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NOTE TO DAVE RUSSELL

I have Report #1163, 94th Congress, 2nd session, 17-18 (1976). It lists some 13 formally designated primitive and natural areas for accelerated review under 603(a) of FLPMA. This list was included to prevent expansion of the known list.

However BLM through withdrawals, classifications and other means created 147! natural areas. In fact, 56 of them were created by publishing a final notice in the Federal Register -- a notice which flew in the face of the Committee Report.

I suggest you and Frank explore this; maybe some of these 147 deserve deletion.

S/
Perry

✓ *Rendley's chron*