

YUHAAVIATAM OF SAN MANUEL NATION LAND EXCHANGE ACT

AUGUST 20, 2026.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. WESTERMAN, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3925]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3925) to provide for a land exchange in San Bernardino County, California, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation Land Exchange Act”.

SEC. 2. EXCHANGE OF LAND.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

(1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal Land” means the approximately 1,475 acres of National Forest System land (including any and all privileges, easements, subsurface rights, hereditaments, improvements and appurtenances thereon and thereto) depicted as F-1 and F-2 on the Federal Land Maps.

(2) FEDERAL LAND MAPS.—The term “Federal Land Maps” means the maps entitled—

(A) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Exchange, San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino County, California, Federal Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 1 of 2)”, created July 8, 2022, revised January 10, 2023; and

(B) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Exchange, San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino County, California, Federal Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 2 of 2)”, created July 8, 2022, revised January 10, 2023.

(3) NATION.—The term “Nation” means the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation, a federally recognized tribe, also recognized as the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

(4) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Non-Federal Land” means the approximately 1,460 acres of land (including any and all privileges, easements, subsurface rights, hereditaments, improvements and appurtenances thereon and

thereto) owned by the Nation and depicted on the Non-Federal Land Maps as NF-1, NF-2, NF-3, NF-4a, and NF-5.

(5) NON-FEDERAL LAND MAPS.—The term “Non-Federal Land Maps” means the maps entitled—

(A) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Exchange San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 1 of 4)”, created March 8, 2022, revised January 9, 2023;

(B) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Exchange San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 2 of 4)”, created March 8, 2022, revised January 9, 2023;

(C) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Exchange San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 3 of 4)”, created March 8, 2022, revised January 9, 2023; and

(D) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Exchange San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 4 of 4)”, created July 8, 2022, revised January 9, 2023.

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

(b) LAND EXCHANGE.—Subject to the provisions of this section, if the Nation offers to convey to the United States all right, title, and interest of the Nation in and to the Non-Federal Land, the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable within the 1-year period beginning on the date on which the Secretary receives such offer—

(1) accept the offer; and

(2) convey to the Nation all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal Land, excepting and reserving an easement for access and use by the Forest Service any portion of Forest Service roads 1N22, 1N24, and 1N25 located on the Federal Land.

(c) SURVEY.—

(1) FEDERAL LAND.—The exact acreage and legal description of the Federal Land to be conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by a survey approved by the Secretary and the Nation.

(2) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The exact acreage and legal description of the Non-Federal Land to be conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by a survey approved by the Secretary and the Nation.

(B) COST.—The cost of the survey in subparagraph (A) shall be borne by the Nation.

(d) MAPS, ESTIMATES, AND DESCRIPTIONS.—

(1) MINOR ERROR.—The Secretary and the Nation may, by mutual agreement—

(A) make minor boundary adjustments to the lands to be exchanged under subsection (b); and

(B) correct any minor errors in any map, acreage estimate, or description of the land to be exchanged under subsection (b).

(2) CONFLICT.—If there is a conflict between a map, acreage estimate, or description of any land to be exchanged under subsection (b), the map shall control unless the Secretary and the Nation mutually agree otherwise.

(3) AVAILABILITY OF MAPS.—The Federal Land Map and the Non-Federal Land Map shall be kept on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Regional Forester, Pacific Southwest Region, United States Forest Service, or any other appropriate office of the Forest Service, as determined by the Secretary.

(e) ARROWHEAD LANDMARK PRESERVATION.—

(1) AGREEMENT.—As a condition of the conveyance under subsection (b), not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Nation shall enter into an agreement with the Secretary under which the Nation agrees to preserve, to an extent mutually agreed upon, the historical and cultural integrity of the Arrowhead landmark site denoted on the Federal Land Maps as “Arrowhead Landmark GA”.

(2) RECORDS.—The agreement entered into under paragraph (1) shall be recorded in the official records of the County of San Bernardino, California, and in an appropriate records system of the Forest Service, as determined by the Secretary.

(f) MANAGEMENT OF LAND.—Land acquired by the Secretary under this section shall become part of the San Bernardino National Forest and be managed in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to such National Forest.

(g) FEDERAL LAND POLICY MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976.—The land exchange under subsection (b) is not subject to section 206 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

The purpose of H.R. 3925 is to provide for a land exchange in San Bernardino County, California, and for other purposes.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 3925, sponsored by Representative Jay Obernolte (R–CA), authorizes a land exchange between the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (Yuhaaviatam).

The Yuhaaviatam reside on the San Manuel Reservation in southern California, which sits amid lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and USFS.¹ The Yuhaaviatam has long worked to consolidate its land base. In 2017, the Yuhaaviatam began pursuing an administrative land exchange to link their reservation with their adjoining Arrowhead Springs property. The tribe submitted a formal proposal in 2019 and, at USFS's request, acquired a series of private inholdings inside the boundaries of the San Bernadino National Forest to assemble an exchange package. An Agreement to Initiate was signed in 2022, followed by a public scoping in 2023.² After several delays, the land has not yet been transferred.

H.R. 3925 would expedite this process by creating a more contiguous land base for the Yuhaaviatam by connecting the San Manuel Reservation to Arrowhead Springs. Under the exchange, the Yuhaaviatam would receive approximately 1,475 acres of USFS land in the San Bernadino National Forest and transfer approximately 1,460 acres of tribal land to USFS. The conveyances would reduce checkerboard land holdings in the region, improve land management for both the federal government and the tribe, and reduce the federal estate.

An amendment in the nature of a substitute was considered and adopted during the Full Committee Markup that reflected the technical assistance provided by USFS.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 3925 was introduced on June 11, 2025, by Representative Jay Obernolte (R–CA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs. On September 9, 2025, the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the bill. On June 10, 2026, the Committee on Natural Resources met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3925 by unanimous consent. Representative Jeff Hurd (R–CO) offered an Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Hurd ANS. The Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute was agreed to by unanimous

¹Tiller, Veronica E. Velarde. *Tiller's Guide to Indian Country: Economic Profiles of American Indian Reservations*. 2nd ed. Pg. 470–471.

²Briefing with Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs Staff from Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation, August 30, 2025.

consent. The bill, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of clause 3(c)(6) of House rule XIII, the following hearing was used to develop or consider this measure: hearing by the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held on September 9, 2025.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Short title

Section 1 names the bill the “Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation Land Exchange Act.”

Section 2. Exchange of land

Section 2 directs the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange approximately 1,475 acres of federal land in the San Bernardino National Forest for roughly 1,460 acres owned by the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation. Additionally, this section requires the tribe, within one-year of the bill’s enactment, to enter into an agreement to preserve the Arrowhead Landmark.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources’ oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. *Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act.* Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of House rule XIII and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and pursuant to clause 3(c)(3) of House rule XIII and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has requested but not received from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office a budgetary analysis and a cost estimate of this bill.

2. *General Performance Goals and Objectives.* As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to provide for a land exchange in San Bernardino County, California, and for other purposes.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT

An estimate of federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act was not made available to the Committee in time for the filing of this report. The Chair of the Com-

mittee shall cause such estimate to be printed in the Congressional Record upon its receipt by the Committee, if such estimate is not publicly available on the Congressional Budget Office website.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

Directed Rule Making. This bill does not contain any directed rule makings.

Duplication of Existing Programs. This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program. Such program was not included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139 or identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95–220, as amended by Public Law 98–169) as relating to other programs.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

Any preemptive effect of this bill over state, local, or tribal law is intended to be consistent with the bill's purposes and text and the Supremacy Clause of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

As ordered reported by the Committee on Natural Resources, H.R. 3925 would make no changes in existing law.

