTS- A conveyance under this title shall be subject to—

(A) 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 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;

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

(C) 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 to 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.

(c) If the claimant is a willing seller, the Secretary of the Interior may offer the claimant fair market value for the land in lieu of a conveyance of all right and title to the federal land.

Title VI – Land Conveyances

SEC. 601. Land Conveyances.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the land use planning requirements of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), upon the request of the specified local entity in the county in which the conveyance will occur, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall convey the following federal land to that entity, without consideration:

(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 ____, to Grand County, Utah for use as an airport

(2) MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT – Upon completion of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project, the approximately 474 acres of land depicted as “UMTRA Conveyance,” on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated ____, shall be conveyed, without consideration, 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 ____ as

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“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 _____ as “Emery County Recreation Area,” to Emery County, Utah for public recreational purposes.

(5) EMERY COUNTY SHERIFF SUBSTATION.—The approximately 643 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, as “Emery County Sheriffs 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 _____, as “Blanding Outdoor Recreation Area,” to Blanding City, Utah for use as an outdoor recreation area.

(7) CAL BLACK AIRPORT.—The approximately 1,916 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Cal Black Airport,” to San Juan County, Utah for a municipal airport.

(8) BLUFF AIRPORT.—The approximately 1,406 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Bluff Airport,” to San Juan County, Utah, for a municipal airport.

(9) MONTICELLO WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT PLANT.—The approximately 164 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ 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 _____, as “Blanding Shooting Range,” to San Juan County, Utah, for a public shooting range.

(11) PARK CITY CONVEYENCE I – The approximately 2.5 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Park City Conveyance I,” to Park City, Utah, for public recreation and open space.

(12) PARK CITY CONVEYENCE II – The approximately 1 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ 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 _____ as “Lisbon Valley,” to Utah State University, Utah, for education and research.

(14) WELLINGTON -- The approximately 645 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Wellington,” to Utah State University, for education and research.

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(15) RANGE CREEK RESEARCH STATION EXPANSION-- The approximately 1,663 acres depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Range Creek Research Station Expansion," to the University of Utah, for education and research.

(16) ASHLEY SPRING ZONE.—The approximately 1,102 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ 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 ___ acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ 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 _____ as "Bluff River Recreation Area," to San Juan County, 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 _____, as "Emery County Information Center," to Emery County, Utah for an information and visitor center to promote public lands.

(20) PARK CITY CONVEYENCE III – The approximately __ acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Park City Conveyance III," to Park City, Utah, for public recreation and open space.

(21) SUMMIT COUNTY CONVEYENCE – The approximately __ acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Summit Conveyance," to Summit County, Utah, for public recreation and open space.

(b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the Land Conveyances with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(2) 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 or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.

(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 and the United States Forest Service.

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(c) REVERSION.—If any parcel conveyed under subsection (a) ceases to be used for the purpose for which it was conveyed or any other public purpose, the land shall revert to the United States, if the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate determines that the reversion is in the best interest of the United States.

Title VII – Land Disposals

SEC. 701. LAND DISPOSALS.

- (a) Disposal. -- Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior shall dispose of federal lands identified as “Lands for Disposal” on the map entitled “Utah PLI Land Disposal Map” and dated _____ within two years.

Title VIII – CANYON COUNTRY RECREATION ZONES

SEC 801. ESTABLISHMENT

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, and to enhance existing and future recreational opportunities and use the following areas in Grand County, Uintah County, and San Juan County, Utah are hereby established as Recreation Zones:

- (1) KLONDIKE RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 24,968 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Klondike Recreation Zone.”
- (2) MONITOR AND MERRIMAC RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 17,370 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone.”
- (3) GOLDBAR RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 23,050 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Goldbar 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, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Big Flat Recreation Zone.”
- (5) MINERAL CANYON RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 19,809 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in

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Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone.”

- (6) DEE PASS AND UTAH RIMS RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 210,116 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zone.”
- (7) YELLOW CIRCLE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 7,040 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Yellow Circle Recreation Zone.”
- (8) CAMEO CLIFFS.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 48,025 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zone.”
- (9) JENSEN HILLS.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Jensen Hills Recreation Zone.”
- (10) RED MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Red Mountain Recreation Zone.”
- (11) DEVILS HOLE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Devils Hole Recreation Zone.”
- (12) BOURDETTE DRAW.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Bourdette Draw Recreation Zone.”
- (13) RED WASH.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ 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 shall file a map and legal description of the

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recreation zones established by sections 801 of this Act 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 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 may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.

(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. 803. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) **FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE .**— In accordance with this title, the Secretary of the Interior may—

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

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

(b) **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) or interferes with the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to prevent or control the spread of wildfires or the use of mechanized equipment for wildfire pre-suppression and suppression.

(c) **LIVESTOCK GRAZING.** —

(1) **IN GENERAL .**—Within the recreation planning areas, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) **PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES.** Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

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E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue

(3) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given priority consideration by the Secretary of the Interior to establish historic grazing, locations, or use.

(d) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY. – Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary of the Interior 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.

(f) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around any recreation zone designated by this title.

(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE RECREATION ZONES.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside a recreation zone can be seen, heard, or smelled within the recreation zone shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the recreation zone.

(e) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES .— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the recreation zones are authorized.

(f) 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 recreation zones.

(g) ACCESS .—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a recreation zones access to the property.

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

(i) HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL AND TARGET SHOOTING. –

Within the recreation zones in where hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of the Interior was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(j) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 recreation zones designated by this title;

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

(3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future recreation zone.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of the Interior 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 recreation zones.

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(c) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit Off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 recreation zones designated by this title.

(d) DEFINITION. – 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.

(k) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this title prevents the Secretary of the Interior from conducting vegetation management projects within the recreation zones.

(l) WILDERNESS REVIEW. –

(a) Congress finds and directs that the recreation zones described in section 801 have been adequately studied for wilderness character and wilderness designation pursuant to sections 201 and 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.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior may not promulgate or issue any system-wide regulation, directive, instruction memorandum or order that would direct management of the federal lands identified in section 801 in a manner contrary to subsection (m).

(m) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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 each recreation zone.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the recreation zones that would further the purposes and uses outlined within each Zone and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

SEC. 804. GOLDBAR RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Goldbar Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, and hiking, provide for the construction of new non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to prevent future energy and mineral leases or claims, and to manage and protect indigenous plants.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Goldbar Recreation Zone in accordance with----

(a) this title

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(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 Zone shall:

(A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities

(B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Goldbar Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and camping

(C) prohibit future mineral and energy leasing or claims.

(D) provide for new route and trail construction for Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.

(E) protects and manages indigenous plants.

(F) comply with Section 803.

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016..

(ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

(iii) allows for the construction of new non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 805. MONITOR AND MERRIMAC RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as 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 to prevent future energy and mineral leases or claims,

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Monitor and Merrimac 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 Zone shall:

(A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities

(B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing

(C) prohibit future mineral and energy leasing.

(D) provide for new route and trail construction for Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.

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(E) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated Off-highway vehicle routes in a manner that--

(i) is consistent with Off-highway vehicle and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016.

(ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

(iii) allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 806 KLONDIKE RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Klondike Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as 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 energy and mineral leases or claims,

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Klondike 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 Zone shall:

(A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities

(B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Klondike Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing

(C) prohibit future mineral and energy leasing.

(D) provide for new route and trail construction for non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.

(E) provide managerial flexibility to route Off-highway vehicle trails in a way that minimizes conflict with non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

(E) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016, including off-highway vehicle use of Sovereign Trail System.

(ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

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(iii) allows for the construction of new non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 807 BIG FLAT RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Big Flat Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking, to promote mineral development, and provide for new Off-highway vehicle route construction.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Big Flat 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 Zone shall:

(A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities

(B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Big Flat Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing

(C) provide for future mineral leasing with No Surface Occupancy stipulations

(D) prevent the retirement of mineral leases.

(E) provide for new route and trail construction for Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.

(F) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.

(ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

(iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 808 MINERAL CANYON RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone are to promote non-Off-highway vehicle outdoor recreation, such mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking, to prevent future energy or mineral leases or claims, and provide for new non-Off-highway vehicle route construction, maintain boating access, maintain airstrip access, and maintain access and use of country borrow areas.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

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(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone:

- (i) in accordance with---
- (ii) this title;
- (iii) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and
- (iv) other applicable laws.

(2) USES .— Uses and management of the Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities;
- (B) provide for non Off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities to occur within the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone including, biking, and hiking,
- (C) prevent future energy or mineral leasing or claims
- (D) provide for new route and trail construction for non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) maintain access for boating
- (F) maintain access for aircraft to the existing airstrip
- (G) maintain access and use to the county borrow areas.
- (H) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
- (ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
- (iii) allows for the construction of new non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 809. DEE PASS AND UTAH RIMS RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zones are to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zones 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities

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- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (C) Provide 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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle 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”, on the map entitled “Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map” and dated _____ is open to cross country Off-highway vehicle travel.

SEC. 810. YELLOW CIRCLE MINE AND CAMEO CLIFFS ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Yellow Circle Mine and Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zones are to promote off-highway vehicle use and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Yellow Circle Mine 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.); and
- (c) other applicable laws

(2) USES .— Uses and management of the Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Yellow Circle Mine and Cameo Cliffs including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (C) Provide future mineral and energy leasing and development in a manner that minimizes impacts to outdoor recreation.

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- (D) provide for new route and trail construction for Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated Off-highway vehicle routes in a manner that--
 - (i) is consistent with Off-highway vehicle and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 811. JENSEN HILLS RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Jensen Hills Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Jensen Hills Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .
- (F) Allows cross country Off-highway vehicle travel

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.

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- (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
- (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.
- (iv) Allows for continued cross country Off-highway vehicle travel in areas where it is authorized as of January 1, 2016

SEC. 812. DOCS BEACH RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Docs Beach Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Docs Beach 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Jensen Hills Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (C) Allows 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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .
- (F) Allows cross country Off-highway vehicle travel

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
- (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
- (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.
- (iv) Allows for continued cross country Off-highway vehicle travel in areas where it is authorized as of January 1, 2016

SEC. 813. RED MOUNTAIN RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

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(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Red Mountain Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior 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 Zone shall:

(A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities

(B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Red Mountain Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing

(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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.

(E) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.

(ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

(iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 814. DEVILS HOLE RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Devils Hole Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, 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 Zone shall:

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- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Jensen Hills Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (C) Allows 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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .
- (F) Allows cross country Off-highway vehicle travel

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.
 - (iv) Allows for continued cross country Off-highway vehicle travel in areas where it is authorized as of January 1, 2016

SEC. 815. BOURDETTE DRAW RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Bourdette Draw Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Jensen Hills Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.

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(E) comply with Section 803 .

(F) Allows cross country Off-highway vehicle travel

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.

(ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

(iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

(iv) Allows for continued cross country Off-highway vehicle travel in areas where it is authorized as of January 1, 2016

SEC. 816. RED WASH RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Red Wash Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle 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 Zone shall:

(A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities

(B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Red Wash Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing

(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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.

(E) comply with Section 803 .

(F) Allow cross country Off-highway vehicle travel

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.

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- (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
- (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.
- (iv) Allows for continued cross country Off-highway vehicle travel in areas where it is authorized as of January 1, 2016

SEC. 817 – HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK TRAIL.

(a) This Act adds to the National Historic Trail System the corridor known as “The Hole-in-the-Rock Trail” to be managed as a historic trail and to remain in the ownership of current land management agencies.

(b) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the national historic trail that would further the purposes and uses outlined within this subsection and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) Purposes and Uses

A. The purposes of the National Hole in the Rock Trail is to promote cultural, recreational – motorized and non-motorized, and historic values.

B. The Hole in the Rock Foundation and shall be a cooperating agency regarding trail management.

SEC. 818 – RECAPTURE CANYON

(a) San Juan County, Utah’s application for a Title V Right-of-Way, originally submitted on March 30, 2006 and later amended on November 13, 2012, is approved.

(b) 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) The BLM decision to temporarily close Recapture Canyon to off-highway vehicle on September 12, 2007 is dissolved, as the right-of-way approved in subsection (a) will create a mechanism for proper management and maintenance of the area.

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SEC. 819. – BIG BURRITO NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL

(a) The 9.3 mile proposed non-motorized trail within the Sand Flats Recreation Area, approved by the BLM Moab Field Office on December 18, 2016 and commonly known as the Big Burrito non-motorized trail, is hereby authorized to move forward and shall be constructed within 6 months of enactment of this Act.

TITLE IX -- RED ROCK COUNTRY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRAIL.

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 subsection (b).
- (4) FEDERAL LAND. – The term “federal land” means land owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

SEC. 902 DESIGNATION.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.— the Secretary of the Interior shall designate a trail system in Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah—
 - (A) for use by Off-highway vehicle 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 of the Interior shall prioritize a long distance route for off-highway vehicles that—
 - (A) as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Plans Map and date ____;
 - (B) connects the federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah to the federal land adjacent to Grand Junction, Colorado through the Utah Rims Recreation Area;
 - (C) connects the federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah to the federal land adjacent to Green River, Utah through the Dee Pass Recreation Area;
 - (D) connects the federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah to the federal land adjacent to Monticello, Utah through the Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zone;
 - (E) utilizes existing routes, where feasible, which may include the Kokopelli’s Trail and the Orange Trail and Trail 1, consistent with this paragraph;
 - (F) minimizes the use of graded roads;
 - (G) 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;

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- (iv) minimal conflicts between Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle user; 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 of the Interior shall manage future designated routes in a manner that--

- (i) is consistent with Section 902 ;
- (ii) does not interfere with private property or water rights.

(B) CLOSURE OR RELOCATING-

(i) IN GENERAL- A designated route may be temporarily closed or detoured, for a period not to exceed two years, if the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the State, or relevant local government within the State determines that--

- (I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;
- (II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.
- (III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the given area.
- (IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.
- (V) a new alternative route, which can include routes previously closed, has been provided to effectively relocate the trail.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of the Interior shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been relocated, or are temporarily closed through--

- (i) use of appropriate signage within the trail;
- (ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(3) 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.

(d) TRAIL CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall study the feasibility and public interest in constructing new routes as part of a the Red Rock County Off-Highway Vehicle Trail System to further Off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—

(A) CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED.— If the Secretary of the Interior determines that the construction of a route is feasible, construction is authorized.

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(B) USE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—A route 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 of the Interior shall comply with—

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

(B) this title; and

(C) other applicable law.

Title X – Long-Term Native American Economic Development Certainty

SEC. 1001. Native American Economic Development in San Juan County, Utah

(a) McCracken Mesa Mineral Transfer. The federal minerals located within the Aneth Extension of the Navajo Nation shall be transferred to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

(b) The Act of March 1, 1933, H.R. 11735, Public No. 403, is hereby amended to state the following:

Should oil or gas be produced in paying quantities within the lands hereby added to the Navajo Reservation, 37.5 62.5 per centum of the net royalties accruing therefrom derived from tribal leases shall be paid to the State of Utah: Provided, that the 37.5 62.5 per centum of said royalties shall be expended by the State of Utah in the tuition of Indian children in white schools and/or in the building or maintenance of roads across the lands described in section 1 hereof, or for the benefit of the Indian residing therein.

SEC. 1002. Ute Indian Tribe Economic Development Area

(a) Hill Creek Mineral Transfer. The federal minerals located within the Hill Creek Extension of the Ute Tribe shall be transferred to the Ute Tribe.

Title XI – Long-Term Energy Development Certainty

SEC. 1101. – ENERGY PLANNING AREAS.

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(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, and to enhance energy development in lands not designated for conservation purposes, the following areas in Uintah, Carbon, Duchesne, and San Juan Counties are hereby established as Energy Zones:

- (1) UINTAH COUNTY ENERGY ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately ___ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Energy Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Uintah County Energy Zone.”
- (2) DUCHESNE COUNTY ENERGY ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately ___ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Duchesne County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Energy Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Duchesne County Energy Zone.”
- (3) CARBON COUNTY ENERGY ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately ___ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Carbon County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Energy Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Carbon County Energy Zone.”
- (4) SAN JUAN COUNTY ENERGY ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately ___ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Energy Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “San Juan County Energy Zone.”

SEC. 1102. 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 shall file a map and legal description of the energy zones established by sections 1101 of this Act 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 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 may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.

(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. 1103. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Energy Zone are to—

- (1) designate Federal lands within the areas identified in section 1101 for the primary purpose of energy and mineral development.
- (2) promote the use of best practices for the timely evaluation, exploration, leasing, development, production, and transportation of energy (including renewable energy) and mineral resources and the inspection and enforcement of such activities; and
- (3) ensure that the development of energy and mineral resources is carried out in a manner pursuant to the multiple use provisions within sections 102 and 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, 1702)

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and other provisions of law; and

(4) Provide for multiple-uses of the lands within the energy zone, including outdoor recreation and livestock grazing, to the greatest extent practicable.

(b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) 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 each energy zone.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Energy Zone Advisory Councils established under subsection (f) of this Title.

(c) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the energy zones that would further the purposes outlined in section 1103 of this Title and in consultation and coordination with the Energy Zone Advisory Councils established under subsection (f) of this Title.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plans in consultation and coordination with the Energy Zone Advisory Councils established in subsection (e) of this Title. If the Secretary of the Interior does not incorporate the recommendations submitted by the Advisory Councils into the management plans, the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture 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.

(d) INCORPORATION OF PLANS.—

(1) In developing the management plan required under subsection (b), in accordance with existing law and to the extent consistent with this section, the Secretary—

(A) may incorporate any provision of existing land and resource management plans; and

(B) shall be consistent to the maximum extent possible with State and local plans pursuant to Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, (43 U.S.C. 1712).

(2) INTERIM MANAGEMENT.—During the period of time preceding the final adoption of the Plan, the Secretary, acting through the relevant Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and pursuant to this Act.

(e) MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary shall manage the Energy Zone in accordance with—

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

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- (2) the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163, 42 U.S.C. 6201); the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58, 42 U.S.C. 15801);
- (3) this Act; and
- (3) any other applicable law.

(f) ENERGY ZONE ADVISORY COUNCILS.

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not less than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish an advisory council within each of counties when an energy zone is located, to be known as the “Uintah/Duchesne/Carbon/San Juan Energy Zone Advisory Council”.

(2) DUTIES.— To the greatest extent allowable by law, the Advisory Council shall advise the Secretary with respect to the preparation and implementation of the management plan.

(A) To the greatest extent allowable by law, the Secretary shall incorporate recommendations of a majority of the Advisory Council in decision making processes and the management of the Energy Zone.

(3) REPRESENTATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.— The Secretary shall ensure that the membership of the Advisory Council broadly represents diverse local interests of citizens that reside within the specific county.

(B) STRUCTURE.—The Advisory Council shall consist of no less than 7 members and the Secretary shall appoint a Chairperson to serve as the Chair for a term not to exceed 2 years.

(i) Excepting elected officials of state or local government, no individual may serve a term longer than 4 years.

(C) INCLUSION.—The advisory council shall include:

- (i) at least one County Commissioner or their designee;
- (ii) at least one member of the Utah State Legislature who represents the County;
- (iii) notwithstanding the residency requirements of (f)(3)(A) a representative of the Governor of Utah;
- (iv) experts in energy and mineral development within the energy zone
- (v) conservation and recreation interests.

(4) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

The Advisory Council shall:

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(A) Review and make recommendations to the Secretary for planning, implementation of management plans, amendments to plans, policy considerations, regulations, and other issues related to the management and operation of the Energy Zone.

(B) Encourage and promote local participation in the decision-making processes affecting the Energy Zone.

SEC. 1104. LEASING OUTSIDE OF THE ENERGY PLANNING AREAS

Nothing in this title precludes leasing or resource development of BLM managed lands not described in subsection 1101 from occurring under regular order pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act or other federal energy development laws.

SEC. 1105. MASTER LEASING PLANS

(a) A Master Leasing Plan shall only be implemented within Uintah, Duchesne, Carbon, Grand, or San Juan Counties if the Public Lands Advisory Council established under Division C of this Act find the relevant Master Leasing Plan to be compatible and viable with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 1106. Completion of Administrative Land Exchange Process

1. The land exchange application, referred to as UTU-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 grant a right-of-way to the state for public travel and access upon the following roads:

(1) all roads claimed as Class B identified as rights-of-way in judicial actions in the federal court system as of January 1, 2016, in Uintah, Summit, Duchesne, Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan counties.

(b) APPLICABLE LAW.—A right-of-way granted under subsection (a) shall be granted in perpetuity, except in the case of abandonment, and shall not require the payment of rental.

(c) ADMINISTRATION

(i) Each right-of-way granted by the Secretary under the provisions of this Title shall be perpetual, and shall consist of the full geographic extent authorized by Utah state law in effect as of January 1, 2016.

(ii) The appropriate holder of each right-of-way granted pursuant to this Title may be abandoned pursuant to state law.

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(d) FUTURE CLAIMS. – Nothing in this section precludes the state or county from applying for future or existing rights-of-way on exiting or new roads.

SEC. 1202. GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CERTAIN ROADS.

The recommendations of the Grand County Council, as depicted on the map titled “Grand County PLI Final Map 4-17-2015”, for Hey Joe Canyon, Tenmile 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.

Title XIII – Long-Term Grazing Certainty

Sec. 1301 – Current Permitted Use

Unless otherwise specified by this Act, 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 at current permitted levels.

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. If conflicts between bighorn sheep and domestic livestock can be resolved, and if current permittees consent to the terms of any resolution, the Utah Department of Wildlife Resources may conduct whatever means necessary to resolve such conflicts.

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DIVISION C – LOCAL PARTICIPATION

Title I— LOCAL PARTICIPATION AND PLANNING

SEC. 2001. – Creation of Management Plans for Conservation, Management, Recreation Areas

(a) ESTABLISHMENT. In order to facilitate the creation of the management plans for the National Conservation Areas, Special Management Areas, Watershed Management Areas, National Monument, Geologic Area, and Recreation Zones designated by this Act, there is created in each of the following counties, Summit, Duchesne, Uintah, Grand, Carbon, San Juan, and Emery, a Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Council.

(b) PURPOSES.—The Purpose of the County Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils are to facilitate an open and transparent process for the creation of the management plans for the areas designated under this Act that require a management plan.

(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) PLAN REQUIRED- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall develop management plans for the long-term management of each of the areas designated by this Act that require a management plan.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare the management plans in consultation and coordination with the County Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils. If the Secretary of the Interior does not incorporate the recommendations submitted by the Advisory Council into the management plans, the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture 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.

(3) REQUIREMENTS- Each management plan shall--

(A) Describe the appropriate uses and management of the designated area, as described by the purposes, uses, and additional provisions outlined in each relevant Title; and

(B) Include interpretive and educational materials regarding the recreational, cultural, economic, and biological resources of the region within which the designated area is located.

(C) Conform management plans for designated areas that cross County boundaries.

SEC. 2002. - The Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Council

(a) County Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Council. –

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this

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Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall establish in each of the Counties, a Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Council. (referred to as the Advisory Council”) to:

- (A) advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture with respect to development and implementation of the management plans created under this Act to the greatest extent allowable by law.
- (B) encourage and promote stakeholder participation in the decision making processes affecting the areas designated by this Act.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.— The Advisory Council shall consist of 15 members.

(3) MEMBERS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint a member from each of the following groups:

- (i) Category I: Elected officials, Agencies, and Native American Tribes
 - d. One federal agency representative;
 - e. One designee from local county governing commission or council in the County in which the designation resides;
 - f. One Native American interest;
 - g. One representative from the Utah Department of Natural Resources;
 - h. One representative from the public-at-large or another elected official not representing the same governing body in a.
- (ii) Category II: Grazing, OHV, Recreation and other forms of commercial interest
 - a. One representative of the grazing community;
 - b. One representative of the off-highway vehicle community;
 - c. One representative of the sportsmen (hunting) community;
 - d. One representative from quiet recreation community;
 - e. One representative of the guides & outfitters community.
- (iii) Category III: Environmental organizations, archaeological/historical interests and scientific expertise
 - a. One representative from the conservation community;
 - b. One representative with archaeological and/or historic expertise;
 - c. One representative with biology expertise

(4) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall determine that all individuals appointed to the Advisory Council, and the organization or industry each individual represents, support the mission of the group they are slotted to represent.

(1) TERMS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.— Except for the initial appointees, members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed for a

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term of 4 years. Members shall not be appointed for more than 3 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(2) TERMS OF INITIAL APPOINTEES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint the initial members of the Advisory Council as follows:

- (i) 7 members shall be appointed for a term of 4 years;
- (ii) 5 members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years; and
- (iii) 3 members shall be appointed for a term of 2 years.

(5) PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ADVISORY STATUS.—No individual may be appointed as a member of the Advisory Council while serving as an officer or employee of the Federal Government, unless he or she is serving in the designated spot representing the agency.

(6) VACANCY AND REMOVAL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Any vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(B) REMOVAL.—Advisory Committee members shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior and may be removed at any time for good cause.

(7) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—Each member may continue to serve after the expiration of the term of office to which such member was appointed until a successor has been appointed.

(8) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Advisory Council shall be appointed to a 3-year term by the Secretary of the Interior from among the members of the Advisory Council. An individual appointed to the Advisory Council under (4)(2)(iii) shall be eligible to serve as Chair, but may serve for two years. An individual may not be appointed as Chair for more than 2 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(9) PAY AND EXPENSES.—Members of the Advisory Council shall serve without pay, but each member of the Advisory Council may be reimbursed for travel and lodging incurred through attending meetings of the Advisory Council (including approved workgroup or subgroup meetings) in the same amounts and under the same conditions as Federal employees in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(10) MEETINGS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council shall meet at the call of the Secretary of the Interior, the chair, or a majority of the members, but not less frequently than twice annually.

(B) OPEN MEETINGS.—Each meeting of the Advisory Council shall be open to the public.

(C) PRIOR NOTICE OF MEETINGS.—Timely notice of each meeting of the Advisory Committee shall be published in the Federal Register and be submitted to publications of general circulation.

(D) SUBGROUPS.—The Advisory Council may establish such workgroups or subgroups as it deems necessary for the purpose of compiling information or conducting research. However, such workgroups or subgroups may not conduct business without the direction of the Advisory Council.

(11) QUORUM.—Nine members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum.

(12) EXPENSES.—The expenses of the Advisory Council that the Secretary of the Interior determine to be reasonable and appropriate shall be paid by the Secretary of the

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Interior.

(13) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide to the Advisory Council the administrative support and technical services.

(14) ANNUAL REPORT.—

(1) REQUIRED.—Not later than September 30 of each year, the Advisory Council shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Interior, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate. If circumstances arise in which the Advisory Council 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 Advisory Council during the preceding year;
- (B) the reports and recommendations made by the Advisory Council 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.

SEC. 2003. – PLANNING COMPLETION

(a) Upon completion of the management planning process, the Advisory Council shall advise the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture with regards to the implementation of the management plans and provide oversight to ensure proper implementation for the areas designated by this Act.

(b) Each advisory council shall meet at least twice per year following completion of the management planning process.

(c) This division will expire at whichever comes first, 7 years from enactment of this Act or 3 years after the management planning process concludes.

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Division A – Conservation

Title I – Wilderness

1. Wilderness boundary adjustments to be made to accommodate certain rock climbing areas.
2. Wilderness boundary adjustments to be made to accommodate certain mountain biking trails.
3. Addition of Steer Gulch Wilderness in San Juan County.
4. Fire, insect, and disease language amended to adhere to Wilderness Act guidelines.
5. Livestock grazing language amended; language now aligns with the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act; amended language includes addition of Utah Department of Agriculture language, which is the first major change to wilderness grazing language since 1990.
6. Trail and fence maintenance language amended to be consistent with Wilderness Act guidelines.
7. Water Rights language amended to be consistent with Wilderness Act guidelines and other Utah wilderness.
8. Language added to allow land acquisition within wilderness, but only from willing sellers.
9. Language added to ensure state primacy regarding airshed status is maintained.
10. Language added to ensure that existing airshed status at Arches and Canyonlands National Parks will remain in effect.

Title II – National Conservation Areas

1. Creation of the Indian Creek National Conservation Area.
2. Management Planning process revamped by addition of the county-by-county Public Lands Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Councils (see newly created Division C); local community will play larger role in development of management plans.
3. Language amended to provide greater flexibility to wildland fire managers within the NCAs, while maintaining conservation goals.
4. Livestock grazing management language added to give livestock producers greater certainty for continued grazing within the Conservation Areas, while maintaining conservation goals.
5. Language added to ensure state primacy regarding airshed status is maintained.

6. Language was amended to ensure vegetation management is prioritized and allowed, while maintaining conservation goals.
7. Language was added that requires route closures to be considered only as a last and final resort.
8. New language was added to promote higher education partnerships to achieve educational and scientific goals.
9. New language was added to foster and promote greater local influence of the NCAs.
10. For the first time for an NCA in Utah, Outdoor Recreation – human-powered and motorized – is enumerated as a management provision for the NCA.
11. Language added to allow land acquisition within NCAs, but only from willing sellers.
12. New language authorizes grazing flexibility and research within the Indian Creek NCA.

Book Cliffs Sportsmen Conservation Area

1. Language was amended so that the purposes clearly state need to protect and promote hunting and fishing within the SCA.
2. Language was amended to ensure vegetation management is prioritized and allowed, while maintaining conservation goals.

Bears Ears National Conservation Area

New Section

1. Congressional Findings added to the bill outlining the importance of the Bears Ears region to the local community – including those of Native American and non-Native American descent.
2. Additional purposes added to the Bears Ears NCA that specify FLMPA compliance, guarantees traditional access for religious and cultural uses, adherence to the Native American Graves Repatriation and Protection Act, and integration of Native American Traditional Ecological Knowledge into NCA management.
3. New language enables Native American tribes to enter into Cooperating Agency Status with the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to promote co-management of the NCA.
4. New language requires the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to give priority consideration to Native American job applicants that are qualified for NCA management employment based on posted job qualifications and criteria consistent with standard federal hiring practices.
5. New language requires the Secretary of the Interior to appoint a liaison to the Native American tribes that enter into cooperating agency status.

Title III – Watershed Management Areas

New Section

1. New designations of Watershed Management Areas at Ashley Spring, Dry Fork, Castle Valley, Widdop Mountain, and East Fork Smiths Fork.

2. Purposes of the Watershed Management Areas are to protect water quality and watersheds and to promote recreation where appropriate.
3. Motorized vehicles only permitted for administrative uses or to respond to emergencies on existing designated routes.
4. Mineral development is prohibited within the watershed management areas.
5. Snowmobiling is authorized only in periods of adequate snowfall.

Title IV – Special Management Areas

1. Management language was amended for the Special Management Areas on U.S. Forest System lands at the High Uintas and Little West Fork Blacks to promote watershed management and water quality while allowing continued recreation and agricultural uses that are otherwise limited in Watershed Management Areas.
2. Language added that recognizes the compromise agreement between environmental groups and the energy industry, known as the West Tavaputs Plateau Project Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision of July 2, 2010, when energy planning is considered within the Nine Mile Canyon SMA.
3. Desolation Canyon and White River SMA's will be managed as NCAs, expect that subsurface minerals will be accessible from sites located outside of the SMA boundary.

Title V – Arches National Park Expansion

1. Based on newly acquired GIS data, the Arches Expansion includes many existing off-highway recreation trails. The language will require the trails to remain open, provided local off-highway vehicle groups work with the Park Service to maintain the Park's conservation qualities, enter into maintenance cost-sharing agreements, and mountain biking is allowed where practicable.
2. Language was added regarding a northern park entrance, which can be facilitated by the northwest portion of the Park Expansion in order to enhance the visitor experience and to alleviate traffic congestion (see: Kolob Canyon entrance to Zions National Park).

Title VI – Jurassic National Monument

1. Management Planning process revamped by addition of the county-by-county Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils (see newly created Division C); local community will play larger role in development of management plan.

Title VII – Wild and Scenic Rivers

1. Language added to allow land acquisition within the WSRs, but only from willing sellers.

Title VIII – Ashley Karst National Geologic and Recreation Area

1. Languages changes to the the Geologic and Recreation Area will promote watershed management and water quality while allowing continued recreation, agricultural uses, and timber management that are otherwise limited in Special Management Areas or Watershed Management Areas.
2. Energy development will be prohibited within the Geologic Area.

Division B – Opportunity

Title I – School Trust Land Consolidations

1. Title was rewritten to ensure the land exchanges go through a complete review process and that the energy rich lands are transferred to SITLA in a timely manner while also ensuring federal taxpayers are made whole.

Title II – Goblin Valley

1. Language was added to further clarify the purposes and terms of the cooperative management area and cooperative management agreement.

Title III – Price Canyon State Forest

Title IV – Deer Lodge Land Exchange

Title V – Scofield Land Transfers

1. Amended language clarified the process by which land conveyances will occur.

Title VI – Land Conveyance

1. San Flats Recreation Area removed based on financial burden county ownership may incur.
2. Dugout Ranch removed.
3. Transportation no longer purpose of the Seep Ridge Utility Corridor, as this is intended to be a conveyance used for public utilities.
4. Hole-in-the-Rock trail conveyance removed; new status outlined in Title VIII.

Title VII – Land Disposals

Title VIII – Canyon Country Recreation Zones

1. New recreation zones were added at Jensen Hills, Red Mountain, Devils Hole, Bourdette Draw, and Red Wash in Uintah County.
2. Management Planning process revamped by addition of the county-by-county Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils (see newly created

- Division C); local community will play larger role in development of management plans.
3. Klondike Recreation Zone uses further clarified to provide managerial flexibility to reduce conflict between off-highway vehicle and mechanized trail use.
 4. Dee Pass Recreation Zone further clarified to minimize conflict between off-highway vehicle recreation and energy development.
 5. Yellow Circle Mine and Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zones further clarified to minimize conflict between off-highway vehicle recreation and energy development.
 6. The Hole-in-the-Rock Trail is designated as a National Historic Trail and the Hole in the Rock Trail Foundation is enumerated as a cooperating management agency.
 7. Language was added to address San Juan County's application to manage Recapture Canyon in a way that balances outdoor recreation and cultural resources.
 8. Language was added to advance the Big Burrito Non-Motorized Trail pursuant to the recommendation made by local land managers.

Title IX – Red Rock County Off-Highway Vehicle Trail

1. Language added to direct managers to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle users and non-off-highway vehicle users.

Title X – Long-term Native American Economic Development Certainty

1. Language was added to direct 62.5% of oil and gas royalties from the Aneth Extension to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund (formerly 37.5%).
2. Language was added to transfer federally owned minerals located underneath the Hill Creek Extension of the Ute Tribe Reservation to the Ute Tribe.

Title XI – Long-term Energy Development

1. Section was rewritten to provide for limited, site-specific energy zones within Uintah, Duchesne, Carbon, and San Juan counties for the purposes of prioritizing renewable and non-renewable energy development. Prioritizing does not mean that site reviews and environmental analysis are ignored, as these steps are still required to move energy projects forward. Zone boundaries still be discussed.
2. Language dissolving Master Leasing Plans was removed; new language was added that requires any final MLP to be compatible with the provisions of PLI.

Title XII – Long-term Travel Management Certainty

1. Reference to Class D roads are removed, as consensus does not exist on how best to resolve Class D road disputes.

Title XIII – Long-Term Grazing Certainty

****New Section****

1. Language added to ensure to ensure long-term grazing certainty for livestock producers.
2. Language added to better manage bighorn and domestic sheep.

Division C – Local Participation
New Section

Title I – Local Participation and Planning

1. Seven Public Lands Initiative Advisory Councils, representing Summit, Duchesne, Uintah, Grand, Carbon, San Juan, and Emery counties, are created to support the management planning process and to provide oversight of plan implementation.
2. 15 members will serve on the Councils, each with a local connection to the specific county and each representing differing land management perspectives and institutions.
3. Federal land management agencies must appear before Congress if the Council recommendations are not included in order to explain their rationale for disregarding the input of the Councils.
4. Congress must reauthorize the Councils after 7 years to guarantee Congressional oversight and to keep the local councils at the forefront of local and Congressional land management agendas.

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SUWA's latest contribution to PLI

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SECTION 1. Short Title

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SEC. 3. Definitions.

In this Act:

FEDERAL LAND. – Unless otherwise provided the term “federal land” means the lands or interests inland under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture.

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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, the following areas of the State 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.).

- (A) CANDLAND MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 12,330 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Candland Mountain Wilderness”.
- (B) DESOLATION CANYON. --- Certain federal land in Duchesne, Uintah, Carbon, Emery, and Grand Counties managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 473,272 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Desolation Canyon Wilderness.”
- (C) HIGH UINTA. --- Certain federal land in Duchesne, Summit, and Uintah Counties, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 26,701 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “High Uinta Wilderness.”
- (D) MANCOS MESA.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah 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 and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mancos Mesa Wilderness.”
- (E) CHEESEBOX CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 14,441 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cheesebox Canyon Wilderness.”
- (F) BUTLER WASH.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 27,813 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Butler Wash Wilderness.”
- (G) DARK CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 72,990 acres, as

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generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Dark Canyon Wilderness.”

(H) BEHIND THE ROCKS.—Certain federal land in San Juan and Grand Counties in Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 13,025 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Behind the Rocks Wilderness.”

(I) BRIDGER JACK MESA.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 6,333 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Bridger Jack Mesa Wilderness.”

(J) CEDAR MESA.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 223,566 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cedar Mesa Wilderness.”

(K) MIKES CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah 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 and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mikes Canyon Wilderness.”

(L) MULE CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 5,859 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mule Canyon Wilderness.”

(M) MARSH PEAK.—Certain federal land in Uintah County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 15,032 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Marsh Peak Wilderness.”

(N) CLIFF PEAK.—Certain federal land in Uintah County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 9,154 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cliff Peak Wilderness.”

(O) 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 _____, which shall be known as the “Bull Canyon Wilderness.”

(P) WHITE CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 18,886 acres, as

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generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “White Canyon Wilderness.”

(Q) MEXICAN MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 85,150 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mexican Mountain Wilderness.”

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

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

(T) SAN RAFAEL REEF.—Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 65,146 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “San Rafael Reef Wilderness.”

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

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

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

(X) WILLIAM GRANSTAFF CANYON.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 8,983 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “William Granstaff Canyon Wilderness.”

(Y) MILL CREEK CANYON.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 12,358

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acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Mill Creek Canyon Wilderness.”

(Z) LABYRINTH CANYON.—Certain federal land in Grand and Emery Counties in the state of Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 52,969 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Labyrinth Canyon Wilderness.”

(AA) CANYONLANDS.—Certain federal land in San Juan and Grand Counties in the State of Utah managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 257,607 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Canyonlands Wilderness.”

(BB) ARCHES.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 76,259 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Arches Wilderness.”

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

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

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

(FF) BOOK CLIFFS.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 175,491 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Book Cliffs Wilderness.”

(GG) WESTWATER.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 32,955 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Westwater Wilderness.”

(HH) BEAVER CREEK.—Certain federal land in Grand County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 48,514 acres, as

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generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Beaver Creek Wilderness.”

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

(JJ) HAMMOND CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 7,594 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Hammond Canyon Wilderness.”

(KK) ARCH CANYON.—Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 4,376 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Arch Canyon Wilderness.”

(LL) RANGE CREEK.—Certain federal land in Carbon County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 4,062 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Range Creek Wilderness.”

(MM) DINOSAUR.—Certain federal land in Uintah County, Utah managed by the National Park Service comprising approximately 52,349 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Dinosaur Wilderness.”

(NN) CEDAR MOUNTAIN. - Certain federal land in Emery County, Utah managed by the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 17,355 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Cedar Mountain Wilderness.”

(OO) INDIAN CREEK. - Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately 6,562 acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Indian Creek Wilderness.”

(PP) STEER GULCH. - Certain federal land in San Juan County, Utah managed by the United States Forest Service comprising approximately _____ acres, as generally depicted on the Utah PLI Wilderness Map and dated _____, which shall be known as the “Steer Gulch Wilderness.”

SEC. 102 MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.

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(a) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years from the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall file a map and legal description 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.

(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.

(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, the National Park Service, and the United States Forest Service.

SEC. 103. WILDERNESS ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, 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.

(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 Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate may take such measures in the Wilderness as are necessary for the control of fire, insects, and diseases (including, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, the coordination of the activities with a State or local agency).

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

(d) LIVESTOCK.—

(a) The grazing of livestock in the Wilderness, if established before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be allowed to continue, subject to such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary considers to be necessary in accordance with—

(1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

(2) 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).

(b) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate to establish historic grazing areas, locations, or use.

(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 to the extent necessary for realizing the recreational purposes of the areas.

(f) **FISH AND WILDLIFE**

(1) **MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**.—In furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary may conduct any management activities in the Wilderness that are necessary to maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations and the habitats to support the populations, if the activities are carried out—

(A) consistent with relevant wilderness management plans; and

(B) in accordance with—

(i) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.); and

(ii) the guidelines set forth in Appendix B 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), including the occasional and temporary use of Off-highway vehicle vehicles if the use, as determined by the Secretary, would promote healthy, viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife populations that would enhance wilderness values with the minimal impact necessary to reasonably accomplish those tasks.

(2) **EXISTING ACTIVITIES**.—Consistent with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and in accordance with the guidelines set forth in appendix B 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), the State may continue to use aircraft, including helicopters, to survey, capture, transplant, monitor, and provide water for wildlife populations in the Wilderness.

(g) **ACCESS** .—In accordance with section 5(a) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1134(a)), the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a wilderness area adequate access to the property.

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

(1) the structures and facilities will enhance wilderness values by promoting healthy, viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife populations; and

(2) the visual impacts of the structures and facilities on the wilderness can be minimized.

(i) **HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING**.— (A) **IN GENERAL** .—The Secretary may designate areas in which, and establish periods during which, for reasons

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of public safety, administration, or compliance with applicable laws, no hunting, fishing, or trapping will be permitted in the Wilderness.

(B) CONSULTATION.—Except in emergencies, the Secretary shall consult with the appropriate State agency and notify the public before taking any action under subparagraph (A).

(j) WITHDRAWALS- Subject to valid existing rights, all public land within the areas established under this title, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the wilderness area 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.

(k) TRAIL AND FENCE MAINTENANCE. – The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall work to ensure that existing trails and fence lines located in the lands identified in this title are adequately cleared and maintained.

SEC. 104. WATER RIGHTS.

(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.

(b) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

- (1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 wilderness areas designated by section 101 subject to such reasonable regulations deemed necessary by the Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture.

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.

SEC. 106. ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.

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(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. NATIVE AMERICAN TREATY RIGHTS.

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

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

(a) ACQUISITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate 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, not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate 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 by this title the use of eminent domain or condemnation shall be prohibited.

(b) INCORPORATION IN WILDERNESS AREA.—Any land or interest in land located inside the boundary of a wilderness area 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 wilderness area.

SEC. 109. WILDERNESS REVIEW.

(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 and dated _____, have been adequately studied for wilderness designation:

- A. 43,323-acre area known as Winter Ridge Wilderness Study Area;
- B. 7,051-acre area known as Jack Canyon Wilderness Study Area;
- C. 6,557-acre area known as Squaw and Papoose Wilderness Study Area;
- D. 20,404-acre area known as Desolation Canyon Wilderness Study Area included within the Desolation Canyon National Conservation Area as designated by this Act and as depicted on the map;

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E. 2,517-acre area known as Daniels Canyon Wilderness Study Areas; and

F. 945-acre 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.

(D) shall be managed pursuant to this Act if released lands otherwise lie within a designated area pursuant to this Act.”

SEC. 110. AIRSHEDS.

(a) 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 USC 7401-7661) unless Class I status is agreed to by the State of Utah under existing authorities or the areas designated under section 101 are already managed as Class I airsheds.

Title II – National Conservation Areas

SEC. 201. NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, the following areas in the State are hereby established as National Conservation Areas:

- (1) BEACH DRAW.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 659 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Beach Draw National Conservation Area.”
- (2) DIAMOND MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 30,391 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, 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, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Docs Valley National Conservation Area.”

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

(6) SAN RAFAEL SWELL.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 329,933 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 _____, to be known as the “San Rafael Swell National Conservation Area.”

(7) LABYRINTH CANYON.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 35,049 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Emery County and Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Labyrinth Canyon National Conservation Area.”

(8) MUDDY CREEK.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 55,208 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 _____, to be known as the “Muddy Creek National Conservation Area.”

(9) COLORADO RIVER.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 116,156 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Colorado River National Conservation Area.”

(10) INDIAN CREEK. - Certain federal land, comprising approximately ____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Indian Creek National Conservation Area.”

(11) BEARS EARS. - Certain federal land, comprising approximately ____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Bears Ears National Conservation Area.”

SEC. 202 MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION. –

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(a) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years from the date the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall file a map and legal description of the National Conservation Areas established by sections 201, 205 and 206 of this Act 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.—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 may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.

(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 and the United States Forest Service.

SEC. 203. ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS

(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 Secretary of the Interior 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 cooperative and innovative management practices between resource managers, private landowners, and the public in the Conservation Area; and
- 3) Recognizes and maintains to the extent practicable historic uses of the Conservation Area.

(b) MANAGEMENT PLANS.

(1) 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 each conservation area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the conservation area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection (a) of this section and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Resource Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

SEC. 204. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) WITHDRAWALS-

- (1) Subject to valid existing rights, all federal land within the National Conservation Areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 , including any

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land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the conservation area 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.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the withdrawal in paragraph (1), for the Desolation Canyon National Conservation Area, White River National Conservation Area, and the Book Cliffs Sportsmens National Conservation Area, the Secretary of the Interior 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:

(A) the area may be accessed only by directional drilling from a lease held on the date of enactment of this Act on land that is adjacent to, and outside of, the conservation area.

(B) the lease shall prohibit surface occupancy and surface disturbance for any mineral activities within the national conservation areas.

(b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE .— In accordance with this title, in national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 the Secretary of the Interior may take such measures in the NCA as are necessary for the control of fire, insects, and diseases (including, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, 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 national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 . subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary

(d) LIVESTOCK .—

(1) IN GENERAL .— Within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established supporting facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such

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maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue.

(4) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate to establish historic grazing areas or use.

(e) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY. – Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary of the Interior from renewing easements or rights-of-way in national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with this Act and existing law.

(f) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around a Conservation area designated by sections 201, 205 and 206 .

(b) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE CONSERVATION AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside a conservation area established under sections 201, 205, and 206 can be seen, heard, 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 national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 are authorized.

(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 national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206.

(i) ACCESS .—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a conservation area established under sections 201, 205, and 206 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 national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 are authorized.

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(k) HUNTING AND FISHING. – Within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206, hunting and fishing in areas where hunting and fishing has been allowed on lands and waters owned or managed by the Department of the Interior or Department of Agriculture before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(l) – WATER RIGHTS

(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 National Conservation 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 NCA designations.

(b) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 NCAs designated by this title subject to such reasonable regulations deemed necessary by the Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture.

(m) WILDERNESS REVIEW. –

(a) Congress finds that the national conservation areas described in sections 201, 205, and 206 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.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior may not promulgate or issue any system-wide regulation, directive, instruction memorandum or order that would direct management of the federal lands designated as national conservation areas in sections 201, 205, and 206 in a manner contrary to this title.

(n) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this title prevents the Secretary of the Interior from conducting vegetation management projects within the national conservation areas established under sections 201, 205, and 206 in a manner consistent with the purposes of the NCA.

(o) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE VEHICLES.

(1) IN GENERAL- Except in cases in which Off-highway vehicle vehicles are needed for administrative purposes, including project construction and maintenance, or to respond to an emergency, the use of Off-highway vehicle vehicles shall be permitted only on designated routes within the national conservation areas.

(2) DESIGNATED ROUTES

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated routes in a manner that--

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- (i) is consistent with Off-highway vehicle and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized on January 1, 2016;
- (ii) minimizes conflict with sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources; and
- (iii) does not interfere with private property or water rights.

(B) CLOSURE OR REROUTING-

(i) IN GENERAL- A designated route may be temporarily closed or rerouted, for a period not to exceed two years, if the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the State, and relevant local government within the State determines that--

(I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;

(II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.

(III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the conservation area.

(IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.

(V) an alternative route has been provided, which can include routes previously closed.

(ii) If temporary closure and rerouting options as outlined in section (i) above have been exhausted, and the designated route continues to damage sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources, the minimum track of the designated route necessary to protect said resources may be permanently closed.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of the Interior 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;

(ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(3) PERMANENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION-

(1) After the date of enactment of this Act, except as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the Secretary of the Interior shall not construct any permanent road within the conservation area designated under section 201, 205, or 206

(p) 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.

(q) SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS. — The Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall provide for opportunities, including through partnerships with colleges, universities, schools, scientific institutions, non-profit organizations, researchers, and scientists to conduct research and provide educational and interpretive services within the National Conservation Areas established under 201, 205, and 206. Research findings from the national conservation areas may be used to develop land use solutions that meet human needs while maintaining ecological and economic viability in the region.

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(r) RESEARCH AND INTERPRETIVE FACILITIES. —

(1) IN GENERAL. — The Secretary of 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, natural and educational resources of the national conservation areas.

(2) GRANTS; COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS. —In carrying out subsection (s), 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, other institutions and organizations, and private entities to conduct research, develop scientific analyses, and carry out any other initiative relating to the restoration or conservation of the Conservation Areas.

(s) PARTNERSHIPS. —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 and local agencies, academic institutions, non-profit organizations and private entities.

(t) RECREATION. — The Secretary shall continue to authorize, maintain, and enhance the recreational use of the national conservation areas, 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 authorized routes, and other recreational activities, so long as such recreational use is consistent with the purposes of the conservation area, this section, and applicable management plans.

(u) ACQUISITION. —

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate may acquire land or interest in land within the boundaries of the national conservation areas designated by section by this title only by donation, exchange, transfer from another federal agency, or purchase from a willing seller.

(2) LAND EXCHANGE.—At the request of the State, not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall complete exchanges for State land located within the boundaries of the national conservation areas designated by this title.

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

(b) INCORPORATION IN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.—Any land or interest in land located inside the boundary of a national conservation area 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 national conservation area.

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SEC. 205. – BOOK CLIFFS SPORTSMENS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, certain federal land, comprising approximately 42,352 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County in the State of Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI National Conservation Area Map and dated _____, is established as “Book Cliffs Sportsmens National Conservation Area.”

(b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of the Book Cliffs Sportsmen’s National Conservation Area (referred to in this section as the “NCA”) 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 environmental.

(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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 NCA.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Advisory Council. 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.

(3) REQUIREMENTS- The management plan shall be written in accordance with subsection (b)

(4) Uses- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the NCA that would further the purposes of the NCA.

(d) BOOK CLIFFS SPORTSMEN’S NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL. –

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall establish the Book Cliffs Sportsmens National Conservation Area Advisory Council (referred to as the Advisory Council”) to:

(A) advise the Secretary of the Interior with respect to development and implementation of the NCA management plan to the greatest extent allowable by law.

(B) encourage and promote local participation in the decision making processes affecting the NCA.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.— The Advisory Council shall consist of 11 members.

(3) MEMBERS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint one member from each of the from the following groups:

(i) State Division of Wildlife Resources Director or designee.

(ii) Game bird hunting organizations.

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- (iii) Wildlife conservation organizations.
- (iv) Big game hunting organizations.
- (v) a cold water fishing organization.
- (vi) the tourism, outfitter, or guiding industry.
- (vii) the hunting or shooting equipment retail industry.
- (viii) Ute Tribe representative.
- (ix) The agriculture industry.
- (x) the ranching industry designee from Uintah County.
- (xi) Uintah County Commission Chairman or its designee.

(4) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall determine that all individuals appointed to the Advisory Council, and the organization or industry each individual represents, support sustainable-use hunting, wildlife conservation, and recreational shooting.

(1) TERMS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.— Except for the initial appointees, members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed for a term of 4 years. Members shall not be appointed for more than 3 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(2) TERMS OF INITIAL APPOINTEES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint the initial members of the Advisory Council as follows:

- (i) 5 members shall be appointed for a term of 4 years;
- (ii) 4 members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years; and
- (iii) 2 members shall be appointed for a term of 2 years.

(5) PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ADVISORY STATUS.—No individual may be appointed as a member of the Advisory Council while serving as an officer or employee of the Federal Government.

(6) VACANCY AND REMOVAL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Any vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(B) REMOVAL.—Advisory Committee members shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior and may be removed at any time for good cause.

(7) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—Each member may continue to serve after the expiration of the term of office to which such member was appointed until a successor has been appointed.

(8) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Advisory Council shall be appointed to a 3-year term by the Secretary of the Interior from among the members of the Advisory Council. An individual appointed to the Advisory Council under (4)(2)(iii) shall be eligible to serve as Chair, but may serve for two years. An individual may not be appointed as Chair for more than 2 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(9) PAY AND EXPENSES.—Members of the Advisory Council shall serve without pay, but each member of the Advisory Council may be reimbursed for travel and lodging incurred through attending meetings of the Advisory Council (including approved workgroup or subgroup meetings) in the same amounts and under the same conditions as Federal employees in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(10) MEETINGS.—

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(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council shall meet at the call of the Secretary of the Interior, the chair, or a majority of the members, but not less frequently than twice annually.

(B) OPEN MEETINGS.—Each meeting of the Advisory Council shall be open to the public.

(C) PRIOR NOTICE OF MEETINGS.—Timely notice of each meeting of the Advisory Committee shall be published in the Federal Register and be submitted to publications of general circulation.

(D) SUBGROUPS.—The Advisory Council may establish such workgroups or subgroups as it deems necessary for the purpose of compiling information or conducting research. However, such workgroups or subgroups may not conduct business without the direction of the Advisory Council.

(11) QUORUM.—Seven members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum.

(12) EXPENSES.—The expenses of the Advisory Council that the Secretary of the Interior determine to be reasonable and appropriate shall be paid by the Secretary of the Interior.

(13) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide to the Advisory Council the administrative support and technical services.

(14) ANNUAL REPORT.—

(1) REQUIRED.—Not later than September 30 of each year, the Advisory Council shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Interior, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate. If circumstances arise in which the Advisory Council 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 Advisory Committee during the preceding year;
- (B) the reports and recommendations made by the Advisory Council 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.

(15) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT: Within the NCA, the Secretary of the Interior may authorize vegetation management including through mechanical means to the extent necessary to control fire, insects, or disease to promote and improve wildlife habitat and diversity as consistent with the purposes of the NCA.

SEC. 206. - BEARS EARS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) FINDINGS.—

Congress finds the following:

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- (1) The lands within Bears Ears National Conservation Area have been utilized by Native Americans for thousands of years.
- (2) The unique, intact archaeological record found throughout the Bear's Ears National Conservation Area is sacred to numerous Native American tribes and Pueblos and is of great significance to American history.
- (3) Native American Tribes and Pueblos maintain deep connections and commitments to the lands within the Bears Ears National Conservation Area and continue to rely on and utilize these lands for practicing 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. Many visitors develop similar attachments and appreciation for these landscapes.

(b) ADDITIONAL PURPOSES

ADDITIONAL 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 Secretary of the Interior shall manage the Bears Ears National Conservation Areas established by section 201 in a manner that:

- (A) Provides for traditional access by indigenous persons for culturally significant subsistence, including but not limited to traditional gathering and hunting, and cultural and religious uses within the National Conservation Area;
- (B) Develops policies, consistent with the Native American Graves Repatriation and Protection Act, to minimize disturbance of human remains from permitted uses of the National Conservation Area;
- (C) Integrates Native American Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)(36 *CFR* 219.19) to improve social, economic, and ecological sustainability in accordance with US Forest Service 2012 Planning Rule regulations, (FSH 1909.12, Zero code & Ch10);

(c) COOPERATING AGENCIES

COOPERATING AGENCIES. - The Secretaries shall designate and involve as cooperating agencies interested Tribes and Pueblos that trace their culture and heritage to the lands within the Bear's Ears National Conservation Area in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

(d) TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT

In employing individuals to perform any construction, maintenance, interpretation, or other service in the Bear's Ears National Conservation Area, the Secretaries shall, insofar as practicable, give priority consideration to members of Native American tribes that meet publically posted job qualifications and criteria consistent with standard federal hiring practices.

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(e) **NATIVE AMERICAN LIAISON**

The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint a staff member to serve as a liaison to the Native American tribes that enter into cooperating agency status pursuant to subsection (c). The liaison shall work to ensure the voice and perspective of the cooperating tribal entity is represented in the implementation management of the NCA. This Native American liaison shall serve on the San Juan County Advisory Council, created under Division C of this Act, in the position slotted for a federal land management agency.

**SEC. 207 – INDIAN CREEK NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA
ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

(a) **ADDITIONAL PURPOSE:**

1. Create an experimental range that allows for flexibility in grazing management to promote rangeland health and/or to respond to research needs.
2. Promotes scientific research and conducts research projects on the interactive affects of land use and the environment; and

**SEC. 208- ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR DOCS VALLEY, STONE BRIDGE
DRAW, STUNTZ DRAW, BEACH DRAW, MCCOOK RIDGE, AND DIAMOND
MOUNTAIN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS**

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

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, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____.
 - (2) **DRY FORK.**—The “Dry Fork Watershed Management Area”, consisting of approximately 9,641 acres of the Ashley National Forest in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____.
 - (3) **CASTLE VALLEY.**—The “Castle Valley Watershed Management Area”, consisting of approximately 34,248 acres of the Manti-LaSal National Forest in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____.

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

(b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION. –

(1) IN GENERAL. – Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture 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 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 of Agriculture may correct minor errors in the map or legal description.

(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. 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 from 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 areas;
- (4) to allow for the reintroduction of beavers in appropriate watershed management areas;
- (5) to allow for reintroduction of flora (land and aquatic), bird, fish and animal fauna in special management areas and watershed management areas;
- (6) to provide for the restoration of watershed and re-establish ecosystem health in areas damaged by threatened by insects, or disease; and
- (7) to provide for the restoration of ecosystems damaged or threatened by overpopulation of overpopulation of any plant, aquatic or animal species.

(B) MANAGEMENT.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage the watershed areas—
 - (A) in a manner consistent with the purposes described in subsection (a);
 - (B) in accordance with—

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- (i) the laws (including regulations) generally applicable to the National Forest System;
- (ii) this section; and
- (iii) any other applicable law (including regulations).

(c) **MANAGEMENT PLAN** .—

- (1) **PLAN REQUIRED**- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall develop a management plan for the long-term management of each watershed management area.
- (2) **RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION**- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.
- (3) **USES**- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the watershed management area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection (a) of this section and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Resource Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

SEC. 303 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) **MOTORIZED VEHICLES** .—

- (1) **IN GENERAL**- 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 fuel reduction for water protection purposes.

(d) **OVERSNOW VEHICLES** .—Where permitted prior to the date of enactment of this Act the Secretary of Agriculture shall authorize the use of snowmobiles and other oversnow 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, the Secretary of Agriculture may—

- (A) in consultation with state, local, and water districts who own or control water

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resources within Watershed Management Areas, the Secretary of Agriculture may carry out measures to manage wildland fire and treat 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) or affects the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to protect or improve water quality or to maintain or restore the characteristics of ecosystem composition and structure.

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

(h) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of Agriculture 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) TIMBER HARVESTING.—Within the Watershed Management Areas, timber harvesting may be utilized 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 GRAZING .—

(1) IN GENERAL .— Within the watershed management areas established under sections 301, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue.

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Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue

(5) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing locations, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture to establish historic access, locations, or use.

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

(l) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(a) IN GENERAL.—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, 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.

(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 Area.

(p) ACCESS .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a Watershed Management Area reasonable access to the owner's property.

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(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) HUNTING AND FISHING. –

Within the Watershed Management Areas in where hunting and fishing on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of Agriculture was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(s) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 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.

(b) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit motorized access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 101 subject to such reasonable regulations deemed necessary by the Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture.

(t) WITHDRAWAL .—

(1) IN GENERAL .—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—

(a) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the federal land laws;

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

(c) 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.

Title IV –Special Management Areas

SEC. 401. HIGH UINTAS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

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ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, the approximately 20,683 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” and dated _____.

- (a) PURPOSES—The purposes of the High Uintas Special Management Area (referred to in this title as the Area) is to maintain the presently existing wilderness character of the area and to all for the continued use of winter Off-highway vehicle vehicles.

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

(1) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the High Uintas Special Management Area 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.

(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. 403. ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIGH UINTAS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

- (a) ADMINISTRATION .—

(1) IN GENERAL .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall administer the High Uintas Special Management Area 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.

- (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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 each watershed management area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(3) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the special management area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection 401(a) of this Title and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative

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Resource Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act. Other uses of the special management areas shall:

- (A) maintain the presently existing wilderness character of the special management area.
- (B) allow for non motorized recreational opportunities to occur within the Area including skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, snowshoeing, and camping;
- (C) allow for the continued use and access of Off-highway vehicle winter vehicles including snowmobiles
- (D) prohibit mineral development;
- (E) prohibit new permanent road construction; and
- (F) prohibit commercial timber harvesting.

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

(a) WITHDRAWALS-

(1) Subject to valid existing rights, all federal land within the High Uintas Special Management Area established under sections 401, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States within the conservation area 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.

(b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE .— In accordance with this title, the Secretary of the Agriculture may take such measures in the High Uintas Special Management Area as are necessary for the control of fire, insects, and diseases (including, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, 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) or affects the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to protect or improve water quality or to maintain or restore the characteristics of ecosystem composition and structure.

(d) LIVESTOCK .—

(1) IN GENERAL .— Within the High Uintas Special Management Area the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

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(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue

(4) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate to establish historic grazing areas or use.

(e) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

(b) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the High Uintas Special Management Area can be seen, heard, 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 High Uintas Special Management Area are authorized.

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(g) 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 High Uintas Special Management Area

(h) ACCESS .—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of the High Uintas Special Management 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 High Uintas Special Management Area are authorized.

(j) HUNTING AND FISHING. – Within the Area, hunting and fishing, in areas where hunting and fishing has been allowed on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of Agriculture before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(k). – WATER RIGHTS

(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 High Uintas Special Management Area;
- (2) affects any water rights in the State of Utah existing on the date of enactment of this Act;
- (3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future national conservation areas designations.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of the Interior 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 High Uintas Special Management Area.

(c) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS. – The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall not take any action that adversely affects –

- (1) any water rights granted by the State;
 - (2) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;
 - (3) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;
 - (4) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;
 - (5) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law;
- or
- (6) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(d) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

- (1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit Off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities for those maintenance activities necessary to guarantee the continued viability of water resource facilities that currently exist or which may be necessary in

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the future to prevent the degradation of the water supply in the High Uintas Special Management Area.

(2) Nothing in this Act 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.

(e) DEFINITION. – 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.

(l) PERMANENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION-

(1) After the date of enactment of this Act, except as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the Secretary of Agriculture shall not construct any permanent road within the High Uintas Special Management Area

(m) TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION -- Except as necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the High Uintas Special Management Area, and to protect public health and safety, the establishment of temporary roads is prohibited.

(n) USE OF MOTORIZED OR MECHANIZED VEHICLES -- Except as necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the High Uintas Special Management Area and to protect public health and safety the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized vehicles is prohibited.

(o) COMMERCIAL TIMBER HARVESTING – Commercial timber harvesting within the High Uintas Special Management Area is prohibited.

(p) 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 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, the approximately 8,231.25 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” and dated _____.

(B) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION. –

(1) IN GENERAL. – Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the Little West Fork Blacks 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.

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(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.

(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 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

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

(b) ADMINISTRATION .—

(A) IN GENERAL .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall administer the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area

- (i) in a manner that promotes, protects, and manages the resources of the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area described in subsection (a); and
- (ii) in accordance with—

- (I) the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.);
- (II) this Act; and
- (III) other applicable laws.

(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN .—

(1) 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 each watershed management area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(3) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the special management area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection 406(a) of this Title and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Resource Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act. Other uses of the special management areas shall:

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

(B) allow for reintroduction of flora (land and aquatic), bird, fish and animal fauna in special management areas;

(C) restore watershed and re-establish ecosystem health in areas damaged by threatened by insects, or disease;

(D) restore balance of ecosystem damaged or threatened by overpopulation of overpopulation of any plant, aquatic or animal species.

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

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

(a) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE VEHICLES.—

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

(2) MANAGEMENT-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Agriculture 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 on January 1, 2016;

(ii) minimizes conflict with sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources;
and

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

(B) CLOSURE OR REROUTING.

(i) IN GENERAL- A designated route may be closed or rerouted, if the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the State, or relevant local government within the State, subject to subparagraph (C), determines that--

(I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;

(II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.

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- (III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the conservation area.
- (IV) (IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.
- (V) an alternative route has been provided, which can include routes previously closed.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been rerouted, or are temporarily closed through--

- (i) use of appropriate signage within the Special Management Areas.;
- (ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(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) PERMANENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION- Except as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the Secretary of Agriculture shall not construct any permanent road within the Special Management Areas after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION. – Temporary road construction shall be permitted to fulfill the purposes of the area, including for fuel reduction and forest health management treatments, including prescribed burns.

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

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

- (A) carry out measures to manage wildland fire and treat hazardous fuels, insects, and diseases in the Special Management Areas; and
- (B) coordinate those measures with the appropriate State or local agency.

(h) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS. – Consistent with the purposes of this Title, nothing in this title precludes the Secretary of Agriculture from authorizing a Federal, State, or local agency from conducting pre-suppression and suppression. wildfire management operations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment

(i) LIVESTOCK GRAZING .—

- (1) IN GENERAL .—Within the Special Management Areas, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act

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shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue.

(3) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing locations, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture to establish historic access, locations, or use.

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

(k) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

(b) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area can be seen, heard, or smelled within the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area

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shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area

(l) 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 Special Management Area are authorized

(m) 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 Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area.

(n) ACCESS .—Consistent with the purposes of the Title, and as authorized as of the date of enactment of this Title, The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area access to the owner’s property.

(o) HUNTING AND FISHING. – Within the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area where hunting and fishing on lands and waters owned or managed by the Department of the Interior or Department of Agriculture was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(p) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 Special Management Areas designated by section 301;

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

(3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future Special Management Areas designations.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of Agriculture 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 Special Management Areas.

(c) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS. – The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall not take any action that adversely affects –

(1) any water rights granted by the State;

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

(3) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or

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“priority of rights”;

(4) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;

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

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

(d) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit Off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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 Special Management Area designated by this section.

(2) Nothing in this Act 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.

(e) DEFINITION. — 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.

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

(r) COMMERCIAL TIMBER HARVEST.—Consistent with the purposes of the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area within the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area, commercial timber harvest is not prohibited if the primary purpose is to restore or improve forest health and watershed function or to further the purposes described in this title

(s) WITHDRAWAL .—

(1) IN GENERAL .—Subject to valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of this title ,the Federal land within the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area designated by this section are withdrawn from—

(a) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the federal land laws;

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

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

(t) ACCESS.—Nothing in this section prohibits the Secretary from authorizing reasonable access to private land inside or adjacent to the Little West Fork Blacks Special

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Management Area including the construction of permanent roads within the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area

SEC. 407. – DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, AND WHITE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS

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

(1) WHITE RIVER.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 16,785 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “White River Special Management Area.”

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

(3) DESOLATION CANYON.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 8,770 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Carbon County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____, to be known as the “Desolation Canyon Special Management Area.”

(b) PURPOSES—The purposes of the Desolation Canyon, Nine Mile Canyon, and White River Special Management Areas established under 407(a) 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 cooperative and innovative management practices between resource managers, private landowners, and the public in the Conservation Area; and
- 3) Recognizes and maintains to the extent practicable historic uses of the Conservation Area.

SEC. 408. – DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, AND WHITE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

(1) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the Desolation Canyon, Nine Mile Canyon, and White River Special Management Areas with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

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(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.

(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. 409. – ADMINISTRATION OF THE DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, AND WHITE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.

(a) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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 each watershed management area.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

SEC. 410. DESOLATION CANYON, NINE MILE CANYON, AND WHITE RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The general provisions of Title II section 204 shall apply to the Special Management Areas.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the withdrawal of 204(a) for the Desolation Canyon Special Management Area, White River Special Management Area, and the Nine Mile Canyon Special Management Area, the Secretary of the Interior 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:

(A) the area may be accessed only by directional drilling from a lease held on the date of enactment of this Act on land that is adjacent to, and outside of, the conservation area.

(B) the lease shall prohibit surface occupancy and surface disturbance for any mineral activities within the national conservation areas.

(c) 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. The management plan required under Sec. 409 of this Title for the Nine Mile Canyon Special Management Area shall be developed jointly between Carbon and Duchesne County Advisory Councils.

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3. Upon enactment of this Title, the current ACEC designation shall be permanently removed from Nine Mile Canyon.

Title V - ARCHES NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION

SEC. 501. ARCHES NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION

(A) 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 19,255 acres and depicted as Arches Expansion on the map entitled “Utah PLI Park and Monument Map” and dated _____.”;

(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)”.

SEC. 502. – EXISTING TRAILS

(a) The public shall have continued access Off-highway vehicle access to the Klondike Bluffs, Dry Mesa, Winter Camp Ridge (to the overlook of Salt Wash), The Highlands (pipeline to the overlook of Salt Wash), and The Eagle's Nest trails, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(b) The National Park Service shall enter into a cooperative agreement with Ride with Respect that provides for continued public access of the trails outlined in this section, maintains the conservation qualities of the Park, and provides a framework for maintenance cost sharing.

(c) Where practicable, mountain biking shall be permitted and promoted within the trails outlined in subsection (a).

SEC. 503 – TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

(a) The National Park Service shall work to create a northern entrance, which is being facilitated by the expansion outlined in 501(a), that enhances the visitor experience and alleviates traffic congestion at the current Park entrance.

Title VI - JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT

SEC. 601. JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT

(a) PURPOSES. - To conserve, protect, interpret, and enhance for the benefit of present and future generations the unique and nationally important paleontological, scientific, educational, and recreational resources, there is established in Emery County, Utah,

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subject to valid existing rights, the Jurassic National Monument (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” and dated _____

(c) MAP ; LEGAL DESCRIPTION .—

(1) IN GENERAL. – Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall file a map and legal description of the Special 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 (b) 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.

(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 of the Interior may acquire land or interests in land within the boundaries of the Monument only by donation, exchange, or purchase from a willing seller.

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

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

(e) WITHDRAWALS .—Subject to valid existing rights, any 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—

(i) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the federal land laws;

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

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

(f) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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 national monument.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the national monument that would further the purposes outlined in subsection (a) of this section and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Resource Advisory

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Councils established under Division C of this Act. Other uses of the national monument may:

- (A) address transportation issues to and from the Monument; and
- (B) codify the current Special Recreation Management Area boundary.

(g) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Monument in accordance with---

- (1) the Management Plan; and
- (2) any other applicable laws.

(h) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

(b) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE MONUMENT.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the Monument can be seen, heard, 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) 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 14.4 mile segment from Westwater Canyon from River Mile 125 to River Mile 112 as a wild river.
- (B) The approximately 8 mile segment from River Mile 112 to Cisco Wash as a scenic river.
- (C) The approximately 33.1 mile segment from the Confluence of the Colorado River with the Dolores River to River Mile 49 near Potash as a recreational river.
- (D) The approximately 5.7 mile segment from River Mile 44.5 to River mile 38.5 as a scenic river.
- (E) The approximately 3.7 mile segment from River Mile 37.5 to River Mile 34 at the Canyonlands National Park boundary as a scenic river.
- (F) The approximately 5.5 mile river segment from River Mile 44 to River Mile 38.5 as a scenic river.
- (G) The approximately 6.5 river segment of the Colorado River from River Mile 37.5 to the boundary of Canyonlands National Park at River Mile 31 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:

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- (A) The approximately 5.9 mile segment from the Colorado State line to Fisher Creek as a recreational river.
- (B) The approximately 6.3 mile segment from Fisher Creek to Bridge Canyon as a scenic river
- (C) The approximately 9.9 mile segment from Bridge Canyon to the Colorado River 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 50 mile river segment from River Mile 97 at the confluence with the San Rafael River to Canyonlands National Park Boundary as a scenic river.
- (B) The approximately 44.5 miles from Nine Mile Creek to Chandler Canyon as a wild river
- (C) The approximately 8 miles from Chandler Creek to Florence Creek as a scenic river.
- (D) The approximately 19 miles from Florence Creek to the Nefertiti Boat Ramp as a wild river.
- (E) The approximately 62 miles from the northern border of the Desolation Canyon Wilderness, designated under this Act, in Uintah County, Utah to the Carbon County line as a recreation river.

“(216) DARK CANYON, UTAH. The approximately 18.7 miles of the Dark Canyon River from the forest boundary to the Lake Powell below Young’s Canyon to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

(b) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

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

(c) 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 purchase from a willing seller.”

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

(e) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the wild and scenic rivers are authorized.

(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, entitled Utah PLI Wild and Scenic Rivers, and legal description of the rivers with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

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(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.

(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.

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, the approximately 110,839 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Special Management Area Map and dated _____, 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 (referred to in this title as the Area) are to provide recreational opportunities, protection and management of water resources, utilize commercial forest products, and withdraw minerals from development.

SEC. 802. – MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

(1) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture 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.

(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.

(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. 803. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) ADMINISTRATION .—

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(1) IN GENERAL .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall administer the Area 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.

(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN .—

(a) 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 Area.

(b) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) USES- The Secretary of Agriculture shall allow only such uses of the Area that would further the purposes outlined in subsection 801(b) of this section and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Resource Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act. Other uses of the Area shall:

(A) 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;

(C) provide for appropriate forest management, utilizing commercial harvesting for hazardous fuels reduction, wildland fire control, control of insects and disease, and watershed health;

(D) prohibit mineral development; and

(E) promote the long-term protection and management of the water resources and underground karst system; and

(F) comply with Sections 801 and 804 .

SEC. 804 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

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(1) IN GENERAL- The use of Off-highway vehicle and mechanized vehicles shall be permitted within the Area.

(2) MANAGEMENT-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Agriculture shall designate existing routes in a manner that--

(i) utilizes Forest Service roads existing as of January 1, 2016 and also new roads authorized by this Act;

(ii) minimizes conflict with sensitive habitat or cultural or historical resources;

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

(B) CLOSURE OR REROUTING-

(i) IN GENERAL- A designated route may be temporarily closed or rerouted, for a period not to exceed two years, if the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the State, or relevant local government within the State determines that--

(I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;

(II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.

(III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the conservation area.

(IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.

(V) an alternative route has been provided.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been rerouted, or are temporarily closed through--

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

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(ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(3) 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 shall be allowed for the Forest Service, State and local governments, and water companies to access Whiterocks Lake for general and emergency maintenance purposes.

(b) TRAIL CONSTRUCTION.—

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

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—

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

(B) USE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—A route may be constructed under this subsection through the acceptance of volunteer services and contributions from non-federal sources.

(c) 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.

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

(e) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE .— In accordance with this title, the Secretary of Agriculture 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 or local agency.

(f) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS. – Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, or local agency from conducting wildfire management operations

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(including operations using aircraft or mechanized equipment) or interfere with the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to prevent or control the spread of wildfires or the use of mechanized equipment for wildfire pre-suppression and suppression.

(g) LIVESTOCK GRAZING.—

(1) IN GENERAL .—Within the Area, Within the Area, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue

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

(h) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY. – Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary of Agriculture from renewing easements or rights-of-way

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in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with this Act and existing law.

(i) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

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

(j) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES .— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the Area are authorized.

(k) 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.

(l) ACCESS .—The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of the Area access to the property.

(m) 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

(n) HUNTING AND FISHING. –

Within the Area in where hunting and fishing on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of Agriculture was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(o) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 Area designated by section 801;

(2) affects any water rights in the State;

(3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future designations.

(4) shall restrict or prohibit the upstream diversion of water rights held under Utah State law nor shall any claim of resource damages

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arise due to the rightful diversion or depletion of streams or rivers affecting the Area.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of Agriculture 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.

(c) EFFECTS ON STATE WATER RIGHTS. – The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall not take any action that adversely affects –

- (1) any water rights granted by the State;
- (2) the authority of the State in adjudicating water rights;
- (3) definitions established by the State with respect to the term “beneficial use” or “priority of rights”;
- (4) terms and conditions for groundwater withdrawal;
- (5) the use of groundwater resources that are in accordance with State law; or
- (6) other rights or obligations of the State as established under State law.

(d) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

(1) Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit Off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities 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.

(2) Nothing in this Act 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.

(e) DEFINITION. – 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.

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

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(q) WITHDRAWAL .—

(A) IN GENERAL .—Subject to valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of this Act the federal land within the Area is withdrawn from—

(i) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the federal land laws;

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

(iii) 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.

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Division B – Opportunity

Title I – School Trust Land Consolidations

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

- (A) Promoting better management of federal conservation areas by removing inheld state trust land sections;
- (B) Securing Federal ownership and protection of land with significant wildlife, recreational, scenic, cultural and other public values;
- (C) 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
- (D) 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 Act:

(1) MAPS.—The term “Maps” means the following maps prepared by the Bureau of Land Management:

- (a) Land Conveyances - Carbon County dated [date]
- (b) Land Conveyances – Duchesne County dated [date]
- (c) Land Conveyances - Emery County dated [date]
- (d) Land Conveyances – Grand County dated [date]
- (e) Land Conveyances – San Juan County dated [date]
- (f) Land Conveyances – Uintah County dated [date]

(2) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Federal land” means the lands identified on the Maps 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 Maps.

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

(4) 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.

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- (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 FLPMA (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 format acceptable to the Secretary and the State.
- (e) Reservation of Interest in Potash.--
- (1) In general.--With respect to Federal land that contains potash resources, the Secretary shall reserve an interest in all potash resources.
 - (2) Extent of interest.--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) Payment.—
 - (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) In general.—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) Extent of interest.—The wellbore interest reserved to the United States under paragraph (1) shall consist of all royalties attributable to any zones or horizons that are being produced from an oil and gas well located on Federal land as of the date of conveyance.

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

(4) Payment.—

(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) Termination of Reserved Interest.—The reserved wellbore interests of the United States in oil and gas shall automatically terminate on the date that is ten years after the enactment of this Act.

(6) Sharing of Revenue. 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 30 U.S.C. 191(a).

(g) Appurtenant Water Rights.--Any conveyance of a parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land under this Act shall include the conveyance of water rights appurtenant to the parcel conveyed.

SEC. 104. APPRAISALS

(a) Equal Value Exchange.—

(1) In general.--The value of the Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under this Act—

(A) shall be equal; or

(B) shall be made equal in accordance with section 5.

(b) Appraisals.--The value of the Federal land and the non-Federal land shall be determined by appraisals conducted by 1 or more independent appraisers retained by the State, with the consent of the Secretary.

(c) Applicable law.--The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) ---

(A) shall be conducted in accordance with section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716); and

(b) shall utilize nationally recognized appraisal standards, including, to the extent appropriate, the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.

(d) Approval.--The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) shall be submitted to the Secretary and the State for approval.

(e) Adjustment.--

(1) In general.--If value is attributed to any parcel of Federal land because of the presence of minerals subject to leasing under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), the value of the parcel (as otherwise established under this subsection) shall be reduced by the estimated value of the payments that would have been made to the State of Utah from bonuses, rentals, and royalties that the United States would have received if such minerals were leased pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

(2) Limitation.--An adjustment under subparagraph (A) shall not be considered as a property right of the State.

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- (f) Valuation of Lands with Reserved Minerals.--Federal land in which the Secretary reserves an interest under subsections 103(3)3(e) and 103(3)(f) shall be appraised—
- (1) without regard to the presence of potash; and
 - (2) taking into account the reserved wellbore interest of the United States, if any.
- (g) Duration.—The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) shall remain valid until the date of the completion of the exchange authorized under this title.
- (h) Availability of appraisals.—
- (1) In general.--All final appraisals, appraisal reviews, and determinations of value for land to be exchanged under this section shall be available for public review at the Utah State Office of the Bureau of Land Management at least 30 days before the conveyance of the applicable parcels.
 - (2) Publication.--The Secretary or the State, as applicable, shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in Salt Lake County, Utah, a notice that the appraisals are available for public inspection.
- (i) Dispute resolution.—
- (1) If, by the date that is 90 days after the date of submission of an appraisal for review and approval under this subsection, the Secretary or State do not agree to accept the findings of the appraisals with respect to any parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with section 206(d)(2) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1716(d)(2)).
 - (2) If agreement has not been reached with respect to the exchange of an individual parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land, the Secretary and the State may agree to set aside the individual parcel to allow the exchange of the other parcels of Federal land and non-Federal land to proceed.
- (j) Conveyance of Parcels in Phases.—
- (1) In General.—Notwithstanding that appraisals for all of the parcels of Federal land and non-Federal land may not have been approved, parcels of the Federal land and non-Federal land may be exchanged in phases as may be mutually determined by the Secretary and the State.
 - (2) Ledger. -- The Secretary and the State may agree to utilize a ledger account to make equal the value of lands conveyed by each party in one or more phases, provided that the overall exchange shall be made equal as provided in section 105.
 - (3) Authority.— It is the intent of Congress that the Secretary may exercise broad discretionary authority in the processing of the land exchange to expedite the final conveyance of the Federal and non-Federal land.

SEC. 105. – EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.

(a) Surplus of federal land.—

If the value of the Federal land exceeds the value of the non-Federal land, the value of the Federal land and non-Federal land shall be equalized by –

- (1) the State conveying to the United States State trust land located within any of the wilderness areas or national conservation areas in Washington County, Utah, established under subtitle O of title I of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1075) that has an appraised value

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- equal to the difference between the value of the Federal land; and the value of the non-Federal land;
 - (2) the reduction in acreage of the Federal land as the State and the Secretary may agree;
 - (3) the State making a cash payment to the United States; or
 - (4) any combination of the methods described in paragraphs (1)-(3) as the State and the Secretary may mutually agree.
- (b) Surplus of non-federal land.—If the value of the non-Federal land exceeds the value of the Federal land, the value of the Federal land and the non-Federal land shall be equalized by –
- (1) the reduction in acreage of the non-Federal land as the State and the Secretary may mutually agree.

SEC. 106. 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 earlier of the date that the Federal land is removed from the exchange or 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. 107. NEPA AND FLPMA COMPLIANCE.

- (1) Public Interest. -- The land exchange authorized and directed by this title is in the public interest.
- (2) 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 Act:
 - (A) the Secretary is not required to identify any actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative; and
 - (B) 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).
- (3) Presumption of Plan Adequacy.—Conveyances of Federal land to the State in accordance with this Act are presumed to comply with any land use plan enacted under section 202 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1712).

SEC. 108. STATUS AND MANAGEMENT OF LAND AFTER EXCHANGE.

- (a) ADMINISTRATION OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.—
 - (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2) and in accordance with section 206(c) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1716(c)), the non-Federal land acquired by the United States under this Act 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.—

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(1) IN GENERAL.—If land acquired under this Act 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) RENEWAL.—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) BASE PROPERTIES.—If land conveyed by the State under this Act 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) IN GENERAL.—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 Act.

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

SEC. 109. – LANDS WITHIN HISTORIC UNCOMPAHGRE RESERVATION.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction issues a final judgment against the United States determining that the public lands within the boundaries of the historic Uncompahgre Reservation currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management are or should be tribal trust lands of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, then ---

- (a) within one year of the final judgment, the State of Utah shall relinquish all lands acquired by the State under this Act that are located within the historic Uncompahgre Reservation to the United States for the benefit of the Tribe; and
- (b) upon such relinquishment, the State of Utah may select unappropriated public lands of equal value elsewhere in Utah in the manner provided by section 6 of the Utah Enabling Act, Act of July 16, 1894, ch. 138, 28 Stat. 107.

SEC. 110. – BOOK CLIFFS CONSERVATION AREA. – The non-Federal mineral estate acquired by the United States in the area depicted on the Grand County map as the Book Cliffs Conservation Area is withdrawn from the operation of the mineral entry, leasing and mineral material disposal laws until otherwise determined by Congress.

Title II – Goblin Valley State Park

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SEC. 201. LAND CONVEYANCE

(a) LAND CONVEYANCE. – At the request of the State of Utah, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey, without consideration, the approximately 9,994 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 _____, 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, 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).

(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 156,540 acres, identified as “Goblin Valley Cooperative Management Area” on the map entitled Utah PLI Goblin Valley State Park Map and dated _____.

(c) PURPOSES. - The purposes 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 with regard to recreation management within the federal land;

(2) extend only to recreational activities, including Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle, within the federal land, and shall not affect other land management within the federal land, or recreational activities outside the federal land;

(3) require that recreational activities within the federal land shall continue to be managed in accordance with—

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

(B) applicable federal laws.

(4) require new route and trail construction for motorized and non-motorized use to further recreational opportunities and/or minimize resource conflict, when and where appropriate;

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

(5) specify that the State agency administering the federal land shall be the Utah State Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

Title III – Price Canyon State Forest

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SEC. 301. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

- (1) MAPS.—The term “Map” means the map titled Utah PLI Price Canyon State Forest Map.
- (2) FEDERAL LAND. – The term “federal land” means the 13,321-acres owned by the Bureau of Land Management and identified as “BLM Lands Proposed for Transfer to State Sovereign Land” located in Carbon County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Utah PLI Price Canyon State Forest Map” and date _____
- (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
- (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.

SEC. 302. EXCHANGE OF LAND.

- (a) In General.-- 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) If the State offers to convey to the United States title to the non-federal land, the Secretary of the Interior 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 format acceptable to the Secretary of the Interior and the State.

SEC. 303. LIVESTOCK GRAZING.

- (a) LIVESTOCK GRAZING--- Within the 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, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

Title IV – Deer Lodge Land Exchange

SEC. 401 Definitions

In this title:

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

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(b) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “federal land” means the approximately 156 acres of National Forest System land in Daggett County, Utah, identified as “Deer Lodge Cabin Site” on the map entitled “Utah PLI Deer Lodge Land Exchange Map” and dated _____.

(c) 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 entitled “Utah PLI Deer Lodge Land Exchange Map” and dated _____.

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

SEC. 402 LAND EXCHANGE.

(a) CONVEYANCE OF LAND.—No less 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 of Agriculture 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 of Agriculture 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).

SEC. 403 CONDITIONS OF EXCHANGE.

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

(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—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 entitled “Utah PLI Deerlodge Land Exchange” and dated _____.”

Title V – Scofield Land Transfers

SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) CARBON COUNTY.—

The term “Carbon County” means Carbon County, Utah, within which the Scofield Reservoir property is located.

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(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 , Utah, as of the date of enactment of this Act, claims title to, or an interest in, the federal land.

(3) FEDERAL LAND.—

(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 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 any mineral or subsurface rights to the land described in subparagraph (A); or the 205 acres of land adjoining the Scofield Reservoir, as adjudicated in the case styled United States v. Dunn (557F.3d 1165 (10th Cir. 2009)).

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

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

SEC. 502. CONVEYANCE OF SCOFIELD PROJECT LAND.

(a) The Secretary of the Interior shall convey all right and title to the federal land, or a life estate in the federal land, without consideration, to any valid claimant that submits a request to the Secretary of the Interior not later than 18 months after the enactment of this Act. If the Secretary of the Interior does not act upon the request within 18 months from the date of enactment of this act, the federal land shall be transferred to the claimant.

(b) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENTS- A conveyance under this title shall be subject to—

(A) 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 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;

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

(C) 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 to 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.

(c) If the claimant is a willing seller, the Secretary of the Interior may offer the claimant fair market value for the land in lieu of a conveyance of all right and title to the federal land.

Title VI – Land Conveyances

SEC. 601. Land Conveyances.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the land use planning requirements of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), upon the request of the specified local entity in the county in which the conveyance will occur, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate shall convey the following federal land to that entity, without consideration:

(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 ____, to Grand County, Utah for use as an airport

(2) MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT – Upon completion of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project, the approximately 474 acres of land depicted as “UMTRA Conveyance,” on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated ____, shall be conveyed, without consideration, 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 ____ as

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“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 ____ as “Emery County Recreation Area,” to Emery County, Utah for public recreational purposes.

(5) EMERY COUNTY SHERIFF SUBSTATION.—The approximately 643 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, as “Emery County Sheriffs 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 _____, as “Blanding Outdoor Recreation Area,” to Blanding City, Utah for use as an outdoor recreation area.

(7) CAL BLACK AIRPORT.—The approximately 1,916 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Cal Black Airport,” to San Juan County, Utah for a municipal airport.

(8) BLUFF AIRPORT.—The approximately 1,406 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Bluff Airport,” to San Juan County, Utah, for a municipal airport.

(9) MONTICELLO WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT PLANT.—The approximately 164 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ 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 _____, as “Blanding Shooting Range,” to San Juan County, Utah, for a public shooting range.

(11) FANTASY CANYON.—The approximately 160 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____,as “Fantasy Canyon” to the State of Utah, for public recreation.

(12) PARK CITY CONVEYENCE I – The approximately 2.5 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Park City Conveyance I,” to Park City, Utah, for public recreation and open space.

(13) PARK CITY CONVEYENCE II – The approximately 1 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Park City Conveyance II,” to Park City, Utah, for public recreation and open space.

(14) LISBON VALLEY -- The approximately 398 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as “Lisbon Valley,” to Utah State University, Utah, for education and research.

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(15) WELLINGTON -- The approximately 645 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Wellington," to Utah State University, for education and research.

(16) RANGE CREEK RESEARCH STATION EXPANSION-- The approximately 1,663 acres depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Range Creek Research Station Expansion," to the University of Utah, for education and research.

(17) ASHLEY SPRING ZONE.—The approximately 1,102 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Ashley Spring," to Uintah County, Utah, for use as open space and for watershed protection and drinking water development.

(18) SEEP RIDGE UTILITY CORRIDOR. – The approximately _____ acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Seep Ridge Utility Corridor," to the State of Utah, for use as rights-of-way for public utilities.

(19) BLUFF RIVER RECREATION AREA. - The approximately 177 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____ as "Bluff River Recreation Area," to San Juan County, for use as recreation and municipal facilities.

(20) EMERY INFORMATION CENTER. – The approximately 80 acres generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Land Conveyances Map and dated _____, as "Emery County Information Center," to Emery County, Utah for an information and visitor center to promote public lands.

(b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL. – Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the Land Conveyances with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(2) 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 or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.

(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 and the United States Forest Service.

(c) REVERSION.—If any parcel conveyed under subsection (a) ceases to be used for the purpose for which it was conveyed or any other public purpose, the land shall revert to the United States, if the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture as appropriate determines that the reversion is in the best interest of the United States.

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Title VII – Land Disposals

SEC. 701. LAND DISPOSALS.

- (a) Disposal. -- Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior shall dispose of federal lands identified as “Lands for Disposal” on the map entitled “Utah PLI Land Disposal Map” and dated _____ within two years.

Title VIII – CANYON COUNTRY RECREATION ZONES

SEC 801. ESTABLISHMENT

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, and to enhance existing and future recreational opportunities and use the following areas in Grand County, Uintah County, and San Juan County, Utah are hereby established as Recreation Zones:

- (1) KLONDIKE RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 24,968 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Klondike Recreation Zone.”
- (2) MONITOR AND MERRIMAC RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 17,370 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone.”
- (3) GOLDBAR RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 23,050 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Goldbar 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, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Big Flat Recreation Zone.”
- (5) MINERAL CANYON RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 19,809 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone.”
- (6) DEE PASS AND UTAH RIMS RECREATION ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 210,116 acres administered by the Bureau of Land

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Management in Grand County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zone.”

- (7) YELLOW CIRCLE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 7,040 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Yellow Circle Recreation Zone.”
- (8) CAMEO CLIFFS.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately 48,025 acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zone.”
- (9) JENSEN HILLS.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Jensen Hills Recreation Zone.”
- (10) RED MOUNTAIN.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Red Mountain Recreation Zone.”
- (11) DEVILS HOLE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Devils Hole Recreation Zone.”
- (12) BOURDETTE DRAW.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Bourdette Draw Recreation Zone.”
- (13) RED WASH.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately _____ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map and dated _____ 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 shall file a map and legal description of the recreation zones established by sections 801 of this Act 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 map and legal description submitted under this section shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the

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Secretary of the Interior may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.

(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. 803. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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

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

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

(b) 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) or interferes with the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to authorize mechanical thinning of trees or underbrush to prevent or control the spread of wildfires or the use of mechanized equipment for wildfire pre-suppression and suppression.

(c) LIVESTOCK GRAZING. —

(1) IN GENERAL .—Within the recreation planning areas, the grazing of livestock in which grazing is established before the date of enactment of this Act shall continue in accordance with the grazing permit that existed on January 1, 2016, subject to reasonable regulations as prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING USES. Existing livestock grazing shall continue, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) there shall be no curtailments of grazing in the areas designated by this title simply because an area is, or has been designated by this title, nor should designations be used as an excuse by administrators to slowly "phase out" grazing.

B) the number and type of livestock permitted to graze in areas designated by this title shall continue at stocking levels prescribed in the grazing permit in effect at the time an area is designated to the greatest extent practicable.

C) the maintenance of pre-established facilities existing in an area prior to its classification as designated by this title (including fences, line cabins, water wells and pipelines, stock tanks and ponds, etc.), shall continue. Such maintenance includes the use of Off-highway vehicle or mechanized tools and equipment.

D) the construction of new improvements or replacement of deteriorated facilities in areas designated by this title is permissible if in accordance with guidelines and management plans governing the area.

E) the use of Off-highway vehicle equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible.

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

G) the trailing and movement of domestic livestock where permitted prior to the enactment of this Act shall continue

(3) UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In instances in which historic grazing areas, access, or use is disputed by the permittee, data and information provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture shall be given priority consideration by the Secretary of the Interior to establish historic grazing, locations, or use.

(d) EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY. – Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary of the Interior 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.

(f) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around any recreation zone designated by this title.

(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE RECREATION ZONES.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside a recreation zone can be seen, heard, or smelled within the recreation zone shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the recreation zone.

(e) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES .— Commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) within the recreation zones are authorized.

(f) 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 recreation zones.

(g) ACCESS .—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the owner of State or private property within the boundary of a recreation zones access to the property.

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

(i) HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL AND TARGET SHOOTING. – Within the recreation zones in where hunting, fishing, and recreational and target shooting on lands and waters owned of managed by the Department of the Interior was allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue.

(j) WATER RIGHTS. –

(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 recreation zones designated by this title;

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

(3) establishes a precedent with regard to any future recreation zone.

(b) UTAH WATER LAW. –The Secretary of the Interior 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 recreation zones.

(c) EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit Off-highway vehicle access and road maintenance by local municipalities for those maintenance activities necessary to guarantee the continued viability of water resource facilities that currently exist or which may be necessary in

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the future to prevent the degradation of the water supply in recreation zones designated by this title.

(d) DEFINITION. – 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.

(k) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this title prevents the Secretary of the Interior from conducting vegetation management projects within the recreation zones.

(l) WILDERNESS REVIEW. –

(a) Congress finds and directs that the recreation zones described in section 801 have been adequately studied for wilderness character and wilderness designation pursuant to sections 201 and 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.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior may not promulgate or issue any system-wide regulation, directive, instruction memorandum or order that would direct management of the federal lands identified in section 801 in a manner contrary to subsection (m).

(m) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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 each recreation zone.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the recreation zones that would further the purposes and uses outlined within each Zone and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Resource Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

SEC. 804. GOLDBAR RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Goldbar Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, and hiking, provide for the construction of new non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to prevent future energy and mineral leases or claims, and to manage and protect indigenous plants.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior 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 Zone shall:

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- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Goldbar Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and camping
- (C) prohibit future mineral and energy leasing or claims.
- (D) provide for new route and trail construction for Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) protects and manages indigenous plants.
- (F) comply with Section 803.

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016..
- (ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
- (iii) allows for the construction of new non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 805. MONITOR AND MERRIMAC RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as 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 to prevent future energy and mineral leases or claims,

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Monitor and Merrimac 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Monitor and Merrimac Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (C) prohibit future mineral and energy leasing.
- (D) provide for new route and trail construction for Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

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- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated Off-highway vehicle routes in a manner that--
- (i) is consistent with Off-highway vehicle and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 806 KLONDIKE RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Klondike Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as 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 energy and mineral leases or claims,

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Klondike 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Klondike Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (C) prohibit future mineral and energy leasing.
- (D) provide for new route and trail construction for non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) provide managerial flexibility to route Off-highway vehicle trails in a way that minimizes conflict with non-Off-highway vehicle trails.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016, including off-highway vehicle use of Sovereign Trail System.
 - (ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) allows for the construction of new non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

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SEC. 807 BIG FLAT RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) **PURPOSES.**---The purposes of the Big Flat Recreation Zone are to promote outdoor recreation, such as off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking, to promote mineral development, and provide for new Off-highway vehicle route construction.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**---

(1) **IN GENERAL.**--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Big Flat 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Big Flat Recreation Zone including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (C) provide for future mineral leasing with No Surface Occupancy stipulations
- (D) prevent the retirement of mineral leases.
- (E) provide for new route and trail construction for Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (F) comply with Section 803 .

(3) **MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
- (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
- (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 808 MINERAL CANYON RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) **PURPOSES.**---The purposes of the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone are to promote non-Off-highway vehicle outdoor recreation, such mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking, to prevent future energy or mineral leases or claims, and provide for new non-Off-highway vehicle route construction, maintain boating access, maintain airstrip access, and maintain access and use of country borrow areas.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**---

(1) **IN GENERAL.**--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone:

- (i) in accordance with----

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- (ii) this title;
- (iii) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and
- (iv) other applicable laws.

(2) USES .— Uses and management of the Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities;
- (B) provide for non Off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities to occur within the Mineral Canyon Recreation Zone including, biking, and hiking,
- (C) prevent future energy or mineral leasing or claims
- (D) provide for new route and trail construction for non-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) maintain access for boating
- (F) maintain access for aircraft to the existing airstrip
- (G) maintain access and use to the county borrow areas.
- (H) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) allows for the construction of new non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 809. DEE PASS AND UTAH RIMS RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zones are to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zones 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Dee Pass and Utah Rims Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing

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- (C) Provide 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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle 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”, on the map entitled “Utah PLI Recreation Zones Map” and dated _____ is open to cross country Off-highway vehicle travel.

SEC. 810. YELLOW CIRCLE MINE AND CAMEO CLIFFS ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Yellow Circle Mine and Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zones are to promote off-highway vehicle use and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Yellow Circle Mine 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.); and
- (c) other applicable laws

(2) USES .— Uses and management of the Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Yellow Circle Mine and Cameo Cliffs including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (C) Provide 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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .

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(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior shall manage existing designated Off-highway vehicle routes in a manner that--
- (i) is consistent with Off-highway vehicle and mechanized use of the designated routes that is authorized as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 811. JENSEN HILLS RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Jensen Hills Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Jensen Hills Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .
- (F) Allows cross country Off-highway vehicle travel

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

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- (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.
- (iv) Allows for continued cross country Off-highway vehicle travel in areas where it is authorized as of January 1, 2016

SEC. 812. DOCS BEACH RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) **PURPOSES.**---The purposes of the Docs Beach Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**---

(1) **IN GENERAL.**--- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the Docs Beach 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Jensen Hills Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (C) Allows 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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .
- (F) Allows cross country Off-highway vehicle travel

(3) **MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.**---

(A) **IN GENERAL.**- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
- (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
- (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.
- (iv) Allows for continued cross country Off-highway vehicle travel in areas where it is authorized as of January 1, 2016

SEC. 813. RED MOUNTAIN RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) **PURPOSES.**---The purposes of the Red Mountain Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle

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trails and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, and to promote energy and mineral leasing and development.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.---

(1) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary of the Interior 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Red Mountain Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
- (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
- (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

SEC. 814. DEVILS HOLE RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Devils Hole Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle trails, 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 Zone shall:

- (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities

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- (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Jensen Hills Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
- (C) Allows 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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
- (E) comply with Section 803 .
- (F) Allows cross country Off-highway vehicle travel

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.
 - (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
 - (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.
 - (iv) Allows for continued cross country Off-highway vehicle travel in areas where it is authorized as of January 1, 2016

SEC. 815. BOURDETTE DRAW RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

- (a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Bourdette Draw Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle 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 Zone shall:
 - (A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities
 - (B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Jensen Hills Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing
 - (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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.
 - (E) comply with Section 803 .

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(F) Allows cross country Off-highway vehicle travel

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.

(ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.

(iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.

(iv) Allows for continued cross country Off-highway vehicle travel in areas where it is authorized as of January 1, 2016

SEC. 816. RED WASH RECREATION ZONE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.---The purposes of the Red Wash Recreation Zone is to promote off-highway vehicle recreation and to provide for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle trails and non-Off-highway vehicle 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 Zone shall:

(A) coordinate and consults with State and local government entities

(B) provide for recreational opportunities to occur within the Red Wash Recreation Zones including, biking, hiking, off-highway vehicle use, including motorcycling, ATV riding, and four-wheeling, and rock climbing

(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-Off-highway vehicle use to further recreational opportunities.

(E) comply with Section 803 .

(F) Allow cross country Off-highway vehicle travel

(3) MANAGEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Interior 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 as of January 1, 2016.

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- (ii) Allows for adjustment to the travel management plan within the regular amendment process.
- (iii) Allows for the construction of new Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle trails.
- (iv) Allows for continued cross country Off-highway vehicle travel in areas where it is authorized as of January 1, 2016

SEC. 817 – HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK TRAIL.

(a) This Act adds to the National Historic Trail System the corridor known as “The Hole-in-the-Rock Trail” to be managed as a historic trail and to remain in the ownership of current land management agencies.

(b) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) 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.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) USES- The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the national historic trail that would further the purposes and uses outlined within this subsection and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Resource Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) Purposes and Uses

A. The purposes of the National Hole in the Rock Trail is to promote cultural, recreational – motorized and non-motorized, and historic values.

B. The Hole in the Rock Foundation and shall be a cooperating agency regarding trail management.

SEC. 818 – RECAPTURE CANYON

(a) San Juan County, Utah’s application for a Title V Right-of-Way, originally submitted on March 30, 2006 and later amended on November 13, 2012, is approved.

(b) 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) The BLM decision to temporarily close Recapture Canyon to off-highway vehicle on September 12, 2007 is dissolved, as the right-of-way approved in subsection (a) will create a mechanism for proper management and maintenance of the area.

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SEC. 819. – BIG BURRITO NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL

(a) The 9.3 mile proposed non-motorized trail within the Sand Flats Recreation Area, approved by the BLM Moab Field Office on December 18, 2016 and commonly known as the Big Burrito non-motorized trail, is hereby authorized to move forward and shall be constructed within 6 months of enactment of this Act.

TITLE IX -- RED ROCK COUNTRY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRAIL.

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 subsection (b).
- (4) FEDERAL LAND. – The term “federal land” means land owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

SEC. 902 DESIGNATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.— the Secretary of the Interior shall designate a trail system in Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah—

- (A) for use by Off-highway vehicle 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 of the Interior shall prioritize a long distance route for off-highway vehicles that—

(A) as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Recreation Plans Map and date ____;

(B) connects the federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah to the federal land adjacent to Grand Junction, Colorado through the Utah Rims Recreation Area;

(C) connects the federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah to the federal land adjacent to Green River, Utah through the Dee Pass Recreation Area;

(D) connects the federal land adjacent to Moab, Utah to the federal land adjacent to Monticello, Utah through the Cameo Cliffs Recreation Zone;

(E) utilizes existing routes, where feasible, which may include the Kokopelli’s Trail and the Orange Trail and Trail 1, consistent with this paragraph;

(F) minimizes the use of graded roads;

(G) 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;

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- (iv) minimal conflicts between Off-highway vehicle and non-Off-highway vehicle user; 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 of the Interior shall manage future designated routes in a manner that--

- (i) is consistent with Section 902 ;
- (ii) does not interfere with private property or water rights.

(B) CLOSURE OR RELOCATING-

(i) IN GENERAL- A designated route may be temporarily closed or detoured, for a period not to exceed two years, if the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the State, or relevant local government within the State determines that--

- (I) the designated route is damaging cultural resources or historical resources;
- (II) temporary closure of the designated route is necessary to repair the designated route or protect public safety.
- (III) modification of the designated route would not significantly affect access within the given area.
- (IV) all other options, other than a temporary closure or rerouting, have been exhausted.
- (V) a new alternative route, which can include routes previously closed, has been provided to effectively relocate the trail.

(C) NOTICE- The Secretary of the Interior shall provide information to the public regarding any designated routes that are open, have been relocated, or are temporarily closed through--

- (i) use of appropriate signage within the trail;
- (ii) use of the internet and web resources.

(3) 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.

(d) TRAIL CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall study the feasibility and public interest in constructing new routes as part of a the Red Rock County Off-Highway Vehicle Trail System to further Off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—

(A) CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED.— If the Secretary of the Interior determines that the construction of a route is feasible, construction is authorized.

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(B) USE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—A route 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 of the Interior shall comply with—

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

(B) this title; and

(C) other applicable law.

Title X – Long-Term Native American Economic Development Certainty

SEC. 1001. Native American Economic Development in San Juan County, Utah

(a) McCracken Mesa Mineral Transfer. The federal minerals located within the Aneth Extension of the Navajo Nation shall be transferred to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

(b) The Act of March 1, 1933, H.R. 11735, Public No. 403, is hereby amended to state the following:

Should oil or gas be produced in paying quantities within the lands hereby added to the Navajo Reservation, 37.5 62.5 per centum of the net royalties accruing therefrom derived from tribal leases shall be paid to the State of Utah: Provided, that the 37.5 62.5 per centum of said royalties shall be expended by the State of Utah in the tuition of Indian children in white schools and/or in the building or maintenance of roads across the lands described in section 1 hereof, or for the benefit of the Indian residing therein.

SEC. 1002. Ute Indian Tribe Economic Development Area

(a) Hill Creek Mineral Transfer. The federal minerals located within the Hill Creek Extension of the Ute Tribe shall be transferred to the Ute Tribe.

Title XI – Long-Term Energy Development Certainty

SEC. 1101. – ENERGY PLANNING AREAS.

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(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, and to enhance energy development in lands not designated for conservation purposes, the following areas in Uintah, Carbon, Duchesne, and San Juan Counties are hereby established as Energy Zones:

- (1) UINTAH COUNTY ENERGY ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately ___ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Uintah County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Energy Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Uintah County Energy Zone.”
- (2) DUCHESNE COUNTY ENERGY ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately ___ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Duchesne County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Energy Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Duchesne County Energy Zone.”
- (3) CARBON COUNTY ENERGY ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately ___ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Carbon County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Energy Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Carbon County Energy Zone.”
- (4) SAN JUAN COUNTY ENERGY ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately ___ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in San Juan County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Energy Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “San Juan County Energy Zone.”
- (5) GRAND COUNTY ENERGY ZONE.—Certain federal land, comprising approximately ___ acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Carbon County, Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled Utah PLI Energy Zones Map and dated _____ to be known as the “Grand County Energy Zone.”

SEC. 1102. 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 shall file a map and legal description of the energy zones established by sections 1101 of this Act 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 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 may make any minor modifications of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description.

(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. 1103. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Energy Zone are to—

- (1) designate Federal lands within the areas identified in section 1101 for the primary purpose of energy and mineral development.
- (2) promote the use of best practices for the timely evaluation, exploration, leasing, development, production, and transportation of energy (including

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renewable energy) and mineral resources and the inspection and enforcement of such activities; and

(3) ensure that the development of energy and mineral resources is carried out in a manner pursuant to the multiple use provisions within sections 102 and 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, 1702) and other provisions of law; and

(4) Provide for multiple-uses of the lands within the energy zone, including outdoor recreation and livestock grazing, to the greatest extent practicable.

(b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) **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 energy zones.

(2) **RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION-** The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare the management plan in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) **USES-** The Secretary of the Interior shall allow only such uses of the energy zones that would further the purposes outlined in subsection (a) of this section and in consultation and coordination with the Public Lands Initiative Resource Advisory Councils established under Division C of this Act.

(c) **INTERIM MANAGEMENT.**—During the period of time preceding the final adoption of the Plan, the Secretary, acting through the relevant Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and pursuant to this Act.

(e) **MANAGEMENT.**—The Secretary shall manage the Energy Zone in accordance with—

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

(2) the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163, 42 U.S.C. 6201); the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58, 42 U.S.C. 15801);

(3) this Act; and

(3) any other applicable law.

(d) LEASING OUTSIDE OF THE ENERGY PLANNING AREAS

Nothing in this title precludes leasing or resource development of BLM managed lands not described in subsection 1101 from occurring under regular order pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act or other federal energy development laws.

(e) MASTER LEASING PLANS

(a) A Master Leasing Plan shall only be implemented within Uintah, Duchesne, Carbon, Grand, or San Juan Counties if the Public Lands Advisory Council established under Division C of this Act find the relevant Master Leasing Plan to be compatible and viable with the provisions of this Act.

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(f) Completion of Administrative Land Exchange Process

1. The land exchange application, referred to as UTU-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 grant a right-of-way to the state for public travel and access upon the following roads:

(1) all roads claimed as Class B identified as rights-of-way in judicial actions in the federal court system as of January 1, 2016, in Uintah, Summit, Duchesne, Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan counties.

(b) APPLICABLE LAW.—A right-of-way granted under subsection (a) shall be granted in perpetuity, except in the case of abandonment, and shall not require the payment of rental.

(c) ADMINISTRATION

(i) Each right-of-way granted by the Secretary under the provisions of this Title shall be perpetual, and shall consist of the full geographic extent authorized by Utah state law in effect as of January 1, 2016.

(ii) The appropriate holder of each right-of-way granted pursuant to this Title may be abandoned pursuant to state law.

(d) FUTURE CLAIMS. – Nothing in this section precludes the state or county from applying for future or existing rights-of-way on exiting or new roads.

SEC. 1202. GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CERTAIN ROADS.

The recommendations of the Grand County Council, as depicted on the map titled “Grand County PLI Final Map 4-17-2015”, for Hey Joe Canyon, Tenmile 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.

Title XIII – Long-Term Grazing Certainty

Sec. 1301 – Current Permitted Use

Unless otherwise specified by this Act, on federal lands managed by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior in Summit, Duchesne, Uintah, Grand, Emery,

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Carbon, and San Juan Counties the grazing of domestic livestock shall continue at current permitted levels.

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. If conflicts between bighorn sheep and domestic livestock can be resolved, and if current permittees consent to the terms of any resolution, the Utah Department of Wildlife Resources may conduct whatever means necessary to resolve such conflicts.

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DIVISION C – LOCAL PARTICIPATION

Title I— LOCAL PARTICIPATION AND PLANNING

SEC. 2001. – Creation of Management Plans

(a) ESTABLISHMENT. In order to facilitate the creation of the management plans for the National Conservation Areas, Special Management Areas, Watershed Management Areas, National Monument, Geologic Area, Recreation Zones, and Energy Planning Areas designated by this Act, there is created in each of the following counties, Summit, Duchesne, Uintah, Grand, Carbon, San Juan, and Emery Counties a Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Council.

(b) PURPOSES.—The Purpose of the County Public Lands Initiative Advisory Councils are to facilitate an open and transparent process for the creation of the management plans for the areas designated under this Act that require a management plan.

(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN. –

(1) PLAN REQUIRED- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall develop management plans for the long-term management of each of the areas designated by this Act that require a management plan.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSULTATION- The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare the management plans in consultation and coordination with the County Public Lands Initiative Advisory Councils. If the Secretary of the Interior does not incorporate the recommendations submitted by the Advisory Council into the management plans, the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture 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.

(3) REQUIREMENTS- Each management plan shall--

(A) Describe the appropriate uses and management of the designated area, as described by the purposes, uses, and additional provisions outlined in each relevant Title; and

(B) Include interpretive and educational materials regarding the recreational, cultural, economic, and biological resources of the region within which the designated area is located.

(C) Conform management plans for designated areas that cross County boundaries.

SEC. 2002. - The Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Council

(a) County Public Lands Initiative Planning Advisory Council. –

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall establish in each of the Counties,

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a Public Lands Initiative Advisory Council. (referred to as the Advisory Council”) to:

(A) advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture with respect to development and implementation of the management plans created under this Act to the greatest extent allowable by law.

(B) encourage and promote local participation in the decision making processes affecting the areas designated by this Act.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.— The Advisory Council shall consist of 11 members.

(3) MEMBERS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint a member from each of the following groups:

(i) Two designees from the local county governing commission or council;

(ii) One representative of Native American interests;

(iii) One representative of the Utah Department of Natural Resources;

(iv) One local representative of a federal land management agency;

(v) One representative of the conservation community;

(vi) One representative of the off-highway vehicle community;

(vii) One representative of the agriculture community;

(viii) One representative of the energy development community;

(ix) One representative of the sportsmen community; and

(x) One representative of the outdoor recreation community.

(4) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall determine that all individuals appointed to the Advisory Council, and the organization or industry each individual represents, support the mission of the group they are slotted to represent.

(1) TERMS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.— Except for the initial appointees, members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed for a term of 4 years. Members shall not be appointed for more than 3 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(2) TERMS OF INITIAL APPOINTEES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint the initial members of the Advisory Council as follows:

(i) 5 members shall be appointed for a term of 4 years;

(ii) 4 members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years; and

(iii) 2 members shall be appointed for a term of 2 years.

(5) PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ADVISORY STATUS.—No individual may be appointed as a member of the Advisory Council while serving as an officer or employee of the Federal Government.

(6) VACANCY AND REMOVAL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Any vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(B) REMOVAL.—Advisory Committee members shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior and may be removed at any time for good cause.

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(7) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—Each member may continue to serve after the expiration of the term of office to which such member was appointed until a successor has been appointed.

(8) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Advisory Council shall be appointed to a 3-year term by the Secretary of the Interior from among the members of the Advisory Council. An individual appointed to the Advisory Council under (4)(2)(iii) shall be eligible to serve as Chair, but may serve for two years. An individual may not be appointed as Chair for more than 2 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(9) PAY AND EXPENSES.—Members of the Advisory Council shall serve without pay, but each member of the Advisory Council may be reimbursed for travel and lodging incurred through attending meetings of the Advisory Council (including approved workgroup or subgroup meetings) in the same amounts and under the same conditions as Federal employees in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(10) MEETINGS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council shall meet at the call of the Secretary of the Interior, the chair, or a majority of the members, but not less frequently than twice annually.

(B) OPEN MEETINGS.—Each meeting of the Advisory Council shall be open to the public.

(C) PRIOR NOTICE OF MEETINGS.—Timely notice of each meeting of the Advisory Committee shall be published in the Federal Register and be submitted to publications of general circulation.

(D) SUBGROUPS.—The Advisory Council may establish such workgroups or subgroups as it deems necessary for the purpose of compiling information or conducting research. However, such workgroups or subgroups may not conduct business without the direction of the Advisory Council.

(11) QUORUM.—Nine members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum.

(12) EXPENSES.—The expenses of the Advisory Council that the Secretary of the Interior determine to be reasonable and appropriate shall be paid by the Secretary of the Interior.

(13) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide to the Advisory Council the administrative support and technical services.

(14) ANNUAL REPORT.—

(1) REQUIRED.—Not later than September 30 of each year, the Advisory Council shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Interior, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate. If circumstances arise in which the Advisory Council 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 Advisory Committee during the preceding year;

(B) the reports and recommendations made by the Advisory Council

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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.

SEC. 2003. – PLANNING COMPLETION

- (a) Upon completion of the management planning process, the Advisory Council shall advise the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture with regards to the implementation of the management plans and provide oversight to ensure proper implementation for the areas designated by this Act.
- (b) Each advisory council shall meet at least twice per year following completion of the management planning process.
- (c) This division will expire at whichever comes first, 7 years from enactment of this Act or 3 years after the management planning process concludes.

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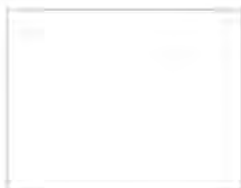
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Council members,

Thank you for the email. We are preparing a response and hope to share with the Council in the coming days.

All the best,
Fred

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Dear Congressman Bishop, Representative Chaffetz, et al:

The Grand County Council would like to thank you again for undertaking the Public Lands Initiative. We understand that this is not an easy task. We also understand that Congressional legislation comes with long lasting effects and consequences. We therefore feel that it is important that any Congressional lands bill relating to Grand County be well drafted and that all major concerns have been vetted and rectified.

On March 1, 2016 Grand County sent a letter outlining several concerns regarding Congressman Bishop's draft legislation. This letter entailed several very substantive concerns that we feel must be addressed. To date Grand County has not received any response to our concerns. We've attached a copy of this letter.

Additionally, on March 11, 2016 a press release regarding the Public Lands Initiative was issued that erroneously included Grand County as a signatory. We would like to make it clear that Grand County was not a signatory to this press release.

Grand County remains a partner in good faith with the Public Lands Initiative process; however, we do not support the current draft legislation. We understand that this is an iterative process, and we look forward to receiving a response to our concerns.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth A. Tubbs, Chair
Grand County Council

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Dear Congressman Bishop;

Thank you again for providing an opportunity for Grand County to participate in the Public Lands Initiative. Grand County took the charge to develop public land designation recommendations very seriously. From the outset this was billed as a "local, bottom-up, stakeholder driven process". Over the period of more than 2 years, two different County Councils devoted substantial blocks of time to hold public workshops during which stakeholders and various interest groups had opportunities to formally present their recommendations to the Council. We held public meetings and hearings where the citizens of Grand County could express their ideas and concerns. The Council members took "straw votes" at each workshop which were then voted on in the final documents submitted to your office in March of 2015, for inclusion in the Draft Bill. As the duly elected representatives of the citizens of Grand County, we believe that this is a fair representation of compromise for our community.

There are numerous areas where the Draft Bill departs from the recommendations forwarded to you. In General, Grand County stands by the recommendations as originally presented. We respectfully request that these be re-instated in the legislation. Insofar as these were developed with the input of a variety of stakeholders, partners, and citizens, we feel the knowledge and interest of the entities and individuals on the ground should carry the greatest weight. Enclosed you will find the document which lists all of the priorities and recommendations as originally submitted, annotated with a comparison between these and the Draft Bill.

There are parts of the Draft Bill which are a major departure from our submission that we feel require special mention. These are as follows:

1. Land Conveyance to the State of Utah for the Seep Ridge Utility Corridor. Grand County expressly voted against this.
2. Land Conveyance to Grand County of the Sand Flats Recreation Area (SFRA). This was evaluated by the SFRA Stewardship Committee who does not support the conveyance, and the County Council expressly voted against this.
3. Granstaff wilderness boundary must be amended to allow for the lower portion of "The Whole Enchilada" mountain biking trail.
4. The wilderness boundary NE of Green River at the mouth of Floy Canyon was drafted by Grand County to allow for a potential mountain biking trail at the request of the City of Green River. The Discussion Draft boundaries would eliminate this possibility.

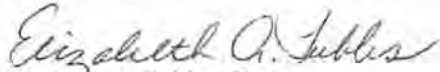
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5. The County Council voted against including Antiquities Act exemptions.
6. The County Council has officially expressed their support for the Master Leasing Plan.
7. Grand County did not designate any "Energy Planning Areas" and intended that lands within Grand County not specifically designated otherwise would be managed according to the BLM's resource management plan.
8. The "Colorado River NCA" does not include watershed management/protection as a purpose.
9. Several SITLA trade-ins are located outside of the area Grand County designated for such. And, the trade-ins around the side canyons of Labyrinth Canyon were especially addressed as being unfavorable.

There are numerous other areas which, in many cases adversely affect current use and, in some cases restrict economic opportunity. Please refer to the "comparison" notes under each section of the management objectives submitted with our original recommendations.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on developing a bill that honors the work of the many stakeholders and ultimately produces a bill which Grand County can fully support.

Respectfully,



Elizabeth A. Tubbs, Chair
Grand County Council

cc: Congressman Chaffetz, c/o Wade Garrett, Wade.Garrett@mail.house.gov
Grand County Council

Enclosures

GRAND COUNTY'S RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES
for Congressman Bishop's Public Lands Initiative
March 31, 2015

Bookcliffs Area North of I-70

1. Wilderness and Roads
 - Keep all Bookcliffs roads cherry stemmed as identified on the map (leave as is)
 - Remainder of Bookcliffs roads will be closed
 - Designate wilderness as indicated on attached map
 - Establish a right of way sufficient for maintenance and repairs of cherry stemmed roads to handle safety issues

Comparison:

1. There have been some subtractions and additions made to the wilderness boundaries. Of note is the subtraction of wilderness between Hay Canyon and East Canyon, some additions and subtractions around Danish Flats and Thompson Springs, and an addition near Green River (which was left out of the County recommendation at the request of the City of Green River for recreational purposes). See attached map. Grand County's recommendations is green with black dots, Congressmen's recommendations are in solid green.
2. There is the addition of the "Seep Ridge Utility Corridor" as a public purpose conveyance to the State of Utah. The Council expressly voted against this.
3. There is the creation of the "Book Cliffs Sportsmens NCA". This is also an exchange proposal roughly bounded by east and west Willow Creeks and Steer Ridge.
4. Cherry Stemmed roads appear to be the same in both proposals.

Watershed and East Arches Area

1. Wilderness and Roads
 - Keep all Westwater/Big Triangle/Beaver Creek roads cherry stemmed as identified on the map (leave as is)
 - Remainder of Westwater/Big Triangle/Beaver Creek roads will be evaluated in coordination with the BLM using a "no net loss" kind for kind exchange policy
 - Designate wilderness as indicated on attached map
 - Establish a right of way sufficient for maintenance and repairs of cherry stemmed roads to handle safety issues
 - Negro Bill Wilderness designation was amended from the Wilderness Study Area boundaries to accommodate a mountain biking trail
 - Mill Creek wilderness boundary was amended to include parcels that were exchanged from SITLA to BLM

Comparison:

1. Some wilderness was subtracted from the Westwater/Beaver Creek County proposal. Wilderness was added in the Granite Creek area and the Beaver Creek wilderness was extended south into the Forest Service. See map.
2. There is the addition of wilderness in Professor Valley/Mary Jane Canyon/Fisher Valley. This doesn't appear to encapsulate the Fisher Towers or any filming locations. See map.
3. There are some wilderness additions and subtractions in the Grandstaff and Millcreek area. ***Of particular note is that the lower portion of the Whole Enchilada mountain bike trail is within the Congressmens' wilderness proposal. Grand County made certain to clip this wilderness area to facilitate this trail. Also of note is that a significant amount of wilderness is proposed within the Sand Flats SRMA (some areas of the SRMA are currently managed for natural character). There is also a public purpose conveyance of the Sand Flats SRMA, which is incompatible with a simultaneous wilderness designation. More on that below*** See Map.
4. It's not clear what will happen with the roads within proposed wilderness in this area. The draft proposal maintains our color coding (red for cherry-stemmed, and blue for 'to be evaluated').
5. The congressional draft includes a conveyance of the Sand Flats SRMA to the County. It also proposes wilderness within the same. Not sure how that is supposed to work. The Sand Flats Advisory Committee doesn't support conveying Sand Flats to County ownership, and the Council voted against it.

2. "Castle Valley National Conservation Area" designation

- Watershed protection applies to the USGS designated Castle Valley and Moab City watershed; within the watershed there will be elimination of large point sources of pollution and best management of vegetation and soil fertility
- No road or trail closures
- Allow filming
- Allow hunting
- No new mineral claims or leasing
- Viewshed protection for Delicate Arch
- Continued grazing
- Continued fire mitigation activities
- Allow consideration of new roads & trails
- Keep current SRMAs
- Wood gathering permits remain
- Local Advisory Committee with a request that the committee members be appointed by the Grand County Council
- Local Manager

Comparison:

1. This NCA's boundaries were amended and parts of the County's proposal were split out into a separate Arches Park Expansion and a "Castle Valley Special Management" area. Additionally the name was changed to "Colorado River" NCA.
2. Watershed protection is specifically listed as a purpose of the "Castle Valley Special Management Area". However, watershed management is not listed as a purpose for the "Colorado River NCA".

The Moab area watershed is within the boundaries of the NCA, but not the special management area. This has the effect of providing watershed management as a purpose for the Castle Valley watershed, but not the Moab watershed (Colorado River NCA.)

3. The NCA's boundaries were amended to remove protection from the peaks of the Northern Range of the La Sal's (this area is, however, partly within the special management area); the boundaries were amended such that the NW side of the Colorado river is no longer protected (the County's NCA proposal uses the existing boundary of the 3 rivers withdrawal); the NCA proposal for the east side of Arches was converted into a park expansion (however, again, the NW side of the river was removed for some reason). A significant portion of the NCA was removed south of the Dolores/Colorado confluence.

4. The NCA and Special Management Areas remove new mineral claims, however, it is unclear if it applies to oil/gas. The area around Manns Peak/Burro Ridge appears to fall outside any congressional designation.

5. The Colorado River NCA and Castle Valley Special Management area overlap to a significant degree. I'm not sure how that is supposed to work.

6. Grazing is maintained, however, in an unorthodox manner. Current grazing flexibility is being limited by the congressional draft, levels can be increased, but not decreased. Grazing levels typically fluctuate depending on the conditions of the range.

3. Expand Utah Rims SRMA as per attached map

The boundaries appear to be the same as the County's.

4. Expand Arches National Park as per attached map

The NCA on the eastern portion of Arches was converted over to a park expansion. The boundaries are identical except that the NW side of the Colorado river is left out. The boundaries on the NW park expansion were extended north. Also of note is that land currently patented to Grand County near the boat docks are included as part of the park expansion. The current park is also proposed for wilderness (not the expansion however). Even though the map shows solid wilderness, I assume the draft really only intends wilderness as per the NPS proposal and what is currently being managed as wilderness. See map.

Greater Big Flat Area and the Labyrinth Canyon Region

1. Wilderness

- Designate Behind the Rocks wilderness as per the attached map
- Close the mountain biking trail

Done. Our proposal and the draft are the same.

2. "Labyrinth Canyon Special Management Area" designation

- Ten Mile Canyon
 - Leave the Ten Mile Road open from Dripping Springs to the Midway road
 - Close Ten Mile Road from Midway to the Green River

Appears similar on the draft map. No specifics though in the draft.

- Establish an unconditional No Surface Occupancy area as indicated on attached map

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- Unconditional NSO to apply to: oil & gas, hard rock mining, potash, and any kind of extractive industry. Ineligible for exemption or waiver.

Converted to the Labyrinth Canyon NCA. Boundaries are mostly the same excepting some state parcels and proposed state trade-ins.

- Establish an area along the Green River as mineral withdrawal and no new leasing as per attached map

This is proposed as Labyrinth Canyon wilderness in the draft. Boundaries are identical.

- All routes along the Green River in the Labyrinth Canyon Special Management Area to be open to OHV from the first of October through Easter Sunday, and closed from after Easter Sunday through the last day of September
 - The road down Spring Canyon will remain open to the river year-round for boating access
 - The B Road portion of Mineral Bottom Road will remain open year-round

The details seem to appear on the map, however the contextual details are not in the draft.

See map.

3. "Moab Recreation Area" designation comprised of the following six recreation zones, with management objectives as follows:

There are general provisions, and also area specific provisions. Again, there is the unorthodox grazing provision, which allows grazing levels to go up but never down.

a. White Wash/Dee Pass

- Purpose:
 - OHV recreation
 - Mineral development
- Allow new motorized and non-motorized trails
- Allow all other types of recreation
- Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
- White Wash area open for cross country travel per BLM RMP

The boundaries were expanded to include upper ten mile. Otherwise seems to be the same. This area and the Utah Rims area are consolidated in the draft proposal.

b. Monitor/Merrimac

- Purpose:
 - Recreation: Motorized, non-motorized, climbing
 - Viewshed
- Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
- Allow new motorized and non-motorized trails
- Provide protection for rare plants
- Allow existing county borrow pits
- Trade two northern SITLA parcels out
- Honor valid existing lease rights
- No new mineral claims or leasing

Boundaries appear to be retracted to the cliff line on the eastern edge. Includes prohibition of new mineral and energy leasing as a management principle, however, doesn't include withdrawal language as in the NCAs.

c. Gemini Bridges South

- Purpose:
 - Recreation: Motorized and non-motorized
 - Energy development
- Allow new non-motorized routes
- Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
- Honor valid existing lease rights
- Allow future leasing with a No Surface Occupancy stipulation
- No lease retirement
- Create a management area Advisory Committee, committee to be appointed by the County Council: Purpose to provide coordination with federal, state and county management of area
 - Representative from the oil lessees/operators
 - Representative from the motorized recreation
 - Representative from the non-motorized recreation
 - Representative from SITLA
 - Representative from the County Council
 - Representative from BLM
 - Representative from conservation community

Renamed 'Big Flat Recreation Zone'. SW boundary was considerably retracted. Advisory Committee is missing.

d. Amasa Back/Goldbar

- Purpose:
 - Recreation: Motorized and non-motorized
 - Viewshed
- Allow new non-motorized routes
- Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
- Consider biological resources in recreation management
- No new mineral claims or leasing
- Lease and claim retirement
- Trade out State lands

Boundaries appear to be the same. Management principles appear similar.

e. Bar M/Klondike (Arches West)

- Purpose:
 - Recreation – Mountain biking and climbing
 - Viewshed protection for Arches National Park
- No new mineral claims or leasing

- Trade out SITLA parcels
- Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
- Sovereign trail system remains open for OHV use
- Allow new non-motorized trails

Two large State sections appear to be retained and the boundaries are adjusted as such. Boundaries were expanded on the north end, however they conflict with the Park expansion and a SITLA trade-in on the west side of 191. Management principles are similar.

f. Mineral Canyon

- Purpose
 - Recreation: non-motorized focus
 - Viewshed
- Boating access
- No new mineral claims or leasing
- Lease and claim retirement area
- Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
- Allow new non-motorized trails
- Trade out SITLA lands
- Keep airstrip open
- Keep county borrow areas open

The boundary appears to be retracted to facilitate a State trade-in. Management principles are similar.

4. SITLA Trade-in Area

- Grand County approves SITLA trade-ins as per attached map

Significant trades are exhibited in the draft, both inside and outside of the designated area. Grand County should consider asking about royalty sharing agreements so that a major loss of mineral lease funds doesn't occur with future development.

Other Grand County Areas

1. Wild & Scenic River Management Objectives

- Designate Wild & Scenic Rivers as per the BLM's suitability inventory (see attached maps) for the Colorado, Dolores, and Green Rivers

Appears to be the same.

2. Rights of Ways & Roads in Wilderness

- Establish a right of way sufficient for maintenance and repairs of cherry stemmed roads to handle safety issues
- "No net loss" policy for roads in Grand County consistent with the 2008 Travel Management Plan; that losses and gains are kind for kind trade outs; and will utilize the BLM's process for Travel Plan evaluation

- Valid and existing rights will be given access

There is no net-loss policy per-se. However, Title XII would grant title to all class B and D roads currently designated in the current BLM RMP travel plan. Title XII also prescribes that Grand County's travel designations will be partially honored in the Labyrinth area. It's also worth noting that not all roads in the current BLM travel plan are rs2477 claims, and not all rs2477 claims are approved in the Travel Plan.

3. Canyonlands Field Airport

- Grand County requests an area immediately adjacent to the airport, subject to a map to be prepared by the Airport Manager/Board, for a transfer of federal lands to Grand County for airport expansion purposes

Present in the draft.

Other:

In general there are several provisions in 'Title I: Wilderness' that are unorthodox or contradicted by the Wilderness Act.

The Master Leasing Plan would be nullified.

Title XI stipulates that all lands within the PLI planning area owned by the BLM and being open to extractive leasing will become 'Energy Planning Areas' with several provisions designed to expedite leasing and development. There is a small inexplicable polygon near 313/191 labeled as "Energy Plan".

Grazing provisions are not status-quo.

Title IX Red Rock Country Off-Highway Vehicle Trail is included in the draft. Not considered by the County.

Some kind of Antiquities Act restriction is anticipated.

RESOLUTION NO. 3046

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE COUNCIL'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS, AS AMENDED,
AS THE FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR DESIGNATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES
FOR CONGRESSMAN ROB BISHOP'S
PROPOSED PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2015, the Grand County Council voted to approve the Council's preliminary recommendations from the open, public County Council Workshops of February 23rd, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th, and March 31st, 2015, as amended on March 31st, 2015, as the formal recommendations for designations and management objectives to submit to Congressman Rob Bishop for the proposed Public Lands Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A is the cover letter and regional map sent to Congressman Bishop on April 9, 2015, such letter having been ratified by the County Council in an open public meeting of April 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit B details Grand County's recommended designations and management objectives submitted to Congressman Bishop; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit C illustrates in map form Grand County's recommended proposal that has been submitted to Congressman Bishop.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on April 21, 2015 the Grand County Council ratified a letter sent to Congressman Bishop April 9, 2015 (Exhibit A), and that on March 31, 2015 the Grand County Council formally approved the Council's preliminary recommendations from several open, public County Council workshops in 2015, as amended, as the formal recommendations for designations and management objectives (Exhibit B), with mapped boundaries (Exhibit C), representing Grand County's recommended proposal for Congressman Rob Bishop's proposed Public Lands Initiative.

RESOLUTION PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Grand County Council in open session this 5th day of May 2015, by the following vote:

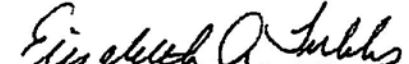
Those voting aye: Tubbs, Hawks, Baird, McGann
Those voting nay: Ballantyne, Jackson, Paxman
Absent:

ATTEST:

Grand County Council



Diana Carroll, Clerk/Auditor



Elizabeth A. Tubbs, Chair

EXHIBIT A
Cover Letter and Regional Map



GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS
Elizabeth Tubbs (Chair) · Chris Baird (Vice Chair)
Ken Ballantyne · Jaylyn Hawks · A. Lynn Jackson
Mary McGann · Rory Paxman

April 9, 2015

Honorable Rob Bishop
c/o Fred Ferguson and Casey Snider
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Dear Congressman Bishop:

Thank you once again for the opportunity to resolve several long-standing public land use issues via your willingness to act as our congressional sponsor for a public lands bill.

On March 31st of this year the Grand County Council met in a Special Meeting to vote on the final recommendations for inclusion in your bill. The meeting was the culmination of many months of work by two different councils, public input, public hearings and an extensive public comment period. Over the past several weeks Grand County has submitted preliminary recommendations, based on outcomes and "straw" votes during our on-going workshops, so that our recommendations could be included in your draft map. Since your time-frame to publish the draft map has somewhat changed, we would now like you to consider only our final recommendations, approved by a majority vote of the council, for inclusion in the draft map. Note that our final vote included some amendments to previous "straw" votes. Grand County's final overall map and specific shape files are downloadable from <http://grandcountyutah.net/866-Public-Lands-Recommendation-Mar-31>. And the final recommended management objectives, including designations outlined below, are attached (and also available online).

You may recall that, for purposes of efficiency, we divided the County into three regional areas (Bookcliffs Area North of I-70, Watershed and East Arches Area, and Greater Big Flat Area & Labyrinth Canyon Region). We have also established "Other Grand County Areas" that cross these regional areas. The regional map is again provided, and the recommended management objectives reference these regions.

Attached are management objectives (as illustrated on the map for the following:

- Bookcliffs Area North of I-70
 - Wilderness and roads

- Watershed and East Arches Area
 - Wilderness and roads
 - "Castle Valley" NCA designation
 - "Utah Rims" OIV SRMA expansion
 - Arches National Park expansion

- Greater Big Flat Area and Labyrinth Canyon Region
 - Wilderness
 - "Labyrinth Canyon" Special Management Area designation

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- "Moab" Recreation Area designation to include six management zones (White Wash/Dee Pass; Monitor/Merrimac; Gemini Bridges South; Amasa Back/Gold Bar; Bar M/ Klondike (Arches West); and Mineral Canyon)
- SITLA trade-in area

- Other Grand County Areas
 - Wild & Scenic River management objectives
 - Rights of ways & roads in wilderness
 - Canyonlands Field Airport expansion/request of federal lands

I would like to add that much of the work that went into developing the management objectives for the areas/designations listed above was accomplished by a multi-stakeholder group loosely referred to as the Big Flats Workgroup. This group, led by two Council Members during 2014, met numerous times to hash out solutions to issues in an area where many interests compete. The road to forwarding these recommendations would have been a lot longer and more difficult to navigate without that foundation. The newly seated Council involved in this process has participated in many meetings and has had to quickly become familiar with many complex issues to bring this to a conclusion. Although the Council and the community have not reached consensus, we hope that everyone will find the resulting compromise acceptable.

It is important to note that, at the beginning of this process in 2013, a Council study committee was designated who developed three alternatives initially to be considered for inclusion in the public lands bill. All three alternatives included a recommendation to set aside a swath of land for a potential "transportation corridor" through the Bookcliffs, from Uinta County/Grand County border to I-70. During subsequent workshops, however, this concept was not supported by a majority of the Council and, you will note, it is not a recommendation forwarded by Grand County. Likewise, language relating to the Antiquities Act was also not supported by a majority of the Grand County Council and is not included in our proposal, though we recognize that this may be incorporated regardless.

It is also important to note that the accuracy of the shape files are intended only to be illustrative of our intentions. However, where existing landmarks (such as roads, trails, property boundaries, political boundaries, etc.) exist it will be necessary to seek more authoritative data. While most of our boundaries will likely be self-evident, some may come from data that you may not have (local trail systems, watershed boundaries, etc.). Feel free to contact us with any questions as we would be happy to clarify.

Once again, thank you for championing a locally derived solution to federally owned land management in Grand County. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth A. Tubbs, Chair
Grand County Council

cc: Congressman Chaffetz, c/o Wade Garrett. Wade.Garrett@mail.house.gov
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Attachments: Recommended management objectives: map & .shp files (online)

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EXHIBIT B
Recommended Designations and Management Objectives

Public Lands Initiative Divisions



Legend

- Bookcliffs
- Greater Big Flats
- Watershed & E. Arches

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- Local Manager
3. Expand Utah Rims SRMA as per attached map
 4. Expand Arches National Park as per attached map

Greater Big Flat Area and the Labyrinth Canyon Region

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 - Mineral development
 - Allow new motorized and non-motorized trails
 - Allow all other types of recreation
 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
 - White Wash area open for cross country travel per BLM RMP
 - b. Monitor/Merrimac
 - Purpose:

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 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
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 - Allow existing county borrow pits
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 - Honor valid existing lease rights
 - No new mineral claims or leasing
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 - Allow new non-motorized routes
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 - Sovereign trail system remains open for OHV use
 - Allow new non-motorized trails

- f. **Mineral Canyon**
 - Purpose
 - Recreation: non-motorized focus
 - Viewshed
 - Boating access
 - No new mineral claims or leasing
 - Lease and claim retirement area
 - Follow RMP Travel Management Plan (baseline); allow adjustments per BLM/County consultation process for additions or deletions of roads
 - Allow new non-motorized trails
 - Trade out SITLA lands
 - Keep airstrip open
 - Keep county borrow areas open

- 4. **SITLA Trade-in Area**
 - Grand County approves SITLA trade-ins as per attached map

Other Grand County Areas

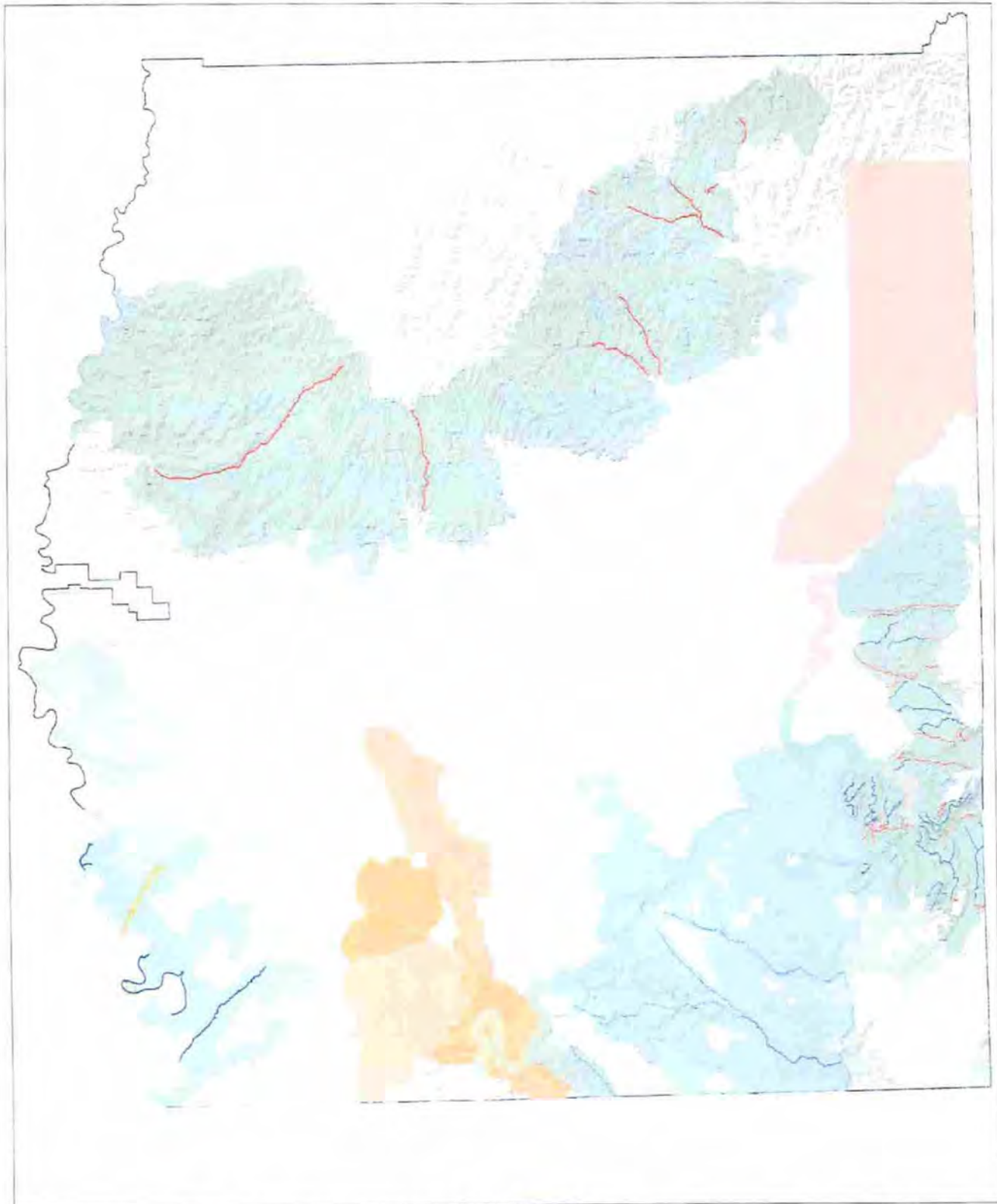
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- 3. **Canyonlands Field Airport**
 - Grand County requests an area immediately adjacent to the airport for a transfer of federal lands to Grand County for airport expansion purposes

EXHIBIT C
Map of Grand County's Recommended Proposal

Grand Co. Public Lands Initiative Recommendations



Wilderness

- Wilderness
- Undecided Roads
- Cherry-Stemmed Roads

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- Labyrinth Mineral/Leasing Withdrawal
- Seasonal Closure
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Grand Co. Recreation Areas

- OHV Expansion - Dee Pass
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- Recreation Area - Big Flat Name**
- Anaka (Jack - Gold Bar)
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Yep, thanks

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Subject: Video on Utah Native Americans

Hey Tommy and Nikki,

I wanted to pass along a video that was just forwarded to me. This tells a different side of the Bears Ears story.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h56Zb3uLUSM&sns=em>

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I will be on work travel until Wednesday, May 18th, with limited access to email. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Tommy Beaudreau (tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov) or Ben Milakofsky (at benjamin_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov).

Thank you,
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It was great spending time together last week. I had a successful meeting with Pew and they are submitting final edits to me by COB.

In the meantime, I would like to get the ball rolling on land exchanges. Below I've pasted updated land exchange language for your review and comment.

Also, I believe I mentioned this last week, but we would like to initiate a process in which SITLA and senior DOI officials can hammer out land exchange details. This is a complex, yet critical piece of our initiative. We believe that the sooner the experts within SITLA and DOI can work together, the sooner we can resolve this piece of the puzzle.

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Title I – School Trust Land Consolidations

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

- (A) Promoting better management of federal conservation areas by removing inheld state trust land sections;
- (B) Securing Federal ownership and protection of land with significant wildlife, recreational, scenic, cultural and other public values;
- (C) Assisting the State of Utah and local governments in economic development and

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community expansion through the consolidation of state trust lands in manageable blocks near several Utah communities; and

(D) 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 Act:

(1) MAPS.—The term “Maps” means the following maps prepared by the Bureau of Land Management:

- (a) Land Conveyances - Carbon County dated [date]
- (b) Land Conveyances – Duchesne County dated [date]
- (c) Land Conveyances - Emery County dated [date]
- (d) Land Conveyances – Grand County dated [date]
- (e) Land Conveyances – San Juan County dated [date]
- (f) Land Conveyances – Uintah County dated [date]

(2) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Federal land” means the lands identified on the Maps 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 Maps.

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

(4) 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 FLPMA (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 format acceptable to the Secretary and the State.

(e) Reservation of Interest in Potash.--

- (1) In general.--With respect to Federal land that contains potash resources, the Secretary shall reserve an interest in all potash resources.
- (2) Extent of interest.--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) Payment.—

(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) In general.—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) Extent of interest.—The wellbore interest reserved to the United States under paragraph (1) shall consist of all royalties attributable to any zones or horizons that are being produced from an oil and gas well located on Federal land as of the date of conveyance.

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

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(5) Termination of Reserved Interest.—The reserved wellbore interests of the United States in oil and gas shall automatically terminate on the date that is ten years after the enactment of this Act.

(6) Sharing of Revenue. 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 30 U.S.C. 191(a).

(g) Appurtenant Water Rights.--Any conveyance of a parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land under this Act shall include the conveyance of water rights appurtenant to the parcel conveyed.

SEC. 104. APPRAISALS

(a) Equal Value Exchange.—

(1) In general.--The value of the Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under this Act—

(A) shall be equal; or

(B) shall be made equal in accordance with section 5.

- (b) Appraisals.--The value of the Federal land and the non-Federal land shall be determined by appraisals conducted by 1 or more independent appraisers retained by the State, with the consent of the Secretary.
- (c) Applicable law.--The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) ---
(A) shall be conducted in accordance with section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716); and
(b) shall utilize nationally recognized appraisal standards, including, to the extent appropriate, the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.
- (d) Approval.--The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) shall be submitted to the Secretary and the State for approval.
- (e) Adjustment.--
(1) In general.--If value is attributed to any parcel of Federal land because of the presence of minerals subject to leasing under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), the value of the parcel (as otherwise established under this subsection) shall be reduced by the estimated value of the payments that would have been made to the State of Utah from bonuses, rentals, and royalties that the United States would have received if such minerals were leased pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).
(2) Limitation.--An adjustment under subparagraph (A) shall not be considered as a property right of the State.
- (f) Valuation of Lands with Reserved Minerals.--Federal land in which the Secretary reserves an interest under subsections 103(3)3(e) and 103(3)(f) shall be appraised—
(1) without regard to the presence of potash; and
(2) taking into account the reserved wellbore interest of the United States, if any.
- (g) Duration.—The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) shall remain valid until the date of the completion of the exchange authorized under this title.
- (h) Availability of appraisals.—
(1) In general.--All final appraisals, appraisal reviews, and determinations of value for land to be exchanged under this section shall be available for public review at the Utah State Office of the Bureau of Land Management at least 30 days before the conveyance of the applicable parcels.
(2) Publication.--The Secretary or the State, as applicable, shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in Salt Lake County, Utah, a notice that the appraisals are available for public inspection.
- (i) Dispute resolution.—
(1) If, by the date that is 90 days after the date of submission of an appraisal for review and approval under this subsection, the Secretary or State do not agree to accept the findings of the appraisals with respect to any parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with section 206(d)(2) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1716(d)(2)).
(2) If agreement has not been reached with respect to the exchange of an individual parcel of Federal land or non-Federal land, the Secretary and the State may agree to set aside the individual parcel to allow the exchange of the other parcels of Federal land and non-Federal land to proceed.
- (j) Conveyance of Parcels in Phases.—
(1) In General.—Notwithstanding that appraisals for all of the parcels of Federal land and non-Federal land may not have been approved, parcels of the Federal land and non-Federal land may be exchanged in phases as may be mutually determined by the Secretary and the State.
(2) Ledger. -- The Secretary and the State may agree to utilize a ledger account to make

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equal the value of lands conveyed by each party in one or more phases, provided that the overall exchange shall be made equal as provided in section 105.

(3) Authority.— It is the intent of Congress that the Secretary may exercise broad discretionary authority in the processing of the land exchange to expedite the final conveyance of the Federal and non-Federal land.

SEC. 105. – EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.

(a) Surplus of federal land.—

If the value of the Federal land exceeds the value of the non-Federal land, the value of the Federal land and non-Federal land shall be equalized by –

- (1) the State conveying to the United States State trust land located within any of the wilderness areas or national conservation areas in Washington County, Utah, established under subtitle O of title I of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1075) that has an appraised value equal to the difference between the value of the Federal land; and the value of the non-Federal land;
- (2) the reduction in acreage of the Federal land as the State and the Secretary may agree;
- (3) the State making a cash payment to the United States; or
- (4) any combination of the methods described in paragraphs (1)-(3) as the State and the Secretary may mutually agree.

(b) Surplus of non-federal land.—If the value of the non-Federal land exceeds the value of the Federal land, the value of the Federal land and the non-Federal land shall be equalized by –

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SEC. 106. 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 earlier of the date that the Federal land is removed from the exchange or 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. 107. NEPA AND FLPMA COMPLIANCE.

(1) Public Interest. -- The land exchange authorized and directed by this title is in the public interest.

(2) 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 Act:

- (A) the Secretary is not required to identify any actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative; and
- (B) 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).

(3) Presumption of Plan Adequacy.—Conveyances of Federal land to the State in accordance with this Act are presumed to comply with any land use plan enacted under section 202 of FLPMA

(43 U.S.C. 1712).

SEC. 108. STATUS AND MANAGEMENT OF LAND AFTER EXCHANGE.

(a) **ADMINISTRATION OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2) and in accordance with section 206(c) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1716(c)), the non-Federal land acquired by the United States under this Act shall become part of, and be managed as part of, the Federal administrative unit or area in which the land is located.

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(1) **IN GENERAL.**—If land acquired under this Act 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.

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(c) **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—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 Act.

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

SEC. 109. – BOOK CLIFFS CONSERVATION AREA. – The non-Federal mineral estate acquired by the United States in the area depicted on the Grand County map as the Book Cliffs Conservation Area is withdrawn from the operation of the mineral entry, leasing and mineral material disposal laws until otherwise determined by Congress.

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Follow-up

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Thanks very much, Fred. We're looking forward to seeing the full text when you're able. Good talking with you yesterday, and we'll be in touch.

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It was great talking the last few days. As I mentioned, I met with Stephenne this morning. Attached is a document I shared with her. I wanted you guys to have a copy so that you could also see the progress we're making. I also understand there are likely to be sticking points outlined in this document. Stephenne and I agreed – and hopefully you will to – to keep working through these issues. (also note: I took notes on the left hand column that I tried to cover up, I didn't want to share my notes, for reasons you can hopefully understand. So that's why you'll see a funky layout on the lefthand side of page 1).

I could not share the full text just yet (meeting w/ pew at 1230 today), but hope to soon.

Please do not share this document and keep internal.

Finally, it would be great to engage in a slide and exchange process that got your experts with the folks from SITLA. This is a major piece of the puzzle and we likely need the experts to start talking sooner rather than later. Let me know if we can get this process moving and how to do it.

All the best,
Fred

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To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
CC: "Katie O'Leary" <kathleen_oleary@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Connect!

Hi you two. Hope you can find time for a Fred/Tommy meeting. Thanks.

"O'Leary, Kathleen" <kathleen_oleary@ios.doi.gov>

From: "O'Leary, Kathleen" <kathleen_oleary@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu May 12 2016 10:15:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Connect!

Just sent him a note, will keep you posted!

On Thu, May 12, 2016 at 12:08 PM, Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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To: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy_bratt@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Secretary Jewell to announce upcoming Utah travel

Hello,

This afternoon, in celebration of National Park Week, Secretary Jewell will deliver a major address at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, D.C. on the future of conservation, followed by a one-on-one conversation with Susan Goldberg, Editor in Chief of National Geographic Magazine.

In her speech, Secretary Jewell will mention that she plans some upcoming travel to a number of states, including Utah, as part of an effort to travel across the country to hear from communities about their vision for conservation. Although we don't yet know the details about when/where, we will make sure to reach out when we have additional details and begin to schedule the visit.

That portion of her speech is pasted below; please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jeremy Bratt

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>Still, with only a sliver of national parks and historic sites focused on women, minorities and underrepresented communities, there's more to be done. Right now, there's not one national park or national monument focused on the struggle for LGBT rights. And we haven't done enough to celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders ... or Latinos ... or Native Americans ... or African Americans.

That needs to change, and I look forward to continuing our efforts to leave our national parks and public lands decisively more inclusive places than they were in 2009. To that end, throughout this summer, my team and I will travel across the country to hear from communities about their vision for conservation as we look to the next 100 years. Our goal will be to find and highlight opportunities where we can make progress – both in the near and long term – to ensure that our parks and public lands are benefiting all Americans.

From coast to coast, we'll talk to communities about: What places are special to you and why? What's important to your community's economy, your identity, your heritage? And how can we make it easier for you to visit and enjoy your public lands?

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This is about lifting up what's working and learning what we can do better when it comes to supporting our public lands. My first stop will be this Friday in Florida to celebrate another major milestone in the effort to restore the natural water flows in the Florida Everglades. Then, in the coming weeks, I'll visit Montana to talk about the nexus between public lands and outdoor recreation. I plan to visit Idaho to discuss building resilient sagebrush landscapes in the face of wildfires. And I plan to visit places, like Utah, where there are a range of conservation proposals – legislative and otherwise – to further protect public lands and waters.

My team and I look forward to getting out into communities across the country this summer.

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To: ed_cox@hatch.senate.gov, john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov
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Sent: Thu Mar 31 2016 08:24:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, "Cox, Ed (Hatch)" <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Thank you!

Nikki,

It was good to meet you. Let's stay in touch.

John

From: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 9:58 AM
To: Ed Cox <Ed_Cox@hatch.senate.gov>, John Tanner
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Sent: Fri Feb 12 2016 11:47:33 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, "Blazer, Arthur - OSEC" <arthur.blazer@osec.usda.gov>, **Michael Degnan - (b) (6)** <director@blm.gov>, <ttidwell@fs.fed.us>, <Leslie.Jones@osec.usda.gov>, <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>, <carmen.gallus@mail.house.gov>, <ken.montoya@mail.house.gov>, <william_hazzard@cantwell.senate.gov>
Subject: Grand Canyon Trust's comment letter on the Utah Public Lands Initiative discussion draft
Attachments: GCT_Bishop_PLI_Comment_Letter_2-12-14_final.pdf

Greetings All,

You are being provided the attached carbon copy of a letter that Grand Canyon Trust sent today to Congressmen Bishop and Chaffetz regarding the Utah Public Lands Initiative discussion draft, released January 20th, 2016.

Thank you,

Tim

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Tim Peterson <tpeterson@grandcanyontrust.org>
Date: Fri, Feb 12, 2016 at 11:16 AM
Subject: Grand Canyon Trust's comment letter on the Utah Public Lands Initiative discussion draft
To: Casey Snider <Casey.Snider@mail.house.gov>, Fred Ferguson <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Garrett, Wade" <wade.garrett@mail.house.gov>, Kelsey Berg

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Greetings all,

Please find The Grand Canyon Trust's official comment on the PLI discussion draft attached.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best,

Tim

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February 12, 2016

The Honorable Rob Bishop and The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Bishop and Chaffetz:

The Grand Canyon Trust thanks you for the opportunity to comment on your Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI) discussion draft, released January 20th, 2016. We further commend both of you and your staffs for the hard work, long hours, many miles on the road, and dedication you have shown to producing draft legislation. We regret, however, that we cannot support and must oppose the PLI in its current form.

Our opposition is rooted in the fact that the PLI does not represent a positive, solution-oriented step toward resolving land use and land tenure matters in eastern Utah. Chief among the harms contained in PLI are: management language not found elsewhere in law that undermines new wilderness and national conservation areas; special management areas and canyon country recreation zones that weaken existing protections; release and hard release of millions of acres of deserving potential wilderness; disposal of lands far in excess of standards set forth by the Public Purposes and Recreation Act; a wildly unbalanced and unfair SITLA state land exchange; creation of “energy zones” in excess of 2.5 million acres where multiple-use land management principles are cast aside and the reality of climate change is unacknowledged; excessive grants of RS 2477 road claims and a Book Cliffs Highway corridor to the State of Utah; hobbling of livestock management necessary to conserve ecosystems and species; inadequate provisions respecting sovereign Native American tribes with regard to protection and management of the Bears Ears cultural landscape; and the stated goal of the authors of PLI to place limitations on the President’s authority to use the Antiquities Act of 1906.

Bold Ambitions

In creating the PLI in 2013, you embarked on an ambitious journey with the stated goal of “breaking the stalemate” over permanent land protection in eastern Utah. You wrote of a “window of opportunity” and “a paradigm shift” “moving away from the tired arguments of the past,” promising that “a more reasonable, balanced use of the public land can be achieved in Utah.” It seemed as if a new day had dawned, and all sides of the contentious public lands debate stretched themselves to envision concessions and compromise none of us had previously thought possible.

*The mission of the Grand Canyon Trust is to protect and restore the Colorado Plateau — its spectacular landscapes, flowing rivers, clean air, diversity of plants and animals, and areas of beauty and solitude. www.grandcanyontrust.org
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The PLI promised to enact a bold vision: “to build consensus among stakeholders” over which areas in seven eastern Utah counties should be preserved and which should be developed. Unfortunately, consensus has not been achieved in the PLI, and this discussion draft doesn’t present a starting position from which consensus can be reached through compromise.

Aspirations Unmet

Compromise cannot be had when one set of interests is presented with a resolution that undermines the very foundation of the concessions that are offered. Because this bill would fundamentally degrade the meaning of wilderness and national conservation areas in law while granting the state, industry, and counties nearly everything they asked for and more, the draft PLI cannot be viewed as compromise from our perspective.

Throughout 2013 and 2014, we made solid progress. We reached negotiated agreements with all parties in two counties - Daggett and Summit - striking a delicate balance that ensured conservation interests were met alongside the interests of other stakeholders. Things began to sour in 2015, as Daggett County was allowed to break from our negotiated agreement. San Juan County excluded *everyone* living outside the county when crafting its proposal and entirely dismissed local concerns by rejecting a home-grown proposal to fully protect the Bears Ears cultural landscape - one that garnered support from 64% of local commenters. Other counties retreated to their “tired arguments of the past,” and discussions deteriorated over too little wilderness and too much fossil fuel development. Despite our best efforts toward reaching durable compromise over dozens of field trips and mapping work sessions, it is now clear that no “paradigm shift” has taken place.

The single county where we maintain a durable negotiated agreement - Summit County - did not see our agreement honored in the PLI draft. We agreed, and the Summit County Council resolved, that new wilderness areas would be managed according to the Wilderness Act of 1964, and that special management areas would be managed per our resolution. Unfortunately, the draft PLI does neither, striking a blow to the only piece of true “consensus” possible in PLI.

Agreement is Possible

Setting aside the PLI as it has been drafted; we know that consensus and compromise are possible in a subset of the counties at issue. We strongly urge you, if you truly desire legislation that can pass both houses of Congress and be signed by the president, to set aside this seven-county PLI and re-enter discussions over areas of mutual agreement among stakeholders. There are many such areas of agreement, and with the right kind of leadership, durable, long-lasting compromise that truly breaks the stalemate over land management and land tenure can be achieved.

In order to do so, **the following provisions found in the PLI draft cannot be used as sideboards for reaching agreement in future legislation.**

Dramatic Departure from Standard Management Language

The PLI's proposed language for the management of wilderness is troubling on a number of fronts. The PLI draft seeks to change the accepted definition of wilderness as set forth in the Wilderness Act of 1964 by carving out special exemptions for water development, use of motorized vehicles and equipment, recreational and target shooting, livestock grazing, and wildlife management. Further, the national conservation areas, special management areas, and recreation zones envisioned by the PLI lack true conservation value based on the legislative language proposed.

We cannot agree to legislative language that would:

- Explicitly allow the motorized maintenance of existing and construction of new “water resource facilities” in all new wilderness, national conservation areas, special management areas, and recreation zones designated by the bill “which may be necessary in the future;”
- Prohibit the reservation of any federal water rights for all wilderness, national conservation areas, special management areas, and recreation zones designated by the bill;
- Prohibit permanent road and motorized route closures in all new wilderness, national conservation areas, special management areas, and recreation zones designated by the bill;
- Allow commercial timber harvest inside Forest Service Inventoried Roadless Areas covered by 95,000 acres of lands designated as special management areas;
- Mandate permanent snowmobile use on 95,000 acres of designated special management areas on National Forest System lands on just six inches of snow; and
- Ban any restriction on recreational or target shooting in all wilderness, national conservation areas, special management areas, and recreation zones designated by the bill.

Objectionable Grazing Management Language

We cannot agree to legislative language that would:

- Lock in or increase livestock numbers in all new wilderness, national conservation and special management areas - regardless of drought, market conditions, or ecological damage. These conditions are unprecedented in law;
- Allow the use of motorized vehicles in all new wilderness, national conservation areas, and special management areas to “rescue sick animals” or for “the placement of feed.” This provision is unprecedented in law;

- Eliminate the species viability requirements of Part 219, 36 CFR as they relate to livestock grazing in all new wilderness, national conservation areas, and special management areas designated by the bill;
- Allow the state of Utah exclusive jurisdiction for predator control in all new wilderness areas, including the use of helicopters for aerial gunning; and
- Give “priority consideration” to data provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture to establish “historic grazing areas, locations or use” in all new wilderness, national conservation areas, and special management areas should a dispute arise among permittees and federal land managers.

These provisions take the “Congressional Grazing Guidelines” (House Reports 96-1126 and 101-405) for wilderness several steps further, and are unprecedented in law.

RS 2477 Rights of Way

We cannot agree to legislative language that would:

- Grant in perpetuity to the State of Utah ownership of RS 2477 road claims (over 9,000 miles in the case of the PLI) with no survey for cultural resource damage, or demonstrated transportation or recreational need;
- Grant ownership of roads to the State of Utah inside national parks and on national forest lands; and
- Allow for litigation to continue on RS 2477 claims in national parks, inside new wilderness and on national forests not granted by legislation.

SITLA Land Exchange

We cannot agree to legislative language that would:

- Exchange state lands out of protected areas on a rough acre-for-acre basis instead of a value-for-value basis;
- Mandate that loss be incurred by the U.S. taxpayer by giving greater acreage of hand-selected consolidated parcels with far greater mineral value than those exchanged; and
- Establish an unreasonable time limit on a land exchange, such as this draft envisions.

Other Provisions

We cannot agree to legislative language that would:

- Release or hard release millions of acres of deserving wilderness in eastern Utah including the Uinta Mountains, Diamond Mountain, Desolation Canyon, the Book Cliffs,

Wasatch Plateau, Hatch Point, the La Sal Mountains, the canyons of Elk Ridge, White Canyon, and the San Juan River corridor;

- Disregard the need for protections to and inter-tribal collaborative management of the Bears Ears cultural landscape, instead giving veto power to state and county appointees over management recommendations made by sovereign Native American tribes;
- Grant title to the State of Utah for a fossil fuel haul road and/or pipeline connecting the Uinta Basin south to Interstate 70 through Utah's wild Book Cliffs that could facilitate the development of oil shale and tar sand resources;
- Create in excess of 2.5 million acres of "energy zones" where fossil fuel extraction and mineral development are prioritized above all other uses of public lands, prohibiting established principles of multiple use management;
- Roll back BLM's oil and gas leasing reforms and cancelling Master Leasing Plans for the seven PLI counties;
- Transfer excessive acreage from the United States to counties and the State of Utah and its entities inconsistent with size and use requirements as outlined in the Recreation and Public Purposes Act;
- Mandate the designation (including new construction) of a "Red Rock Country Off-Highway Vehicle Trail" from Moab, UT to Grand Junction, CO, where thousands of miles of designated routes already exist without preparing a NEPA Environmental Impact Statement;
- Grant almost 10,000 acres of BLM lands to the State of Utah to expand Goblin Valley State Park, and require that the BLM cooperatively manage an additional 157,000 acres (including wilderness and NCA lands) jointly with the State of Utah, in part to promote motorized recreation;
- Allow "donation only" for acquisition of private lands inside wilderness, national conservation areas, and special management areas, effectively cancelling the Land and Water Conservation Fund and other purchases of private lands in eastern Utah from willing sellers; and
- Place any limitations on or exemptions from the Antiquities Act, forever barring the ability of a president to designate new national monuments in Utah.

A Path Forward

We sincerely thank you for your consideration of our comments. We have enjoyed working with, and have even formed lasting friendships among your staffs. We believe we can still set a model for how land management issues are resolved in the West, but to do that we must stand down from the agenda and position-driven rhetoric that pervades the language of the draft PLI. Change is incremental, progress is slow, and though new approaches can be meritorious, when we stray too far from established precedent regarding public lands, our chances of success in Congress are greatly diminished.

Far from being merchants of conflict, The Grand Canyon Trust has a solid 30-year track record of collaboration and compromise to reach durable agreements that advance both conservation

and sustainable development. We are Utahns too, deeply rooted in this place, and we truly and earnestly seek genuine resolution that better the future for all Utahns and all Americans. We are also patient, and we know that the future holds this promise: to progress beyond hyperbole and rancor around public lands so that we can set about making our communities more livable for future generations.

Sincerely,



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Just a heads-up that we've just given this to a few reporters who have asked. Happy to talk through
how we go to here - let me know if you'd like to. Thanks!

Statement from Jessica Kershaw, Interior Spokeswoman

There's no doubt that southeastern Utah's incredible natural and cultural resources are deserving of real protection and recognition, and we appreciate Congressmen Bishop and Chaffetz's work to lead a conversation on this topic. Given the real risks these resources face, we share a sense of urgency to protect these special places for current and future generations.

It's important that any proposal include meaningful conservation – both in name and practice – and that the land management provisions do not roll back critical stewardship tools and authorities, such as the Antiquities Act. We remain concerned by the assertion from Tribes that their voices are not reflected in this proposal regarding their ancestral lands.

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Subject: Re: Utah PLI Update

Thx

Fred Ferguson

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Just a heads-up that we've just given this to a few reporters who have asked. Happy to talk through how we got to here - let me know if you'd like to. Thanks!

Statement from Jessica Kershaw, Interior Spokeswoman

There's no doubt that southeastern Utah's incredible natural and cultural resources are deserving of real protection and recognition, and we appreciate Congressmen Bishop and Chaffetz's work to lead a conversation on this topic. Given the real risks these resources face, we share a sense of urgency to protect these special places for current and future generations.

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Sent: Thu Jan 14 2016 15:38:24 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Ferguson, Fred" <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Meeting with Tommy Beaudreau

Many thanks to you! Will do the best I can to get you feedback. And I handed off the binder to Neil.

Talk soon,
Nikki

On Thursday, January 14, 2016, Ferguson, Fred <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov> wrote:
Thank you again for meeting w/ me today. I enjoyed getting to know you and talking shop.
Attached is the summary we discussed. Please keep this within your immediate orbit.

And sorry for making you come in on a day off.. Really appreciate it.

-fred

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Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 13:40 PM
To: Fred Ferguson <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Katie Rupp <Katherine_Rupp@ios.doi.gov>, Markee Connors <markee_connors@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting with Tommy Beaudreau

Hi there. And yes, that would be great. I'm adding Katie and Markee who can find some time for us to sit down tomorrow. Thanks!

On Jan 13, 2016, at 1:34 PM, Ferguson, Fred <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Nikki,

I hope you're doing well. I was supposed to meet w/ Tommy tomorrow to deliver a confidential 1st draft of our bill. He's now going to be gone. I'm sitting here with Mitch Butler and he said you would be an excellent person to meet with. Would you happen to have time tomorrow or Friday for me to swing by to deliver a binder and perhaps go over it?

Thanks and look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Fred

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From: "Rupp, Katherine" <katherine_rupp@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 11:01 AM
To: Fred Ferguson <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting with Tommy Beaudreau

Works here! I will pop down and meet you when you arrive. My direct line is 202-208-5403.

On Wed, Jan 13, 2016 at 11:00 AM, Ferguson, Fred <Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Understood. No worries. Could I swing by tomorrow at 4:00p? It would be great if I could just call and meet you in the lobby.

Next week I'll be in Utah. We'll find a time soon though.

-fred

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Sarah mentioned that you have materials for Tommy that you were hoping to get to him this week. Either Sarah or myself would be happy to meet you and grab this if you want to still drop this off tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks,
Katie

Katie Rupp
Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff |U.S. Department of the Interior
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<Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov> wrote:

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For background purposes only, I wanted to share a statement that we've sent to various outlets in response to news that the Bears Ears Coalition has pulled out of the PLI. The letter referenced was received on Dec. 31 (b) (6) It was obviously very frustrating to receive this letter over the holiday and (b) (6) (b) (6)

I'd also like to share this with Stephenne. So if you could, please share her email when you can. Please pass along to Tommy or others that should see this email.

Finally, Rob has made edits to PLI Draft #9. I'm told this should be final. I'm hoping to have a proposal in the coming days to begin sharing. Stand by.

-fred

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"The letter we received was unfortunate and unexpected. We met with the Bears Ears Coalition on November 30 and created a working timeline that went well into the new year. It was puzzling to see them walk away from the table before we even made it to 2016. As we told the Bears Ears Coalition when we met on November 30, the bill remains in the drafting phase and that the text would be shared before the next meeting. Unfortunately, a meeting did not occur on December 30, so text was not shared. Despite the conflicts on 12/30, we were working with the Coalition to find a new meeting time in January, consistent with the timeline discussed in our 11/30 meeting. Regardless of the Coalition walking away, we remain committed to working with Native Americans that have an interest in land designations and management in San Juan County, just as we always have."

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Sent: Wed Aug 05 2015 16:00:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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To: "Buffa, Nicole" <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
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Let me know how I can be helpful.

Best,
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CC: Gavin Noyes <gavin@xmission.com>, Charles F Wilkinson <Charles.Wilkinson@colorado.edu>
Subject: Re: Bears Ears Inter Tribal Coalition Letter to Utah Delegation

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Date: May 6, 2015 at 10:02:33 AM MDT
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Cc: Willie Grayeyes (b) (6)

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Sent: Wed May 06 2015 17:45:53 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Gavin Noyes <gavin@xmission.com>
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Thank you for forwarding!

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Utah Diné Bikéyah

May 5, 2015

Hon. Rob Bishop
Hon. Jason Chaffetz
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Bishop and Chaffetz:

Thank you for working to bring stakeholders together on public land legislation for eastern Utah. As you know, tribes, archaeologists, conservationists, recreationists, historic preservationists, and local and national citizens have previously proposed a variety of conservation plans for the Bears Ears cultural landscape in southeastern Utah. Several groups are now working together as the Bears Ears Coalition to advance one proposal to safeguard cultural resources in San Juan County.

The Bears Ears Coalition, made up of [Utah Diné Bikéyah](#) (in partnership with the Navajo Nation), [Conservation Lands Foundation](#), [Crow Canyon Archaeological Center](#), [Friends of Cedar Mesa](#), [Grand Canyon Trust](#), and the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#), have jointly proposed a National Conservation Area or National Monument for the region. While many of these organizations had individual conservation proposals in the past, we have united around a common vision that we hope you will help us implement. Details of the proposal are included on the coalition's website (www.protectbears.org). Native American Tribes in the southwest have been engaged in these discussions over the years and while we cannot speak for their specific desires; the intention of this coalition is to support Tribes in seeing this region protected as a National Conservation Area or National Monument.

In addition to 24 Tribal governments, the overwhelming majority of citizens in San Juan County, Utah who provided official comments to county leaders formally supported the designation of one or more large-scale National Conservation Area(s) on public lands.

To date, we have not seen any formal legislative maps or legislative language regarding the conservation measures in your proposed legislation. We eagerly await this information and feel that it is appropriate that we share with you the criteria we will be using to evaluate whether or not the legislation adequately achieves our collective conservation objectives in the region:

- 1) **The Boundaries** of the Bears Ears National Conservation Area/National Monument - Does the legislation provide landscape-scale protection, ensure holistic management, and safeguard enough of the areas containing nationally significant sacred, historic, archeological, recreational, ecological and scenic resources? Does the proposal protect

areas deserving of Wilderness designation, including areas outside of current Wilderness Study Area boundaries, and units outside the Bears Ears NCA boundary?

2) **Management Language** of the National Conservation Area/National Monument. Does the legislation include management language that a) elevates the role of Native American tribes in management and interpretation of the area; b) defines the purposes of the National Conservation Area to make conservation of the cultural and natural resources of the area the overarching objective; c) withdraw the area from disposal, new energy/mineral leases, and transmission lines; d) limit vehicles to roads and trails designated for their use, with an appropriate road network that ensures access while not undermining conservation; e) prohibit uses inconsistent with conservation; f) maintains access for tribal visitation of sacred sites, firewood and herb gathering, hunting and other traditional uses?

3) **Respect for Fundamental Conservation Laws** – The legislation should not include provisions that weaken or set new precedents for our nation’s bedrock conservation laws such as: limitations on the Antiquities Act, weakening of the Wilderness Act or long-established precedents in wilderness designations and management, or provisions that would weaken the National Environmental Policy Act.

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The Bears Ears coalition is hopeful that a strong conservation proposal will be introduced soon. We look forward to continuing to work with you, other stakeholders and the Obama Administration to protect this magnificent and threatened landscape.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Willie Grayeyes', written over a horizontal line.

Willie Grayeyes, Board Chair

On Behalf of Utah Diné Bikéyah and the Bears Ears Coalition

cc: Hon. Gary Herbert, Hon. Orrin Hatch, Hon. Mike Lee, Hon. Sally Jewell, Hon. Tom Vilsack

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To: "Buffa, Nicole" <Nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Public Lands Initiative
Attachments: UDB to Congressman Bishop 2-23-15Final.pdf

Hi Nikki,

The below letter and email was sent to Congressman Bishop yesterday that describes our current request for participation in the Public Lands Initiative. Other updates are that we are having good success in securing support from other Tribes in the region. An official Ute Mtn Ute representative joined our organization's Board of Director's last week (incidentally I hear all of the Utes and San Juan County Commissioner Benally are all in DC this week). Additionally, the Hualapai Tribe passed a resolution of support two weeks ago and we are hosting a field trip and scenic over-flight on April 10-11th for Tribal officials throughout the region.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions. Sincerely,

Gavin Noyes

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Cc: Willie Grayeyes (b) (6), Mark Maryboy <mmaryboy1@gmail.com>

Dear Fred and Casey,

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Please find a letter attached below from Willie Grayeyes regarding the Public Lands Initiative. We would like to set up a meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss the Bear's Ears proposal and understand the timeline for providing additional proposal details to your office.

Thanks for all your work on this important initiative and please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Sincerely,

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Utah Diné Bikéyah
February 23, 2015

The Honorable Rob Bishop
United States House of Representatives
123 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Bear's Ears Proposal and Public Lands Initiative

Dear Congressman Bishop,

On February 12th, President Shelley of the Navajo Nation asked Governor Herbert for support in advancing the Bear's Ears proposal during the Native American caucus in Salt Lake City. The governor's advice was to get our proposal to you and Congressman Chaffetz as soon as possible.

As you are aware, planning around the Public Lands Initiative has been moving at a fast pace in San Juan County for the past several weeks. Based on recommendations of your staff, Utah Diné Bikéyah (UDB) has been trying in earnest to re-engage with the San Juan County Commission and understand the path forward for advancing the Navajo proposal through these channels. This process remains uncertain. The Navajo Nation and UDB's main concerns at this point are that we still have no clarity on the path forward despite a rapidly approaching deadline of March 27th. We still have no understanding of the level of support we have from Commissioners for the Bear's Ears proposal, nor do we know when they might take a position. As a result, we would like to work directly with your office to ensure that Navajo needs are understood and included in the draft map and legislation you are preparing.

Toward this goal we want to meet to discuss key elements of the Navajo proposal and provide you details that are currently under development.

Items we are prepared to discuss now and deliver to you in the coming weeks include:

- 1) Draft Collaborative Management legislative language
- 2) Definition of "Nahodishgish" and Wilderness recommendation boundaries within NCA
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Thank you for your consideration of the Bear's Ears proposal and please let us know when you are available to meet.

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To: Marcia Argust <margust@pewtrusts.org>
CC: fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov, Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: RE: email introduction with Rep. Chaffetz chief of staff

Thanks for the e-introduction, Marcia! Hi Fred - It would be great to talk with you and catch-up on a few things. Maybe Gisella can set-up some time for us to talk by phone? All my best, Nikki -----Original Message----- From: Marcia Argust [mailto:margust@pewtrusts.org] Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 10:54 AM To: nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov Cc: fred.ferguson@mail.house.gov; Ojeda-dodds, Gisella (gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov) Subject: email introduction with Rep. Chaffetz chief of staff Nikki- Following up on our meeting last week regarding several issues, including the Eastern Utah Public Lands Initiative being led by Reps. Bishop and Chaffetz, I thought it would be a good idea to connect you to Fred Ferguson, Rep. Chaffetz's new Chief of Staff. Fred comes to Rep. Chaffetz' staff from Rep. Bishop's office, where he started the groundwork on the Public Lands Initiative almost two years ago. He's since kept an amazingly diverse group of stakeholders together (including groups that have often litigated against one another) through open communication and bold land protection and development ideas. A collaborative the size and scope of the Utah effort has inherent risks, but Pew feels Reps. Chaffetz and Bishop, their staff, and Governor Herbert's office are operating sincerely and in good faith. As the Public Lands Initiative moves closer to draft legislation this Fall, I hope you two will be able to get together soon. Thanks to you both for bearing with a cyber-introduction! marcia Marcia Argust U.S. Public Lands Program, Pew Charitable Trusts 202-329-0793 901 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004 www.pewtrusts.org

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Subject: Re: email introduction with Rep. Chaffetz chief of staff

Good Afternoon,

Nikki is available tomorrow at 9:30AM, 10:00AM or 10:30AM if you are available then? I would be happy to send out the invite with the call-in information.

Sincerely,

Gisella

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An unbearable solution

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From: Janet Wilcox <42janetkw@gmail.com>
Sent: Fri Dec 09 2016 13:03:23 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <nkornze@blm.gov>
Subject: An unbearable solution

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Bears Ears Monument

Liz Adams (b) (6)

From: Liz Adams (b) (6)
Sent: Thu Dec 08 2016 15:19:09 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <nkornze@blm.gov>
Subject: Bears Ears Monument

Dear Mr. Kornze,

This was written by a friend, but I agree wholeheartedly!! Couldn't have said it any better. Please read and try to understand our position here in San Juan County concerning the proposed Bears Ears Monument. I am in STRONG opposition to our whole county being locked up as a monument.

"Said I, in response to someone who asked what better use would I propose for the land, if not a national monument (regarding the proposed Bears Ears National Monument):

What better use for the land than a monument? Monument status does not constitute a use, per say. The land is already federal land (as per the statute, only federal land can be designated a national monument). It already has the full force of the federal government and 20+ laws designed to "protect" it. It is already illegal to damage or loot ancient Anasazi sites, ruins, burial grounds, etc. The federal government already has complete authority to regulate grazing, mining, drilling, etc. They already regulate those uses based on their own environmental impact studies, etc...

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At the time of its passage the debate was whether to limit the designation to 320 acres or 640 acres. We're not walking about 1.9mm acres.

The proposal is absurd. It doesn't solve anything. The land that has been used for over a century in all of the multiples ways mentioned above is still "pristine" according to the monument proponents. There have been unfortunate cases of vandalism and looting to Anasazi sites, but the rate of such incidents increase astronomically AFTER a monument designation. The monument designation offers no additional protections for such sites. It doesn't make an illegal act super duper illegal. What it does is invite hordes of visitors to come and see the sites. If one out of every 1,000 visitors is going to disrespect the site and desecrate or loot, then increasing the number of visitors will increase the number of incidents. It's simple math. It's logical and history has proven it. The Escalante Grand Staircase Monument has shown just that. They went from counting the number of incidents over a decade in the single digits to hundreds of such incidents since the designation.

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Fwd: Bears Ears National Monument Proposal

Jeremy Lyman (b) (6)

From: Jeremy Lyman (b) (6)
Sent: Thu Dec 08 2016 11:50:45 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: undisclosed-recipients;;
Subject: Fwd: Bears Ears National Monument Proposal

Dear Sirs:

Regarding the proposed Bears Ears National Monument, someone recently asked me what use I would propose for the land, if not a national monument. In response, I offered the following:

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For more detailed information see:

<http://sanjuancounty.org/documents/Advisability%20of%20Designating%20the%20Bears%20Ears.pdf>

Best Regards,

Jeremy Lyman
Blanding (San Juan County), Utah

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Copy of letter sent to Mike Matz:

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Kornze, Neil <nkornze@blm.gov>

No Bears Ears Monument

1 message

Ted Powell (b) (6)

Fri, Dec 2, 2016 at 9:05 AM

To: "Director@blm.gov" <Director@blm.gov>, "nkornze@blm.gov" <nkornze@blm.gov>

Dear Mr. Kornze:

I will keep it simple and short. Please do not support making Bear Ears in San Juan County Utah a national monument. 1) A large group of Native Americans do not more restrictions placed on the Bears Ears area. 2) Many of the Environmentalist that want Bear Ears to become a monument don't even live in the area, and only want it because they are environmentalist, no other reason they care nothing about the people that live and work here. They just want to control all public lands rather it is good for the country or not. 3) Making Bears Ears a monument will kill the second largest industry in San Juan County Utah, killing the cattle industry will put a lot of people out of work. 4) The existing National Parks and National Monuments have over 11 billion dollars in deferred maintenance expenses they will have to come up with to repair the parks and monuments, I am guessing using US tax dollars to pay for the deferred maintenance, adding 1.9 million acres will only add to the expenses that parks and monument can't pay for now. 5) Making Bears Ears a monument will kill San Juan County and the towns in San Juan County. Take a look what Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument has done to Garfield County. It has killed jobs, people out of work had to leave Garfield County, the high school that once had 160 kids now only has around 50 kids in it. I even had an environmentalist tell me he would love to live in Garfield County but he could not find a job.

Please do not support making Bears Ears a National Monument, Please ask President not to make Bear Ears a monument, please tell President Obama people that live in San Juan County do not want the proposed Bear Ears monument.

Thank you,

Ted Powell

(b) (6)



Kornze, Neil <nkornze@blm.gov>

Bears Ears

1 message

Liz Adams (b) (6)
To: "nkornze@blm.gov" <nkornze@blm.gov>

Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 2:14 PM

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter because I am opposed to the Bears Ears monument proposal and we need your help. My ancestors settled in this area as some of the first pioneers over 120 years ago. I have lived here for over 50 years and never have I been so worried about the future of my beloved home. As near as I can tell, supporters of this monument are supporting it to protect Anasazi ruins and sacred Native American sites found here. They have promised that in doing so they will not take away our ability to camp, hunt, gather wood, etc. and that the monument will actually help our economy grow because of tourism. I do not believe any of these outcomes will happen.

First, by developing roads and trails to see these ruins, and bringing the area to the attention of thousands of more visitors, the potential for vandalism will increase exponentially. As we have seen with other National Parks around our State, it is simply impossible to police these sites with that many visitors. The only option, and I do not think it would work because of the immense size of the area, is to close them down. That would be defeating the purpose of public lands. Everyone would like to see these sites preserved and protected. There are already very strict laws regarding damaging sites or taking artifacts. The incidences of vandalism have decreased dramatically with the enforcement of these laws. They are working.

Another concern I have is the scope and breadth of this proposal. To my knowledge, there are not many, if any, ruins on the Abajo mountain. I am also not aware of any significant sacred sites there. So why has it been included into this proposal? I can only assume because they want to completely connect all of the national parks. Do they realize that the watershed for two communities is on this mountain? There is a tunnel, reservoirs, and canals. We simply won't survive here if this is compromised in any way. There are no other sources of water. We are fasting and praying for water about every 3-5 years. I don't believe our town could even handle much more growth with the water situation we have. How are we going to handle an influx of tourists?

Many people, including Native Americans, use these mountains for gathering wood as their only source of heat. They gather pinion nuts to sell, herbs and plants for ceremonies, graze their cattle and depend upon the deer and elk for meat in the winter. This has not changed much for hundreds of years. If this proposal goes through, many of these activities will either be slowly phased out, confined to just a few designated areas that will not be sufficient, or will cost too much for many to afford.

Please!! Do not let this monument change our very lives. Please! Consider the Public Land Initiative that our county was involved in drafting. We are a poor county, and while others merely want to come and visit, we are the ones that will be here every day, trying to make a living without resources available and only low-paying seasonal jobs. A few will get wealthy and most will struggle to make ends meet or ever own a home. I have seen it happen to other communities such as Escalante and Moab. This will affect our economy, our schools, our way of life, and our very existence!! We are all pulling together: Navajo, Ute, Anglo, and Latino in trying to preserve a way of life that has brought and kept us here in San Juan County. Please be our voice and help us to be heard! Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/. Liz Adams

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Fwd: NYT (Editorial): Monuments Man

Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

From: Nicole Buffa <nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Sun Jan 01 2017 18:23:47 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NYT (Editorial): Monuments Man

<http://mobile.nytimes.com/2016/12/31/opinion/sunday/monuments-man.html?ref=todayspaper>

Monuments Man

By THE EDITORIAL BOARD DECEMBER 31, 2016

When historians get around to measuring President Obama's record of protecting America's public lands from commercial development — its national monuments, parks, forests, wilderness and wildlife refuges — they are likely to rank him high on a list of luminaries that includes both Roosevelts, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. What makes this all the more remarkable is that Mr. Obama came to office as a Chicago urbanite with no obvious passion for environmental stewardship, had no help from Congress and, for his first four years, made little use of his executive authority to protect the federal estate from commercial encroachment. Indeed, his second inaugural address said a great deal about using those lands to produce energy and very little about conservation.

But somewhere along the line, as happened to President Clinton before him, came an epiphany — inspired by conservation-minded members of his White House staff, by past and present secretaries of the interior, and by the liberating knowledge that he was in his final term. The result has been an impressive four-year run of initiatives that have aroused howls about a federal “land grab” from his Republican critics while assuring him of a lofty perch in the environmental pantheon.

The latest of these was his designation on Wednesday of two new national monuments. Both were ardently sought by conservationists but just as ardently opposed by some elected Republicans. The areas in question are mixed-use federal lands that will now receive an extra layer of protection from commercial uses. One monument will protect 1.35 million acres surrounding two distinctive geological formations known as the Bears Ears Buttes, in southeastern Utah, encompassing stunning red-rock landscapes and many Native American sites of incomparable sacred and archaeological importance. A first-of-its-kind tribal commission will be a co-manager of the monument. The other monument will protect nearly 300,000 acres northeast of Las Vegas. It includes critical wildlife habitat and significant cultural

resources.

Mr. Obama acted in both cases under the authority of the Antiquities Act, first used by Theodore Roosevelt in 1906. It allows a president to unilaterally protect areas of great natural or historical value when Congress is unlikely to do so. He has now invoked the act 29 times to create or expand national monuments, resulting in protections for 553 million acres of federal lands and waters — more than any other president, and a good bit of it coming from a fourfold expansion of a huge marine monument off the coast of Hawaii that was first designated by President George W. Bush.

Combined with the Interior Department's efforts to protect sensitive lands from mining and drilling and to preserve areas of Western habitat for threatened species like the sage grouse, Mr. Obama's aggressive environmental record has found few admirers in the oil and gas industry and its numerous Republican friends in Congress.

The Antiquities Act does not explicitly give a new president — Donald Trump, in this case — the authority to overturn a monument designation; legal experts say the matter has not been tested in court. But Congress could cause trouble going forward. One particularly aggrieved member of Congress is Rob Bishop of Utah, the powerful head of the House Natural Resources Committee. Mr. Bishop, who objected strongly to the Bears Ears designation, had earlier engineered House approval of a bill that would have stripped Mr. Obama and any future president of the unilateral authority to create monuments. That bill is certain to resurface in the new Congress, which makes us doubly grateful that Mr. Obama acted when he did.

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