

Calendar No. 486

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 2881**

To provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, 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 Energy and Natural Resources

JULY 23, 2026

Reported by Mr. LEE, with an amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**
 2 **OVER CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND IN THE**
 3 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**

4 (a) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-
 5 TION.—

6 (1) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND.—Admin-
 7 istrative jurisdiction over the approximately 160
 8 acres of National Forest System land more particu-
 9 larly described as T.1 S., R.19 E., sec. 24,
 10 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
 11 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Mount Diablo Meridian, Tuolumne
 12 County, California, as generally depicted on the map
 13 entitled “Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange” and
 14 dated February 24, 2022, is transferred to the Sec-
 15 retary of the Interior to be managed as part of Yo-
 16 semite National Park, in accordance with laws appli-
 17 cable to the National Park System.

18 (2) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM LAND.—Adminis-
 19 trative jurisdiction over the approximately 170 acres
 20 of National Park System land more particularly de-
 21 scribed as the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 23 and the land to the
 22 north and west of Road 1S25 within the
 23 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 24, T.1 S., R. 19 E.,
 24 Mount Diablo Meridian, Tuolumne County, Cali-
 25 fornia, as generally depicted on the map entitled
 26 “Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange” and dated

February 24, 2022, is transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture to be managed as part of Stanislaus National Forest in accordance with laws applicable to the National Forest System.

(1) *NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND.*—Administrative jurisdiction over the approximately 160 acres of National Forest System land, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange” and dated February 24, 2022, is transferred to the Secretary of the Interior to be managed as part of Yosemite National Park, in accordance with laws applicable to the National Park System.

(2) *NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM LAND.*—Administrative jurisdiction over the approximately 170 acres of National Park System land, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange” and dated February 24, 2022, is transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture to be managed as part of Stanislaus National Forest in accordance with laws applicable to the National Forest System.

(b) CORRECTIONS.—

(1) *MINOR ADJUSTMENTS.*—The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior may, by mutual agreement, make minor corrections and adjustments to the Federal land transferred under

1 subsection (a) to facilitate land management, includ-
2 ing making a correction or adjustment to any appli-
3 cable survey.

4 (2) PUBLICATIONS.—Any correction or adjust-
5 ment made under paragraph (1) shall be effective on
6 the date of publication of a notice of the correction
7 or adjustment in the Federal Register.

8 (c) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—

9 (1) NOTICE.—The Secretary of Agriculture and
10 the Secretary of the Interior shall, with respect to
11 the land described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
12 section (a), respectively—

13 (A) identify any known sites containing
14 hazardous substances; and

15 (B) provide to the head of the Federal
16 agency to which the land is being transferred
17 under subsection (a) notice of any site con-
18 taining hazardous substances, as identified
19 under subparagraph (A).

20 (2) CLEANUP OBLIGATIONS.—To the same ex-
21 tent as on the day before the date of enactment of
22 this Act, with respect to any Federal liability—

23 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture shall re-
24 main responsible for any cleanup of hazardous

1 substances on the Federal land described in
2 subsection (a)(1); and

3 (B) the Secretary of the Interior shall re-
4 main responsible for any cleanup of hazardous
5 substances on the Federal land described in
6 subsection (a)(2).

7 (d) EFFECT ON EXISTING RIGHTS AND AUTHORIZA-
8 TIONS.—Nothing in this section affects—

9 (1) any valid existing rights; or

10 (2) the validity or terms and conditions of any
11 existing withdrawal, right-of-way, easement, lease, li-
12 cense, or permit on the land to which administrative
13 jurisdiction is transferred under this section, except
14 that beginning on the date of enactment of this Act,
15 the head of the agency to which administrative juris-
16 diction over the land is transferred shall be respon-
17 sible for administering the interests or authoriza-
18 tions in accordance with applicable law.

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