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# S. 1678

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 29), 2003

Mr. BENNETT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Uintah Research and  
5        Curatorial Center Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7        In this Act:

1           (1) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the  
2           Uintah Research and Curatorial Center.

3           (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
4           titled “Proposed Location of the Uintah Research  
5           and Curatorial Center”, numbered 122/80074,  
6           IMDE, and dated March 31, 2003.

7           (3) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”  
8           means the Dinosaur National Monument in the  
9           States of Colorado and Utah.

10          (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
11          the Secretary of the Interior.

12   **SEC. 3. UINTAH RESEARCH AND CURATORIAL CENTER.**

13          (a) IN GENERAL.—To provide for the unified and  
14          cost-effective curation of the paleontological, natural, and  
15          cultural objects of the Monument and the surrounding  
16          area, the Secretary shall establish the Uintah Research  
17          and Curatorial Center on land located outside the bound-  
18          ary of the Monument acquired under subsection (b).

19          (b) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—The Secretary may ac-  
20          quire by donation land for the Center consisting of not  
21          more than 5 acres located in Uintah County, in the vicin-  
22          ity of Vernal, Utah, as generally depicted on the map.

23          (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file  
24          and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-  
25          fices of the National Park Service.

1 (d) USE.—The Center shall be used for the curation  
2 of, storage of, and research on items in—

3 (1) the museum collection of the Monument;

4 and

5 (2) any collection maintained by an entity de-  
6 scribed in subsection (e)(2) that enters into a coop-  
7 erative agreement with the Secretary.

8 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

10 (A) administer the land acquired under  
11 subsection (b); and

12 (B) promulgate any regulations that the  
13 Secretary determines to be appropriate for the  
14 use and management of the land.

15 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-  
16 retary may enter into a cooperative agreement with  
17 a Federal, State, and local agency, academic institu-  
18 tion, Indian tribe, or nonprofit entity to provide  
19 for—

20 (A) the curation of and research on the  
21 museum collection at the Center; and

22 (B) the development, use, management,  
23 and operation of the Center.

24 (3) LIMITATION.—The land acquired by the  
25 Secretary under subsection (b) shall not—

1 (A) be a part of the Monument; or

2 (B) be subject to the laws (including regu-

3 lations) applicable to the Monument.

4 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums

6 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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