

The addition of the above tracts to Canyonlands National Park was recommended by the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments in April 1967. The Board had recommended national park status for most of the lands involved when it recommended the adoption of earlier proposals for a Canyonlands National Park.

Development costs attributable to the proposed additions to the national park are estimated at \$3,587,000. The land acquisition cost is estimated at approximately \$20,000. Increased annual operating costs will be approximately \$47,000. The man-years and cost-data statement (based on current assumptions and estimates) required by the Act of July 25, 1956 (70 Stat. 652; 5 U.S.C. 642a), when annual expenditures exceed \$1 million, is enclosed.

Sections 2 and 3 of S. 26 amend the 1964 Canyonlands National Park Act in order to make clear that the provisions of the Act concerning land exchanges, the termination of Bureau of Reclamation and Federal Power Commission withdrawals, and the continuation of existing grazing privileges for a limited time will also apply to the four proposed additions to the park.

There is a total of 10 existing grazing permits on the Federal lands to be added to the park, and each permit was issued on an annual basis. If S. 26 is enacted, the Department would, as a matter of policy, grant each grazing permittee only one 10-year permit upon the expiration of the existing permit. This is the same policy the Department followed with respect to grazing permittees under the provisions of the 1964 Act.

We recommend the following amendments to the bill:

1. On page 1, line 11, and page 2, line 1, change "LNPSW-1001-CAN, and dated January 1967" to "LNPSW-1001A-CAN, and dated August 1967".
2. On page 2, lines 2 and 3, change "three hundred and sixty thousand three hundred and twenty-five acres" to "353,350 acres".

These amendments substitute a new boundary map for the park, and provide that the park contains 353,350 acres rather than the 360,350 acres as stated in the printed bill. The reduced park acreage is due to detailed measurements of the proposed additions to the park, and to the deletion of 4,785 acres from the proposed Lavender Canyon addition. The deleted acreage is located above the canyon rim and is being used for livestock breeding and grazing purposes. Because of the local importance of these uses and since the area is not essential to the park, the Department recommends the deletion of this acreage. Under our proposed amendment, the four proposed additions to the park total 95,710 acres.

3. On page 2, line 12, amend paragraph (2) to read as follows:
 "(2) in the third sentence of said section, delete the comma after the word 'value' and delete the words 'and the Secretary shall take administrative action to complete transfer on any lands in a proper application by the State of Utah on or before the expiration of one hundred twenty days following the date of enactment of this Act'."

The above provision of the 1964 Act required land exchanges with the State of Utah to be completed by 120 days after the date of enactment of the Act. Paragraph (2) of the printed bill would extend the 120-day requirement to land exchanges with the State involving the area added to the park by S. 26. Although there may have been a sufficient reason for including such time limitation in the 1964 Act, we are not aware of any justification for extending it to the proposed addition to the park. We believe the legislation should not impose an arbitrary time limit within which the Department must complete action on State land exchange applications without regard to the complexities or complications involved in processing particular applications or to the availability of funds.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary of the Interior.