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To expand the boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument, to ensure prompt engagement with the Bears Ears Commission and prompt implementation of the Proclamation establishing the Bears Ears National Monument, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEG0 (for himself, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. BASS, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIND, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE, Mrs. MURPHY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEAL, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. POCAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SIREs, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. PORTER, Mr. CRIST, Ms. SPEIER, and Mr. YARMUTH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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mation establishing the Bears Ears National Monument,
and for other purposes.

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 “Bears Ears Expansion
5 And Respect for Sovereignty Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map on
9 page 6 of the “Proposal to President Barack Obama
10 for the Creation of Bears Ears National Monument”
11 submitted by the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition
12 and dated October 15, 2015.

13 (2) PROCLAMATION.—The term “Proclama-
14 tion” means Presidential Proclamation 9558, dated
15 December 28, 2016 (82 Fed. Reg. 1139 (Jan. 25,
16 2017)).

17 (3) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
18 means—

19 (A) the Secretary of the Interior with re-
20 spect to land administered by the Bureau of
21 Land Management; and

22 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture with re-
23 spect to land administered by the Forest Serv-
24 ice.

1 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF NATIONAL MONUMENT BOUND-**
2 **ARIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the Bears Ears
4 National Monument is hereby expanded to comprise ap-
5 proximately 1,931,997 acres of Federal land under the ju-
6 risdiction of the Secretaries, as generally depicted on the
7 map.

8 (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretaries
11 shall file maps and legal descriptions of the Bears
12 Ears National Monument, as expanded by this sec-
13 tion, with—

14 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
15 Resources of the Senate; and

16 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
17 of the House of Representatives.

18 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The maps and legal de-
19 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
20 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
21 cept that the Secretaries may correct typographical
22 errors in the maps and legal descriptions.

23 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and
24 legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be
25 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-

1 appropriate offices of the Forest Service, National
2 Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management.

3 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-
5 retaries shall administer all land and interests in land held
6 by the United States that are included in the expanded
7 boundary under section 3(a)—

8 (1) as part of the monument; and

9 (2) in accordance with the Proclamation and
10 applicable laws.

11 (b) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—The Secretary of the
12 Interior, acting through the National Park Service, shall
13 administer the Natural Bridges National Monument and
14 those portions of the Glen Canyon National Recreation
15 Area within the expanded boundary under section 3(a)—

16 (1) as part of the monument; and

17 (2) in accordance with applicable law.

18 (c) MANAGEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT.—The Secre-
19 taries shall promptly carry out the provisions of the Proc-
20 lamation, including the provisions requiring the Secre-
21 taries to meaningfully engage the Bears Ears Commission
22 to—

23 (1) ensure the proper care and management of
24 the objects identified;

1 (2) ensure that management decisions affecting
2 the monument reflect tribal expertise and traditional
3 and historical knowledge; and

4 (3) provide guidance and recommendations on
5 the development and implementation of management
6 plans and on management of the monument.

7 (d) ACQUISITION OF LANDS AND INTERESTS IN
8 LAND.—The Secretary may acquire any land, water, or
9 interests in land that are located within the revised bound-
10 ary of the Monument by—

11 (1) donation;

12 (2) purchase with donated or appropriated
13 funds; or

14 (3) exchange.

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