

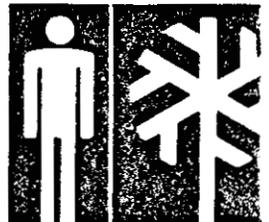
CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK
UTAH

THE PRESIDENT SENT A WILDERNESS RECOMMENDATION FOR CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK TO CONGRESS ON MAY 23, 1977, AS PART OF HIS ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGE. THAT RECOMMENDATION CONSISTED OF 179,815 ACRES AS WILDERNESS AND 4,050 ACRES AS POTENTIAL WILDERNESS ADDITIONS. THE PROPOSAL IS PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW FOR REVISION. MANY OF THE LANDS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED AS POTENTIAL WILDERNESS ADDITIONS WERE SUBJECT TO LEASES WHICH HAVE NOW EXPIRED. MOREOVER, THE INVALIDATION OF A MINING CLAIM, THE ACQUISITION OF STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS WITHIN THE PARK, AND THE CLOSURE OF TWO ROADS HAVE ALL RECENTLY OCCURRED. RECLASSIFICATION OF THESE POTENTIAL WILDERNESS ADDITIONS AND OTHER CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED COULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE ACREAGE FOR IMMEDIATE WILDERNESS DESIGNATION. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT ACTION ON CAPITOL REEF BE DEFERRED.

wilderness recommendation

november 1974

CAPITOL REEF

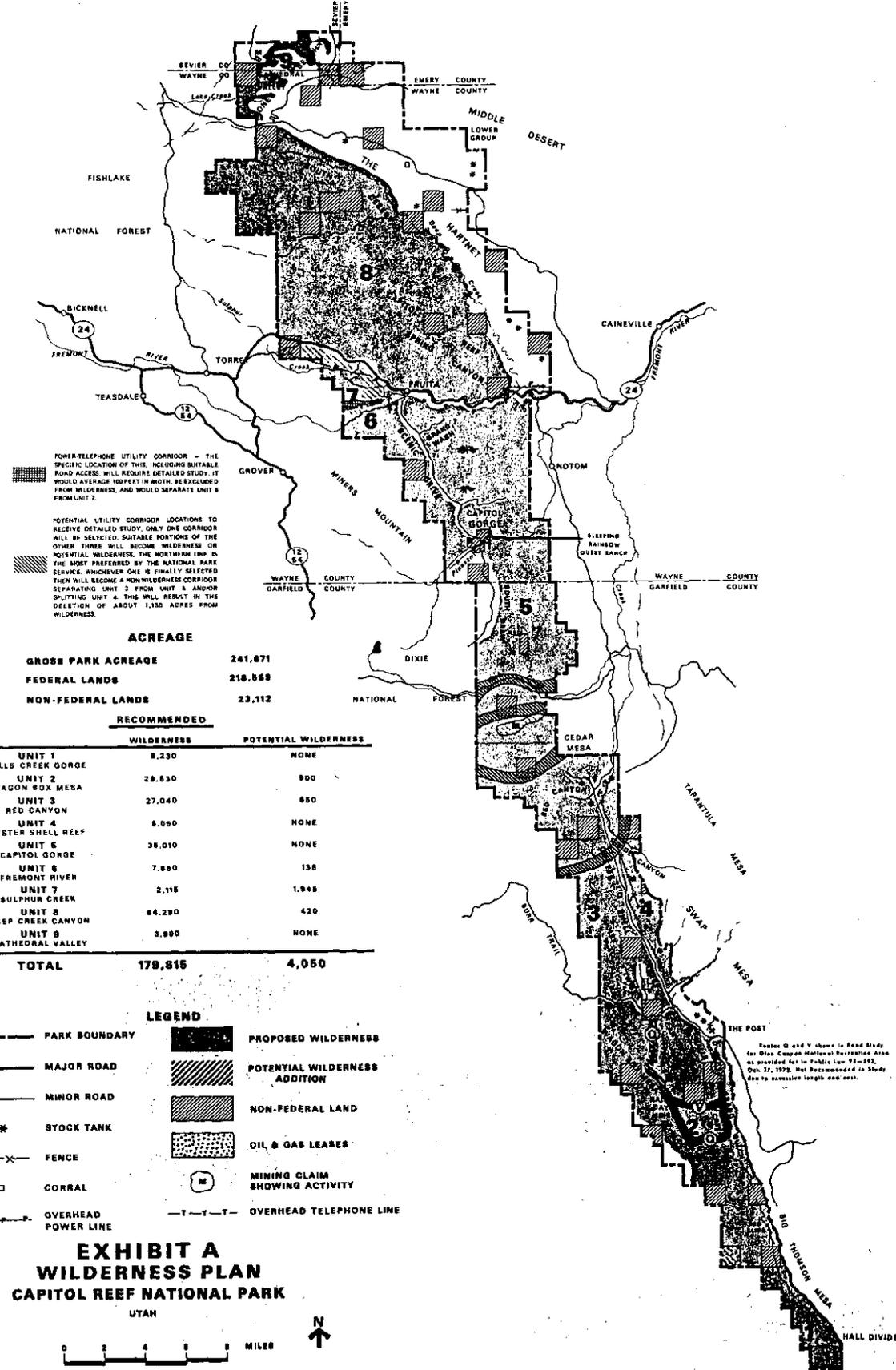


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RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WILDERNESS OF 179,815 ACRES WITHIN CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK, UTAH, AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A, BE DESIGNATED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS.

THIS RECOMMENDATION IS BASED UPON CAREFUL STUDIES OF THE ROADLESS AREAS, THE VIEWS PRESENTED AT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND THE WRITTEN RESPONSES CONCERNING THE PRELIMINARY WILDERNESS PROPOSAL DESCRIBED IN THE APPENDED HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT.



POWER TELEPHONE UTILITY CORRIDOR - THE SPECIFIC LOCATION OF THIS, INCLUDING SUITABLE ROAD ACCESS, WILL REQUIRE DETAILED STUDY. IT WOULD AVERAGE FOREST IN WIDTH, BE EXCLUDED FROM WILDERNESS, AND WOULD SEPARATE UNIT 8 FROM UNIT 7.

POTENTIAL UTILITY CORRIDOR LOCATIONS TO RECEIVE DETAILED STUDY. ONLY ONE CORRIDOR WILL BE SELECTED. SUITABLE PORTIONS OF THE OTHER THREE WILL BECOME WILDERNESS OR POTENTIAL WILDERNESS. THE NORTHERN ONE IS THE MOST PREFERRED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. WHICHEVER ONE IS FINALLY SELECTED THEN WILL BECOME A NON-WILDERNESS CORRIDOR SEPARATING UNIT 2 FROM UNIT 3, AND/OR SPLITTING UNIT 4. THIS WILL RESULT IN THE DELETION OF ABOUT 1,130 ACRES FROM WILDERNESS.

ACREAGE

GROSS PARK ACREAGE	241,871
FEDERAL LANDS	218,559
NON-FEDERAL LANDS	23,312

RECOMMENDED

	WILDERNESS	POTENTIAL WILDERNESS
UNIT 1	8,230	NONE
HALLS CREEK GORGE		
UNIT 2	28,830	900
WAGON BOX MESA		
UNIT 3	27,040	680
RED CANYON		
UNIT 4	8,090	NONE
OYSTER SHELL REEF		
UNIT 5	38,010	NONE
CAPITOL GORGE		
UNIT 6	7,880	138
FREMONT RIVER		
UNIT 7	2,115	1,945
SULPHUR CREEK		
UNIT 8	64,280	420
DEEP CREEK CANYON		
UNIT 9	3,900	NONE
CATHEDRAL VALLEY		
TOTAL	178,815	4,050

LEGEND

- PARK BOUNDARY
- == MAJOR ROAD
- MINOR ROAD
- * STOCK TANK
- X-X- FENCE
- CORRAL
- P-P- OVERHEAD POWER LINE
- PROPOSED WILDERNESS
- ▨ POTENTIAL WILDERNESS ADDITION
- ▩ NON-FEDERAL LAND
- ▤ OIL & GAS LEASES
- MINING CLAIM SHOWING ACTIVITY
- T-T-T- OVERHEAD TELEPHONE LINE

**EXHIBIT A
WILDERNESS PLAN
CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK**

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States Q and V shown in Road Map for Utah Canyon National Recreation Area as provided for in Public Law 92-591, Dec. 22, 1972. Not Recommended in Study due to excessive length and cost.



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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and
Wildlife and Parks
Director, National Park Service

From: Juanita Alvarez

Subject: Wilderness Proposals for Canyonlands, Arches and Capital
Reef National Parks

As previously promised, I am herewith transmitting recommended changes in the wilderness proposals for Canyonlands, Capital Reef and Arches National Parks in Utah. It would be ideal if these changes could be made prior to the time of our testimony.

Canyonlands National Park

1. Include proposed road quarter (west of Big Spring Canyon) in wilderness. (The Road was constructed as far as Big Spring Canyon.)
2. Change Colorado River in Cataract Canyon from potential wilderness addition to instant wilderness, following the model approved in the Grand Canyon proposal.
3. Drop special management language from the draft bill.
4. Increase wilderness acreage from 2,060,150 to 2,083,473; decrease potential wilderness addition from 18,270 to 1,879. (These changes should be made because of expired grazing and oil and gas leases, and acquisition of state lands.)

Capital Reef National Park

1. Add about 27,000 acres in the Cathedral Valley, Hartnet, and South Valley areas (northeast portion of the park) to the wilderness. This area was omitted, as I understand it, because the Master Plan for the park is not complete. One or two exit roads may be needed, but planning has now been going on for five years, and we ought to be able to make some decision at this juncture.

2. Increase wilderness acreage from 1,079,815 to 1,081,295. Decrease potential wilderness additions from 4,050 to 2,638 (expired leases, invalidation of a mining claim, acquisition of state and private land and closure of two roads).

Arches National Park

1. Delete special management language dealing with El Paso pipeline (Section 4) in draft bill; or alternatively delete the pipeline quarter itself from the wilderness, thus eliminating any need for section 4.

2. Increase wilderness acreage from 54,450 to 61,825. Decrease potential wilderness addition from 9,050 to 1,647 (expired mineral leases).

I don't believe any of these suggestions are terribly new, and I further believe they have all been discussed within the Park Service and elsewhere. I think there is general agreement on the need for their inclusion.

A similar memo suggesting changes for the other park wilderness proposals addressed by the President's Environmental Message will follow shortly.

Juanita Alvarez

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