

Hole-in-the-Rock and on the south by the present Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. If the extension includes less than this area, then the upper Escalante and its side canyons will still be subject to exploitation. Such exploitation generally results in erosion and subsequent floods downstream.

Furthermore, to afford full protection to this fragile ecological area, we feel that it should be designated as wilderness area. Rainfall in this area is quite low and the desert flora on the plateau are easily destroyed. Such destruction could lead to widespread devastation in the canyons below. Since the ecological situation is so precarious and will not withstand a great deal of abuse, we request that the National Park Service should conduct a study within two years to determine whether the area is suitable for classification under the Wilderness Act.

Yours sincerely,

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Senator Moss. If there is nothing further on this legislation the hearing is adjourned.
(Whereupon the subcommittee turned to other business.)

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