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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 1513****[Report No. 119–135]**

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 2025

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Reported by Mr. ARMSTRONG (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI), without amendment

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 “Lower Elwha Klallam
5 Tribe Project Lands Restoration Act”.

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

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

8 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

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

14 (b) LAND HELD IN TRUST.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to all valid existing
16 rights of the United States, the approximately
17 1,082.63 acres of Federal land generally depicted as
18 “NPS Parcels to be Transferred to Tribe” on the
19 map entitled “Olympic National Park Proposed
20 Transfer of Elwha Lands”, numbered 149/178020,
21 and dated December 2021 is hereby taken into and
22 held in trust by the United States for the benefit of
23 the Tribe.

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

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

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

15 (d) MAP AND SURVEY.—

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

21 (2) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary may—

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

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

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

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

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

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