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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Soledad Canyon Mine
5 Lease Cancellation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) Transit Mixed Concrete Corporation holds 2
2 Bureau of Land Management leases for the extrac-
3 tion of sand and gravel from the Federal mineral es-
4 tate in land in Soledad Canyon adjacent to the City
5 of Santa Clarita, California, numbered CA-20139
6 and CA-22901;

7 (2) the land subject to the leases contains ap-
8 proximately 56,000,000 tons of sand and gravel;

9 (3) mining 56,000,000 tons of sand and gravel
10 under the terms of the leases would cause harm to
11 the environment and major transportation problems
12 for the city of Santa Clarita, surrounding areas, and
13 other users of the transportation systems in the vi-
14 cinity of the Canyon; and

15 (4) it is in the best interest of the citizens of
16 the State of California and the United States to can-
17 cel the leases and make new leases available for the
18 extraction of sand and gravel that reflect the level
19 of mining that has historically occurred in the Can-
20 yon.

21 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this Act:

23 (1) CANYON.—The term “Canyon” means land
24 in Soledad Canyon, California, as depicted on the
25 map entitled “City of Santa Clarita, TMC Project

1 Site”, dated December 2000, and on file with the
2 Secretary.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 **SEC. 4. CANCELLATION OF LEASES; ISSUANCE OF NEW**
6 **LEASES.**

7 (a) CANCELLATION OF LEASES.—The Secretary shall
8 cancel the Bureau of Land Management leases numbered
9 CA–20139 and CA–22901.

10 (b) ISSUANCE OF NEW LEASES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may issue
12 leases for the extraction of sand and gravel in the
13 Canyon.

14 (2) LIMITATION ON ANNUAL EXTRACTIONS.—
15 Leases issued under paragraph (1) shall not author-
16 ize the extraction of more than 285,000 tons of sand
17 and gravel per year.

18 (3) CONSULTATION.—Before issuing a lease
19 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

20 (A) consult with the city of Santa Clarita,
21 California, Los Angeles County, California, and
22 surface owners in the Canyon; and

- 1 (B) take into consideration the environ-
- 2 mental and transportation impacts of the ex-
- 3 traction on the Canyon.

