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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.—The term “Management Council” means the council established under section 10.

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

SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ESCALANTE CANYONS NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE.

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

(b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve are as generally depicted on the map entitled “_______”, numbered _____, and dated ________. The map shall be on file...
and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve shall be to protect, conserve, and enhance in the Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve—

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

(2) recreation, including hunting; and

(3) grazing.

SEC. 5. WITHDRAWALS.

Subject to valid existing rights, any Federal land within the Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve, including any land or interest in land that is acquired by the United States after the date of enactment of this Act, is withdrawn from—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.

SEC. 6. MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
mit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and
Natural Resources of the Senate a map and legal descrip-
tion of the Escalante Canyons National Park and Pre-
serve.

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

SEC. 7. GRAND STAIRCASE NATIONAL MONUMENT.

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

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

(1) unique and nationally important historic,
scenic, and natural resources;
(2) recreation, including hunting; and

(3) grazing.

(c) Map.—

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

(2) 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 may make minor modification of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description provided these changes are first reported to the State of Utah, Kane County, Utah, and the Management Council.

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

SEC. 8. KAIPAROWITS NATIONAL MONUMENT.

(a) Establishment.—Subject to valid existing rights, the Federal land comprising approximately
551,117 acres, identified as “Kaiparowits Unit” and generally depicted on the map entitled “Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Modification” is hereby established as the “Kaiparowits National Monument”.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Kaiparowits National Monument shall be to protect, conserve, and enhance the monument’s—

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

(2) recreation, including hunting; and

(3) grazing.

(c) MAP.—

(1) As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a map and legal description of the Kaiparowits National Monument established in this section.

(2) 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 may make minor modification of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description provided these changes are first reported to the
State of Utah, Kane and Garfield Counties, Utah,
and the Management Council.

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

SEC. 9. ESCALANTE CANYONS NATIONAL MONUMENT.

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

(b) P URPOSE.—The purpose of the Escalante Can-
yons National Monument shall be to protect, conserve, and
enhance the monument’s—

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

(2) recreation, including hunting; and

(3) grazing.

(c) MAP.—

(1) As soon as practicable after the date of the
enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a map and legal description of the Escalante Canyons National Monument established in this section.

(2) 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 may make minor modification of any clerical or typographical errors in the map or legal description provided these changes are first reported to the State of Utah, Garfield County, Utah, and the Management Council.

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

SEC. 10. ESCALANTE CANYONS NATIONAL PARK AND PRE-SERVE, GRAND STAIRCASE NATIONAL MONU- MENT, KAIPAROWITS NATIONAL MONUMENT, AND ESCALANTE CANYONS NATIONAL MONU- MENT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.

(a) Establishment.—The Management Council is hereby established.

(b) Duties.—The Management Council shall develop and implement the comprehensive management plans for
the Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve, the Grand Staircase National Monument, the Kaiparowits National Monument, and the Escalante Canyons National Monument consistently with the purposes of those areas as provided in this Act.

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

(1) One individual from the Department of Interior, appointed by the President.

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

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

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

(C) One Utah State Legislator representing Kane County, Garfield County, or both.

(3) One at-large representative appointed by the President.
(d) QUALIFICATIONS.—The members appointed under subsections (c)(2) and (3) shall not be employees of the Federal Government.

(e) TERMS.—The President shall appoint the members under subsections (c)(2) and (3) for a term of 5 years, except that the President shall designate staggered terms for the members initially appointed to the Management Council. The President may reappoint a member to not more than three consecutive terms.

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

(g) COMPENSATION.—Members appointed under subsections (c)(2) and (3) shall serve without pay, except for reasonable travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at the rate authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of duties for the Council.

(h) CHAIR.—The members shall select the chair of the Management Council from the members appointed under subsection (c)(2) and (3) for a term beginning on
the date of selection, and ending in 5 years or until the member’s term of office expires, whichever occurs first.

(i) **STAFF ASSISTANCE.**—The Management Council may request administrative assistance from Federal employees under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture.

(j) **MEETINGS.**—

(1) **FREQUENCY.**—The Management Council shall meet at the call of the Chair or a majority of the members. Meetings shall be held no less than once per year. A majority must be present to constitute a quorum to conduct official business.

(2) **ANNOUNCEMENT; OPEN MEETINGS.**—All meetings of the Management Council shall be announced at least one week in advance in publications of general circulation and shall be open to the public.

(k) **ADMINISTRATION.**—

(1) The Management Council shall allow hunting, fishing and trapping on lands and water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary within the Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Utah.
(2) The Management Council shall ensure that
the privilege of grazing domestic livestock on lands
with the Escalante Canyons National Park and Pre-
serve shall continue to be exercised and enhanced in
perpetuity. Grazing within the Escalante Canyons
National Park and Preserve shall be administered by
the National Park Service.

SEC. 11. FEDERAL LAND MANAGER ADHERENCE.

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

SEC. 12. CLARIFICATION.

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

SEC. 13. RESTORATION OF LAND STATUS.

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

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

(2) disposition under all laws relating to min-
eral and geothermal leasing; and
(3) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws.

SEC. 14. HOLE IN THE ROCK ROAD.

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

SEC. 15. EFFECT ON PROCLAMATIONS.

Any provision of Presidential Proclamation 6920, dated September 18, 1996, and Presidential Proclamation ____ , dated December 4, 2017, and issued under chapter 3203 of title 54, United States Code, that is inconsistent with this Act is hereby declared null and void.