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To make technical corrections and minor adjustments to the boundaries
of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in the State of Utah.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 1998

Mr. CANNON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

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the boundaries of the Grand Staircase-Escalante Na-
tional Monument in the State of Utah.

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 “Grand Staircase-
5 Escalante National Monument Minor Boundary Adjust-
6 ments Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

9 (1) The Grand Staircase-Escalante National
10 Monument in the State of Utah was established by

1 the President on September 18, 1996, in Presi-
2 dential Proclamation 6920 (61 Fed. Reg. 50223;
3 September 24, 1996).

4 (2) The Grand Staircase-Escalante National
5 Monument was planned and its boundaries were
6 drawn in secret, without the type of public input
7 that is generally conducive to sound decision mak-
8 ing.

9 (3) As a result of the lack of public input in the
10 development of the Grand Staircase-Escalante Na-
11 tional Monument, several parcels of Federal land
12 were included within the boundaries of the national
13 monument that are not suited for inclusion or that
14 would better serve the public interest if managed in
15 another capacity.

16 (4) Certain parcels of Federal Land within the
17 present boundaries of the Grand Staircase-Escalante
18 National Monument would better serve the public in-
19 terest if ownership of the parcels were transferred to
20 the State of Utah or a local government.

21 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS, GRAND STAIRCASE-**
22 **ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT, UTAH.**

23 (a) **EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN LANDS.**—The bound-
24 aries of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monu-

1 ment in the State of Utah are hereby modified to exclude
2 the following lands:

3 (1) The parcel known as Upper Valley Oil
4 Field, as generally depicted on the map entitled
5 “Upper Valley Oil Field Exclusion, Garfield County,
6 Utah”, dated March 25, 1998.

7 (2) The parcel known as Henrieville Town,
8 Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled
9 “Henrieville Town Exclusion, Garfield County,
10 Utah”, dated March 25, 1998.

11 (3) The parcel known as Cannonville Town,
12 Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled
13 “Cannonville Town Exclusion, Garfield County,
14 Utah”, dated March 25, 1998.

15 (4) The parcel known as Tropic Town, Utah, as
16 generally depicted on the map entitled “Tropic Town
17 Exclusion, Garfield County, Utah”, dated March 25,
18 1998.

19 (5) The parcel known as Boulder Town, Utah,
20 as generally depicted on the map entitled “Boulder
21 Town Exclusion, Garfield County, Utah”, dated
22 March 25, 1998.

23 (6) All lands within 500 feet of the center line
24 of U.S. Route 89, in Kane County, Utah, and those
25 lands generally depicted on the map entitled “U.S.

1 Route 89 Utility Corridor Exclusion, Kane County,
2 Utah”, dated March 25, 1998.

3 (b) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LANDS.—

4 The boundaries of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National
5 Monument are hereby modified to include the parcel
6 known as East Clark Bench as generally depicted on the
7 map entitled “East Clark Bench Inclusion, Kane County,
8 Utah”, dated March 25, 1998.

9 (c) MAPS.—The maps referred to in subsections (a)
10 and (b) shall be on file and available for public inspection
11 in the office of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National
12 Monument in the State of Utah and in the office of the
13 Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

14 **SEC. 4. LAND CONVEYANCES, GRAND STAIRCASE-**
15 **ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT, UTAH.**

16 (a) TROPIC TOWN, UTAH.—

17 (1) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
18 the Interior shall transfer to Tropic Town, Utah,
19 without consideration but subject to valid existing
20 non-Federal rights, all right, title, and interest of
21 the United States in and to the parcels of land de-
22 scribed in paragraph (2).

23 (2) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The parcels of land
24 referred to in paragraph (1) are located in Garfield
25 County, Utah, and consist of the following:

1 (A) $W^{1/2}NE^{1/4}$, $SE^{1/4}NE^{1/4}$, $E^{1/2}NW^{1/4}$,
 2 $S^{1/2}$ of section 3, township 37 south, range 3
 3 west, Salt Lake meridian.

4 (B) $N^{1/2}$ of section 10, township 37 south,
 5 range 3 west, Salt Lake meridian.

6 (b) KODACHROME BASIN STATE PARK, UTAH.—

7 (1) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
 8 the Interior shall transfer to the State of Utah,
 9 without consideration but subject to valid existing
 10 non-Federal rights, all right, title, and interest of
 11 the United States in and to the parcels of land de-
 12 scribed in paragraph (2) for inclusion of such lands
 13 in Kodachrome Basin State Park.

14 (2) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The parcels of land
 15 referred to in paragraph (1) are located in Garfield
 16 County, Utah, and consist of the following:

17 (A) $W^{1/2}W^{1/2}$ of section 4, township 38
 18 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake meridian.

19 (B) $E^{1/2}E^{1/2}$ of section 5, township 38
 20 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake meridian.

21 (C) $E^{1/2}NE^{1/4}$ of section 8, township 38
 22 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake meridian.

23 (D) $NW^{1/4}$, $W^{1/2}NE^{1/4}$ of section 9, town-
 24 ship 38 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake merid-
 25 ian.

1 (E) SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, W¹/₂SW¹/₄ of section 11,
2 township 38 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake me-
3 ridian.

4 (F) W¹/₂NW¹/₄ of section 14, township 38
5 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake meridian.

6 (G) SE¹/₄NE¹/₄ of section 15, township 38
7 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake meridian.

8 **SEC. 5. DISCLAIMER.**

9 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as constituting
10 congressional approval, explicit or implicit, of the estab-
11 lishment of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National
12 Monument. It is the intent of Congress that the Grand
13 Staircase-Escalante National Monument be abolished if
14 any court finds that the President exceeded the authority
15 of the President under the Act of June 8, 1906 (16 U.S.C.
16 431 et seq.; commonly known as the Antiquities Act of
17 1906), in establishing the national monument.

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