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To protect, for current and future generations, the watershed, ecosystem, and cultural heritage of the Grand Canyon region in the State of Arizona, to provide for a study relating to the uranium stockpile in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. KELLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Grand Canyon Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND FROM MINING**
2 **LAWS.**

3 (a) DEFINITION OF MAP.—In this section, the term
4 “Map” means the Bureau of Land Management map enti-
5 tled “Grand Canyon Protection Act” and dated January
6 22, 2021.

7 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
8 the approximately 1,006,545 acres of Federal land in the
9 State of Arizona within the area depicted on the Map, in-
10 cluding any land or interest in land that is acquired by
11 the United States after the date of enactment of this Act,
12 is withdrawn from—

13 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
14 posal under the public land laws;

15 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
16 laws; and

17 (3) operation of the mineral leasing and geo-
18 thermal leasing laws and mineral materials laws.

19 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be kept
20 on file and made available for public inspection in the ap-
21 propriate offices of the Forest Service and the Bureau of
22 Land Management.

23 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY ON DOMESTIC URANIUM STOCKPILES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
25 United States shall conduct a study of uranium stockpiles

1 in the United States that are available to meet future na-
2 tional security requirements.

3 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The study conducted under
4 subsection (a) shall identify—

5 (1)(A) existing and potential future national se-
6 curity program demands for uranium; and

7 (B) existing and projected future inventories of
8 domestic uranium that could be available to meet
9 national security needs; and

10 (2) the extent to which national security needs
11 are capable of being met with existing uranium
12 stockpiles.

13 (c) DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF STUDY.—Not
14 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
15 the Comptroller General of the United States shall provide
16 a briefing on the study conducted under subsection (a)
17 to—

18 (1) the Committee on Armed Services of the
19 Senate;

20 (2) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
21 sources of the Senate;

22 (3) the Committee on Environment and Public
23 Works of the Senate;

24 (4) the Committee on Armed Services of the
25 House of Representatives;

1 (5) the Committee on Natural Resources of the
2 House of Representatives; and

3 (6) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
4 the House of Representatives.

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