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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CANNON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Grand Staircase-  
5 Escalante National Monument Minor Boundary Adjust-  
6 ments Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

9 (1) The Grand Staircase-Escalante National  
10 Monument in the State of Utah was established by

1 the President on September 18, 1996, in Presi-  
2 dential Proclamation 6920 (61 Fed. Reg. 50223;  
3 September 24, 1996).

4 (2) The Grand Staircase-Escalante National  
5 Monument was planned and its boundaries were  
6 drawn in secret, without the type of public input  
7 that is generally conducive to sound decision mak-  
8 ing.

9 (3) As a result of the lack of public input in the  
10 development of the Grand Staircase-Escalante Na-  
11 tional Monument, several parcels of Federal land  
12 were included within the boundaries of the national  
13 monument that are not suited for inclusion or that  
14 would better serve the public interest if managed in  
15 another capacity.

16 (4) Certain parcels of Federal Land within the  
17 present boundaries of the Grand Staircase-Escalante  
18 National Monument would better serve the public in-  
19 terest if ownership of the parcels were transferred to  
20 the State of Utah or a local government.

21 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS, GRAND STAIRCASE-**  
22 **ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT, UTAH.**

23 (a) **EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN LANDS.**—The bound-  
24 aries of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monu-

1 ment in the State of Utah are hereby modified to exclude  
2 the following lands:

3 (1) The parcel known as Upper Valley Oil  
4 Field, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
5 “Upper Valley Oil Field Exclusion, Garfield County,  
6 Utah”, dated March 25, 1998.

7 (2) The parcel known as Henrieville Town,  
8 Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
9 “Henrieville Town Exclusion, Garfield County,  
10 Utah”, dated March 25, 1998.

11 (3) The parcel known as Cannonville Town,  
12 Utah, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
13 “Cannonville Town Exclusion, Garfield County,  
14 Utah”, dated March 25, 1998.

15 (4) The parcel known as Tropic Town, Utah, as  
16 generally depicted on the map entitled “Tropic Town  
17 Exclusion, Garfield County, Utah”, dated March 25,  
18 1998.

19 (5) The parcel known as Boulder Town, Utah,  
20 as generally depicted on the map entitled “Boulder  
21 Town Exclusion, Garfield County, Utah”, dated  
22 March 25, 1998.

23 (6) All lands within 500 feet of the center line  
24 of U.S. Route 89, in Kane County, Utah, and those  
25 lands generally depicted on the map entitled “U.S.

1 Route 89 Utility Corridor Exclusion, Kane County,  
2 Utah”, dated March 25, 1998.

3 (b) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LANDS.—

4 The boundaries of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National  
5 Monument are hereby modified to include the parcel  
6 known as East Clark Bench as generally depicted on the  
7 map entitled “East Clark Bench Inclusion, Kane County,  
8 Utah”, dated March 25, 1998.

9 (c) MAPS.—The maps referred to in subsections (a)  
10 and (b) shall be on file and available for public inspection  
11 in the office of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National  
12 Monument in the State of Utah and in the office of the  
13 Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

14 **SEC. 4. LAND CONVEYANCES, GRAND STAIRCASE-**  
15 **ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT, UTAH.**

16 (a) TROPIC TOWN, UTAH.—

17 (1) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of  
18 the Interior shall transfer to Tropic Town, Utah,  
19 without consideration but subject to valid existing  
20 non-Federal rights, all right, title, and interest of  
21 the United States in and to the parcels of land de-  
22 scribed in paragraph (2).

23 (2) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The parcels of land  
24 referred to in paragraph (1) are located in Garfield  
25 County, Utah, and consist of the following:

1 (A)  $W^{1/2}NE^{1/4}$ ,  $SE^{1/4}NE^{1/4}$ ,  $E^{1/2}NW^{1/4}$ ,  
2  $S^{1/2}$  of section 3, township 37 south, range 3  
3 west, Salt Lake meridian.

4 (B)  $N^{1/2}$  of section 10, township 37 south,  
5 range 3 west, Salt Lake meridian.

6 (b) KODACHROME BASIN STATE PARK, UTAH.—

7 (1) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of  
8 the Interior shall transfer to the State of Utah,  
9 without consideration but subject to valid existing  
10 non-Federal rights, all right, title, and interest of  
11 the United States in and to the parcels of land de-  
12 scribed in paragraph (2) for inclusion of such lands  
13 in Kodachrome Basin State Park.

14 (2) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The parcels of land  
15 referred to in paragraph (1) are located in Garfield  
16 County, Utah, and consist of the following:

17 (A)  $W^{1/2}W^{1/2}$  of section 4, township 38  
18 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake meridian.

19 (B)  $E^{1/2}E^{1/2}$  of section 5, township 38  
20 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake meridian.

21 (C)  $E^{1/2}NE^{1/4}$  of section 8, township 38  
22 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake meridian.

23 (D)  $NW^{1/4}$ ,  $W^{1/2}NE^{1/4}$  of section 9, town-  
24 ship 38 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake merid-  
25 ian.

1 (E) SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of section 11,  
2 township 38 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake me-  
3 ridian.

4 (F) W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of section 14, township 38  
5 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake meridian.

6 (G) SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of section 15, township 38  
7 south, range 2 west, Salt Lake meridian.

8 **SEC. 5. DISCLAIMER.**

9 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as constituting  
10 congressional approval, explicit or implicit, of the estab-  
11 lishment of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National  
12 Monument. It is the intent of Congress that the Grand  
13 Staircase-Escalante National Monument be abolished if  
14 any court finds that the President exceeded the authority  
15 of the President under the Act of June 8, 1906 (16 U.S.C.  
16 431 et seq.; commonly known as the Antiquities Act of  
17 1906), in establishing the national monument.

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