

Maxine and I have lived in La Sal since 1972. I spent several years working for La Sal Livestock Company. Our children were raised at Eight Mile on Hatch Point in the winter months and on the La Sal Mountain during the summer. We all enjoyed the open space, beauty and solitude of the county. We all still enjoy the beauty of this area and don't want to see it locked up so only a select few can use it. We would like to see it stay as it was forty years ago. But, this is a different time and our county has been discovered by the whole world.

All of us that were asked to serve on the Lands Council donated our time and travel expenses to attend these meetings. We came together with varied agendas. We had disagreements and agreements and we learned to stretch ourselves and consider the ideas of others and step outside of our own paradigms. This wasn't always easy for any of us especially me. I am grateful to have been asked to serve on this committee as I was able to make new friends.

As a lands Council we all agreed that if we did nothing, much of the county could end up being locked up. We came up with three different alternatives and all eventually come to the consensus to use Alternative A. We know that this decision may not please everyone. Our hope is that as residents of San Juan County all of you who are concerned about the decisions that could come from Washington DC will attend these meetings and become acquainted with the issues at hand. We cannot sit on our thumbs and hope for the best. Our goal is to send a message to DC that we don't want to have San Juan County designated as a National Monument and or possibly have the boundaries of Canyonlands National Park expanded. Please plan on attending the scoping meetings in your area.

Thank you,

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