

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Protecting land serves health

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I believe that Greater Canyonlands will do more for our nation's health as a national monument, as do more than 200 health and well-being professionals from Utah. They have sent a letter today to President Obama asking him to protect Greater Canyonlands — the 1.8 million acres of public land surrounding Canyonlands National Park in Utah — as a national monument because of the health benefits to all Americans.

The letter states, "Protecting this world-class landscape would not only preserve an area of unparalleled scenic beauty and rich cultural heritage, it would also foster a healthy America. That is a goal anyone can support."

The list of signers included doctors, nurses, mental health professionals, physical and occupational therapists, medical aides and technicians, public health specialists, health educators, dieticians and other healers and well-being practitioners.

We believe our federal public lands are not just for extractive industry to exploit but are in fact a health resource for our nation — protected as a monument.

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For more information about the letter, go to: www.greatercanyonlands.org/news/.

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