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To improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2009

Mr. KIND (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Federal Land Asset
5 Inventory Reform Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. CADASTRE OF FEDERAL LAND.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop a
3 multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property to assist
4 with Federal land management, resource conservation, en-
5 vironmental protection, and use of real property.

6 (b) COST-SHARING.—The Secretary may enter into
7 cost-sharing agreements with States to include any non-
8 Federal lands in a State in the cadastre. The Federal
9 share of any such cost agreement shall not exceed 50 per-
10 cent of the total cost to a State for the development of
11 the cadastre of non-Federal lands in the State.

12 (c) CONSOLIDATION AND REPORT.—Not later than
13 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
14 Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Nat-
15 ural Resources of the House of Representatives and the
16 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
17 ate on—

18 (1) the existing real property inventories or any
19 components of any cadastre currently authorized by
20 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior,
21 the statutory authorization for such, and the amount
22 expended by the Federal Government for each such
23 activity in fiscal year 2008;

24 (2) the existing real property inventories or any
25 components of any cadastre currently authorized by
26 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior

1 that will be eliminated or consolidated into the mul-
2 tipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act;

3 (3) the existing real property inventories or any
4 components of a cadastre currently authorized by
5 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior
6 that will not be eliminated or consolidated into the
7 multipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act, to-
8 gether with a justification for not terminating or
9 consolidating such in the multipurpose cadastre au-
10 thorized by this Act;

11 (4) the use of existing real property inventories
12 or any components of any cadastre currently con-
13 ducted by any unit of State or local government that
14 can be used to identify Federal real property within
15 such unit of government;

16 (5) the cost-savings that will be achieved by
17 eliminating or consolidating duplicative or unneeded
18 real property inventories or any components of a ca-
19 dastre currently authorized by law or conducted by
20 the Department of the Interior that will become part
21 of the multipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act;
22 and

23 (6) recommendations for any legislation nec-
24 essary to increase the cost-savings and enhance the
25 effectiveness and efficiency of replacing, eliminating,

1 or consolidating real property inventories or any
2 components of a cadastre currently authorized by
3 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior.

4 (d) COORDINATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this section,
6 the Secretary shall—

7 (A) participate, pursuant to section 216 of
8 Public Law 107–347, in the establishment of
9 such standards and common protocols as are
10 necessary to assure the interoperability of
11 geospatial information pertaining to the cadas-
12 tre for all users of such information;

13 (B) coordinate with, seek assistance and
14 cooperation of, and provide liaison to the Fed-
15 eral Geographic Data Committee pursuant to
16 Office of Management and Budget Circular A–
17 16 and Executive Order 12906 for the imple-
18 mentation of and compliance with such stand-
19 ards as may be applicable to the cadastre;

20 (C) make the cadastre interoperable with
21 the Federal Real Property Profile established
22 pursuant to Executive Order 13327;

23 (D) integrate with and leverage to the
24 maximum extent practicable current cadastre

1 activities of units of State and local govern-
2 ment; and

3 (E) use contracts with the private sector,
4 to the maximum extent practicable, to provide
5 such products and services as are necessary to
6 develop the cadastre.

7 (2) CONTRACTS CONSIDERED SURVEYING AND
8 MAPPING.—Contracts entered into under paragraph
9 (1)(E) shall be considered “surveying and mapping”
10 services as such term is used and as such contracts
11 are awarded in accordance with the selection proce-
12 dures in title IX of the Federal Property and Ad-
13 ministrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 1101
14 et seq.).

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16 As used in this Act, the following definitions apply:

17 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of the Interior.

19 (2) CADASTRE.—The term “cadastre” means
20 an inventory of real property of the Federal Govern-
21 ment developed through collecting, storing, retriev-
22 ing, or disseminating graphical or digital data de-
23 picting natural or man-made physical features, phe-
24 nomena, or boundaries of the earth and any infor-
25 mation related thereto, including surveys, maps,

1 charts, satellite and airborne remote sensing data,
2 images, and services, with services performed by pro-
3 fessionals such as surveyors, photogrammetrists, hy-
4 drographers, geodesists, cartographers, and other
5 such services of an architectural or engineering na-
6 ture including the following data layers:

7 (A) A reference frame consisting of a geo-
8 detic network.

9 (B) A series of current, accurate large
10 scale maps.

11 (C) A cadastral boundary overlay delin-
12 eating all cadastral parcels.

13 (D) A system for indexing and identifying
14 each cadastral parcel.

15 (E) A series of land data files, each includ-
16 ing the parcel identifier, which can be used to
17 retrieve information and cross reference be-
18 tween and among other data files, which con-
19 tains information about the use, value, assets
20 and infrastructure of each parcel, and shall also
21 designate any parcels that the Secretary deter-
22 mines can be better managed through owner-
23 ship by a non-Federal entity including but not
24 limited to State government, local government,

1 Tribal government, nonprofit organizations, or
2 the private sector.

3 (3) REAL PROPERTY.—The term “real prop-
4 erty” means real estate consisting of land, buildings,
5 crops, forests, or other resources still attached to or
6 within the land or improvements or fixtures perma-
7 nently attached to the land or a structure on it, in-
8 cluding any interest, benefit, right, or privilege in
9 such property.

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