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To expand the boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument, to ensure prompt engagement with the Bears Ears Commission and prompt implementation of the Proclamation establishing the Bears Ears National Monument, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 1, 2017

Mr. GALLEGO (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. GOMEZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. SOTO, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. POLIS, Ms. LEE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. BEYER) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Bears Ears National
3 Monument Expansion Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map on
7 page 6 of the “Proposal to President Barack Obama
8 for the Creation of Bears Ears National Monument”
9 submitted by the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition
10 and dated October 15, 2015.

11 (2) PROCLAMATION.—The term “Proclama-
12 tion” means Presidential Proclamation 9558, dated
13 December 28, 2016 (82 Fed. Reg. 1139 (Jan. 25,
14 2017)).

15 (3) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
16 means—

17 (A) the Secretary of the Interior with re-
18 spect to land administered by the Bureau of
19 Land Management; and

20 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture with re-
21 spect to land administered by the Forest Serv-
22 ice.

23 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF NATIONAL MONUMENT BOUND-**
24 **ARIES.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the Bears Ears
26 National Monument is hereby expanded to comprise ap-

1 proximately 1,931,997 acres of Federal land under the ju-
2 risdiction of the Secretaries, as generally depicted on the
3 map.

4 (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretaries
7 shall file maps and legal descriptions of the Bears
8 Ears National Monument, as expanded by this sec-
9 tion, with—

10 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
11 Resources of the Senate; and

12 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
13 of the House of Representatives.

14 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The maps and legal de-
15 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
16 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
17 cept that the Secretaries may correct typographical
18 errors in the maps and legal descriptions.

19 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and
20 legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be
21 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
22 propriate offices of the Forest Service, National
23 Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management.

1 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-
3 retaries shall administer all land and interests in land held
4 by the United States that are included in the expanded
5 boundary under section 3(a)—

6 (1) as part of the monument; and

7 (2) in accordance with the Proclamation and
8 applicable laws.

9 (b) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—The Secretary of the
10 Interior, acting through the National Park Service, shall
11 administer the Natural Bridges National Monument and
12 those portions of the Glen Canyon National Recreation
13 Area within the expanded boundary under section 3(a)—

14 (1) as part of the monument; and

15 (2) in accordance with applicable law.

16 (c) MANAGEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT.—The Secre-
17 taries shall promptly carry out the provisions of the Proc-
18 lamation, including the provisions requiring the Secre-
19 taries to meaningfully engage the Bears Ears Commission
20 to—

21 (1) ensure the proper care and management of
22 the objects identified;

23 (2) ensure that management decisions affecting
24 the monument reflect tribal expertise and traditional
25 and historical knowledge; and

1 (3) provide guidance and recommendations on
2 the development and implementation of management
3 plans and on management of the monument.

4 (d) ACQUISITION OF LANDS AND INTERESTS IN
5 LAND.—The Secretary may acquire any land, water, or
6 interests in land that are located within the revised bound-
7 ary of the Monument by—

8 (1) donation;

9 (2) purchase with donated or appropriated
10 funds; or

11 (3) exchange.

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