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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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE DECLARATION**
2 **AND SUBSEQUENT MANAGEMENT OF NA-**
3 **TIONAL MONUMENTS.**

4 Section 2 of the Act of June 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225,
5 16 U.S.C. 431; popularly known as the Antiquities Act
6 of 1906), is amended—

7 (1) by striking “SEC. 2. That the” and insert-
8 ing “SEC. 2. (a) The”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(b)(1) To the extent consistent with the protection
11 of the historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric struc-
12 tures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest
13 located on the public lands to be designated, the President
14 shall—

15 “(A) solicit public participation and comment in
16 the development of a monument declaration; and

17 “(B) consult with the Governor and congress-
18 sional delegation of the State or territory in which
19 such lands are located, to the extent practicable, at
20 least 60 days prior to any national monument dec-
21 laration.

22 “(2) Before issuing a declaration under this section,
23 the President shall consider any information made avail-
24 able in the development of existing plans and programs
25 for the management of the lands in question, including
26 such public comments as may have been offered.

1 “(c) Any management plan for a national monument
2 developed subsequent to a declaration made under this
3 section shall comply with the procedural requirements of
4 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.”.

5 **SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

6 Nothing in this Act or any amendment made by this
7 Act shall be construed to enlarge, diminish, or modify the
8 authority of the President to act to protect public lands
9 and resources.

 Passed the House of Representatives September 24,
1999.

Attest:

Clerk.