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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

June 12, 1997

Mrs. Boxer introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Hoopa Valley Reserva-
- 5 tion South Boundary Adjustment Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF LANDS WITHIN SIX RIVERS NA-
- 7 TIONAL FOREST FOR HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE.
- 8 (a) Transfer.—All right, title, and interest in and
- 9 to the lands described in subsection (b) shall hereafter be
- 10 administered by the Secretary of the Interior and be held

- 1 in trust by the United States for the Hoopa Valley Tribe.
- 2 The lands are declared part of the Hoopa Valley Reserva-
- 3 tion. Upon the inclusion of such lands in the Hoopa Valley
- 4 Reservation, Forest Service system roads numbered 8N03
- 5 and 7N51 and the Trinity River access road (which is a
- 6 spur off road numbered 7N51) shall be Indian reservation
- 7 roads, as defined in section 101(a) of title 23, United
- 8 States Code.
- 9 (b) Lands Described.—The lands referred to in
- 10 subsection (a) are those portions of Townships 7 North
- 11 and 8 North, Ranges 5 East and 6 East, Humboldt Merid-
- 12 ian, California, within a boundary beginning at a point
- 13 on the current south boundary of the Hoopa Valley Indian
- 14 Reservation, marked and identified as "Post H.V.R. No.
- 15 8" on the Plat of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation
- 16 prepared from a field survey conducted by C.T. Bissel, Au-
- 17 gustus T. Smith, and C.A. Robinson, Deputy Surveyors,
- 18 approved by the Surveyor General, H. Pratt, March 18,
- 19 1892, and extending from such point on a bearing of north
- 20 72 degrees 30 minutes east, until intersecting with a line
- 21 beginning at a point marked as "Post H.V.R. No. 3" on
- 22 such survey and extending on a bearing of south 15 de-
- 23 grees 59 minutes east, comprising 2,641 acres more or
- 24 less.

- 1 (c) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundary of the
- 2 Six Rivers National Forest in the State of California is
- 3 adjusted to exclude the lands to be held in trust for the
- 4 benefit of the Hoopa Valley Tribe pursuant to this section.
- 5 (d) Survey.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting
- 6 through the Bureau of Land Management, shall survey
- 7 and monument that portion of the boundary of the Hoopa
- 8 Valley Reservation established by the addition of the lands
- 9 described in subsection (b).
- 10 (e) Settlement of Claims.—The transfer of lands
- 11 to trust status under this section extinguishes the follow-
- 12 ing claims by the Hoopa Valley Tribe:
- 13 (1) All claims on land administered as of the
- date of enactment of this Act as part of the Six Riv-
- ers National Forest based on the allegation of error
- in establishing the boundaries of the Hoopa Valley
- 17 Reservation, as those boundaries were configured be-
- fore the date of enactment of this Act.
- 19 (2) All claims of failure to pay just compensa-
- 20 tion for a taking under the fifth amendment to the
- 21 United States Constitution, if such claims are based
- on activities, occurring before the date of the enact-
- 23 ment of this Act, related to the lands transferred to
- 24 trust status under this section.