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Dear Representative Bishop; for the President;

Apparently there is some misinformation going around concerning the 1.4 million acres in southeastern Utah being referred to as: The Greater Canyonlands Proposal. Groups that are pushing this want you to believe this is a forgotten roadless area that no one is managing or protecting.

Quite the contrary this land is in five Utah Counties (Grand, San Juan, Emery, Garfield and Wayne) these Counties along with the public, BLM, SITLA and other State & Federal Agencies have spend years and many thousands of hours working on the current Resource Management Plans (RMPs). Under prior, and the current RMPs, these lands are and have been managed by the BLM, SITLA, the five Counties, and the agencies that currently manage various Parks, Monuments & Forests already there: including Canyonlands National Park, Natural Bridges National Monument, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Dark Canyon Primitive Area, Dark Canyon Wilderness Area, Deadhorse Point State Park, Indian Creek State Park, Monticello District of the Manti/La Sal National Forest, and Utah State Parks Service along the Green and Colorado Rivers. We feel these agencies have been, and are doing their jobs managing and protecting these lands.

In Utah, and much of the west, we have vast amounts of State & Federal (Public) lands and very little private land, so the tax base is very low; in Grand County 96% is public land or Indian Reservation. These five Counties rely on the mineral and recreational use of these lands for their very survival

The areas included in the proposal are far from roadless areas (map enclosed) as some would want you to believe. There are many thousands of miles of roads and trails in the proposed area that are used by many different recreational users; this is the very lifeblood for the economies of these Counties.

If you look on a map, overlay the proposed expansion with the existing State & Federal Parks, monuments, etc with the few and far between towns the few that exist will become even more isolated. ie Moab the largest town

in, and County Seat of Grand County, will be in a small corridor between the proposed monument and Arches National Park & the Moab District of the Manti/La Sal National Forest. Monticello the largest town, and County Seat of San Juan County, will be stuck between the proposed monument and the State of Colorado. For Hanksville in Wayne County the proposed monument would take 1/3 of the County with Capitol Reef National Park & the Dixie National Forest with the other 1/3.

Please don't make a decision this large on less than all the information.

Sincerely,

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