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S. 2871

To take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pit River Tribe, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 16), 2025

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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 “Pit River Land Trans-
5 fer Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAND TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.**

7 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER.—Administrative
8 jurisdiction of the Four Corners Federal land is hereby
9 transferred from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Sec-
10 retary.

1 (b) LAND TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.—Subject to
 2 valid existing rights, the Four Corners Federal land is
 3 hereby taken into trust by the Secretary for the benefit
 4 of the Tribe.

5 (c) SURVEY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
 6 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall conduct a
 7 complete survey of the Four Corners Federal land.

8 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—On being taken into trust
 9 under this section, the Four Corners Federal land shall
 10 be—

11 (1) considered part of the Reservation of the
 12 Tribe; and

13 (2) administered by the Secretary in accordance
 14 with the laws and regulations generally applicable to
 15 property held in trust by the United States for an
 16 Indian Tribe.

17 (e) GAMING PROHIBITED.—The land taken into trust
 18 under this section shall not be used for any class II gam-
 19 ing or class III gaming under the Indian Gaming Regu-
 20 latory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) (as those terms are
 21 defined in section 4 of that Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

22 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) FOUR CORNERS FEDERAL LAND.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Four Cor-
 25 ners Federal land” means the approximately

1 583.79 acres of land managed by the Forest
2 Service, as generally depicted within the “Pro-
3 posed Land Conveyance” boundary on the Map,
4 including improvements and appurtenances
5 thereon.

6 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “Four Cor-
7 ners Federal land” does not include the ap-
8 proximately 20.03 acres of roads, highways,
9 and public rights-of-way subject to existing
10 easements generally depicted within the “Pro-
11 posed Land Conveyance” boundary on the Map.

12 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map
13 prepared by the Forest Service entitled “Proposed
14 Land Conveyance to the Pit River Tribe” and dated
15 November 6, 2024.

16 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (4) TRIBE.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Tribe”
20 means the Pit River Tribe, California.

21 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “Tribe” in-
22 cludes the XL Ranch, Big Bend, Likely, Look-
23 out, Montgomery Creek, and Roaring Creek
24 Rancherias.

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