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119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 972

[Report No. 119–279]

To amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “Sloan Canyon Con-
5 servation and Lateral Pipeline Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) CONSERVATION AREA.—The term “Con-
9 servation Area” means the Sloan Canyon National
10 Conservation Area.

11 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
13 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

14 **SEC. 3. SLOAN CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA**
15 **BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

16 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—

17 (1) MAP.—Section 603(4) of the Sloan Canyon
18 National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq–
19 1(4)) is amended by striking “map entitled ‘South-
20 ern Nevada Public Land Management Act’ and
21 dated October 1, 2002” and inserting “map entitled
22 ‘Proposed Sloan Canyon Expansion’ and dated May
23 20, 2024”.

24 (2) ACREAGE.—Section 604(b) of the Sloan
25 Canyon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C.

1 460qqq-2(b)) is amended by striking “48,438” and
2 inserting “57,728”.

3 (b) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—Section 605 of the Sloan Can-
4 yon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq-
5 3) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(h) HORIZON LATERAL PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-
7 WAY.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections
9 202 and 503 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-
10 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1763) and
11 subject to valid existing rights and paragraph (3),
12 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
13 rector of the Bureau of Land Management (referred
14 to in this subsection as the ‘Secretary’), shall, not
15 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
16 subsection, grant to the Southern Nevada Water Au-
17 thority (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Author-
18 ity’), not subject to the payment of rents or other
19 charges, the temporary and permanent water pipe-
20 line infrastructure, and outside the boundaries of the
21 Conservation Area, powerline, facility, and access
22 road rights-of-way depicted on the map for the pur-
23 poses of—

24 “(A) performing geotechnical investigations
25 within the rights-of-way; and

1 “(B) constructing and operating water
2 transmission and related facilities.

3 “(2) EXCAVATION AND DISPOSAL.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Authority may,
5 without consideration, excavate and use or dis-
6 pose of sand, gravel, minerals, or other mate-
7 rials from the tunneling of the water pipeline
8 necessary to fulfill the purpose of the rights-of-
9 way granted under paragraph (1).

10 “(B) MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
11 STANDING.—Not later than 30 days after the
12 date on which the rights-of-way are granted
13 under paragraph (1), the Secretary and the Au-
14 thority shall enter into a memorandum of un-
15 derstanding identifying Federal land on which
16 the Authority may dispose of materials under
17 subparagraph (A) to further the interests of the
18 Bureau of Land Management.

19 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—A right-of-way issued
20 under this subsection shall be subject to the fol-
21 lowing requirements:

22 “(A) The Secretary may include reasonable
23 terms and conditions, consistent with section
24 505 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-

1 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1765), as are nec-
2 essary to protect Conservation Area resources.

3 “(B) Construction of the water pipeline
4 shall not permanently adversely affect conserva-
5 tion area surface resources.

6 “(C) The right-of-way shall not be located
7 through or under any area designated as wilder-
8 ness.”.

9 (c) PRESERVATION OF TRANSMISSION AND UTILITY
10 CORRIDORS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—The expansion of the
11 Conservation Area boundary under the amendment made
12 by subsection (a)—

13 (1) shall be subject to valid existing rights, in-
14 cluding land within a designated utility transmission
15 corridor or a transmission line right-of-way grant
16 approved by the Secretary in a record of decision
17 issued before the date of the enactment of this Act;

18 (2) shall not preclude—

19 (A) any activity authorized in accordance
20 with a designated corridor or right-of-way re-
21 ferred to in paragraph (1), including the oper-
22 ation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of
23 any authorized utility facility within the cor-
24 ridor or right-of-way; or

1 (B) the Secretary from authorizing the es-
2 tablishment of a new utility facility right-of-way
3 within an existing designated transportation
4 and utility corridor referred to in paragraph
5 (1)—

6 (i) in accordance with the National
7 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
8 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other applicable
9 laws; and

10 (ii) subject to such terms and condi-
11 tions as the Secretary determines to be ap-
12 propriate.

13 (d) MANAGEMENT OF THE CONSERVATION AREA.—

14 Except as provided in the amendment made by subsection
15 (b), nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
16 Act shall modify the management of the Conservation
17 Area pursuant to section 605 of the Sloan Canyon Na-
18 tional Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq–3).

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