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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Protect Canyonlands

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An industrial zone view shed, noise and air pollution and the potential to come across oil spill damage if you wander too far off the beaten path are not tourist friendly. Driving to Canyonlands National Park is problematic. New five-acre oil pads with their drilling rigs are becoming frequent sights. The increased traffic from both water trucks trying to reduce dust and tanker trucks taking oil out of the area create a steady background noise and plum of dust.

There is a better approach to protecting Utah tourism. Support the creation of a Greater Canyonlands National Monument. Examples of this successful approach to protect natural treasures include the expansion of the Grand Teton National Park via its sagebrush flats addition and the creation of Arches National Park. Both were first protected as national monuments via the power of the Antiquities Act. Greater Canyonlands also demands this level of protection.

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