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To amend title 54, United States Code, to reform the Antiquities Act of 1906, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BISHOP of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend title 54, United States Code, to reform the Antiquities Act of 1906, and for other purposes.

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 “National Monument
5 Creation and Protection Act” or the “National Monument
6 CAP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON SIZE; CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE**
2 **OBJECTS.**

3 Section 320301 of title 54, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “historic land-
6 marks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other
7 objects of historic or scientific interest” and insert-
8 ing “object or objects of antiquity”;

9 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “confined to
10 the smallest area compatible with the proper care
11 and management of the objects to be protected” and
12 inserting “in accordance with the limitations out-
13 lined in subsections (e), (f), (g), and (h)”;

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(e) **LIMITATION ON SIZE OF NATIONAL MONU-**
16 **MENTS.**—Except as provided by subsections (f), (g), and
17 (h), after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
18 land may not be declared under this section in a configura-
19 tion that would create a national monument—

20 “(1) that is more than 640 acres; and

21 “(2) whose exterior boundary is less than 50
22 miles from the closest exterior boundary of another
23 national monument declared under this section.

24 “(f) **EXCEPTION FOR MONUMENTS OF LESS THAN**
25 **5,000 ACRES.**—Subsection (e) shall not apply to the des-

1 ignation of a national monument under this section if the
2 national monument so designated—

3 “(1) would be less than 5,000 acres;

4 “(2) would have all exterior boundaries 50
5 miles or more from the closest exterior boundary of
6 another national monument declared under this sec-
7 tion; and

8 “(3) has been reviewed under the National En-
9 vironmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et
10 seq.) by the Secretary of the Interior or the Sec-
11 retary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

12 “(g) EXCEPTION FOR MONUMENTS OF 5,000 ACRES
13 AND UP TO 10,000 ACRES.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) shall not
15 apply to the designation of a national monument
16 under this section if the national monument so des-
17 ignated—

18 “(A) would be at least 5,000 acres but not
19 more than 10,000 acres; and

20 “(B) would have all exterior boundaries 50
21 miles or more from the closest exterior bound-
22 ary of another national monument declaration
23 under this section.

24 “(2) OTHER REQUIREMENT.—A monument de-
25 scribed in this subsection shall be subject to the

1 preparation of an environmental assessment or envi-
2 ronmental impact statement as part of a review
3 under the National Environmental Policy Act of
4 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). The choice of envi-
5 ronmental review document shall be within the dis-
6 cretion of the Secretary of the Interior or the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

8 “(h) EXCEPTION FOR MONUMENTS 10,000 ACRES
9 AND UP TO 85,000 ACRES.—Subsection (e) shall not apply
10 to the designation of a national monument under this sec-
11 tion if the national monument so designated—

12 “(1) would be at least 10,000 acres but not
13 more than 85,000 acres;

14 “(2) would have all exterior boundaries 50
15 miles or more from the closest exterior boundary of
16 another national monument declaration under this
17 section; and

18 “(3) has been approved by the elected gov-
19 erning body of each county (or county equivalent),
20 the legislature of each State, and the Governor of
21 each State within whose boundaries the national
22 monument will be located (and the Governor of each
23 such State has transmitted a copy of each such ap-
24 proval to the President).

25 “(i) Exception For Emergency Designation.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) shall not
2 apply to the designation under this section of a na-
3 tional monument of any acreage amount if designa-
4 tion is made to prevent imminent and irreparable
5 harm to the object or objects of antiquity to be pro-
6 tected by the designation.

7 “(2) ONE YEAR LIMITATION.—A national
8 monument designation under this subsection shall
9 terminate on the date that is one calendar year after
10 the date of the designation.

11 “(3) ONE TIME DESIGNATION.—Land des-
12 ignated as a national monument under this sub-
13 section—

14 “(A) may only be so designated one time;
15 and

16 “(B) may not also be permanently des-
17 ignated as a national monument under this sec-
18 tion.

19 “(4) RIGHTS AND USES.—Land designated as a
20 national monument under this subsection shall re-
21 main subject to—

22 “(A) valid existing rights; and

23 “(B) uses allowed on the day before such
24 designation under an applicable Resource Man-
25 agement Plan or Forest Plan.

1 “(j) LIMITATION ON PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY TO
2 REDUCE SIZE OF DECLARED MONUMENTS.—The Presi-
3 dent may—

4 “(1) reduce the size of any national monument
5 declared under this section by 85,000 acres or less;
6 or

7 “(2) reduce the size of any national monument
8 declared under this section by more than 85,000
9 acres only if the reduction—

10 “(A) has been approved by the elected gov-
11 erning body of each county (or county equiva-
12 lent), the legislature of each State, and the
13 Governor of each State within whose boundaries
14 the national monument will be located (and the
15 Governor of each such State has transmitted a
16 copy of each such approval to the President);
17 and “

18 “(B) has been reviewed under the National
19 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
20 4321 et seq.) by the Secretary of the Interior
21 or the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

22 “(k) DISCLOSURE, CONSULTATION, SURVEY, AND
23 EVALUATION REQUIREMENT.—On a date not later than
24 45 days before the declaration of any national monument
25 or reduction in size of a declared monument under this

1 section, and excluding such designations under subsection
2 (i), the President shall—

3 “(1) keep records of all lobbying activity as de-
4 fined under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2
5 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) and received by the President
6 or the Secretary of the Interior or Secretary of Agri-
7 culture for the purposes of influencing the declara-
8 tion of or adjustment to boundaries of such monu-
9 ment, including a record of—

10 “(A) identities and affiliations of peti-
11 tioning registered lobbyists;

12 “(B) date of such lobbying activity;

13 “(C) duration of all meetings between reg-
14 istered lobbyists and the President or the Sec-
15 retary of the Interior or Secretary of Agri-
16 culture;

17 “(D) topics of all meetings between reg-
18 istered lobbyists and the President or the Sec-
19 retary of the Interior or Secretary of Agri-
20 culture; and

21 “(E) requests by registered lobbyists or
22 other persons who made requests to the Presi-
23 dent or the Secretary of the Interior or Sec-
24 retary of Agriculture pertaining to the declara-

1 tion or modification of the boundaries of a
2 monument;

3 “(2) solicit from the chief executive or designee
4 of impacted governments information and advice re-
5 garding the declaration or adjustment to boundaries
6 of such monument;

7 “(3) produce a record of any significant eco-
8 nomic, recreational, cultural, geologic, artifactual,
9 scientific, and other relevant objects or interests
10 within the boundary of the planned monument or
11 monument boundary adjustment, or which would
12 otherwise be substantially impacted by such monu-
13 ment declaration or monument boundary adjust-
14 ment;

15 “(4) designate any qualifying object as found in
16 the record under paragraph (3) as an object of an-
17 tiquity, and include in the record under such clause
18 any information showing that such designation
19 meets the definition of object or objects of antiquity
20 under this section;

21 “(5) conduct an analysis of economic impact of
22 such monument declaration or boundary adjustment,
23 including impacts to—

24 “(A) tourism;

25 “(B) grazing;

1 “(C) hunting and recreation;

2 “(D) forestry;

3 “(E) mineral and other resource extrac-
4 tion; and

5 “(F) other economic activity;

6 “(6) produce an evaluation of anticipated im-
7 pacts to protection, management, and use of objects
8 designated as “objects of antiquity” under para-
9 graph (4) which would be subject to protection
10 under such monument declaration or boundary ad-
11 justment;

12 “(7) compile and present to the Chair and
13 Ranking Member or the staff designees of the Sen-
14 ate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and
15 the House Committee on Natural Resources a report
16 which includes all information as produced or re-
17 ceived under paragraphs (1) through (6); and

18 “(8) establish and maintain an online portal on
19 the website of the Department of the Interior acces-
20 sible by the public that allows the public to view
21 such report under paragraph (7) after the presen-
22 tation of such report under such paragraph.

23 “(I) NON-FEDERALLY OWNED PROPERTY.—After
24 the date of the enactment of this subsection, land may
25 not be declared as a national monument under this section

1 in a configuration that would place non-federally owned
2 property within the exterior boundaries of the national
3 monument without the express written consent of the own-
4 ers of that non-federally owned property.

5 “(m) EFFECT OF DECLARATION ON FEDERAL
6 FUNDS.—No declaration under this section shall be con-
7 strued to increase the amount of Federal funds that are
8 authorized to be appropriated for any fiscal year.

9 “(n) WATER RIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH A DEC-
10 LARATION.—Water rights associated with a declaration
11 under this section—

12 “(1) may not be reserved expressly or by impli-
13 cation by a declaration under this section; and

14 “(2) may be acquired for a declaration under
15 this section only in accordance with the laws of the
16 State in which the water rights are based.

17 “(o) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:

18 “(1) DECLARATION; DECLARED.—The terms
19 ‘declaration’ and ‘declared’ shall only include the
20 creation or expansion of a national monument under
21 this section.

22 “(2) IMPACTED GOVERNMENTS.—The term ‘im-
23 pacted governments’ means any of the following that
24 contain a monument or reduced monument declared
25 within its jurisdiction or which would otherwise have

1 a significant economic or culture interest in such de-
2 clared monument:

3 “(A) County.

4 “(B) City.

5 “(C) Federally recognized Indian Tribe.

6 “(D) State.

7 “(E) State legislature.

8 “(3) LAND.—The term ‘land’ shall not include
9 submerged land or water.

10 “(4) OBJECT OR OBJECTS OF ANTIQUITY.—

11 “(A) The term ‘object or objects of antiq-
12 uity’ means—

13 “(i) relics;

14 “(ii) artifacts;

15 “(iii) human or animal skeletal re-
16 mains;

17 “(iv) fossils (other than fossil fuels);

18 and

19 “(v) certain buildings constructed be-
20 fore the date of the enactment of this sub-
21 section.

22 “(B) The term ‘object or objects of antiq-
23 uity’ does not include—

24 “(i) natural geographic features; and

1 “(ii) objects not made by humans, ex-
2 cept fossils (other than fossil fuels) or
3 human or animal skeletal remains.”.