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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. GALLEGOS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. CONVEYANCE OF PLEASANT VALLEY RANGER**
4 **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE SITE TO GILA**
5 **COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Gila
8 County, Arizona.

1 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
2 titled “Pleasant Valley Admin Site Proposal” and
3 dated September 23, 2021.

4 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
6 Chief of the Forest Service.

7 (b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this sec-
8 tion, if the County submits to the Secretary a written re-
9 quest for conveyance of the property described in sub-
10 section (c) not later than 180 days after the date of enact-
11 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County
12 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
13 to the property described in subsection (c).

14 (c) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in
16 subsection (b) is the parcel of real property, includ-
17 ing all land and improvements, generally depicted as
18 “Gila County Area” on the map, consisting of ap-
19 proximately 232.9 acres of National Forest System
20 land located in the Tonto National Forest in Ari-
21 zona.

22 (2) MAP.—

23 (A) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary may
24 correct minor errors in the map.

1 (B) AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map
2 shall be on file and available for public inspec-
3 tion in the appropriate offices of the Forest
4 Service.

5 (3) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-
6 scription of the National Forest System land to be
7 conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined
8 by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

9 (d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance
10 under subsection (b) shall be—

11 (1) subject to valid existing rights;

12 (2) made without consideration;

13 (3) made by quitclaim deed; and

14 (4) subject to such other terms and conditions
15 as the Secretary considers to be appropriate to pro-
16 tect the interests of the United States.

17 (e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of the
18 conveyance under subsection (b), the County shall pay all
19 costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost
20 of—

21 (1) a survey, if necessary, under subsection
22 (c)(3);

23 (2) any environmental analysis or resource sur-
24 vey required under Federal law; and

1 (3) any analysis required to comply with divi-
 2 sion A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code
 3 (commonly referred to as the “National Historic
 4 Preservation Act”).

5 (f) ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.—Notwith-
 6 standing section 120(h)(3)(A) of the Comprehensive Envi-
 7 ronmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
 8 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)(3)(A)), the Secretary shall not
 9 be required to provide any covenant or warranty for the
 10 land and improvements conveyed to the County under sub-
 11 section (b).

12 (g) USE OF LAND; REVERSION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed to the
 14 County under subsection (b) shall be used by the
 15 County only for the purposes of serving and sup-
 16 porting veterans of the Armed Forces.

17 (2) REVERSION.—If any land conveyed under
 18 subsection (b) is used in a manner that is incon-
 19 sistent with the requirements of paragraph (1), all
 20 right, title, and interest in and to the land shall re-
 21 vert to the United States, at the discretion of the
 22 Secretary.

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