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H. R. 5468

To take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for
the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2010

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

A BILL

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into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony.

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 “Bridgeport Indian Col-
5 ony Land Trust, Health, and Economic Development Act
6 of 2010”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

9 (1) The Bridgeport Indian Colony is a federally
10 recognized Indian tribe with a reservation located

1 near the town of Bridgeport, in Mono County, Cali-
2 fornia.

3 (2) The Tribe's reservation is approximately 40
4 acres, and was established by Federal law in 1974.

5 (3) The reservation lands are insufficient for
6 the Tribe's housing and community development
7 needs.

8 (4) The Tribe's reservation is located approxi-
9 mately 0.24 miles from Highway 182.

10 (5) Between the Tribe's reservation and High-
11 way 182 is an undeveloped piece of Federal land, of
12 which a 31.86 acre parcel would be suitable to be
13 added to the reservation and held in trust by the
14 United States for the benefit of the Tribe.

15 (6) The expansion of the reservation will facili-
16 tate a much-needed expansion of the Tribe's ability
17 to provide housing for its membership, a community
18 activity center, and tribal economic development.

19 (7) Many tribal members have expressed inter-
20 est in moving back to the reservation if housing and
21 job opportunities can be made available.

22 (8) A large portion of the nongovernmental
23 labor force and business in Mono County is seasonal
24 in nature, and unemployment in Mono County is ap-
25 proximately 10 percent.

1 (9) Transfer of this parcel, to be held in trust
2 for the Tribe, will expedite the creation of job oppor-
3 tunities in this rural community for both tribal
4 members and the non-Indian community.

5 (10) In addition to the need for expansion of
6 the reservation, the Tribe has significant health
7 needs that could be facilitated by a separate Federal
8 parcel being held in trust by the United States for
9 the benefit of the Tribe.

10 (11) The Tribe is a member of the Toiyabe In-
11 dian Health Project, a nonprofit consortium of area
12 Indian tribes which provides the Indian and non-In-
13 dian residents of the area with health care services,
14 partially funded by the Indian Health Service.

15 (12) The Toiyabe Indian Health Project oper-
16 ates other facilities in Bishop and Lone Pine, Cali-
17 fornia.

18 (13) In the 1980s, the Tribe applied for and re-
19 ceived a Community Development Block Grant from
20 the Department of Housing and Urban Development
21 in order to build a healthcare facility in Mono Coun-
22 ty.

23 (14) With Toiyabe Indian Health Project di-
24 recting the project, the Camp Antelope Health Clinic
25 was built on a 7.16 acre parcel of Federal land one

1 mile north of Walker, California, approximately 30
2 miles from the Tribe's reservation.

3 (15) The Toiyabe Indian Health Project closed
4 the Camp Antelope Health Clinic in 2006.

5 (16) The Tribe and the Toiyabe Indian Health
6 Project have agreed that the health clinic needs to
7 be reopened.

8 (17) Tribal members have to drive 90 miles to
9 Bishop to obtain Indian healthcare services.

10 (18) Taking the additional land into trust will
11 assist the Tribe and the Toiyabe Indian Health
12 Project in providing healthcare services to Indians
13 and non-Indians in the area.

14 (19) The investment of Federal funds in the de-
15 velopment of the health clinic adds to the impor-
16 tance of maintaining the parcel under Federal own-
17 ership.

18 (20) On October 20, 2009, the Mono County
19 Board of Supervisors voted to support the transfer
20 of land into trust under this Act.

21 (21) On April 20, 2010, the Mono County
22 Board of Supervisors agreed unanimously to enter
23 into a Memorandum of Understanding with the
24 Tribe, thus supporting the Tribe's efforts to have
25 these parcels of land transferred into trust

1 **SEC. 3. LANDS TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
3 all right, title, and interest (including improvements and
4 appurtenances) of the United States in and to the Federal
5 lands described in subsection (b) are hereby declared to
6 be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of
7 the Bridgeport Indian Colony.

8 (b) FEDERAL LANDS DESCRIBED.—The Federal
9 lands referred to in subsection (a) are the approximately
10 39.36 acres described as follows:

11 (1) The South half of the South half of the
12 Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the
13 Northeast quarter and the North half of the South-
14 west quarter of the Northwest quarter of the North-
15 east quarter of Section 21, Township 8 North,
16 Range 23 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, containing
17 7.5 acres, more or less, as identified on the map ti-
18 tled “Bridgeport Camp Antelope Parcel”.

19 (2) Lots 1 and 2 of the survey plat attached,
20 containing 31.86 acres, more or less.

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