

"PRESERVE ALL PUBLIC LAND AREA FROM THE PRESERVATIONISTS"

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FACT SHEET

1. The Problem:

The Sierra Club and other affiliated groups are pressuring Congress for the Withdrawal of millions of acres of "Multiple Use Lands", lands to be locked up for use only by these selfish few.

2. The Ranchers Speak:

The recent addition to Capitol Reef National Monument in Southern Utah of 215,000 acres will seriously cripple an already weak economy and tax structure in Wayne, Kane and Garfield counties.

Almost 50 ranchers are affected, men not statistics, heads of families, stalwarts in their community, taxpayers, efficient cattle ranch operators. They are not despoilers of the land, they cooperate with experts in range management of the B.L.M. They pay cash for reseeding projects and work long hours on various other soil and water conservation projects. They are not selfish. The selfish people are those who want the lands for the single use of sightseeing. They enjoy affluence, but would deny the ranchers their livelihood. The ranchers cannot survive without their winter range.

The preservationists state the additions will greatly increase the flow of tourists to our area. We ask them how without roads? In 1962 when Canyonlands National Park was created, \$1,800,000 was set aside to build roads through Canyonlands, in 1969, seven years later, there still aren't any roads in Canyonlands. The people were told that the area would have upwards of a million visitors a year after a few years, yet this figure has climbed to only 30,000. The people of San Juan County are very disillusioned with the lack of development of Canyonlands National Park.

The recent hike in grazing fees coupled with this loss of winter range may well sound the death toll for many of our ranchers. The state of Utah received from the Bureau of Land Management in the fiscal year 1964, \$3,700,000, a portion of this will be lost by the park addition so the only alternative is to raise taxes. We will be the big losers, but each and every resident of the State will feel the tax increase.

We need a continuance of Bureau of Land Management administration of Public Lands under the Principle of MULTIPLE USE---

A committee to Preserve the Escalante-Boulder area from the Preservationists was formed to carry our fight to the nation if necessary. Through a series of radio and television announcements, we hope to enlighten the people of our state first, then the Intermountain West, then the entire nation if possible. We need your help in this fight, it will take money to conduct this campaign and any contributions will be appreciated. Make checks payable to : Escalante Chamber of Commerce, Escalante, Utah 84726

The names listed below are interested in our cause and a letter to them would help us a great deal.

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