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To amend title 54, United States Code, to reform the Antiquities Act of 1906, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. STEWART, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. WESTERMAN, and Mr. CURTIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Monument
5 Creation And Protection Act” or the “National Monument
6 CAP Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON SIZE; CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE**
8 **OBJECTS.**

9 Section 320301 of title 54, United States Code, is
10 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “historic land-
2 marks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other
3 objects of historic or scientific interest” and insert-
4 ing “object or objects of antiquity”;

5 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “confined to
6 the smallest area compatible with the proper care
7 and management of the objects to be protected” and
8 inserting “in accordance with the limitations out-
9 lined in subsections (e), (f), (g), and (h)”;

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(e) LIMITATION ON SIZE OF NATIONAL MONU-
12 MENTS.—Except as provided by subsections (f), (g), and
13 (h), after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
14 land may not be declared under this section in a configura-
15 tion that would create a national monument—

16 “(1) that is more than 640 acres; and

17 “(2) whose exterior boundary is less than 50
18 miles from the closest exterior boundary of another
19 national monument declared under this section.

20 “(f) EXCEPTION FOR MONUMENTS OF LESS THAN
21 5,000 ACRES.—Subsection (e) shall not apply to the des-
22 ignation of a national monument under this section if the
23 national monument so designated—

24 “(1) would be less than 5,000 acres;

1 “(2) would have all exterior boundaries 50
2 miles or more from the closest exterior boundary of
3 another national monument declared under this sec-
4 tion; and

5 “(3) has been reviewed under the National En-
6 vironmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et
7 seq.) by the Secretary of the Interior or the Sec-
8 retary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

9 “(g) EXCEPTION FOR MONUMENTS OF 5,000 ACRES
10 AND UP TO 10,000 ACRES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) shall not
12 apply to the designation of a national monument
13 under this section if the national monument so des-
14 ignated—

15 “(A) would be at least 5,000 acres but not
16 more than 10,000 acres; and

17 “(B) would have all exterior boundaries 50
18 miles or more from the closest exterior bound-
19 ary of another national monument declaration
20 under this section.

21 “(2) OTHER REQUIREMENT.—A monument de-
22 scribed in this subsection shall be subject to the
23 preparation of an environmental assessment or envi-
24 ronmental impact statement as part of a review
25 under the National Environmental Policy Act of

1 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). The choice of envi-
2 ronmental review document shall be within the dis-
3 cretion of the Secretary of the Interior or the Sec-
4 retary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

5 “(h) EXCEPTION FOR MONUMENTS 10,000 ACRES
6 AND UP TO 85,000 ACRES.—Subsection (e) shall not apply
7 to the designation of a national monument under this sec-
8 tion if the national monument so designated—

9 “(1) would be at least 10,000 acres but not
10 more than 85,000 acres;

11 “(2) would have all exterior boundaries 50
12 miles or more from the closest exterior boundary of
13 another national monument declaration under this
14 section; and

15 “(3) has been approved by the elected gov-
16 erning body of each county (or county equivalent),
17 the legislature of each State, and the Governor of
18 each State within whose boundaries the national
19 monument will be located (and the Governor of each
20 such State has transmitted a copy of each such ap-
21 proval to the President).

22 “(i) EXCEPTION FOR EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) shall not
24 apply to the designation under this section of a na-
25 tional monument of any acreage amount if designa-

1 tion is made to prevent imminent and irreparable
2 harm to the object or objects of antiquity to be pro-
3 tected by the designation.

4 “(2) ONE-YEAR LIMITATION.—A national
5 monument designation under this subsection shall
6 terminate on the date that is one calendar year after
7 the date of the designation.

8 “(3) ONE-TIME DESIGNATION.—Land des-
9 igned as a national monument under this sub-
10 section—

11 “(A) may only be so designated one time;
12 and

13 “(B) may not also be permanently des-
14 igned as a national monument under this sec-
15 tion.

16 “(4) RIGHTS AND USES.—Land designated as a
17 national monument under this subsection shall re-
18 main subject to—

19 “(A) valid existing rights; and

20 “(B) uses allowed on the day before such
21 designation under an applicable Resource Man-
22 agement Plan or Forest Plan.

23 “(j) LIMITATION ON PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY TO
24 REDUCE SIZE OF DECLARED MONUMENTS.—The Presi-
25 dent may—

1 “(1) reduce the size of any national monument
2 declared under this section by 85,000 acres or less;
3 or

4 “(2) reduce the size of any national monument
5 declared under this section by more than 85,000
6 acres only if the reduction—

7 “(A) has been approved by the elected gov-
8 erning body of each county (or county equiva-
9 lent), the legislature of each State, and the
10 Governor of each State within whose boundaries
11 the national monument will be located (and the
12 Governor of each such State has transmitted a
13 copy of each such approval to the President);
14 and

15 “(B) has been reviewed under the National
16 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
17 4321 et seq.) by the Secretary of the Interior
18 or the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

19 “(k) DISCLOSURE, CONSULTATION, SURVEY, AND
20 EVALUATION REQUIREMENT.—On a date not later than
21 45 days before the declaration of any national monument
22 or reduction in size of a declared monument under this
23 section, and excluding such designations under subsection
24 (i), the President shall—

1 “(1) keep records of all lobbying activity as de-
2 fined under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2
3 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) and received by the President
4 or the Secretary of the Interior or Secretary of Agri-
5 culture for the purposes of influencing the declara-
6 tion of or adjustment to boundaries of such monu-
7 ment, including a record of—

8 “(A) identities and affiliations of peti-
9 tioning registered lobbyists;

10 “(B) date of such lobbying activity;

11 “(C) duration of all meetings between reg-
12 istered lobbyists and the President or the Sec-
13 retary of the Interior or Secretary of Agri-
14 culture;

15 “(D) topics of all meetings between reg-
16 istered lobbyists and the President or the Sec-
17 retary of the Interior or Secretary of Agri-
18 culture; and

19 “(E) requests by registered lobbyists or
20 other persons who made requests to the Presi-
21 dent or the Secretary of the Interior or Sec-
22 retary of Agriculture pertaining to the declara-
23 tion or modification of the boundaries of a
24 monument;

1 “(2) solicit from the chief executive or designee
2 of impacted governments information and advice re-
3 garding the declaration or adjustment to boundaries
4 of such monument;

5 “(3) produce a record of any significant eco-
6 nomic, recreational, cultural, geologic, artifactual,
7 scientific, and other relevant objects or interests
8 within the boundary of the planned monument or
9 monument boundary adjustment, or which would
10 otherwise be substantially impacted by such monu-
11 ment declaration or monument boundary adjust-
12 ment;

13 “(4) designate any qualifying object as found in
14 the record under paragraph (3) as an object of an-
15 tiquity, and include in the record under such clause
16 any information showing that such designation
17 meets the definition of object or objects of antiquity
18 under this section;

19 “(5) conduct an analysis of economic impact of
20 such monument declaration or boundary adjustment,
21 including impacts to—

22 “(A) tourism;

23 “(B) grazing;

24 “(C) hunting and recreation;

25 “(D) forestry;

1 “(E) mineral and other resource extrac-
2 tion; and

3 “(F) other economic activity;

4 “(6) produce an evaluation of anticipated im-
5 pacts to protection, management, and use of objects
6 designated as “objects of antiquity” under para-
7 graph (4) which would be subject to protection
8 under such monument declaration or boundary ad-
9 justment;

10 “(7) compile and present to the Chair and
11 Ranking Member or the staff designees of the Sen-
12 ate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and
13 the House Committee on Natural Resources a report
14 which includes all information as produced or re-
15 ceived under paragraphs (1) through (6); and

16 “(8) establish and maintain an online portal on
17 the website of the Department of the Interior acces-
18 sible by the public that allows the public to view
19 such report under paragraph (7) after the presen-
20 tation of such report under such paragraph.

21 “(I) NON-FEDERALLY OWNED PROPERTY.—After
22 the date of the enactment of this subsection, land may
23 not be declared as a national monument under this section
24 in a configuration that would place non-federally owned
25 property within the exterior boundaries of the national

1 monument without the express written consent of the own-
2 ers of that non-federally owned property.

3 “(m) EFFECT OF DECLARATION ON FEDERAL
4 FUNDS.—No declaration under this section shall be con-
5 strued to increase the amount of Federal funds that are
6 authorized to be appropriated for any fiscal year.

7 “(n) WATER RIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH A DECLARA-
8 TION.—Water rights associated with a declaration under
9 this section—

10 “(1) may not be reserved expressly or by impli-
11 cation by a declaration under this section; and

12 “(2) may be acquired for a declaration under
13 this section only in accordance with the laws of the
14 State in which the water rights are based.

15 “(o) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:

16 “(1) DECLARATION; DECLARED.—The terms
17 ‘declaration’ and ‘declared’ shall only include the
18 creation or expansion of a national monument under
19 this section.

20 “(2) IMPACTED GOVERNMENTS.—The term ‘im-
21 pacted governments’ means any of the following that
22 contain a monument or reduced monument declared
23 within its jurisdiction or which would otherwise have
24 a significant economic or culture interest in such de-
25 clared monument:

1 “(A) County.

2 “(B) City.

3 “(C) Federally recognized Indian Tribe.

4 “(D) State.

5 “(E) State legislature.

6 “(3) LAND.—The term ‘land’ shall not include
7 submerged land or water.

8 “(4) OBJECT OR OBJECTS OF ANTIQUITY.—

9 “(A) The term ‘object or objects of antiq-
10 uity’ means—

11 “(i) relics;

12 “(ii) artifacts;

13 “(iii) human or animal skeletal re-
14 mains;

15 “(iv) fossils (other than fossil fuels);

16 and

17 “(v) certain buildings constructed be-
18 fore the date of the enactment of this sub-
19 section.

20 “(B) The term ‘object or objects of antiq-
21 uity’ does not include—

22 “(i) natural geographic features; and

1 “(ii) objects not made by humans, ex-
2 cept fossils (other than fossil fuels) or
3 human or animal skeletal remains.”.

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