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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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. STUDY OF ALTERNATIVES TO CURRENT MAN-**  
4                       **AGEMENT OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LANDS IN**  
5                       **ARIZONA.**

6       (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense and the Sec-  
7       retary of the Interior shall carry out a study of measures  
8       to improve the management of the Federal lands in Ari-  
9       zona constituting the Barry M. Goldwater Range (as de-  
10      scribed in section 3031(a) of the Military Lands With-

drawal Act of 1999 (title XXX of the National Defense  
Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000)) and the Organ  
Pipe National Monument.

(b) ELEMENTS OF STUDY.—In carrying out the  
study under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense and  
the Secretary of the Interior shall—

(1) assess the feasibility and practicability of  
the establishment in all or parts of the Federal lands  
covered by subsection (a) of a national park or na-  
tional preserve;

(2) assess the feasibility and practicability of  
any improvements in the management of such Fed-  
eral lands that may be proposed as part of the  
study; and

(3) develop recommendations for actions for the  
management of such Federal lands that, if imple-  
mented, would both—

(A) provide for the conservation and pro-  
tection of archaeological, cultural, geological,  
historical, biological, scientific, scenic, wilder-  
ness, recreational, and wildlife values of the  
Sonoran Desert; and

(B) contribute in appropriate manner to  
the furtherance of the national defense.

1       (c) CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHER AGENCIES AND EN-  
2 TITIES.—In carrying out the study under subsection (a),  
3 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior  
4 shall jointly work with appropriate Federal and State  
5 agencies having an interest or expertise in the matters cov-  
6 ered by the study, as well as private entities having an  
7 interest or expertise in such matters.

8       (d) PUBLIC MEETINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The  
9 Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior  
10 shall provide for a reasonable opportunity for public hear-  
11 ings and meetings on the study under subsection (a), as  
12 well as public comment on draft versions of the report on  
13 the study under subsection (e).

14       (e) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2001, the  
15 Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior  
16 shall jointly submit to Congress a report on the study  
17 under subsection (a). The report shall include the results  
18 of the study and incorporate any public comments on the  
19 study under subsection (d).

20       (f) AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1)  
21 There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the De-  
22 partment of Defense and for the Department of the Inte-  
23 rior such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of  
24 activities under this section.

1       (2) Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authoriza-  
2   tion of appropriations in paragraph (1) shall remain avail-  
3   able for the purpose referred to in that paragraph until  
4   expended.

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