

Calendar No. 267

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 213****[Report No. 109–166]**

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2005

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

OCTOBER 27, 2005

Reported by Mr. DOMENICI, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain
Federal land to Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

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 “Rio Arriba County
5 Land Conveyance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means the
4 County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico.

5 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
6 titled “Alcalde Proposed Land Transfer” and dated
7 September 23, 2004.

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO RIO ARRIBA COUNTY,**
11 **NEW MEXICO.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), not
13 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
14 the Secretary shall convey to the County, all right, title,
15 and interest of the United States in and to the land (in-
16 cluding any improvements to the land) described in sub-
17 section (b).

18 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
19 subsection (a) consists of approximately 150.86 acres of
20 land located on the Sebastian Martin Land Grant in the
21 vicinity of Alcalde, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as de-
22 picted on the map.

23 (c) CONDITIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed under
25 subsection (a) shall be treated as public land for the
26 purposes of the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly

1 known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes
2 Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.)

3 ~~(2) CONSIDERATION.—The amount of consider-~~
4 ~~ation for the conveyance of land under subsection~~
5 ~~(a) shall be determined by the Secretary consistent~~
6 ~~with section 2(a) of the Act of June 14, 1926 (com-~~
7 ~~monly known as the “Recreation and Public Pur-~~
8 ~~poses Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869–1(a)).~~

9 ~~(3) AGREEMENT.—Before conveying the land~~
10 ~~under subsection (a), the Secretary shall enter into~~
11 ~~an agreement with the County that indemnifies the~~
12 ~~United States from all liability of the United States~~
13 ~~arising from the land conveyed.~~

14 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

15 *This Act may be cited as the “Rio Arriba County Land*
16 *Conveyance Act”.*

17 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

18 *In this Act:*

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20 *County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico.*

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22 *tled “Alcalde Proposed Land Transfer” and dated*
23 *September 23, 2004.*

24 *(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
25 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

1 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO RIO ARRIBA COUNTY,**
 2 **NEW MEXICO.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to valid existing rights, the
 4 Secretary shall convey to the County, without consideration,
 5 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to
 6 the land (including any improvements to the land) de-
 7 scribed in subsection (b).

8 (b) *DESCRIPTION OF LAND.*—The land referred to in
 9 subsection (a) consists of approximately 171 acres of land
 10 located on the Sebastian Martin Land Grant in the vicinity
 11 of Alcalde, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as depicted on
 12 the map.

13 (c) *REVERSION.*—If any portion of the land conveyed
 14 under subsection (a) ceases to be used for public purposes
 15 the land shall, at the option of the Secretary, revert to the
 16 United States.

17 (d) *CONDITIONS ON SALES.*—If the County sells any
 18 portion of the land conveyed to the County under subsection
 19 (a)—

20 (1) the amount of consideration for the sale shall
 21 reflect fair market value, as determined by an ap-
 22 praisal; and

23 (2) the County shall pay to the Secretary an
 24 amount equal to the gross proceeds of the sale, for use
 25 by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management

1 *in the State of New Mexico, without further appro-*
2 *priation.*

3 *(e) COSTS.—The County shall pay any costs associated*
4 *with the conveyance of land under subsection (a).*

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