

Calendar No. 471

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 700**

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

FEBRUARY 25, 2025

Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. GALLEG0) 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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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:

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

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

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

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

16 (c) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—

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

24 (2) MAP.—

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

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

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

11 (d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance
 12 under subsection (b) shall be—

13 (1) subject to valid existing rights;

14 (2) made without consideration;

15 (3) made by quitclaim deed; and

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

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

23 (1) a survey, if necessary, under subsection

24 (c)(3);

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

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

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

14 ~~(g) USE OF LAND; REVERSION.—~~

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

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

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4 *Armed Forces.*

5 (h) *REVERSION.*—*If any land conveyed under sub-*
6 *section (b) is used in a manner that is inconsistent with*
7 *the requirements of subsection (g), all right, title, and inter-*
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