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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GRIJALVA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ___________________

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2009”.
SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND FROM MINING LAWS.

(a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the approximately 1,068,908 acres of Federal land generally depicted on the map titled “Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2008” and dated May 28, 2008, are hereby withdrawn from—

(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws;

(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

(3) operation of the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws and mineral materials laws.

(b) TREATMENT OF EXISTING RIGHTS.—The withdrawal under subsection (a) is subject to valid, existing rights. If such rights are relinquished or otherwise acquired by the United States after the date of the enactment of this Act, the land that was subject to the rights shall be immediately withdrawn in accordance with subsection (a).