

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5781

To complement the Utah Public Lands Initiative by ensuring land use
certainty in seven counties in Utah.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself and Mr. CHAFFETZ) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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land use certainty in seven counties in 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 “Utah Public Lands
5 Initiative Partner Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Utah Congressional delegation is ad-
9 vancing the Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI), a
10 seven county comprehensive land planning bill.

1 (2) PLI would designate more than 4,500,000
2 acres of Federal land for conservation purposes
3 while making more than 1,000,000 acres of Federal
4 land available for multiple use and sustained yield.

5 (3) Land use certainty and finality are funda-
6 mental principles of PLI.

7 (4) Section 320301 of title 54, United States
8 Code (commonly known as the “Antiquities Act of
9 1906”) empowers the President of the United States
10 with unilateral authority to designate Federal lands
11 as national monuments.

12 (5) Enactment of PLI would preclude the need
13 for future Presidents to use section 320301 of title
14 54, United States Code, in counties that participate
15 in PLI.

16 (6) Local community support for PLI would di-
17 minish if permanent land use certainty is not
18 achieved through the PLI and this Act.

19 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN LANDS**
20 **IN UTAH.**

21 A national monument designation, or a boundary ad-
22 justment that increases the size of an existing national
23 monument, under section 320301 of title 54, United
24 States Code, within or on any portion of Federal land in
25 the counties of Summit, Uintah, Duchesne, Carbon,

- 1 Grand, Emery, and San Juan, in the State of Utah, shall
- 2 be made only pursuant to an Act of Congress.

