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# S. 286

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. BENNET) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Elkhorn Ranch and  
5 White River National Forest Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, ELKHORN RANCH AND WHITE**  
7 **RIVER NATIONAL FOREST, COLORADO.**

8 (a) LAND CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Consistent with  
9 the purpose of the Act of March 3, 1909 (43 U.S.C. 772),

1 all right, title, and interest of the United States (subject  
2 to subsection (b)) in and to a parcel of land consisting  
3 of approximately 148 acres as generally depicted on the  
4 map entitled “Elkhorn Ranch Land Parcel–White River  
5 National Forest” and dated March 2015 shall be conveyed  
6 by patent to the Gordman-Leverich Partnership, a Colo-  
7 rado Limited Liability Partnership (in this section re-  
8 ferred to as “GLP”).

9 (b) EXISTING RIGHTS.—The conveyance under sub-  
10 section (a)—

11 (1) is subject to the valid existing rights of the  
12 lessee of Federal oil and gas lease COC–75070 and  
13 any other valid existing rights; and

14 (2) shall reserve to the United States the right  
15 to collect rent and royalty payments on the lease re-  
16 ferred to in paragraph (1) for the duration of the  
17 lease.

18 (c) EXISTING BOUNDARIES.—The conveyance under  
19 subsection (a) does not modify the exterior boundary of  
20 the White River National Forest or the boundaries of Sec-  
21 tions 18 and 19 of Township 7 South, Range 93 West,  
22 Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, as such boundaries  
23 are in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

24 (d) TIME FOR CONVEYANCE; PAYMENT OF COSTS.—  
25 The conveyance directed under subsection (a) shall be

1 completed not later than 180 days after the date of the  
2 enactment of this Act. The conveyance shall be without  
3 consideration, except that all costs incurred by the Sec-  
4 retary of the Interior relating to any survey, platting, legal  
5 description, or other activities carried out to prepare and  
6 issue the patent shall be paid by GLP to the Secretary  
7 prior to the land conveyance.

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