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S. 609

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “San Juan County Fed-
5 eral Land Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
9 means the approximately 19 acres of Federal land

1 generally depicted as “Lands Authorized for Convey-
2 ance” on the map.

3 (2) LANDOWNER.—The term “landowner”
4 means the plaintiffs in the case styled *Blancett v.*
5 *United States Department of the Interior, et al.*, No.
6 *10–cv–00254–JAP–KBM*, United States District
7 Court for the District of New Mexico.

8 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
9 titled “San Juan County Land Conveyance” and
10 dated June 20, 2012.

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

13 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
14 of New Mexico.

15 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND IN SAN**
16 **JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—On request of the landowner, the
18 Secretary shall, under such terms and conditions as the
19 Secretary may prescribe, convey to the landowner all right,
20 title, and interest of the United States in and to any por-
21 tion of the Federal land (including any improvements or
22 appurtenances to the Federal land) by sale.

23 (b) SURVEY; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—

24 (1) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-
25 scription of the Federal land to be conveyed under

1 subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey ap-
2 proved by the Secretary.

3 (2) COSTS.—The administrative costs associ-
4 ated with the conveyance shall be paid by the land-
5 owner.

6 (c) CONSIDERATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—As consideration for the con-
8 veyance of the Federal land under subsection (a),
9 the landowner shall pay to the Secretary an amount
10 equal to the fair market value of the Federal land
11 conveyed, as determined under paragraph (2).

12 (2) APPRAISAL.—The fair market value of any
13 Federal land that is conveyed under subsection (a)
14 shall be determined by an appraisal acceptable to
15 the Secretary that is performed in accordance
16 with—

17 (A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for
18 Federal Land Acquisitions;

19 (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional
20 Appraisal Practice; and

21 (C) any other applicable law (including
22 regulations).

23 (d) DISPOSITION AND USE OF PROCEEDS.—

24 (1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—The Sec-
25 retary shall deposit the proceeds of any conveyance

1 of Federal land under subsection (a) in a special ac-
2 count in the Treasury for use in accordance with
3 paragraph (2).

4 (2) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Amounts deposited
5 under paragraph (1) shall be available to the Sec-
6 retary, without further appropriation and until ex-
7 pended, for the acquisition of land or interests in
8 land from willing sellers in the State for resource
9 protection that is consistent with the purposes for
10 which the Bald Eagle Area of Critical Environ-
11 mental Concern in the State was established.

12 (e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
13 Secretary may require such additional terms and condi-
14 tions for a conveyance under subsection (a) as the Sec-
15 retary determines to be appropriate to protect the inter-
16 ests of the United States.

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