

Committee on Natural Resources

Rob Bishop, Chairman
Mark-Up Memorandum

December 11, 2017

To: All Committee on Natural Resources Members

From: Majority Committee Staff – Terry Camp
Subcommittee on Federal Lands (x 6-7736)

Mark-up: **H.R. 4264 (Rep. Rob Bishop)**, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land in Cache County, Utah, to the City of Hyde Park for public purposes.
December 12 & 13, 2017; 1324 Longworth House Office Building

H.R. 4264 (Rep. Rob Bishop), “*The Hyde Park Land Conveyance Act*”

Summary of the Bill

H.R. 4264, introduced by Representative Rob Bishop (R-UT-01), directs the Secretary of the Interior to convey an approximately 80-acre parcel of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed land to the City of Hyde Park, Utah for public purposes.

Background

The BLM manages an approximately 80-acre parcel just outside the city limits of Hyde Park, in Cache County, Utah. The tract of land is isolated (surrounded entirely by private land) and does not have any mining or oil and gas leases. In 1985, the BLM published an isolated tract planning decision document which concluded that the parcel was suitable for disposal.¹ The BLM’s rationale for disposal stated:

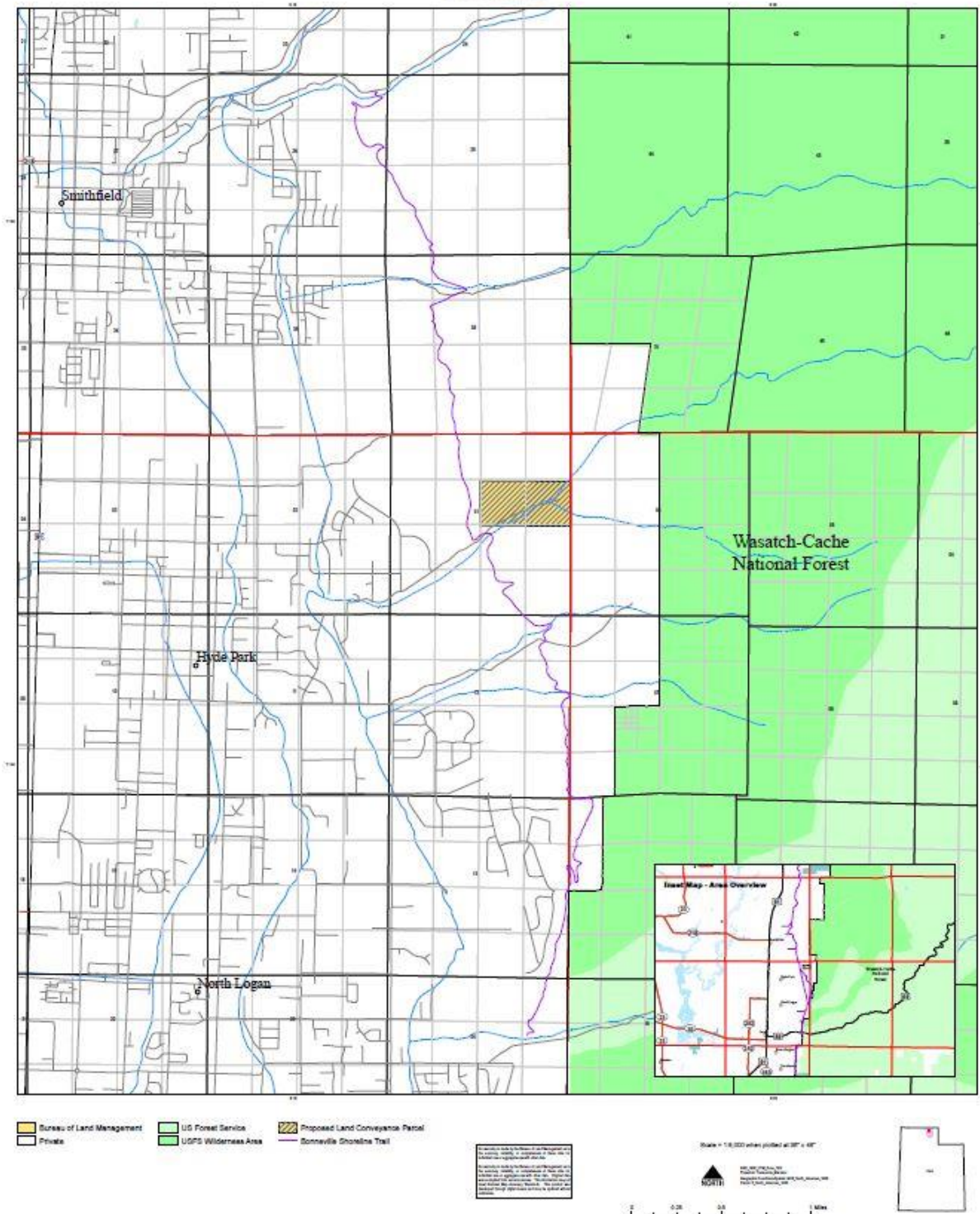
“Due to its location, size and lack of access, this parcel is difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands, and is not suitable for management by another federal department or agency. There has been no interest by a public entity for management, and the resource values will not significantly change in non-federal ownership.”

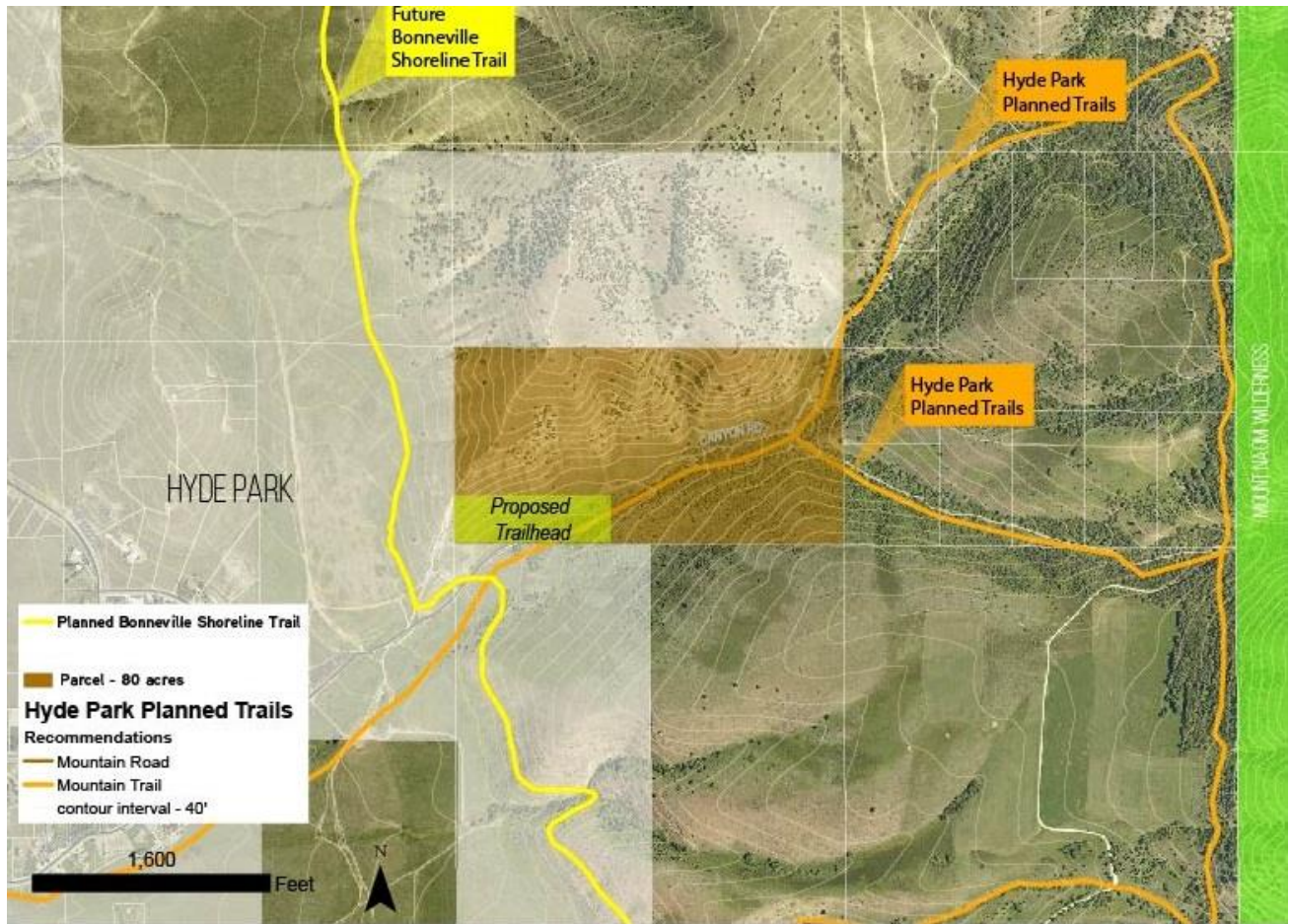
Although BLM found in 1985 that there was no interest in a public entity acquiring the parcel, the City of Hyde Park has interest in the property today. The Mayor and City Council of Hyde Park have requested that the parcel be conveyed to the City to be used for public purposes, specifically a new water tank and as a trail head for the future extension of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

¹ Bureau of Land Management. 1985. “Decision Document for the Isolated Tract Planning Analysis Bear River Resource Area and Pony Express Resource Area.” [https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/71243/94759/114415/Isolated_Tract_Planning_Analysis_&_DR_\[1985\].pdf](https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/71243/94759/114415/Isolated_Tract_Planning_Analysis_&_DR_[1985].pdf)

Hyde Park Land Conveyance Act

This map was prepared at the request of Representative Rob Bishop
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Section-by-Section

Section 1. Short Title.

Section 2. Definitions.

Section 3. Land conveyance to the City of Hyde Park, Utah.

- Requires the Secretary of the Interior to convey an approximately 80-acre parcel of BLM land upon receipt of a written request by the City within 90 days after the enactment of this Act.
- Requires the City of Hyde Park to cover all costs associated with the conveyance
- Requires the Secretary of the Interior to complete the conveyance not later than one year after the date on which the City submits a written request for the parcel.

Cost

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate has not yet been completed for this bill.

Administration Position

The Administration position is unknown at this time.

Effect on Current Law (Ramseyer)

None.