

KANE COUNTY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-6

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION UNDER THE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT TO DISAPPROVE THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECORD OF DECISION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GRAND STAIRCASE–ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

WHEREAS, Kane County, Utah, is a rural county whose residents depend upon access to public lands for transportation, grazing, recreation, tourism, emergency response, infrastructure maintenance, and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument encompasses a substantial portion of Kane County and directly affects the County’s communities, tax base, transportation corridors, and public-land access; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden issued a proclamation restoring the Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument to approximately 1.9 million acres; and

WHEREAS, following that proclamation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) adopted a Resource Management Plan (RMP) and issued a Record of Decision (ROD) establishing long-term management prescriptions for lands within the monument; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County Commission has consistently expressed concern that federal land-use decisions affecting Kane County are too often made without meaningful deference to local governments, existing uses, and the economic realities of rural Utah; and

WHEREAS, the ROD and RMP impose management prescriptions that restrict traditional multiple-use activities without adequate consideration of local impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Government Accountability Office has determined that the BLM’s Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan constitute a “rule” under the Congressional Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Review Act provides Congress with authority to review and disapprove federal agency actions that exceed statutory intent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KANE COUNTY COMMISSION:

- 1. The Kane County Commission supports congressional action under the Congressional Review Act to disapprove the BLM Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan for the Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument.**
- 2. The Commission urges Congress to ensure that future land management reflects statutory intent, respects local governments, and preserves reasonable access and multiple-use opportunities.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January, 2026.

KANE COUNTY COMMISSION

Yvonne Brown

Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Chamelle Lane

Kane County Clerk

