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Congressman Rob Bishop
c/o Fred Ferguson and Casey Snider
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Dear Congressman Bishop:

Thank you again for the opportunity to resolve several long-standing public land-use issues via your willingness to act as our congressional sponsor for a public lands bill

On March 2nd, we finished our second recommendations meeting and we have attached our proposal for the Eastern Arches and the Moab Watershed Region of Grand County. We would be grateful if you would begin to incorporate these recommendations into your initiative. It is important to note that these recommendations are subject to change pending the outcome of our public hearing on March 17th. Final recommendations are scheduled to be approved on March 31st.

Please find attached shape files and .pdf maps of our proposed land-use designations for this region. These maps include lands we'd like designated as wilderness, as national conservation area, and a small expansion of Arches National Park. The maps also include roads that we recommend to be cherry-stemmed into the wilderness areas, as well as roads that we are still reviewing.

The management objectives and target legislative language for the NCA is yet to be developed, however we expect to produce a rough concept by March 17th.

It is also important to note that the accuracy of the shape files are intended only to be illustrative of our intentions. However, where existing landmarks (such as roads, trails, property boundaries, political boundaries, etc) exist it will be necessary to seek more authoritative data. While most of our boundaries will likely be self-evident, some may come from data that you may not have (local trail systems, watershed boundaries, etc.). Feel free to contact us with any questions, we would be happy to clarify.

Also note that where SITLA has parcels either wholly or partially within the obvious intent of the conservation areas, and where SITLA agrees, Grand County endorses land exchanges that would facilitate the inclusion of those parcels into the conservation boundaries.

Again, thank you for championing a locally derived solution to federally owned land management in Grand County. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Tubbs".

Elizabeth A. Tubbs, Chair
Grand County Council

cc: Congressman Chaffetz c/o Wade Garrett, Wade.Garrett@mail.house.gov
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Attachments:

Map & .shp files, East Arches – Wilderness, NCA, Park Expansion, & Roads