

Union Calendar No. 355

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1829

[Report No. 118–430]

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger
District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2023

Mr. CRANE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Natural Resources

MARCH 21, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. GOSAR and Mr. MOYLAN

MARCH 21, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 28, 2023]

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. CONVEYANCE OF PLEASANT VALLEY RANGER**
 4 **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE SITE TO GILA**
 5 **COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

6 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

7 (1) *COUNTY.—The term “County” means Gila*
 8 *County, Arizona.*

9 (2) *MAP.—The term “map” means the map enti-*
 10 *tled “Pleasant Valley Admin Site Proposal” and*
 11 *dated September 23, 2021.*

12 (3) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
 13 *the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief*
 14 *of the Forest Service.*

15 (b) *CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this section,*
 16 *if the County submits to the Secretary a written request*
 17 *for conveyance of the property described in subsection (c)*
 18 *not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this*
 19 *Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County all right, title,*
 20 *and interest of the United States in and to the property*
 21 *described in subsection (c).*

22 (c) *DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—*

23 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in*
 24 *subsection (b) is the parcel of real property, including*
 25 *all land and improvements, generally depicted as*

1 *“Gila County Area” on the map, consisting of ap-*
2 *proximately 232.9 acres of National Forest System*
3 *land located in the Tonto National Forest in Arizona.*

4 (2) *MAP.*—

5 (A) *MINOR ERRORS.*—*The Secretary may*
6 *correct minor errors in the map.*

7 (B) *AVAILABILITY.*—*A copy of the map*
8 *shall be on file and available for public inspec-*
9 *tion in the appropriate offices of the Forest Serv-*
10 *ice.*

11 (3) *SURVEY.*—*The exact acreage and legal de-*
12 *scription of the National Forest System land to be*
13 *conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by*
14 *a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.*

15 (d) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*The conveyance under*
16 *subsection (b) shall be—*

17 (1) *subject to valid existing rights;*

18 (2) *made without consideration;*

19 (3) *made by quitclaim deed; and*

20 (4) *subject to such other terms and conditions as*
21 *the Secretary considers to be appropriate to protect*
22 *the interests of the United States.*

23 (e) *COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.*—*As a condition of the*
24 *conveyance under subsection (b), the County shall pay all*
25 *costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost of—*

1 (1) *a survey, if necessary, under subsection*
2 *(c)(3);*

3 (2) *any environmental analysis or resource sur-*
4 *vey required under Federal law; and*

5 (3) *any analysis required to comply with divi-*
6 *sion A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code*
7 *(commonly referred to as the “National Historic Pres-*
8 *ervation Act”).*

9 (f) *ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.—Notwithstanding*
10 *section 120(h)(3)(A) of the Comprehensive Environmental*
11 *Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42*
12 *U.S.C. 9620(h)(3)(A)), the Secretary shall not be required*
13 *to provide any covenant or warranty for the land and im-*
14 *provements conveyed to the County under subsection (b).*

15 (g) *USE OF LAND.—The land conveyed to the county*
16 *under subsection (b) shall be used by the County only for*
17 *the purposes of serving and supporting veterans of the*
18 *Armed Forces.*

19 (h) *REVERSION.—If any land conveyed under sub-*
20 *section (b) is used in a manner that is inconsistent with*
21 *the requirements of subsection (g), all right, title, and inter-*
22 *est in and to the land shall revert to the United States,*
23 *at the discretion of the Secretary.*

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