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# H. R. 4018

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2007

Mr. PORTER (for himself and Mr. HELLER of Nevada) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Mesquite Lands Act  
5       of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO CITY OF MESQUITE, NE-**  
2 **VADA.**

3 (a) ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AUTHORITY.—Section 3  
4 of Public Law 99–548, as amended by Public Law 104–  
5 208 (110 Stat. 3009–202) and Public Law 106–113 (113  
6 Stat. 1501A–166), is further amended by adding at the  
7 end the following new subsection:

8 “(g) SEVENTH AREA.—

9 “(1) RIGHT TO PURCHASE.—For a period of 12  
10 years beginning on the date of the enactment of the  
11 Mesquite Lands Act of 2007, the city of Mesquite,  
12 Nevada, shall have the exclusive right to purchase  
13 the parcels of public land identified on the map pre-  
14 pared by the Bureau of Land Management, entitled  
15 ‘Conveyance of Lands to the City of Mesquite, Ne-  
16 vada’, and dated September 14, 2007. The map  
17 shall be on file and available for public inspection in  
18 appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Manage-  
19 ment.

20 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 10 years  
21 after the date of enactment of the Mesquite Lands  
22 Act of 2007, the city shall notify the Secretary of  
23 the Interior which of the parcels identified on the  
24 map referred to in paragraph (1) the city intends to  
25 purchase.

1           “(3) CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 1 year  
2           after receiving notification from the city under para-  
3           graph (2), the Secretary shall convey to the city the  
4           land selected for purchase.

5           “(4) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing  
6           rights, during the period specified in paragraph (1),  
7           the parcels of public land described in paragraph (2)  
8           are withdrawn from all forms of public entry and ap-  
9           propriation under the public land laws, including the  
10          mining laws, and from operation of the mineral leas-  
11          ing and geothermal leasing laws.

12          “(5) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Amounts received  
13          from the sale of public land under this subsection  
14          shall be available for use by the Secretary in the  
15          State of Nevada, without further appropriation and  
16          until expended, for the implementation of the Virgin  
17          River Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan, in-  
18          cluding any associated groundwater monitoring  
19          plans, developed pursuant to section 4(e)(3)(A)(iii)  
20          of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management  
21          Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112 Stat.  
22          2346).”.

23          (b) EXTENSION OF PURCHASE AUTHORITY AND  
24          WITHDRAWALS, FIFTH AND SIXTH AREAS.—Subsections  
25          (e) and (f) of section 3 of Public Law 99–548, as added

1 by section 133 of appendix C of Public Law 106–113 (113  
2 Stat. 1501A–166), are amended—

3 (1) in subsection (e)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “For  
5 a period of 12 years after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act,” and inserting “Until Novem-  
7 ber 29, 2015,”;

8 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “Not  
9 later than 10 years after the date of the enact-  
10 ment of this subsection,” and inserting “Not  
11 later than November 29, 2014,”; and

12 (C) in paragraph (5), by striking “the date  
13 that is 12 years after the date of the enactment  
14 of this subsection,” and inserting “the date  
15 specified in paragraph (1)(A),”; and

16 (2) in subsection (f)(3), by striking “until the  
17 date that is 12 years after the date of the enactment  
18 of this subsection,” and inserting “until November  
19 29, 2015,”.

20 (c) CLARIFICATION OF IMPLEMENTATION AUTHOR-  
21 ITY FOR MULTISPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION  
22 PLAN.—Paragraph (6)(B)(ii) of subsection (e) of section  
23 3 of Public Law 99–548, as added by section 133 of ap-  
24 pendix C of Public Law 106–113 (113 Stat. 1501A–166),  
25 is amended by inserting before the period at the end the

1 following: “, including implementation of the Virgin River  
2 Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan, including any as-  
3 sociated groundwater monitoring plans, developed pursu-  
4 ant to subparagraph (A)(iii) of such section”.

5 **SEC. 3. LAND CONVEYANCE, VIRGIN VALLEY WATER DIS-**  
6 **TRICT, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA.**

7 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Notwithstanding the Federal  
8 Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701  
9 et seq.), the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the  
10 Virgin Valley Water District, without consideration, all  
11 right, title and interest of the United States in and to ap-  
12 proximately 300 acres of public land in Clark County, Ne-  
13 vada, identified on the map prepared by the Bureau of  
14 Land Management, entitled “Conveyance of Lands to the  
15 Virgin Valley Water District”, and dated \_\_\_\_\_,  
16 2007. The map shall be on file and available for public  
17 inspection in appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land  
18 Management.

19 (b) EXISTING RIGHTS.—The conveyance under sub-  
20 section (a) shall be subject to valid existing rights.

21 (c) COSTS.—The District shall pay to the United  
22 States an amount equal to the costs of the Secretary asso-  
23 ciated with the conveyance under subsection (a).

1       (d) SUBSEQUENT SALE.—If the District sells any  
2 portion of the land conveyed to the District under sub-  
3 section (a)—

4           (1) the amount of consideration for the sale  
5 shall reflect fair market value, as determined by an  
6 appraisal; and

7           (2) the District shall pay to the Secretary an  
8 amount equal to the net proceeds of the sale.

9       (e) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Amounts received by the  
10 Secretary under subsection (d)(2) shall be available for  
11 use by the Secretary in the State of Nevada, without fur-  
12 ther appropriation and until expended.

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