

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4827

To authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2006

Mrs. BONO (for herself and Mr. GRIJALVA) 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 the following:

5 (1) Certain non-Federal lands adjacent to the
6 Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in La Paz County,
7 Arizona, are desirable for Federal acquisition to pro-

1 tect important riparian areas and migratory bird
2 and other wildlife habitat.

3 (2) The location of certain Bureau of Land
4 Management inholdings in Riverside County, Cali-
5 fornia, renders the land essentially useful only for
6 farming and, therefore, of limited use and enjoyment
7 potential for the general public.

8 (3) These Bureau of Land Management
9 inholdings are appropriate for transfer to private
10 ownership in exchange for lands that will have high-
11 er public use values.

12 (4) The acquisition of the non-Federal lands
13 adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge will
14 greatly increase management efficiency of the refuge
15 and promote public access, use, and enjoyment of
16 the refuge.

17 **SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE, CIBOLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE**
18 **REFUGE, ARIZONA, AND BUREAU OF LAND**
19 **MANAGEMENT LAND IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY,**
20 **CALIFORNIA.**

21 (a) CONVEYANCE OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGE-
22 MENT LAND.—In exchange for the land described in sub-
23 section (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to
24 River Bottom Farms of La Paz County, Arizona, all right,
25 title and interest of the United States in and to certain

1 Federal land administered by the Secretary through the
2 Bureau of Land Management consisting of a total of ap-
3 proximately 80 acres, and more specifically described as
4 Lot 4 of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 22 East,
5 San Bernardino Meridian, Riverside County, California.
6 The conveyed land shall be subject to valid existing rights,
7 including easements, rights-of-way, utility lines, and any
8 other valid encumbrances on the land as of the date of
9 the conveyance under this section.

10 (b) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the con-
11 veyance of the Federal land under subsection (a), River
12 Bottom Farms shall convey to the United States all right,
13 title, and interest of River Bottom Farms in and to two
14 parcels of land contiguous to the Cibola National Wildlife
15 Refuge in La Paz County, Arizona, consisting of a total
16 of approximately 40 acres and more specifically described
17 as follows:

18 (1) The $W^{1/2}NW^{1/4}SE^{1/4}$ of fractional Section
19 7, Township 1 South, Range 23 West, Gila and Salt
20 River Base and Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona,
21 which is also known as parcel number 301–05–
22 005B–9.

23 (2) The $W^{1/2}SW^{1/4}NE^{1/4}$ of such Section 7,
24 which is also known as parcel number 301–05–008–
25 0.

1 (c) EQUAL VALUE EXCHANGE.—The values of the
2 Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under
3 this section shall be equal or equalized by the payment
4 of cash to the Secretary or River Bottom Farms, as appropriate, pursuant to section 206(b) of the Federal Land
5 Policy Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)). The value
6 of the land shall be determined by the Secretary through
7 an appraisal performed by a qualified appraiser mutually
8 agreed to by the Secretary and River Bottom Farms and
9 performed in conformance with the Uniform Appraisal
10 Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (U.S. Department of Justice, December 2000).

13 (d) EXCHANGE TIMETABLE.—The Secretary shall
14 complete the land exchange under this section not later
15 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
16 unless the Secretary and River Bottom Farms mutually
17 agree to extend such deadline.

18 (e) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LAND.—The
19 land acquired by the Secretary under subsection (b) shall
20 become part of the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge and
21 be administered in accordance with the laws and regulations generally applicable to the National Wildlife Refuge
22 System.
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