One Hundred Tenth Congress of the

United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION Begun and held at the City of Washington ...

An Act

To withdraw the Tusayan Ranger District and federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the vicinity of Kanab Creek and in House Rock Valley from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2008".

SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF TUSAYAN RANGER DISTRICT, KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST, ARIZONA; AND LANDS MANAGED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT IN THE DRAINAGES OF KANAB CREEK ARIZONA AND HOUSE ROCK VALLEY, ARIZONA, FROM MINING LAWS.

(a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Tusayan Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest in Arizona, which consists of 327, 367 acres; the federal lands managed in Arizona in the Kanab Creek drainage by the Bureau of Land Management within Township 35 North and ranges 7 to 4 West; Township 36 North and ranges 7 to 4 West; Township 37 North and ranges 7 to 3 West; Township 38 North and ranges 7 to 1 West, Township 39 North and ranges 7 West to 1 East, Township 40 North and ranges 5 West to 1 East, and Township 41 North and ranges 1 West and 1 East, which consists of 628,886 acres; and the federal lands managed in Arizona in House Rock Valley by the Bureau of Land Management within Township 39 North and ranges 3 to 7 East, Township 38 North and ranges 3 to 6 East, Township 37 North and ranges 4 to 6 East, and Township 36 North and ranges 4 and 5 East which consist of 112,655 acres, are hereby withdrawn from—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 required by subsection (a) is subject to valid existing rights. If these existing rights are relinquished or otherwise acquired by the United States at any time after the date of the enactment of this Act, the lands that were subject to the rights shall be immediately withdrawn as provided in subsection (a).