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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Memorandum for Karl Racine, Counsel's Office

Date: February 1, 2000

Copy to: Terry Good, Director Records Management
Lee Johnson, Deputy Director Records Management
Wandra Simpson, Supervisor Search and File Unit

From: Tom Taggart Jr., Records Management

Subject: National Monument / 1906 Antiquities Act Search

Per Beth Nolan's January 19th Memorandum, I have searched the files in the custody of the White House Office of Records Management. The particular subject areas that were examined carefully are as follows:

- National Monuments and all Designations
- The Antiquities Act of 1906
- The Archeological Resource Protection Act of 1979
- The Pinnacles
- The Arctic Refuge and ANWR
- Kaiparowits
- Grand Staircase – (Escalante)
- Parashant
- Agua Fria

Copies of all files concerning this material are attached to this memo. The results of this search reflect items that are mentioned in each of the five - point request for documents from Beth Nolan. It is my understanding that Daniela Nanau has located the Bates numbered files previously submitted for the Grand Staircase issue from 1997. Please let me know if ORM needs to do further searching on this matter. Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 18, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: All EOP Staff

FROM: Beth Nolan 
Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS

We have received a request for documents regarding the President's use of his authority to designate national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906. Accordingly, please conduct a thorough and complete search of all your records – whether in hard copy, computer form, or any other form – for any of the following material for the period **January 20, 1993 to January 5, 2000:**

- (1) records that relate in any way to any and all national monument designations, plans or proposals at any stage of the process under the Antiquities Act of 1906;
- (2) records that relate in any way to discussions, deliberations, or meetings regarding decisions on whether to designate any lands as National Monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906;
- (3) any letters from the President to Secretary Babbitt, and any other records that relate to such letters, including drafts, regarding designation of any lands as National Monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906;
- (4) lists of any and all participants in any meetings or decision-making processes about such designations; and
- (5) lists of any persons outside of government who have been notified in any manner about the decision or the deliberations about such designations, along with copies of such notifications.

You do not need to provide publicly available materials such as newspaper articles or news summaries.

Every employee is responsible for searching his or her own files and records to ensure a comprehensive search. Each office head or Assistant to the President must certify that his or her staff has done a complete and thorough search. If you believe that files from

your office that have been sent to the Office of Records Management may contain responsive information, please advise us so that we may ensure that all responsive documents have been located.

All materials must be provided to Karl Racine (OEOb 479) by noon on Tuesday, February 1, 2000. If you have any questions or concerns, Karl can be reached at 456-6285.

TAGGART, HUGH T.
WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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September 17, 1996

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THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Franklin D. Raines *FR* #6920
Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Proclamation Entitled "Establishment of
the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument"

SUMMARY: This memorandum forwards for your consideration a proposed proclamation that was prepared by the Department of the Interior. The proposed proclamation would declare certain lands of historic and scientific interest in south-central Utah to be a national monument.

BACKGROUND: Section 2 of the Antiquities Act authorizes the President to establish as national monuments objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated on lands owned or controlled by the United States. It further authorizes the President to reserve, as part of the monument, land that is the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.

The proposed proclamation would establish certain lands of historic and scientific interest in south-central Utah as the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument ("Monument"). According to the Department of the Interior, the lands to be declared as the Monument contain remnants of human history from the Anasazi and Fremont cultures through the Paiute and Navajo tribal groups to the Mormon pioneers. The Department further advises that the Monument's scientific assets include world class geologic and paleontological sites as well as rich and diverse plant and wildlife. The federal land and interests in land in the Monument consist of approximately 1.7 million acres, which the Department of the Interior asserts is the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.

The Department of the Interior would manage the Monument through the Bureau of Land Management.

None of the affected agencies objects to the proposed proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION: Based on the recommendations of Kathleen McGinty (Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality) and Bruce Babbitt (Secretary of the Interior), I recommend that you sign the proposed proclamation.

Signed/Announced: 9-18-96
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U. S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Counsel

Office of the
Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

September 17, 1996

The President,

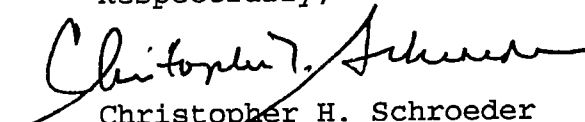
The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

I am herewith transmitting a proposed Presidential Proclamation entitled "Establishment of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument." This proposed Presidential Proclamation has been submitted by the Department of the Interior, which has forwarded it to this Department for review of its form and legality.

The proposed Presidential Proclamation is approved with respect to form and legality.

Respectfully,


Christopher H. Schroeder
Acting Assistant Attorney General



U. S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Counsel

Office of the
Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

September 17, 1996

MEMORANDUM

Re: Proposed Presidential Proclamation
Entitled "Establishment of the Grand
Staircase-Escalante National Monument"

The attached proposed Presidential Proclamation has been submitted by the Department of the Interior, which has forwarded it to this Department for review of its form and legality.

The proposed Proclamation would create a national monument in Southern Utah. Under section two of the Antiquities Act, 16 U.S.C. § 431, the President is authorized, in his discretion, to "declare by public proclamation . . . objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be national monuments" and to "reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." Pursuant to this authority, the President is designating and reserving as the "Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument" 1.7 million acres of federal land containing myriad objects of historic and scientific interest. The boundaries of the Monument, which will be managed by the Bureau of Land Management, are set forth in the document attached to the Proclamation.

The proposed Proclamation is approved with respect to its form and legality.


Christopher H. Schroeder
Acting Assistant Attorney General



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503
September 17, 1996

GENERAL COUNSEL

Honorable Janet Reno
United States Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Madam Attorney General:

Enclosed in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11030, as amended, is a proposed proclamation entitled "Establishment of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument." The proposed proclamation, which was prepared by the Department of the Interior, would declare certain lands of historic and scientific interest in south-central Utah to be a national monument.

Section 2 of the Antiquities Act authorizes the President to establish as national monuments objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated on lands owned or controlled by the United States. It further authorizes the President to reserve, as part of the monument, land that is the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.

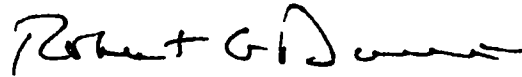
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The Department of the Interior would manage the Monument through the Bureau of Land Management.

Your staff may direct any question concerning this proposed proclamation to Mr. Mac Reed of this office (395-3563).

This proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert G. Damus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert G. Damus
General Counsel

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE
NATIONAL MONUMENT

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

6920

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument's vast and austere landscape embraces a spectacular array of scientific and historic resources. This high, rugged, and remote region, where bold plateaus and multi-hued cliffs run for distances that defy human perspective, was the last place in the continental United States to be mapped. Even today, this unspoiled natural area remains a frontier, a quality that greatly enhances the monument's value for scientific study. The monument has a long and dignified human history: it is a place where one can see how nature shapes human endeavors in the American West, where distance and aridity have been pitted against our dreams and courage. The monument presents exemplary opportunities for geologists, paleontologists, archeologists, historians, and biologists.

The monument is a geologic treasure of clearly exposed stratigraphy and structures. The sedimentary rock layers are relatively undeformed and unobscured by vegetation, offering a clear view to understanding the processes of the earth's formation. A wide variety of formations, some in brilliant colors, have been exposed by millennia of erosion. The monument contains significant portions of a vast geologic stairway, named the Grand Staircase by pioneering geologist Clarence Dutton, which rises 5,500 feet to the rim of Bryce Canyon in an unbroken sequence of great cliffs and plateaus. The monument includes the rugged canyon country of the upper Paria Canyon system, major components of the White and Vermilion Cliffs and associated benches, and the Kaiparowits Plateau. That Plateau encompasses about 1,600 square miles of sedimentary rock and consists of successive south-to-north ascending plateaus or benches, deeply cut by steep-walled canyons. Naturally burning

coal seams have scorched the tops of the Burning Hills brick-red. Another prominent geological feature of the plateau is the East Kaibab Monocline, known as the Cockscomb. The monument also includes the spectacular Circle Cliffs and part of the Waterpocket Fold, the inclusion of which completes the protection of this geologic feature begun with the establishment of Capitol Reef National Monument in 1938 (Proclamation No. 2246, 50 Stat. 1856). The monument holds many arches and natural bridges, including the 130-foot-high Escalante Natural Bridge, with a 100 foot span, and Grosvenor Arch, a rare "double arch." The upper Escalante Canyons, in the northeastern reaches of the monument, are distinctive: in addition to several major arches and natural bridges, vivid geological features are laid bare in narrow, serpentine canyons, where erosion has exposed sandstone and shale deposits in shades of red, maroon, chocolate, tan, gray, and white. Such diverse objects make the monument outstanding for purposes of geologic study.

The monument includes world class paleontological sites. The Circle Cliffs reveal remarkable specimens of petrified wood, such as large unbroken logs exceeding 30 feet in length. The thickness, continuity and broad temporal distribution of the Kaiparowits Plateau's stratigraphy provide significant opportunities to study the paleontology of the late Cretaceous Era. Extremely significant fossils, including marine and brackish water mollusks, turtles, crocodilians, lizards, dinosaurs, fishes, and mammals, have been recovered from the Dakota, Tropic Shale and Wahweap Formations, and the Tibbet Canyon, Smoky Hollow and John Henry members of the Straight Cliffs Formation. Within the monument, these formations have produced the only evidence in our hemisphere of terrestrial vertebrate fauna, including mammals, of the Cenomanian-Santonian ages. This sequence of rocks, including the overlaying Wahweap and Kaiparowits formations, contains one of the best and most

continuous records of Late Cretaceous terrestrial life in the world.

Archeological inventories carried out to date show extensive use of places within the monument by ancient Native American cultures. The area was a contact point for the Anasazi and Fremont cultures, and the evidence of this mingling provides a significant opportunity for archeological study. The cultural resources discovered so far in the monument are outstanding in their variety of cultural affiliation, type and distribution. Hundreds of recorded sites include rock art panels, occupation sites, campsites and granaries. Many more undocumented sites that exist within the monument are of significant scientific and historic value worthy of preservation for future study.

The monument is rich in human history. In addition to occupations by the Anasazi and Fremont cultures, the area has been used by modern tribal groups, including the Southern Paiute and Navajo. John Wesley Powell's expedition did initial mapping and scientific field work in the area in 1872. Early Mormon pioneers left many historic objects, including trails, inscriptions, ghost towns such as the Old Paria townsite, rock houses, and cowboy line camps, and built and traversed the renowned Hole-in-the-Rock Trail as part of their epic colonization efforts. Sixty miles of the Trail lie within the monument, as does Dance Hall Rock, used by intrepid Mormon pioneers and now a National Historic Site.

Spanning five life zones from low-lying desert to coniferous forest, with scarce and scattered water sources, the monument is an outstanding biological resource. Remoteness, limited travel corridors and low visitation have all helped to preserve intact the monument's important ecological values. The blending of warm and cold desert floras, along with the high number of endemic species, place this area in the heart of perhaps the richest floristic region in the Intermountain West.

It contains an abundance of unique, isolated communities such as hanging gardens, tinajas, and rock crevice, canyon bottom, and dunal pocket communities, which have provided refugia for many ancient plant species for millennia. Geologic uplift with minimal deformation and subsequent downcutting by streams have exposed large expanses of a variety of geologic strata, each with unique physical and chemical characteristics. These strata are the parent material for a spectacular array of unusual and diverse soils that support many different vegetative communities and numerous types of endemic plants and their pollinators. This presents an extraordinary opportunity to study plant speciation and community dynamics independent of climatic variables. The monument contains an extraordinary number of areas of relict vegetation, many of which have existed since the Pleistocene, where natural processes continue unaltered by man. These include relict grasslands, of which No Mans Mesa is an outstanding example, and pinon-juniper communities containing trees up to 1,400 years old. As witnesses to the past, these relict areas establish a baseline against which to measure changes in community dynamics and biogeochemical cycles in areas impacted by human activity. Most of the ecological communities contained in the monument have low resistance to, and slow recovery from, disturbance. Fragile cryptobiotic crusts, themselves of significant biological interest, play a critical role throughout the monument, stabilizing the highly erodible desert soils and providing nutrients to plants. An abundance of packrat middens provides insight into the vegetation and climate of the past 25,000 years and furnishes context for studies of evolution and climate change. The wildlife of the monument is characterized by a diversity of species. The monument varies greatly in elevation and topography and is in a climatic zone where northern and southern habitat species intermingle. Mountain lion, bear, and desert

bighorn sheep roam the monument. Over 200 species of birds, including bald eagles and peregrine falcons, are found within the area. Wildlife, including neotropical birds, concentrate around the Paria and Escalante Rivers and other riparian corridors within the monument.

Section 2 of the Act of June 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225, 16 U.S.C. 431) authorizes the President, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be national monuments, and to reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by section 2 of the Act of June 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225, 16 U.S.C. 431), do proclaim that there are hereby set apart and reserved as the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, for the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, all lands and interests in lands owned or controlled by the United States within the boundaries of the area described on the document entitled "Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument" attached to and forming a part of this proclamation. The Federal land and interests in land reserved consist of approximately 1.7 million acres, which is the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.

All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of this monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from entry, location, selection, sale, leasing, or other disposition under the public land laws, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the

monument. Lands and interests in lands not owned by the United States shall be reserved as a part of the monument upon acquisition of title thereto by the United States.

The establishment of this monument is subject to valid existing rights.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to diminish the responsibility and authority of the State of Utah for management of fish and wildlife, including regulation of hunting and fishing, on Federal lands within the monument.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to affect existing permits or leases for, or levels of, livestock grazing on Federal lands within the monument; existing grazing uses shall continue to be governed by applicable laws and regulations other than this proclamation.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to revoke any existing withdrawal, reservation, or appropriation; however, the national monument shall be the dominant reservation.

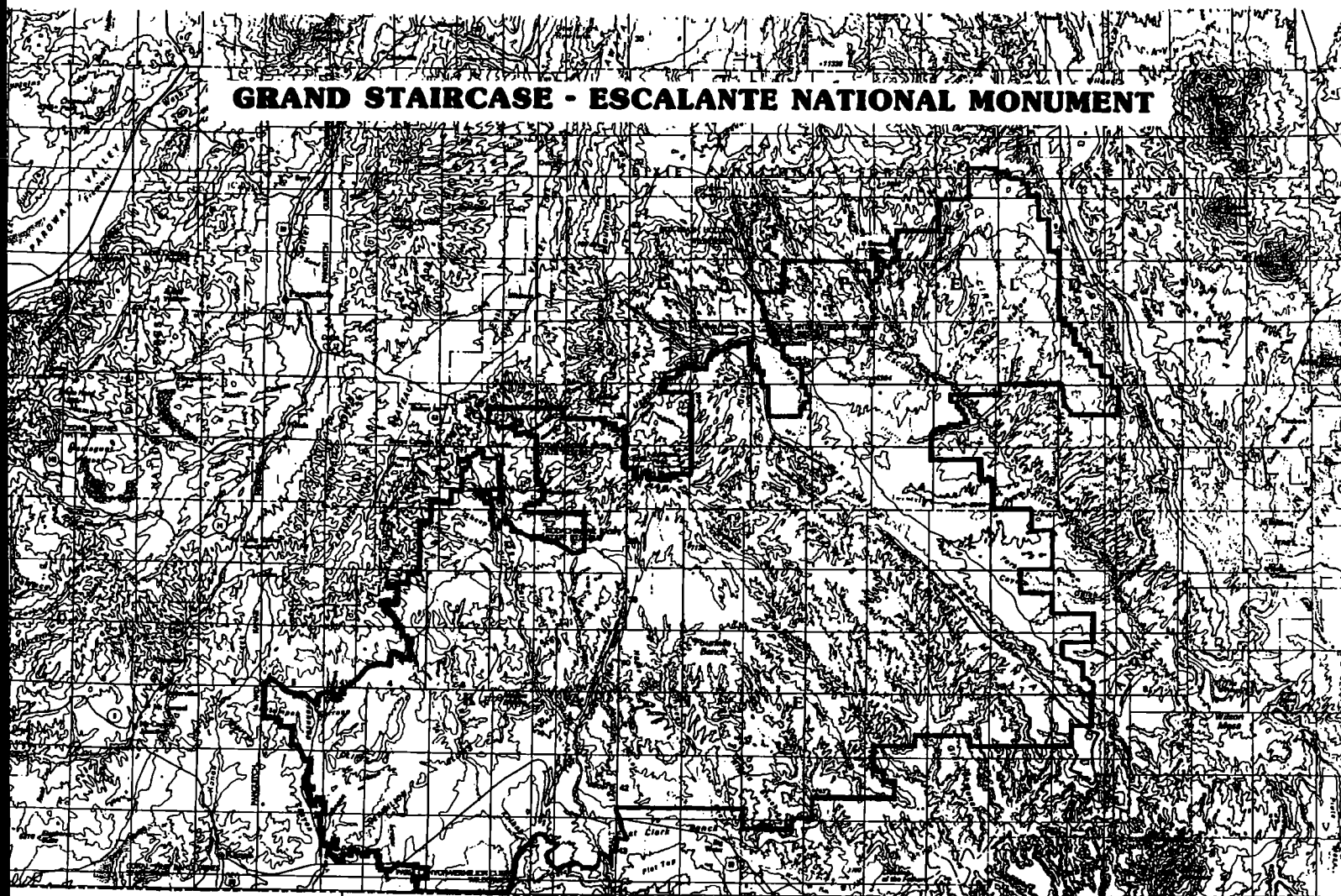
The Secretary of the Interior shall manage the monument through the Bureau of Land Management, pursuant to applicable legal authorities, to implement the purposes of this proclamation. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare, within 3 years of this date, a management plan for this monument, and shall promulgate such regulations for its management as he deems appropriate. This proclamation does not reserve water as a matter of Federal law. I direct the Secretary to address in the management plan the extent to which water is necessary for the proper care and management of the objects of this monument and the extent to which further action may be necessary pursuant to Federal or State law to assure the availability of water.

Warning is hereby given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, injure, destroy, or remove any feature of this monument and not to locate or settle upon any of the lands thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
eighteenth day of September, in the year of our
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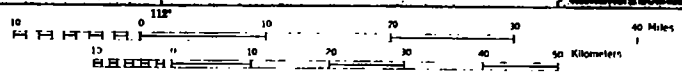


GRAND STAIRCASE - ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT



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Monument boundary plotted on USGS 1:500,000-scale, Utah State Base map, dated 1968.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 18, 1996

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PLEASE REFER TO THE PAPER FILE FOR THE INFORMATION DESIRED.

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Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to revoke any existing withdrawal, reservation, or appropriation; however, the national monument shall be the dominant reservation.

The Secretary of the Interior shall manage the monument through the Bureau of Land Management, pursuant to applicable legal authorities, to implement the purposes of this proclamation. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare, within 3 years of this date, a management plan for this monument, and shall promulgate such regulations for its management as he deems appropriate. This proclamation does not reserve water as a matter of Federal law. I direct the Secretary to address in the management plan the extent to which water is necessary for the proper care and management of the objects of this monument and the extent to which further action may be necessary pursuant to Federal or State law to assure the availability of water.

Warning is hereby given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, injure, destroy, or remove any feature of this monument and not to locate or settle upon any of the lands thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS/SENATE

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
STATEMENT ON GRAND STAIRCASE -
ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT
THE GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK
SEPTEMBER 18, 1996**

**C O P Y
from URM**

Acknowledgments: V.P.; Norma Matheson [wife of
former Gov. of Utah]; ^{See Exhibit} Gov. Romer; Chairwoman
McGinty; Robert Redford; Geoff Barnard [Head of
Grand Canyon Trust]; Adam Werbach [WEAR-
BACK/President of Sierra Club].

Today, we keep faith with the future. ~~A few~~
~~moments ago~~, I ^{was about to sign} ~~signed~~ a proclamation to establish the
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

When you look at the Grand Canyon, it seems
impossible to imagine it changing. Who could dream of
altering it? Yet there have been times in the not-so-
distant past when its preservation was in question.

There have been those who have wanted to build on the Grand Canyon, blast it, dam it. Fortunately, these plans were stopped cold by far-sighted Americans who saw the Grand Canyon for what it was: A national treasure -- a gift from God -- to be preserved not only for our children and their children, but for all humankind.

The fact that we can stand in this magnificent place today is due in large part to the Antiquities Act of 1906. This law gives the President the authority to protect federal lands of extraordinary cultural, historic, and scientific value. In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt used this very act to safeguard the Grand Canyon.

Since then, the law has been used by nearly every President -- Republican and Democrat -- to preserve those American places whose security we now take for granted: Bryce Canyon, Zion, Glacier Bay, Olympic, Grand Teton.

Today, we add a new name to that list: The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. 70 miles to the north of here, in Utah, lies some of the most remarkable land in the world. And we will set aside 1.7 million acres of it. On this land, God's handiwork is everywhere: In the natural beauty of the Escalante Canyons and the Kaiparowits [KA-PEAR-O-WITZ] Plateau...

In the rock formations that show, layer-by-layer, billions of years of geology...In the fossil record of dinosaur and other prehistoric life...In the remains of ancient American civilizations, like the Anasazi Indians.

Though the United States has changed, ~~this part of~~ ^{+ Utah has grown, prospered + diversified}

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Utah[↑] remains much as it did when Mormon pioneers made their way through its red canyons and high desert in the late 1800s. Its uniquely American landscape is now one of the most isolated places in the lower 48 states. In protecting it, we are living up to our obligation to preserve our natural heritage for our children.

We are saying very simply: Our parents and
grandparents saved the Grand Canyon for us, and we
will save ^{GRAND ~~the~~ canyons} ^{Kapreolowitz} ~~the~~ canyons and plateaus of Utah for our

children, AND GRANDCHILDREN. IN THIS NEW TIME, PROGRESS IS
NOT ONLY MEASURED IN FRONTIERS MASTERED. SOMETIMES
PROGRESS IS A FRONTIER WE PROTECT FOR OUR CHILDREN.

I want to make a few things very clear. First, this
proclamation applies only to federal lands -- lands that
already belong to the American people.

Second, under this ^{new} ~~law~~ families will be able to use
the canyon country as they always have. The land will
remain open for ^{multiple} ~~multiple~~ ^{uses} ~~uses~~ For hunting, fishing,
hiking, ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{grazing} camping.

~~30,000,000 acres of land~~
30,000,000 acres of land no future H₂O No claims.

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Third, while the Grand Staircase-Escalante will be open for many activities, I am concerned about a large coal mine proposed for the area. Mining jobs are good jobs. Mining is important to our national economy and our national security. But we cannot have mines everywhere, ~~and~~ ^{with} mines that threaten national treasures are just not right. ~~From now on, any mine in this area will be held to the highest environmental standards.~~

That is why I am so pleased that Pacificorp has followed the example set by the Crown Butte-New World Mine in Yellowstone. Pacificorp has agreed to trade its lease to mine coal on these lands for better, more appropriate sites outside the monument area.

I hope Andalex, a ^{foreign} ~~Dutch~~ company, will follow
PacifiCorp's example, and work with us to find a way to
take its mining operations elsewhere, ~~in Utah~~.

Let me say a word to the people of Utah: Mining
revenues from federal and state lands help support your
~~schools~~ ^{public schools}. That's why I am directing the Secretary of the
Interior to exchange ~~with~~ "school trust lands" affected by
the monument designation with other lands that will
generate real revenues for education. ^{-- OR TO COMPENSATE THE STATE OUTRIGHT.} Creating this
National Monument will not come at the expense of your
children.

<sup>Preserving the
natural resources
of the state</sup>
TODAY IS THE BEGINNING
OF A 3 YEAR LAND MANAGEMENT PROCESS
DURING WHICH THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WILL WORK WITH
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND OTHER INTERESTS,
TO SET UP A LAND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT WILL BE
GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF UTAH, AND FOR ALL AMERICANS.

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10-2-96

[Special word for Rep. Bill Orton: We've had extensive discussions in recent days -- and I have listened to his concerns. Many of them are reflected in our plans for ensuring multiple uses and protecting school lands. Rep. Orton has done a wonderful job representing the people of Utah. We will continue to work with and consult him as we carry out the monument plan.]

I have heard concerns expressed by congressmen of CA & Gov. Clinton to be responsible to them

Let us always remember: The Grand Staircase-
Escalante is for our children. And it is for our children
that we have worked so hard, as the Vice President said,
to see to it that America has a safe and clean
environment in the 21st century.

We fought off efforts to roll back 25 years of
bipartisan environmental protections -- and stopped a
move to sell off our national parks to the highest bidder.

We are making our food safer from pesticides, ^{to get it safer} We are ^{to} ~~protecting~~ ^{strengthening} our air and water from poisons. We are
strengthening and expanding the rights of communities to
know what chemicals are in the world around them.

^{CR&A to}
We are cleaning up 2/3 of the existing toxic waste sites
by the Year 2000 -- our children should live near parks,
not poison.

We saved Yellowstone from mining. We established
the largest national park south of Alaska in the Mojave
Desert in California. We are working to save the
precious Florida Everglades from being drained and
polluted. We are in the process of restoring natural quiet
to the Grand Canyon by reducing air traffic over this
great park. And we are reforming the way we manage
all our national parks so that they can go into the next
century safe and secure.

We do these things for a clear reason: Americans have always known that stewardship of our air, our land, our water is stewardship of the American Dream. And we have always understood this regardless of party.

It was 63 years ago that a great Democrat first proposed that we create a national monument in Utah's canyonlands. The man was Harold Ickes, Franklin Roosevelt's Secretary of the Interior. Though Secretary Ickes never got the chance to see his dream made real, I am ^{and numerous my DC's} delighted that his son is here with us today -- Harold Ickes. ~~And I am especially pleased that he also happens to be my Deputy Chief of Staff.~~

And it was 93 years ago that a great Republican first said we should make the Grand Canyon a national monument. In 1903, Teddy Roosevelt came to this place. ~~He had a little more time than I have today, so he~~ ~~walked up and down the canyon, even camping out.~~ He then said a few words from the canyon's rim that I would like to share with you today.

"Leave [the Grand Canyon] as it is. You cannot improve on it....What you can do is to keep it for your children, your children's children, all who come after you...We have gotten past the stage...when we are pardoned if we treat any part of our country as something to be skinned for...the use of the present generation, whether it is the forest, the water, the scenery. Whatever it is, handle it so that your children's children will get the benefit of it."

It was President Roosevelt's wisdom and vision that launched the progressive era and prepared America for the challenges of the 20th century. Today, we must do the same ~~for our time~~, for the 21st century.

I have talked about building a bridge to this great age of

possibility, ^{by making our child preserving our child} ~~That bridge will only be as strong as the~~

~~environment we pass on to our children. Today, we~~

~~strengthen our bridge by preserving a staircase -- The~~

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. ^{See, a}
^{get pillar in the bridge}

Thank you and God bless you all.

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ATLANTA CONSTITUTION - SEPT 19, 1991

Some heirlooms are simply priceless

Southeast Utah is an area of remarkable — almost mystical — beauty. Pastel-colored rock walls — red, pink, yellow, even green and purple — rise thousands of feet above the desert floor into an absurdly clear blue sky. Bizarre rock formations, shaped by millennia of desert wind, suggest a timelessness that is increasingly rare and valuable in the hustle of modern life.

In other places, cool, deep-shaded canyons slice through the desert floor, and at their bottoms, clear springs flow, creating lush harbors of life in a harsh environment. Some canyon walls are marked by rock paintings left by prehistoric residents whose lives focused on those springs. And fossils testify to forms of life far, far older than mankind.

That land is your land. It is federal property, and you and your children share ownership of it as part of your heritage as Americans. Until this week, much of that heritage seemed destined to be stripped away by a Dutch mining company, for coal that would be shipped to customers in Asia and elsewhere.

Now, that's probably not going to happen. On Wednesday, President Clinton announced creation of the 1.7 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, a step that helps ensure that the coal mine and similar projects in the region will

never become reality.

For his trouble, Clinton was accused of conducting what U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) called a "war on the West." That has become a popular phrase among those, like Hatch, who see taxpayer property in the West as the private reserve of large corporations. Over the years, those companies have made tens of billions of dollars by stripping federal property of valuable resources while paying taxpayers almost nothing.

There is indeed a war on the West under way. Picture southeast Utah again, this time as a massive open-pit coal mine stretching across the landscape, the red earth ripped open like a ripe melon for the coal that lies beneath. Or picture an old-growth redwood forest, part of the tiny percentage of land still unlogged in this country, that has been stripped so clean of vegetation that it looks like the site of a nuclear attack.

Logging and mining are essential industries. They provide many of the raw materials of modern life, and they also create jobs. But as the owners of federal property, taxpayers have the right to be paid fairly for its use. And in the case of the Escalante canyons and other special places, they have the right to decide that preservation is the highest and best use.

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September 20, 1996

President William Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500
facsimile 202-456-2461

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Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks, Mr. President, for establishing the *Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument* on December 6, and thus safeguarding a critical portion of America's natural heritage from exploitation. Environmentally concerned citizens around the country applaud the bold and visionary step you have taken in responding to their concerns for Utah's scenically and biologically important wildlands.

I hope that you will make this the *opening salvo* in the battle to achieve protection of approximately 6 million acres in Utah that deserves wilderness designation.

Sincerely,

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THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

CHRISTOPHER J. ELLIMAN
CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

October 16, 1996

COPY
from ORM

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the 311,000 members of The Wilderness Society, I thank you for your bold move to protect an important area of our nation's wild lands by creating the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah.

The public lands in southern Utah are a unique and irreplaceable American treasure, embracing an incredible array of natural and historic resources. These lands are revered by millions of American citizens, nationwide. Your creation of this National Monument is a vitally important first step toward protection of the full 5.7 million acres, or more, of federal wilderness resources on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in Utah.

We thank you for providing such strong leadership on behalf of America's red rock wilderness and our American natural heritage. You have given the nation and the world a lasting gift that will benefit humanity for generations to come. We look forward to working with the Department of the Interior to address specific management policies for these valuable lands.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Elliman

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DRILL FOR OIL IN THE GRAND STAIRCASE-
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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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February 13, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. President:

As we are sure you know, Conoco Inc. has announced its intention to drill for oil in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. We are writing to urge you and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to ensure that Conoco fully complies with all environmental laws and that BLM takes every action and precaution to assure that the purpose of your designation of the monument -- the protection of its exceptional natural values -- is accorded first priority in its review of Conoco's plans. We also believe that it is crucial that BLM **not** extend or suspend the leases held by Conoco in the area. To do so would be to renege on our national commitment to this important monument.

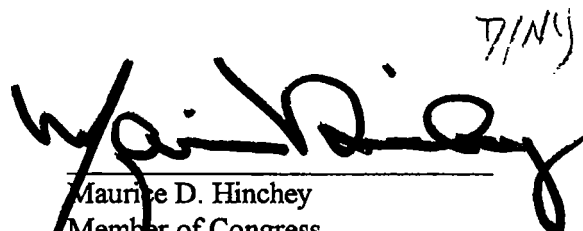
Last year when you established the 1.7 million-acre national monument, you described the region as "some of the most remarkable land in the world." The newly designated monument contains geological, paleontological, archaeological, biological and historic features. The national monument extends across fragile and scenic terrain, including red rock canyons, rare rock formations and vistas of up to 60 miles. The area near the proposed drilling site is an exceptionally remote, arid, and solitary region of deep canyons and high cliffs. Its rugged topography reveals millions of years of geological history and uncharted troves of fossils. Forests of pinon and juniper contribute to its scenic beauty; its remoteness makes it a haven for a broad range of wildlife. **We must protect this national treasure from irreparable environmental devastation at the hands of those seeking to exploit the land for short-term financial gains.**

While Conoco asserts that oil and other resources could be extracted from monument lands without seriously harming the environment, we disagree. We believe that the environmental ramifications of building roads and hauling heavy machinery would cause severe harm to the natural and historic values in the area. Such actions, we believe, would make a mockery of your important, widely supported decision to give these wild lands special status in the first place. We find it ironic that Conoco showed little indication of much diligence or desire to drill in this area before your declaration last September. The BLM must demonstrate that it will treat land within the monument boundaries differently from other lands under its authority, or the designation will be meaningless. **It is imperative that we preserve this landscape for our children and for generations to come.**

We urge you and the Bureau of Land Management to review Conoco's request to drill for oil in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument against the backdrop of the declaration with the highest possible level of scrutiny. We will, of course, be happy to assist in any way we can as you proceed with your review. We look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,


Bruce F. Vento
Member of Congress


Maurice D. Hinchey
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 20, 1997

Dear Representative Vento:

Thank you for your letter to the President concerning the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

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Best wishes.

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Susan Brophy
Deputy Assistant to the President
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MEMORANDUM FOR KATIE MCGINTY

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. Bruce Vento (D-MN) and Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey (D-NY).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached letter, and respond directly to the member of Congress, forwarding a copy to the Office of Legislative Affairs, attention Chris Walker.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

Enclosure



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

APR 21 1997

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