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H. R. 1718

To provide for the conveyance of certain lands in Wyoming to the County
of Park, Wyoming.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 1997

Mrs. CUBIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Resources

A BILL

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to the County of Park, Wyoming.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The 190.12 acres described in subsection
6 (e) are in the public domain, withdrawn from public
7 domain for reclamation purposes, and managed by
8 the Bureau of Reclamation.

9 (2) The land to be conveyed under this Act has
10 been subject to a Withdrawal Review, a Level I Con-

1 taminant Survey, Historical, Cultural and Archae-
2 ological Resource Surveys by the Bureau of Rec-
3 lamation.

4 (3) The Bureau of Land Management has con-
5 ducted a Cadastral Survey of the lands and has de-
6 termined that the land is no longer suitable for re-
7 turn to the public domain.

8 (4) The Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau
9 of Land Management concur in their recommenda-
10 tion of disposal of the 190.12 acres described there-
11 in.

12 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE.**

13 (a) CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary of the Interior
14 (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall convey,
15 without consideration, to the County of Park, Wyoming
16 (hereafter in this section referred to as the “County”) all
17 right, title, and interest of the United States, in and to
18 a parcel of real property, excluding any improvements
19 thereon, consisting of 190.12 acres located in Park Coun-
20 ty, Wyoming, as described in subsection (e), such convey-
21 ance shall reserve all rights to locatable, salable, and
22 leasable oil and gas reserves, and shall be subject to any
23 existing land use leases, easements, rights-of-way, and
24 special use permits.

1 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.—The United
2 States has in good faith exercised due diligence and deter-
3 mined that the conveyed lands are free of any environ-
4 mental contamination according to any laws, statutes, and
5 regulations of record and, therefore, the United States
6 agrees to hold harmless and release from all liability any
7 future owners of the conveyed lands from any environ-
8 mental law, statute, and regulatory violations or contami-
9 nant problems arising from any action, or inaction of those
10 previous tenants that had vacated their lease prior to con-
11 veyance of said lands. Tenants or owners of leases at the
12 time of conveyance, or thereafter shall be responsible and
13 liable for any environmental law, statute, and regulatory
14 violations or contaminant problems resulting from their
15 action, or inaction subsequent to the conveyance of said
16 lands.

17 (c) CONDITION OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance
18 authorized under subsection (a) shall be subject to the
19 condition that the county use the property conveyed under
20 that subsection for economic development, or transfer the
21 property to a local organization formed for the purpose
22 of economic development.

23 (d) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—During the 5-year
24 period beginning on the date that the Secretary makes the
25 conveyance authorized under subsection (a), if the Sec-

1 retary determines that the conveyed property is not being
2 used in accordance with subsection (c), all right, title, and
3 interest in and to the conveyed property, excluding any
4 improvements thereon, and subject to any existing land
5 use leases, easements, rights-of-way, and special use per-
6 mits, shall revert to the United States and the United
7 States shall have the right of immediate entry onto the
8 property.

9 (e) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact total
10 acreage is 190.12 acres and the legal description of the
11 property conveyed, as determined by a Cadastral Survey,
12 is as follows:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Park County, Wyoming

T. 53 N., R. 101 W.	<i>Acreage</i>
Section 20, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	5.00
Section 29, Lot 7	9.91
Lot 9	38.24
Lot 10	31.29
Lot 12	5.78
Lot 13	8.64
Lot 1404
Lot 15	9.73
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	5.00
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	10.00
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	10.00
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	10.00
Tract 101	13.24
Section 30, Lot 31	16.95
Lot 32	16.30

13 (f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-
14 retary may require such additional terms and conditions
15 in connection with the conveyance under this section as

1 the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the inter-
2 ests of the United States.

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