



GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Grand County Council Chambers
125 East Center Street, Moab, Utah

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

4:00 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Presentations (none)
- Discussion Items (none)
 - A. Update on Congressman Bishop's Public Lands Initiative (Fred Ferguson, Legislative Director for Congressman Bishop)
- Action Items (none)
- Public Hearings – Possible Action Items (none)
- Closed Session(s) (if necessary)
- Adjourn

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March 1, 2016

Honorable Congressman Rob Bishop
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Dear Congressman Bishop;

Thank you again for providing an opportunity for Grand County to participate in the Public Lands Initiative. Grand County took the charge to develop public land designation recommendations very seriously. From the outset this was billed as a "local, bottom-up, stakeholder driven process". Over the period of more than 2 years, two different County Councils devoted substantial blocks of time to hold public workshops during which stakeholders and various interest groups had opportunities to formally present their recommendations to the Council. We held public meetings and hearings where the citizens of Grand County could express their ideas and concerns. The Council members took "straw votes" at each workshop which were then voted on in the final documents submitted to your office in March of 2015, for inclusion in the Draft Bill. As the duly elected representatives of the citizens of Grand County, we believe that this is a fair representation of compromise for our community.

There are numerous areas where the Draft Bill departs from the recommendations forwarded to you. In General, Grand County stands by the recommendations as originally presented. We respectfully request that these be re-instated in the legislation. Insofar as these were developed with the input of a variety of stakeholders, partners, and citizens, we feel the knowledge and interest of the entities and individuals on the ground should carry the greatest weight. Enclosed you will find the document which lists all of the priorities and recommendations as originally submitted, annotated with a comparison between these and the Draft Bill.

There are parts of the Draft Bill which are a major departure from our submission that we feel require special mention. These are as follows:

1. Land Conveyance to the State of Utah for the Seep Ridge Utility Corridor. Grand County expressly voted against this.
2. Land Conveyance to Grand County of the Sand Flats Recreation Area (SFRA). This was evaluated by the SFRA Stewardship Committee who does not support the conveyance, and the County Council expressly voted against this.
3. Granstaff wilderness boundary must be amended to allow for the lower portion of "The Whole Enchilada" mountain biking trail.
4. The wilderness boundary NE of Green River at the mouth of Floy Canyon was drafted by Grand County to allow for a potential mountain biking trail at the request of the City of Green River. The Discussion Draft boundaries would eliminate this possibility.

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5. The County Council voted against including Antiquities Act exemptions.
6. The County Council has officially expressed their support for the Master Leasing Plan.
7. Grand County did not designate any "Energy Planning Areas" and intended that lands within Grand County not specifically designated otherwise would be managed according to the BLM's resource management plan.
8. The "Colorado River NCA" does not include watershed management/protection as a purpose.
9. Several SITLA trade-ins are located outside of the area Grand County designated for such. And, the trade-ins around the side canyons of Labyrinth Canyon were especially addressed as being unfavorable.

There are numerous other areas which, in many cases adversely affect current use and, in some cases restrict economic opportunity. Please refer to the "comparison" notes under each section of the management objectives submitted with our original recommendations.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on developing a bill that honors the work of the many stakeholders and ultimately produces a bill which Grand County can fully support.

Respectfully,



Elizabeth A. Tubbs, Chair

Grand County Council

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Enclosures