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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. Cook introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
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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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “California Off-Road Recreation and Conservation Act”.
6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. California Off-Road Recreation and Conservation.
Sec. 3. Visitor center.
Sec. 4. California State school land.
SEC. 2. CALIFORNIA OFF-ROAD RECREATION AND CONSERVATION.

Public Law 103–433 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“TITLE XIII—WILDERNESS

“SEC. 1301. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.

“(a) DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.—In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and sections 601 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1781, 1782), the following land in the State is designated as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

“(1) AVAWATZ MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately 91,800 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Avawatz Mountains Proposed Wilderness’ and dated June 30, 2015, to be known as the ‘Avawatz Mountains Wilderness’.

“(2) GOLDEN VALLEY WILDERNESS.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, com-
prising approximately 1,250 acres, as generally de-
picted on the map entitled ‘Golden Valley Proposed
Wilderness Additions’ and dated June 22, 2015,
which shall be considered to be part of the ‘Golden
Valley Wilderness’.

“(3) GREAT FALLS BASIN WILDERNESS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Certain land in the
Conservation Area administered by the Director
of the Bureau of Land Management, com-
prising approximately 7,870 acres, as generally
depicted on the map entitled ‘Great Falls Basin
Proposed Wilderness’ and dated April 29, 2015,
to be known as the ‘Great Falls Basin Wilder-
ness’.

“(B) LIMITATIONS.—Designation of the
wilderness under subparagraph (A) shall not es-

tablish a Class I Airshed under the Clean Air
Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.).

“(4) KINGSTON RANGE WILDERNESS.—Certain
land in the Conservation Area administered by the
Bureau of Land Management, comprising approxi-
mately 53,320 acres, as generally depicted on the
map entitled ‘Kingston Range Proposed Wilderness
Additions’ and dated February 18, 2015, which shall
be considered to be a part of as the ‘Kingston Range Wilderness’.

“(5) Soda Mountains Wilderness.—Certain land in the Conservation Area, administered by the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately 79,990 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Soda Mountains Proposed Wilderness’ and dated February 18, 2015, to be known as the ‘Soda Mountains Wilderness’.

“(b) Designation of Wilderness Areas to Be Administered by the National Park Service.—In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and sections 601 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1781, 1782), the following land in the State is designated as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

“(1) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-North Eureka Valley.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the National Park Service, comprising approximately 11,496 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilderness Area-North Eureka Valley’, numbered 143/100,082C, and dated October 7, 2014,
which shall be considered to be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

“(2) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-Ibex.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the National Park Service, comprising approximately 23,650 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilderness Area-Ibex’, numbered 143/100,081C, and dated October 7, 2014, which shall be considered to be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

“(3) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-Panamint Valley.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the National Park Service, comprising approximately 4,807 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilderness Area-Panamint Valley’, numbered 143/100,083C, and dated October 7, 2014, which shall be considered to be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

“(4) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-Warm Springs.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the National Park Service, comprising approxi-
mately 10,485 acres, as generally depicted on the
map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed
Wilderness Area-Warm Spring Canyon/Galena Can-
yon’, numbered 143/100,084C, and dated October 7,
2014, which shall be considered to be a part of the
Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

“(5) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-Axe Head.—Certain land in the
Conservation Area administered by the Director of
the National Park Service, comprising approximately
8,638 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-
tled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilder-
ness Area-Axe Head’, numbered 143/100,085C, and
dated October 7, 2014, which shall be considered to
be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilder-
ness.

“(6) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-Bowling Alley.—Certain land in
the Conservation Area administered by the Director
of the Bureau of Land Management, comprising ap-
proximately 28,923 acres, as generally depicted on
the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Pro-
posed Wilderness Area-Bowling Alley’, numbered
143/128,606, and dated May 14, 2015, which shall
be considered to be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

“(c) Designation of Wilderness Area To Be Administered by the Forest Service.—

“(1) In general.—In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the land in the State described in paragraph (2) is designated as a wilderness area and as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

“(2) Description of land.—The land referred to in paragraph (1) is certain land in the San Bernardino National Forest, comprising approximately 7,141 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘San Gorgonio Proposed Wilderness Expansion,’ dated November 2, 2016, which shall considered to be a part of the San Gorgonio Wilderness.

“(3) Fire management and related activities.—

“(A) In general.—The Secretary may carry out such activities in the wilderness area designated by paragraph (1) as are necessary for the control of fire, insects, and disease, in accordance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilder-

“(B) Funding priorities.—Nothing in this subsection limits the provision of any funding for fire or fuel management in the wilderness area designated by paragraph (1).

“(C) Revision and development of local fire management plans.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall amend the local fire management plans that apply to the wilderness area designated by paragraph (1).

“(D) Administration.—In accordance with subparagraph (A) and other applicable Federal law, to ensure a timely and efficient response to fire emergencies in the wilderness area designated by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(i) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title, establish agency approval procedures (including appropriate delegations of authority to the Forest Supervisor, District Manager, or other agency officials) for responding to
fire emergencies in the wilderness area designated by paragraph (1); and

“(ii) enter into agreements with appropriate State or local firefighting agencies relating to that wilderness area.

“SEC. 1302. MANAGEMENT.

“(a) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates any protective perimeter or buffer zone around the wilderness areas designated by section 1301.

“(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS AREAS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The fact that an activity (including military activities) or use on land outside a wilderness area designated by section 1301 can be seen or heard within the wilderness area shall not preclude or restrict the activity or use outside the boundary of the wilderness area.

“(B) EFFECT ON NONWILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In any permitting proceeding (including a review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)) conducted
with respect to a project described in clause (ii) that is formally initiated through a notice in the Federal Register before December 31, 2013, the consideration of any visual, noise, or other impacts of the project on a wilderness area designated by section 1301 shall be conducted based on the status of the area before designation as wilderness.

“(ii) Description of projects.—A project referred to in clause (i) is a renewable energy project or associated energy transport facility project—

“(I) for which the Bureau of Land Management has received a right-of-way use application on or before the date of enactment of this title; and

“(II) that is located outside the boundary of a wilderness area designated by section 1301.

“(3) No additional regulation.—Nothing in this title requires additional regulation of activities on land outside the boundary of the wilderness areas.
“(4) Effect on military operations.—Nothing in this title alters any authority of the Secretary of Defense to conduct any military operations at desert installations, facilities, and ranges of the State that are authorized under any other provision of law.

“(5) Effect on utility facilities and rights-of-way.—

“(A) In general.—Subject to paragraph (2), nothing in this title terminates or precludes the renewal or reauthorization of any valid existing right-of-way or customary operation, maintenance, repair, upgrading, or replacement activities in a right-of-way, issued, granted, or permitted to the Southern California Edison Company or predecessors, successors, or assigns of the Southern California Edison Company that is located on land included in the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area or the Sand to Snow National Monument.

“(B) Limitation.—The activities described in subparagraph (A) shall be conducted in a manner that minimizes the impact of the activities resources of the San Gorgonio Wilder-
ness Area or the Sand to Snow National Monument.

“(C) APPLICABLE LAW.—In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), any approval required for an increase in the voltage of the Coachella distribution circuit shall require consideration of alternative alignments, including alignments adjacent to State Route 62.

“(b) MAPS; LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall file a map and legal description of each wilderness area and wilderness addition designated by section 1301 with—

“(A) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

“(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

“(2) FORCE OF LAW.—A map and legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary may correct errors in the maps and legal descriptions.
“(3) Public Availability.—Each map and legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be filed and made available for public inspection in the appropriate office of the Secretary.

“(c) Administration.—Subject to valid existing rights, the land designated as wilderness or as a wilderness addition by section 1301 shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with this Act and the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any reference in that Act to the effective date shall be considered to be a reference to the date of enactment of this title.

“SEC. 1303. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.

“(a) Finding.—Congress finds that, for purposes of section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782), any portion of a wilderness study area described in subsection (b) that is not designated as a wilderness area or wilderness addition by section 1301 or any other Act enacted before the date of enactment of this title has been adequately studied for wilderness.

“(b) Description of Study Areas.—The study areas referred to in subsection (a) are—

“(1) the Cady Mountains Wilderness Study Area;
“(2) the Kingston Range Wilderness Study Area;
“(3) the Avawatz Mountain Wilderness Study Area;
“(4) the Death Valley National Park Boundary and Wilderness 17 Wilderness Study Area;
“(5) the Great Falls Basin Wilderness Study Area; and
“(6) the Soda Mountains Wilderness Study Area.
“(c) RELEASE.—Any portion of a wilderness study area described in subsection (b) that is not designated as a wilderness area or wilderness addition by section 1301 is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)).

“SEC. 1304. TREATMENT OF CHERRY-STEMMED ROADS.
“(a) DEFINITION OF CHERRY-STEMMED ROAD.—In this section, the term ‘cherry-stemmed road’ means a road or trail that is excluded from a wilderness area or wilderness addition designated by section 202 by a non-wilderness corridor having designated wilderness on both sides, as generally depicted on the maps described in such section.
“(b) Prohibition on Closure or Travel Restrictions on Cherry-Stemmed Roads.—The Secretary concerned shall not—

“(1) close any cherry-stemmed road that is open to the public as of the date of the enactment of this Act;

“(2) prohibit motorized access on a cherry-stemmed road that is open to the public for motorized access as of the date of the enactment of this Act; or

“(3) prohibit mechanized access on a cherry-stemmed road that is open to the public for mechanized access as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

“(c) Resource Protection or Public Safety Exceptions.—Subsection (b) shall not apply to a cherry-stemmed road if the Secretary concerned determines that a closure or traffic restriction of the cherry-stemmed road is necessary for purposes of significant resource protection or public safety.
“TITLE XIV—NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADDITIONS

“SEC. 1401. DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY REVISION.

“(a) In General.—The boundary of Death Valley National Park is adjusted to include—

“(1) the approximately 28,923 acres of Bureau of Land Management land in Inyo County, California, abutting the southern end of the Death Valley National Park that lies between Death Valley National Park to the north and Ft. Irwin Military Reservation to the south and which runs approximately 34 miles from west to east, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Boundary Addition-Bowling Alley’, numbered 143/128,605, and dated May 14, 2015; and

“(2) the approximately 6,369 acres of Bureau of Land Management land in Inyo County, California, located in the northeast area of Death Valley National Park that is within, and surrounded by, land under the jurisdiction of the Director of the National Park Service, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Boundary Addition-Crater’, numbered 143/100,079C, and dated October 7, 2014.
“(b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The maps described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

“(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this title as the ‘Secretary’) shall—

“(1) administer any land added to Death Valley National Park under subsection (a)—

“(A) as part of Death Valley National Park; and

“(B) in accordance with applicable laws (including regulations); and

“(2) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, enter into a memorandum of understanding with Inyo County, California, to permit operationally feasible, ongoing access and use (including, but not limited to, material storage as well as excavation) to gravel pits in existence as of that date along Saline Valley Road within Death Valley National Park for road maintenance and repairs in accordance with applicable laws (including regulations).

“SEC. 1402. MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE.

“The boundary of the Mojave National Preserve is adjusted to include the 25 acres of Bureau of Land Man-
agement land in Baker, California, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Mojave National Preserve Proposed Boundary Addition’, numbered 170/100,199, and dated August 2009.

“SEC. 1403. JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY REVISION.

“(a) In General.—The boundary of the Joshua Tree National Park is adjusted to include—

“(1) the 2,879 acres of land managed by Director of the Bureau of Land Management that are contiguous at several different places to the northern boundaries of Joshua Tree National Park in the northwest section of the Park, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Joshua Tree National Park Proposed Boundary Additions’, numbered 156/100,077, and dated August 2009; and

“(2) the 1,639 acres of land to be acquired from the Mojave Desert Land Trust that are contiguous at several different places to the northern boundaries of Joshua Tree National Park in the northwest section of the Park, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Mojave Desert Land Trust National Park Service Additions’, numbered 156/126,376, and dated September 2014.
“(b) Availability of Maps.—The map described in subsection (a) and the map depicting the 25 acres described in subsection (c)(2) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

“(c) Administration.—

“(1) In general.—The Secretary shall administer any land added to the Joshua Tree National Park under subsection (a) and the additional land described in paragraph (2)—

“(A) as part of Joshua Tree National Park; and

“(B) in accordance with applicable laws (including regulations).

“(2) Description of additional land.—The additional land referred to in paragraph (1) is the 25 acres of land—

“(A) depicted on the map entitled ‘Joshua Tree National Park Boundary Adjustment Map’, numbered 156/80,049, and dated April 1, 2003;

“(B) added to Joshua Tree National Park by the notice of the Department of the Interior of August 28, 2003 (68 Fed. Reg. 51799); and
“(C) more particularly described as lots 26, 27, 28, 33, and 34 in sec. 34, T. 1 N., R. 8 E., San Bernardino Meridian.

“(d) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY ENERGY TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

“(1) In general.—Nothing in this title terminates any valid right-of-way for the customary operation, maintenance, upgrade, repair, relocation within an existing right-of-way, replacement, or other authorized energy transport facility activities in a right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted to the Southern California Edison Company or the predecessors, successors, or assigns of the Southern California Edison Company that is located on land described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a), including, at a minimum, the use of mechanized vehicles, helicopters, or other aerial devices.

“(2) Upgrades and replacements.—Nothing in this title prohibits the upgrading or replacement of—

“(A) Southern California Edison Company energy transport facilities, including the energy transport facilities referred to as the Jellystone, Burnt Mountain, Whitehorn, Allegra, and Utah distribution circuits rights-of-way; or
“(B) an energy transport facility in rights-of-way issued, granted, or permitted by the Secretary adjacent to Southern California Edison Joshua Tree Utility Facilities.

“(3) PUBLICATION OF PLANS.—Not later than the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this title or the issuance of a new energy transport facility right-of-way within the Joshua Tree National Park, whichever is earlier, the Secretary, in consultation with the Southern California Edison Company, shall publish plans for regular and emergency access by the Southern California Edison Company to the rights-of-way of the Southern California Edison Company within Joshua Tree National Park.

“TITLE XV—NATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREAS

“SEC. 1501. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREAS.

“(a) DESIGNATION.—In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and resource management plans developed under this title and subject to valid rights, the following land within the Conservation Area in San Bernardino
County, California, is designated as National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Areas:

“(1) Dumont Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.—Certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 7,630 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Dumont Dunes Proposed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated June 29, 2015, which shall be known as the ‘Dumont Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’.


“(3) Rasor National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.—Certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 23,910 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Rasor Proposed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated February 15, 2015,
which shall be known as the ‘Rasor National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’.


“(5) Stoddard Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.—Certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 40,110 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Stoddard Valley Proposed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated February 18, 2015, which shall be known as the ‘Stoddard Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’.

“(b) Redesignation and Expansion of Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.—

“(1) Redesignation.—The Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area designated by

“(A) is hereby redesignated as the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area; and

“(B) is expanded to include all of the land, approximately 11,300 acres, depicted as the ‘Proposed Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Additions’ on the map entitled ‘Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’ and dated November 30, 2016.

“(2) Relation to Authorized Navy Use.—The redesignation of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area as the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area does not alter or interfere with the rights and obligations of the Navy regarding the use of portions of the Recreation Area as provided in subtitle C of title XXIX of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (division B of Public Law 113–66; 127 Stat. 1034).

“(3) References.—Any reference in any law, regulation, document, record, map, or other paper of
the United States to the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area is deemed to be a reference to the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.

“(c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the national off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated under subsections (a) and (b) is to preserve and enhance the recreational opportunities within the Conservation Area (including opportunities for off-highway vehicle recreation), while conserving the wildlife and other natural resource values of the Conservation Area.

“(d) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—

“(1) PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall file a map and legal description of each national off-highway vehicle recreation area designated or expanded by subsections (a) or (b) with—

“(A) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

“(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

“(2) LEGAL EFFECT.—The map and legal descriptions of the national off-highway vehicle recreation areas filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary may correct errors in the map and legal descriptions.

“(3) **Public Availability.**—Each map and legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be filed and made available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

“(e) **Use of the Land.**—

“(1) **Recreational Activities.**—

“(A) **In General.**—The Secretary shall continue to authorize, maintain, and enhance the recreational uses of the national off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated or expanded by subsections (a) and (b), including off-highway recreation, hiking, camping, hunting, mountain biking, sightseeing, rockhounding, and horseback riding, as long as the recreational use is consistent with this section and any other applicable law.

“(B) **Off-Highway Vehicle and Off-Highway Recreation.**—To the extent consistent with applicable Federal law (including regulations) and this section, any authorized recreation activities and use designations in ef-
fect on the date of enactment of this title and
applicable to the national off-highway vehicle
recreation areas designated or expanded by sub-
sections (a) and (b) shall continue, including
casual off-highway vehicular use, racing, com-
petitive events, rock crawling, training, and
other forms of off-highway recreation.

“(2) WILDLIFE GUZZLERS.—Wildlife guzzlers
shall be allowed in the national off-highway vehicle
recreation areas designated by subsection (a) in ac-
cordance with—

“(A) applicable Bureau of Land Manage-
ment guidelines; and

“(B) State law.

“(3) PROHIBITED USES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Commercial develop-
ment (including development of energy facili-
ties, but excluding energy transport facilities,
rights-of-way, and related telecommunication
facilities) shall be prohibited in the national off-
highway vehicle recreation areas designated by
subsections (a) and (b) if the Secretary deter-
mines that the development is incompatible with
the purpose of this title.
“(B) Exception for temporary permitted vendors.—Subparagraph (A) does not prohibit a commercial vendor from establishing, pursuant to a temporary permit, a site in the national off-highway vehicle recreation areas for the purpose of providing accessories and other support for off-highway vehicles and vehicles used for accessing the area.

“(f) Administration.—

“(1) In general.—The Secretary shall administer the national off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated by subsections (a) and (b) in accordance with—

“(A) this title;

“(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

“(C) any other applicable laws (including regulations).

“(2) Management plan.—

“(A) In general.—As soon as practicable, but not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall—

“(i) amend existing resource management plans applicable to the land des-
ignated as national off-highway vehicle 
recreation areas under subsection (a); or 

“(ii) develop new management plans 
for each national off-highway vehicle recre-
ation area designated under that sub-
section.

“(B) REQUIREMENTS.—All new or amend-
ed plans under subparagraph (A) shall be de-
dsigned to preserve and enhance safe off-highway 
vehicle and other recreational opportunities 
within the applicable recreation area consistent 
with—

“(i) the purpose described in sub-
section (c); and

“(ii) any applicable laws (including 
regulations).

“(C) INTERIM PLANS.—Pending comple-
tion of a new management plan under subpara-
graph (A), the existing resource management 
plans shall govern the use of the applicable na-
tional off-highway vehicle recreation area.

“(g) STUDY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but 
not later than 2 years, after the date of enactment 
of this title, the Secretary shall complete a study to
identify Bureau of Land Management land within
the Conservation Area that is suitable for addition
to—

“(A) the national off-highway vehicle recre-
ation areas designated by subsection (a) and
(b); or

“(B) the Johnson Valley National Off-
Highway Vehicle Recreation Area designated by
section 2945 of the National Defense Author-
ization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
113–66; 127 Stat. 1038).

“(2) STUDY AREAS.—The study required under
paragraph (1) shall include—

“(A) certain Bureau of Land Management
land in the Conservation Area, comprising ap-
proximately 41,000 acres, as generally depicted
on the map entitled ‘Spangler Hills Proposed
National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated Jan-
uary 4, 2017; and

“(B) certain Bureau of Land Management
land in the Conservation Area, comprising ap-
proximately 680 acres, as generally depicted on
the map entitled ‘El Mirage Proposed National
OHV Recreation Area’ and dated January 21,
2017.
“(C) certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 10,300 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’ and dated November 30, 2016.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In preparing the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(A) seek input from stakeholders, including—

“(i) the State, including—

“(I) the California Public Utilities Commission; and

“(II) the California Energy Commission;

“(ii) San Bernardino County, California;

“(iii) the public;

“(iv) recreational user groups;

“(v) conservation organizations;

“(vi) the Southern California Edison Company;

“(vii) the Pacific Gas and Electric Company; and
“(viii) other Federal agencies, including the Department of Defense;
“(B) explore the feasibility of—
“(i) expanding the southern boundary of the national off-highway vehicle recreation area described in subsection (a)(3) to include previously disturbed land; and
“(ii) establishing a right of way for OHV use in the area identified in (g)(2), to the extent necessary to connect the non-contiguous areas of the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area;
“(C) identify and exclude from consideration any land that—
“(i) is managed for conservation purposes;
“(ii) is identified as critical habitat for a listed species;
“(iii) may be suitable for renewable energy development; or
“(iv) may be necessary for energy transmission; and
“(D) not recommend or approve expansion of national off-highway vehicle recreation areas
within the Conservation Area that collectively
would exceed the total acres administratively
designated for off-highway recreation within the
Conservation Area as of the day before the date
of enactment of the National Defense Author-
ization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
113–66; 127 Stat. 672).

“(4) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Secretary shall
consider the information and recommendations of
the study completed under paragraph (1) to deter-
mine the impacts of expanding national off-highway
vehicle recreation areas designated by subsection (a)
on the Conservation Area, in accordance with—

“(A) the National Environmental Policy
Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

“(B) the Endangered Species Act of 1973
(16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

“(C) applicable regulations and plans, in-
cluding the Desert Renewable Energy Conserva-
tion Plan Land Use Plan Amendment; and

“(D) any other applicable law.

“(5) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On comple-
tion of the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary
shall submit the study to—
“(A) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

“(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

“(6) AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPANSION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—On completion of the study under paragraph (1) and in accordance with all applicable laws (including regulations), the Secretary shall authorize the expansion of the national off-highway vehicle recreation areas recommended under the study.

“(B) MANAGEMENT.—Any land within the expanded areas under subparagraph (A) shall be managed in accordance with this section.

“(h) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY UTILITY FACILITIES AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

“(1) EFFECT OF TITLE.—Nothing in this title—

“(A) terminates any validly issued right-of-way for the customary operation, maintenance, upgrade, repair, relocation within an existing right-of-way, replacement, or other authorized energy transport facility activities (including the use of any mechanized vehicle, helicopter, and other aerial device) in a right-of-way issued,
granted, or permitted to Southern California Edison Company (including any predecessor or successor in interest or assign) that is located on land included in—

“(i) the El Mirage National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area;

“(ii) the Spangler Hills National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area; or

“(iii) the Stoddard Valley National Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area;

“(B) affects the application, siting, route selection, right-of-way acquisition, or construction of the Coolwater-Lugo transmission project, as may be approved by the California Public Utilities Commission and the Bureau of Land Management; or

“(C) prohibits the upgrading or replacement of any Southern California Edison Company—

“(i) utility facility, including such a utility facility known on the date of enactment of this title as—

“(I) ‘Gale-PS 512 transmission lines or rights-of-way’; and
“(II) ‘Patio, Jack Ranch, and Kenworth distribution circuits or rights-of-way’; and

“(ii) energy transport facility in a right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted by the Secretary adjacent to a utility facility referred to in clause (i).

“(2) PLANS FOR ACCESS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Southern California Edison Company, shall publish plans for regular and emergency access by the Southern California Edison Company to the rights-of-way of the Company by the date that is 1 year after the later of—

“(A) the date of enactment of this title; and

“(B) the date of issuance of a new energy transport facility right-of-way within—

“(i) the El Mirage National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area;

“(ii) the Spangler Hills National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area; or

“(iii) the Stoddard Valley National Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.

“(i) PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY UTILITY FACILITIES AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—
“(1) Effect of title.—Nothing in this title—

“(A) terminates any validly issued right-of-way for the customary operation, maintenance, upgrade, repair, relocation within an existing right-of-way, replacement, or other authorized activity (including the use of any mechanized vehicle, helicopter, and other aerial device) in a right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (including any predecessor or successor in interest or assign) that is located on land included in the Spangler Hills National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area; or

“(B) prohibits the upgrading or replacement of any—

“(i) utility facilities of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, including those utility facilities known on the date of enactment of this title as—

“(I) Gas Transmission Line 311 or rights-of-way; and

“(II) Gas Transmission Line 372 or rights-of-way; and
“(ii) utility facilities of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in rights-of-way issued, granted, or permitted by the Secretary adjacent to a utility facility referred to in clause (i).

“(2) PLANS FOR ACCESS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title or the issuance of a new utility facility right-of-way within the Spangler Hills National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, whichever is later, the Secretary, in consultation with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, shall publish plans for regular and emergency access by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to the rights-of-way of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

“TITLE XVI—ALABAMA HILLS NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

“SEC. 1601. DEFINITIONS.

“In this title:

“(1) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term ‘management plan’ means the management plan for the National Scenic Area developed under section 1603(a).

“(3) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—The term ‘motorized vehicles’ means motorized or mechanized vehicles and includes, when used by utilities, mechanized equipment, helicopters, and other aerial devices necessary to maintain electrical or communications infrastructure.

“(4) NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.—The term ‘National Scenic Area’ means the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area established by section 1602(a).

“(5) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Interior.

“(6) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the State of California.

“(7) TRIBE.—The term ‘Tribe’ means the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone.

“(8) UTILITY FACILITY.—The term ‘utility facility’ means any and all existing and future water system facilities including aqueducts, streams, ditches, and canals; water facilities including, but not limited to, flow measuring stations, gauges, gates, values, piping, conduits, fencing, and electrical power and communications devices and systems; and any and all existing and future electric generation facilities, electric storage facilities, overhead and/or underground electrical supply systems and commu-
nication systems consisting of electric substations, electric lines, poles and towers made of various materials, ‘H’ frame structures, guy wires and anchors, crossarms, wires, underground conduits, cables, vaults, manholes, handholes, above-ground enclosures, markers and concrete pads and other fixtures, appliances and communication circuits, and other fixtures, appliances and appurtenances connected therewith necessary or convenient for the construction, operation, regulation, control, grounding and maintenance of electric generation, storage, lines and communication circuits, for the purpose of transmitting intelligence and generating, storing, distributing, regulating and controlling electric energy to be used for light, heat, power, communication, and other purposes.

“SEC. 1602. ALABAMA HILLS NATIONAL SCENIC AREA, CALIFORNIA.

“(a) Establishment.—Subject to valid, existing rights, there is established in Inyo County, California, the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area. The National Scenic Area shall be comprised of the approximately 18,610 acres generally depicted on the Map as ‘National Scenic Area’.

“(b) Purpose.—The purpose of the National Scenic Area is to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit,
use, and enjoyment of present and future generations the
nationally significant scenic, cultural, geological, edu-
cational, biological, historical, recreational, cinemato-
graphic, and scientific resources of the National Scenic
Area managed consistent with section 302(a) of the Fed-
1732(a)).

“(c) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
etary shall file a map and a legal description of the
National Scenic Area with—

“(A) the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources of the Senate; and

“(B) the Committee on Natural Resources
of the House of Representatives.

“(2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-
scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
cept that the Secretary may correct any clerical and
typographical errors in the map and legal descrip-
tions.

“(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and
legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be
on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
propriate offices of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

“(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall manage the National Scenic Area—

“(1) as a component of the National Landscape Conservation System;

“(2) so as not to impact the future continuing operations and maintenance of any activities associated with valid, existing rights, including water rights;

“(3) in a manner that conserves, protects, and enhances the resources and values of the National Scenic Area described in subsection (b); and

“(4) in accordance with—

“(A) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);

“(B) this Act; and

“(C) any other applicable laws.

“(e) MANAGEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the National Scenic Area as the Secretary determines would support the purposes of the National Scenic Area as described in subsection (b).
“(2) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Except as otherwise provided in this Act or other applicable law, or as the Secretary determines to be necessary for public health and safety, the Secretary shall allow existing recreational uses of the National Scenic Area to continue, including hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, sightseeing, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, and appropriate authorized motorized vehicle use.

“(3) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—Except as specified within this Act and/or in cases in which motorized vehicles are needed for administrative purposes, or to respond to an emergency, the use of motorized vehicles in the National Scenic Area shall be permitted only on—

“(A) roads and trails designated by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management for use of motorized vehicles as part of a management plan sustaining a semi-primitive motorized experience; or

“(B) on county-maintained roads in accordance with applicable State and county laws.

“(f) NO BUFFER ZONES.—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the National Scenic Area.

“(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the National Scenic Area can be seen or heard within the National Scenic Area shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundaries of the National Scenic Area.

“(g) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall continue to provide private landowners adequate access to inholdings in the National Scenic Area.

“(h) FILMING.—Nothing in this Act prohibits filming (including commercial film production, student filming, and still photography) within the National Scenic Area—

“(1) subject to—

“(A) such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary considers to be necessary; and

“(B) applicable law; and

“(2) in a manner consistent with the purposes described in subsection (b).

“(i) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this Act affects the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State with respect to fish and wildlife.
“(j) LIVESTOCK.—The grazing of livestock in the National Scenic Area, including grazing under the Alabama Hills allotment and the George Creek allotment, as established before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be permitted to continue—

“(1) subject to—

“(A) such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary considers to be necessary; and

“(B) applicable law; and

“(2) in a manner consistent with the purposes described in subsection (b).

“(k) OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act restricts or precludes flights over the National Scenic Area or overflights that can be seen or heard within the National Scenic Area, including—

“(1) transportation, sightseeing and filming flights, general aviation planes, helicopters, hanggliders, and balloonists, for commercial or recreational purposes;

“(2) low-level overflights of military aircraft;

“(3) flight testing and evaluation;

“(4) the designation or creation of new units of special use airspace, or the establishment of military
flight training routes, over the National Scenic Area;

or

“(5) the use, including take-off and landing, of
helicopters and other aerial devices within valid
rights-of-way to construct or maintain energy trans-
port facilities.

“(l) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to this Act’s provisions
and valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of
this Act, including rights established by prior withdrawals,
the Federal land within the National Scenic Area is with-
drawn from all forms of—

“(1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
public land laws;

“(2) location, entry, and patent under the min-
ing laws; and

“(3) disposition under all laws pertaining to
mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

“(m) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.—Nothing in
this Act prohibits the Secretary, in cooperation with other
Federal, State, and local agencies, as appropriate, from
conducting wildland fire operations in the National Scenic
Area, consistent with the purposes described in subsection
(b).

“(n) GRANTS; COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The
Secretary may make grants to, or enter into cooperative
agreements with, State, tribal, and local governmental entities and private entities to conduct research, interpretation, or public education or to carry out any other initiative relating to the restoration, conservation, or management of the National Scenic Area.

"(o) AIR AND WATER QUALITY.—Nothing in this Act modifies any standard governing air or water quality outside of the boundaries of the National Scenic Area.

"(p) UTILITY FACILITIES AND RIGHTS OF WAY.—

"(1) Nothing in this Act shall—

"(A) affect the existence, use, operation, maintenance (including but not limited to vegetation control), repair, construction, reconfiguration, expansion, inspection, renewal, reconstruction, alteration, addition, relocation, improvement, funding, removal, or replacement of utility facilities or appurtenant rights of way within or adjacent to the National Scenic Area;

"(B) affect necessary or efficient access to utility facilities or rights of way within or adjacent to the National Scenic Area subject to subsection (e); or

"(C) preclude the Secretary from authorizing the establishment of new utility facility rights of way (including instream sites, routes,
and areas) within the National Scenic Area in a manner that minimizes harm to the purpose of the National Scenic Area as described in subsection (b)—

“(i) with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and any other applicable law;

“(ii) subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

“(iii) are determined, by the Secretary, to be the only technical or feasible location, following consideration of alternatives within existing rights of way or outside of the National Scenic Area.

“(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Consistent with this Act, the Management Plan shall establish plans for maintenance of public utility and other rights of way within the National Scenic Area.

“SEC. 1603. MANAGEMENT PLAN.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with subsection (b), the Secretary shall develop a comprehensive plan for the long-term management of the National Scenic Area.
“(b) Consultation.—In developing the management plan, the Secretary shall—

“(1) consult with appropriate State, tribal, and local governmental entities, including Inyo County and the Tribe; and

“(2) seek input from—

“(A) investor-owned utilities, including Southern California Edison Company;

“(B) the Alabama Hills Stewardship Group;

“(C) members of the public; and

“(D) the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

“(c) Incorporation of Management Plan.—In developing the management plan, in accordance with this section, the Secretary shall allow, in perpetuity, casual-use mining limited to the use of hand tools, metal detectors, hand-fed dry washers, vacuum cleaners, gold pans, small sluices, and similar items.

“(d) Interim Management.—Pending completion of the management plan, the Secretary shall manage the National Scenic Area in accordance with section 3.
SEC. 1604. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR LONE PINE PAI-
UTE-SHOSHONE RESERVATION.

(a) TRUST LAND.—As soon as practicable after the
date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall take
the approximately 132 acres of Federal land depicted on
the Map as ‘Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Addi-
tion’ into trust for the benefit of the Tribe, subject to the
following:

(1) CONDITIONS.—The land shall be subject to
all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions,
withdrawals, and other matters of record on the date
of the enactment of this Act.

(2) EXCLUSION.—The Federal lands over
which the right-of-way for the Los Angeles Aqueduct
is located, generally described as the 250-foot-wide
right-of-way granted to the City of Los Angeles pur-
suant to the Act of June 30, 1906 (Chap. 3926),
shall not be taken into trust for the Tribe.

(b) RESERVATION LAND.—The land taken into
trust pursuant to subsection (a) shall be considered part
of the reservation of the Tribe.

(c) GAMING PROHIBITION.—Gaming under the In-
dian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.)
shall not be allowed on the land taken into trust pursuant
to subsection (a).
“SEC. 1605. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.

“Administrative jurisdiction of the approximately 56 acres of Federal land depicted on the Map as ‘USFS Transfer to BLM’ is hereby transferred from the Forest Service under the Secretary of Agriculture to the Bureau of Land Management under the Secretary.

“SEC. 1606. PROTECTION OF SERVICES AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

“Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit commercial services for existing and historic recreation uses as authorized by the Bureau of Land Management’s permit process. Valid, existing, commercial permits to exercise guided recreational opportunities for the public may continue as authorized on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act.

“TITLE XVII—MISCELLANEOUS

“SEC. 1701. MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

“Nothing in this title—

“(1) restricts or precludes Department of Defense motorized access by land or air—

“(A) to respond to an emergency within a wilderness area designated by this Act; or

“(B) to control access to the emergency site;
“(2) prevents nonmechanized military training activities previously conducted on wilderness areas designated by this title that are consistent with—

“(A) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.); and

“(B) all applicable laws (including regulations);

“(3) restricts or precludes low-level overflights of military aircraft over the areas designated as wilderness, national monuments, special management areas, or recreation areas by this Act, including military overflights that can be seen or heard within the designated areas;

“(4) restricts or precludes flight testing and evaluation in the areas described in paragraph (3); or

“(5) restricts or precludes the designation or creation of new units of special use airspace, or the establishment of military flight training routes, over the areas described in paragraph (3).

“SEC. 1702. PROHIBITED USES OF ACQUIRED, DONATED, AND CONSERVATION LAND.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) ACQUIRED LAND.—The term ‘acquired land’ means any land acquired within the Conserva-
tion Area using amounts from the land and water conservation fund established under section 200302 of title 54, United States Code.

“(2) CONSERVATION LAND.—The term ‘conservation land’ means any land within the Conservation Area that is designated to satisfy the conditions of a Federal habitat conservation plan, general conservation plan, or State natural communities conservation plan, including—

“(A) national conservation land established pursuant to section 2002(b)(2)(D) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7202(b)(2)(D)); and

“(B) areas of critical environmental concern established pursuant to section 202(c)(3) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712(c)(3)).

“(3) DONATED LAND.—The term ‘donated land’ means any private land donated to the United States for conservation purposes in the Conservation Area.

“(4) DONOR.—The term ‘donor’ means an individual or entity that donates private land within the Conservation Area to the United States.
“(5) Secretary.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

“(b) Prohibitions.—Except as provided in subsection (c), the Secretary shall not authorize the use of acquired land, conservation land, or donated land within the Conservation Area for any activities contrary to the conservation purposes for which the land was acquired, designated, or donated, including—

“(1) disposal;
“(2) rights-of-way;
“(3) leases;
“(4) livestock grazing;
“(5) infrastructure development, except as provided in subsection (c);
“(6) mineral entry; and
“(7) off-highway vehicle use, except on—

“(A) designated routes;
“(B) off-highway vehicle areas designated by law; and
“(C) administratively designated open areas.

“(c) Exceptions.—

“(1) Authorization by Secretary.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may authorize lim-
ited exceptions to prohibited uses of acquired land or
donated land in the Conservation Area if—

“(A) a right-of-way application for a re-
newable energy development project or associ-
ated energy transport facility on acquired land
or donated land was submitted to the Bureau
of Land Management on or before December 1,
2009; or

“(B) after the completion and consider-
ation of an analysis under the National Envi-
et seq.), the Secretary has determined that pro-
posed use is in the public interest.

“(2) CONDITIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary
grants an exception to the prohibition under
paragraph (1), the Secretary shall require the
permittee to donate private land of comparable
value located within the Conservation Area to
the United States to mitigate the use.

“(B) APPROVAL.—The private land to be
donated under subparagraph (A) shall be ap-
proved by the Secretary after—

“(i) consultation, to the maximum ex-
tent practicable, with the donor of the pri-
vate land proposed for nonconservation uses; and

“(ii) an opportunity for public com-

ment regarding the donation.

“(d) EXISTING AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in this sec-

tion affects permitted or prohibited uses of donated land
or acquired land in the Conservation Area established in
any easements, deed restrictions, memoranda of under-
standing, or other agreements in existence on the date of
enactment of this title.

“(e) DEED RESTRICTIONS.—Effective beginning on
the date of enactment of this title, within the Conservation
Area, the Secretary may—

“(1) accept deed restrictions requested by land-
owners for land donated to, or otherwise acquired
by, the United States; and

“(2) consistent with existing rights, create deed
restrictions, easements, or other third-party rights
relating to any public land determined by the Sec-
retary to be necessary—

“(A) to fulfill the mitigation requirements
resulting from the development of renewable re-
sources; or

“(B) to satisfy the conditions of—
“(i) a habitat conservation plan or general conservation plan established pursuant to section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539); or

“(ii) a natural communities conservation plan approved by the State.

“SEC. 1703. TRIBAL USES AND INTERESTS.

“(a) Access.—The Secretary shall ensure access to areas designated under this Act by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and religious purposes, consistent with applicable law, including Public Law 95–341 (commonly known as the ‘American Indian Religious Freedom Act’) (42 U.S.C. 1996).

“(b) Temporary Closure.—

“(1) In general.—In accordance with applicable law, including Public Law 95–341 (commonly known as the ‘American Indian Religious Freedom Act’) (42 U.S.C. 1996), and subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary, on request of an Indian tribe or Indian religious community, shall temporarily close to general public use any portion of an area designated as a national monument, special management area, wild and scenic river, area of critical environmental concern, or National Park System unit under this Act (referred to in this subsection as a
(designated area’) to protect the privacy of traditional cultural and religious activities in the designated area by members of the Indian tribe or Indian religious community.

“(2) LIMITATION.—In closing a portion of a designated area under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall limit the closure to the smallest practicable area for the minimum period necessary for the traditional cultural and religious activities.

“(c) TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary of the Interior shall develop and implement a tribal cultural resources management plan to identify, protect, and conserve cultural resources of Indian tribes associated with the Xam Kwatechan Trail network extending from Avikwaame (Spirit Mountain, Nevada) to Avikwlal (Pilot Knob, California).

“(2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult on the development and implementation of the tribal cultural resources management plan under paragraph (1) with—

“(A) each of—

“(i) the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe;
“(ii) the Hualapai Tribal Nation;
“(iii) the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe;
“(iv) the Colorado River Indian Tribes;
“(v) the Quechan Indian Tribe; and
“(vi) the Cocopah Indian Tribe; and
“(B) the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

“(3) RESOURCE PROTECTION.—The tribal cultural resources management plan developed under paragraph (1) shall be—

“(A) based on a completed tribal cultural resources survey; and

“(B) include procedures for identifying, protecting, and preserving petroglyphs, ancient trails, intaglios, sleeping circles, artifacts, and other resources of cultural, archaeological, or historical significance in accordance with all applicable laws and policies, including—

“(i) chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code;

“(ii) Public Law 95–341 (commonly known as the ‘American Indian Religious Freedom Act’) (42 U.S.C. 1996);
“(iii) the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S.C. 470aa et seq.);

“(iv) the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.); and


“(d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal land within the area administratively withdrawn and known as the ‘Indian Pass Withdrawal Area’ is permanently withdrawn from—

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

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

“(3) right-of-way leasing and disposition under all laws relating to minerals or solar, wind, or geothermal energy.

“SEC. 1704. RELEASE OF FEDERAL REVERSIONARY LAND INTERESTS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
“(1) 1932 Act.—The ’1932 Act’ means the Act of June 18, 1932 (47 Stat. 324, chapter 270).

“(2) District.—The ‘District’ means the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

“(b) Release.—Subject to valid existing claims perfected prior to the effective date of the 1932 Act and the reservation of minerals set forth in the 1932 Act, the Secretary shall release, convey, or otherwise quitclaim to the District, in a form recordable in local county records, and subject to the approval of the District, after consultation and without monetary consideration, all right, title, and remaining interest of the United States in and to the land that was conveyed to the District pursuant to the 1932 Act or any other law authorizing conveyance subject to restrictions or reversionary interests retained by the United States, on request by the District.

“(c) Terms and Conditions.—A conveyance authorized by subsection (b) shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

“(1) The District shall cover, or reimburse the Secretary for, the costs incurred by the Secretary to make the conveyance, including title searches, surveys, deed preparation, attorneys’ fees, and similar expenses.
“(2) By accepting the conveyances, the District
agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United
States with regard to any boundary dispute relating
to any parcel conveyed under this section.”

SEC. 3. VISITOR CENTER.

Title IV of the California Desert Protection Act of
1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–21 et seq.) is amended by adding
at the end the following:

“SEC. 408. VISITOR CENTER.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire not
more than 5 acres of land and interests in land, and im-
provements on the land and interests, outside the bound-
aries of Joshua Tree National Park, in the unincorporated
village of Joshua Tree, for the purpose of operating a vis-
itor center.

“(b) BOUNDARY.—The Secretary shall modify the
boundary of the park to include the land acquired under
this section as a noncontiguous parcel.

“(c) ADMINISTRATION.—Land and facilities acquired
under this section—

“(1) may include the property owned (as of the
date of enactment of this section) by the Joshua
Tree National Park Association and commonly re-
ferred to as the ‘Joshua Tree National Park Visitor
Center’;
“(2) shall be administered by the Secretary as part of the park; and

“(3) may be acquired only with the consent of the owner, by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange.”.

SEC. 4. CALIFORNIA STATE SCHOOL LAND.

Section 707 of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–77) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the first sentence—

(i) by striking “Upon request of the California State Lands Commission (hereinafter in this section referred to as the ‘Commission’), the Secretary shall enter into negotiations for an agreement” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement with the California State Lands Commission (referred to in this section as the Commission).”; and

(ii) by inserting “, national monuments,” after “more of the wilderness areas”; and
(B) in the second sentence, by striking “The Secretary shall negotiate in good faith to” and inserting the following:

“(2) AGREEMENT.—To the maximum extent practicable, not later than 10 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall;

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “, national monuments,” after “wilderness areas”; and

(3) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the following:

“(5) SPECIAL DEPOSIT FUND ACCOUNT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Assembled land exchanges may be used to carry out this section through the sale of surplus Federal property and subsequent acquisitions of State school land.

“(B) RECEIPTS.—Past and future receipts from the sale of property described in subsection (a), less any costs incurred related to the sale, shall be deposited in a Special Deposit Fund Account established in the Treasury.

“(C) USE.—Funds accumulated in the Special Deposit Fund Account may be used by the Secretary, without an appropriation, to ac-
quire State school lands or interest in the land consistent with this section.”.

SEC. 5. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (196), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A)(i) The approximately 1.4-mile segment of the Amargosa River in the State of California, from the private property boundary in sec. 19, T. 22 N., R. 7 E., to 100 feet downstream of Highway 178, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river as an addition to the wild and scenic river segments of the Amargosa River on publication by the Secretary of a notice in the Federal Register that sufficient inholdings within the boundaries of the segments have been acquired as scenic easements or in fee title to establish a manageable addition to those segments.

“(ii) The approximately 6.1-mile segment of the Amargosa River in the State of California, from 100 feet downstream of the State Highway 178 crossing to 100 feet upstream of the Tecopa Hot Springs Road crossing, to be
administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(213) **SURPRISE CANYON CREEK, CALIFORNIA.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The following segments of Surprise Canyon Creek in the State of California, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior:

“(i) The approximately 5.3 miles of Surprise Canyon Creek from the confluence of Frenchman’s Canyon and Water Canyon to 100 feet upstream of Chris Wieht Camp, as a wild river.

“(ii) The approximately 1.8 miles of Surprise Canyon Creek from 100 feet upstream of Chris Wieht Camp to the southern boundary of sec. 14, T. 21 N., R. 44 E., as a recreational river.

“(B) **EFFECT ON HISTORIC MINING STRUCTURES.**—Nothing in this paragraph affects the historic mining structures associated with the former Panamint Mining District.

“(214) **DEEP CREEK, CALIFORNIA.**—
“(A) In general.—The following segments of Deep Creek in the State of California, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture:

“(i) The approximately 6.5-mile segment from 0.125 mile downstream of the Rainbow Dam site in sec. 33, T. 2 N., R. 2 W., to 0.25 miles upstream of the Road 3N34 crossing, as a wild river.

“(ii) The 0.5-mile segment from 0.25 mile upstream of the Road 3N34 crossing to 0.25 mile downstream of the Road 3N34 crossing, as a scenic river.

“(iii) The 2.5-mile segment from 0.25 miles downstream of the Road 3 N. 34 crossing to 0.25 miles upstream of the Trail 2W01 crossing, as a wild river.

“(iv) The 0.5-mile segment from 0.25 miles upstream of the Trail 2W01 crossing to 0.25 mile downstream of the Trail 2W01 crossing, as a scenic river.

“(v) The 10-mile segment from 0.25 miles downstream of the Trail 2W01 crossing to the upper limit of the Mojave dam
flood zone in sec. 17, T. 3 N., R. 3 W., as a wild river.

“(vi) The 11-mile segment of Holcomb Creek from 100 yards downstream of the Road 3N12 crossing to .25 miles downstream of Holcomb Crossing, as a recreational river.

“(vii) The 3.5-mile segment of the Holcomb Creek from 0.25 miles downstream of Holcomb Crossing to the Deep Creek confluence, as a wild river.

“(B) Effect on ski operations.—Nothing in this paragraph affects—

“(i) the operations of the Snow Valley Ski Resort; or

“(ii) the State regulation of water rights and water quality associated with the operation of the Snow Valley Ski Resort.

“(215) Whitewater River, California.—The following segments of the Whitewater River in the State of California, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, acting jointly:
“(A) The 5.8-mile segment of the North Fork Whitewater River from the source of the River near Mt. San Gorgonio to the confluence with the Middle Fork, as a wild river.

“(B) The 6.4-mile segment of the Middle Fork Whitewater River from the source of the River to the confluence with the South Fork, as a wild river.

“(C) The 1-mile segment of the South Fork Whitewater River from the confluence of the River with the East Fork to the section line between sections 32 and 33, T. 1 S., R. 2 E., as a wild river.

“(D) The 1-mile segment of the South Fork Whitewater River from the section line between sections 32 and 33, T. 1 S., R. 2 E., to the section line between sections 33 and 34, T. 1 S., R. 2 E., as a recreational river.

“(E) The 4.9-mile segment of the South Fork Whitewater River from the section line between sections 33 and 34, T. 1 S., R. 2 E., to the confluence with the Middle Fork, as a wild river.

“(F) The 5.4-mile segment of the main stem of the Whitewater River from the con-
fluence of the South and Middle Forks to the
San Gorgonio Wilderness boundary, as a wild
river.

“(G) The 3.6-mile segment of the main
stem of the Whitewater River from the San
Gorgonio Wilderness boundary to .25 miles up-
stream of the southern boundary of section 35,
T. 2 S., R. 3 E., as a recreational river.”.

SEC. 6. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—Section 1 of the California
Public Law 103–433) is amended by striking “1 and 2,
and titles I through IX” and inserting “1, 2, and 3, titles
I through IX, and titles XIII through XVIII”.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—The California Desert Protection
Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–433; 108 Stat. 4481) is
amended by inserting after section 2 the following:

“SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

“In titles XIII through XVIII:

“(1) CONSERVATION AREA.—The term ‘Con-
servation Area’ means the California Desert Con-
servation Area.

“(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’
means—
“(A) with respect to land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Interior; and

“(B) with respect to land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Agriculture.

“(3) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the State of California.”.

(e) ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.—Section 103 of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–433; 108 Stat. 4481) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for the designation of wilderness areas by this Act—

“(A) to require the additional regulation of land adjacent to the wilderness areas; or

“(B) to lead to the creation of protective perimeters or buffer zones around the wilderness areas.

“(2) NONWILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—Any non-wilderness activities (including renewable energy projects, energy transmission or telecommunications projects, mining, camping, hunting, and military ac-
tivities) in areas immediately adjacent to the boundary of a wilderness area designated by this Act shall not be restricted or precluded by this Act, regardless of any actual or perceived negative impacts of the nonwilderness activities on the wilderness area, including any potential indirect impacts of nonwilderness activities conducted outside the designated wilderness area on the viewshed, ambient noise level, or air quality of wilderness area.”;

(2) in subsection (f), by striking “designated by this title and” inserting “, potential wilderness areas, special management areas, and national monuments designated by this title or titles XIII through XVIII”; and

(3) in subsection (g), by inserting “, a potential wilderness area, a special management areas, or national monument” before “by this Act”.

(d) JUNIPER FLATS.—Title VII of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–433; 108 Stat. 4497) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 712. JUNIPER FLATS.

“Development of renewable energy generation facilities (excluding rights-of-way or facilities for the transmission of energy and telecommunication facilities and in-
(e) CALIFORNIA MILITARY LANDS WITHDRAWAL AND OVERFLIGHTS ACT OF 1994.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Section 801(b)(2) of the California Military Lands Withdrawal and Overflights Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–82 note; Public Law 103–433) is amended by inserting “, special management areas, potential wilderness areas,” before “and wilderness areas”.

(2) OVERFLIGHTS; SPECIAL AIRSPACE.—Section 802 of the California Military Lands Withdrawal and Overflights Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–82) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by inserting “or special management areas” before “designated by this Act”;

(B) in subsection (b), by inserting “or special management areas” before “designated by this Act”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:
“(d) Department of Defense Facilities.—Nothing in this Act alters any authority of the Secretary of Defense to conduct military operations at installations and ranges within the California Desert Conservation Area that are authorized under any other provision of law.”.

(f) Clarification Regarding Funding.—No additional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements of this Act and the amendments made by this Act. Such requirements shall be carried out using amounts otherwise authorized.