



# **Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument Act**

## **Section- by -Section Summary**

### **Sec. 1- Short Title and Table of Contents**

### **Sec. 2- Definitions**

### **Sec. 3 – Establishment of the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument, Arizona**

- Recognizes that the Greater Grand Canyon region contains various tribal sacred sites and resources, including ancestral sites, sacred places, and water sources such as springs and falls
- Acknowledges that the Grand Canyon-Associated tribes should play an integral role in the planning and ongoing management of the monument
- Recognizes that the region’s interconnected streams, tributaries, and groundwater contain nationally significant biological, cultural, recreational, geological, educational, and scientific values, provide drinking water for millions of Americans, and play an integral role in the health of the Colorado River
- Recognizes the important contributions of the region’s wildlife corridors
- Emphasizes the importance of recreational activities as drivers of sustainable economic development

#### **The purpose of the monument is to restore and preserve:**

- Cultural, sacred lands and key tribal resources
- Nationally significant biological, ecological, wildlife, cultural, historical, recreational, geological, hydrological, educational, scenic and scientific values, including above-ground tributaries, springs and interconnected groundwater that contribute significantly to the Colorado River
- Secure now and for future generations the opportunity to experience and enjoy the diverse tribal resources, landscape, wildlife, water flows and recreational use of the lands included in the national monument

### **Sec. 4- Management of the Federal Lands within the National Monument**

- Provides that the monument will be managed in accordance with all applicable land management laws, including the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Wilderness Act
- Ensures that only uses that further the aforementioned purposes of the monument are authorized
- Protects property rights of Indian Nations, state and local governments, and other private property

## **Sec. 5 Development of Management Plan**

Directs the Secretaries to develop a management plan under NEPA to:

- Describe the appropriate uses of the monument
- Establish management directives
- Protect sacred sites
- Plan for the development of science-based ecological restoration projects
- Evaluate the naturally dark time conditions
- Provide for continued recreational use

The management plan will be developed with extensive public comment and the agencies shall collaborate with the affected Native American tribes in the development of the management plan and the ongoing management of the monument. Cooperative agreements, such as shared management arrangements, with tribes are encouraged.

## **Sec. 6- Existing and Historical Uses of Federal Land Included in Monument**

- Retains the state's jurisdiction over fish and wildlife within the monument
- Permits motorized vehicles on roads and trails designated for their use
- Authorizes the continuation of previously established grazing activity
- Authorizes wildfire management activities
- Permits commercial recreational activities
- Authorizes hunting, trapping, fishing, and gathering
- Permits commercial harvest of timber as long as it is consistent with the purposes of the monument

## **Sec. 7 – Acquisition of Land**

- Provides authority to acquire non-federal land by donation, exchange, or purchase from a willing seller through the use conservation easement or at fair market value

## **Sec. 8- Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument Advisory Council**

- Establishes an advisory council, subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, to collaborate with the Secretaries in the preparation and implementation of the management plan, the management of tribal resources, and oversee the management of natural resources such as forest restoration and wildlife.
- Membership of the advisory council includes representation from each of the affected tribes, scientific experts, environmental organizations, state fish and wildlife, and hunting and fishing groups

## **Sec. 9- Water**

- Protects existing water rights and settlements, including those not yet asserted or finally determined

## **Sec. 10- Withdrawal of Federal Land from Mining Laws**

- Makes permanent the 20-year moratorium on new mining claims