

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 644

To withdraw the Tusayan Ranger District and Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the vicinity of Kanab Creek and in House Rock Valley from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2009

Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. PASTOR of Arizona) 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 “Grand Canyon Water-
5 sheds Protection Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND FROM MINING**
2 **LAWS.**

3 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the
4 approximately 1,068,908 acres of Federal land generally
5 depicted on the map titled “Grand Canyon Watersheds
6 Protection Act of 2008” and dated May 28, 2008, are
7 hereby withdrawn from—

8 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
9 posal under the public land laws;

10 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
11 laws; and

12 (3) operation of the mineral leasing and geo-
13 thermal leasing laws and mineral materials laws.

14 (b) TREATMENT OF EXISTING RIGHTS.—The with-
15 drawal under subsection (a) is subject to valid, existing
16 rights. If such rights are relinquished or otherwise ac-
17 quired by the United States after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act, the land that was subject to the rights
19 shall be immediately withdrawn in accordance with sub-
20 section (a).

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