

107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4062

To require the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain land for the benefit of the Crow Tribe of Montana.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2002

Mr. REHBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) The Crow Tribal Council approved of the
6 trade of real estate authorized by this Act in a
7 Quarterly Council Meeting of the Crow Tribal Coun-
8 cil duly called, noticed, and held on the 8th day of
9 January, 2000, and granted authority to the Offi-

1 cers of the Crow Tribal Council to effectuate the
2 trade.

3 (2) On the 18th day of January, 2002, in a let-
4 ter to the Montana delegation to Congress, the
5 Chairman of the Crow Tribal Council, Mr. Clifford
6 Birdinground, approved the land trade between the
7 Crow Tribe and the Royal Crest Dairy, Inc., a Colo-
8 rado corporation authorized to do business in Mon-
9 tana.

10 **SEC. 2. ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE**
11 **CROW TRIBE OF MONTANA.**

12 (a) **AUTHORITY.—**

13 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of law, the Secretary of the Interior shall
15 acquire the land described in subsection (b) pursu-
16 ant to section 5 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (25
17 U.S.C. 465) for the benefit of the Crow Tribe of
18 Montana in exchange for approval of the transfer of
19 title in fee simple of the land described in subsection
20 (c) from the Crow Tribe to David A. Miller, DBA
21 Many Creeks Ranch/Miller Cattle Company.

22 (2) **TRUST AND RESERVATION STATUS.—**The
23 land described in subsection (b) and acquired pursu-
24 ant to paragraph (1)—

25 (A) shall be—

1 (i) held in trust by the United States
2 for the benefit of the Crow Tribe of Mon-
3 tana; and

4 (ii) exempt from State and local tax-
5 ation in accordance with section 5 of the
6 Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 465);
7 and

8 (B) may be added to the Crow Indian Res-
9 ervation in accordance with section 7 of the Act
10 of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 467).

11 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND TO BE ACQUIRED.—The
12 land described in this subsection comprises the following
13 approximately 242.48 acres located in Montana:

14 Township 5 South, Range 36 East, P.M.M.

15 Section 2:

16 $S^{1/2}NW^{1/4}$,

17 Section 3:

18 Lots 1, 2, $S^{1/2}NE^{1/4}$.

19 (c) DESCRIPTION OF LAND TO BE TRANSFERRED.—
20 The land described in this subsection comprises the fol-
21 lowing approximately 160 acres located within the Crow
22 Indian Reservation:

23 Township 4 South, Range 37 East, P.M.M.

24 Section 3:

25 $S^{1/2}SW^{1/4}$,

- 1 Section 10:
- 2 N¹/₂NW¹/₄.

