

Source: Statement of Frank Moss, A U.S. Senator from the state of Utah in the Canyonlands National Park Hearings before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in June 1964. Adjusted for easier reading.

This is, in my opinion, the most spectacular area of our country that is not now included in a national park or national monument.

In recent times and it seems to me increasingly, we are confronted with the fact, when we create a national park or national monument, of the necessity of changing over from one kind of use to another. So we have developed this concept of a phaseout period where we gradually change from one kind of use to another.

The bill that has passed the Senate does have the phaseout provision for both grazing and for mining and mineral exploration and production if exploration should be successful and be started within the phaseout period of time. But after the phaseout period has run, then of course there would be no other uses in the park other than the traditional ones in all national parks, campsites, viewpoints, trails, and general viewing of scenery and wildlife in the park.

A study was made by the University of Utah pointing out the great economic benefits that would flow from the creation of a national park because of business and industry that would group itself around the park and depending on the tourist business.