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S. 365

To improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 4, 2015

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, 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. IMPROVEMENT OF RANGELAND CONDITIONS**
4 **AND RESTORATION OF GRAZING LEVELS,**
5 **GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL**
6 **MONUMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior
9 shall implement a management program within areas of

1 the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument that
2 are administered by the Bureau of Land Management—

3 (1) to improve rangeland conditions for wildlife
4 and livestock carrying capacity in those areas; and

5 (2) to restore livestock grazing to the level of
6 usage in those areas that existed as of September
7 17, 1996.

8 (b) PERMITS.—In issuing or renewing grazing per-
9 mits and in issuing or modifying allotment management
10 plans for livestock grazing in the areas described in sub-
11 section (a), the Secretary of the Interior shall incorporate
12 reasonable standards and guidelines that are consistent
13 with—

14 (1) the “Utah Standards for Rangeland Health
15 and Guidelines for Grazing Management for BLM
16 Lands in Utah”, approved by the Secretary of the
17 Interior on May 20, 1997; and

18 (2) the applicable regulations of the Bureau of
19 Land Management contained in subpart 4100 of
20 title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to
21 livestock grazing on public land) (or successor regu-
22 lations).

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