

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2388

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 10, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

AN ACT

To take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lower Elwha Klallam
3 Tribe Project Lands Restoration Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR THE LOWER ELWHA**
5 **KLALLAM TRIBE.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) RESERVATION.—The term “Reservation”
8 means the Lower Elwha Indian Reservation, also
9 known as the Lower Elwha Reservation, located in
10 the State of Washington.

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

13 (3) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
14 Lower Elwha Tribal Community, also known as the
15 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, located in the State of
16 Washington.

17 (b) LAND HELD IN TRUST.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to all valid existing
19 rights of the United States, the approximately
20 1,082.63 acres of Federal land generally depicted as
21 “NPS Parcels to be Transferred to Tribe” on the
22 map entitled “Olympic National Park Proposed
23 Transfer of Elwha Lands”, numbered 149/178020,
24 and dated December 2021 is hereby taken into and
25 held in trust by the United States for the benefit of
26 the Tribe.

1 (2) INCLUSION IN RESERVATION.—The land
2 taken into trust under paragraph (1) shall be part
3 of the Reservation.

4 (3) LAW APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN LAND.—The
5 land taken into trust under paragraph (1) shall not
6 be subject to any requirements for valuation, ap-
7 praisal, or equalization under any Federal law.

8 (c) LAND MANAGEMENT.—Of the land taken into
9 and held in trust under subsection (b)(1), the portion of
10 the Elwha River subject to section 3(c)(3) of the Elwha
11 River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act (Public
12 Law 102–495; 106 Stat. 3175) shall be managed in ac-
13 cordance with subsection (b) of the first section of the
14 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271), except for
15 necessary modifications under section 3(c)(3) of the Elwha
16 River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act (Public
17 Law 102–495; 106 Stat. 3175).

18 (d) MAP AND SURVEY.—

19 (1) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT; SURVEY.—As
20 soon as practicable after the date of enactment of
21 this Act, the Secretary shall conduct a survey to de-
22 fine the boundaries of the land taken into and held
23 in trust under subsection (b)(1).

24 (2) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary may—

1 (A) make minor boundary adjustments to
2 the land taken into and held in trust under sub-
3 section (b)(1); and

4 (B) correct any minor errors in any map,
5 acreage estimate, or description of that land.

6 (e) GAMING PROHIBITION.—No land taken into and
7 held in trust for the benefit of the Tribe under this section
8 shall be considered Indian lands for the purpose of the
9 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.).

10 **SEC. 3. NO IMPACT ON TREATY RIGHTS.**

11 Nothing in this Act affects treaty rights under the
12 Treaty between the United States of America and the
13 S’Klallams Indians, concluded at Point no Point, Wash-
14 ington Territory, January 26, 1855 (12 Stat. 933) (com-
15 monly known as the “Treaty of Point No Point”).

Passed the House of Representatives December 9,
2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.