

Calendar No. 594

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 1596****[Report No. 111–308]**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch
in Coloma, California.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6, 2009

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. INOUE) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]**A BILL**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the
Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California.

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 “Gold Hill-Wakamatsu
5 Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California,
4 was the location of the founding of the Wakamatsu
5 Tea and Silk Farm Colony in 1869;

6 (2) the Ranch is—

7 (A) the oldest property in North America
8 to be associated with Japanese immigration;
9 and

10 (B) the only property associated with the
11 immigration of samurai following the Meiji Res-
12 toration;

13 (3) the Ranch includes—

14 (A) an 1860s home that was occupied by
15 the Wakamatsu settlers;

16 (B) mulberry trees planted by the silk
17 farmers; and

18 (C) the grave stone of Okei Ito, which is
19 the oldest Japanese immigrant grave in the
20 United States; and

21 (4) a variety of non-Federal funds have been
22 obligated with respect to the acquisition and restora-
23 tion of the Ranch, including—

24 (A) \$485,000 from the Farm and Ranch-
25 land Protection Program and \$515,000 from

private donations to be applied toward acquisition of the Ranch; and

(B) \$483,750 from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment to be applied toward restoration of the Graner farmhouse.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map entitled “Gold Hill-Wakamatsu Site” and dated May 7, 2009.

(2) RANCH.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Ranch” means the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California (El Dorado County Assessor’s Parcel No. 089-010-06), comprising approximately 272 acres, which is more particularly described as the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 29 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 32, T. 11 N., R. 10 E., of El Dorado County, California.

(B) EXCLUSION.—The term “Ranch” excludes the small inholding of the Gold Trail School District, as depicted on the map.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

1 **SEC. 4. ACQUISITION OF GOLD HILL RANCH, COLOMA,**
 2 **CALIFORNIA.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-
 4 retary may acquire the Ranch in exchange for consider-
 5 ation in an amount not to exceed \$3,290,000.

6 (b) **LIMITATION ON ACQUISITION.**—The acquisition
 7 of the Ranch under subsection (a) shall only be from will-
 8 ing sellers and not through eminent domain.

9 (c) **NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.**—For the con-
 10 sideration required under subsection (a), the American
 11 River Conservancy and the Gold Hill Wakamatsu Colony
 12 Foundation shall contribute any private funds or State or
 13 Federal grants received by the Conservancy and the Foun-
 14 dation for the acquisition of the Ranch.

15 (d) **VISITOR CENTER.**—

16 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—On acquisition of the
 17 Wakamatsu Colony site, the Secretary may work
 18 with the American River Conservancy and the Gold
 19 Hill Wakamatsu Colony Foundation to design and
 20 develop a visitor center that provides for the inter-
 21 pretation of—

22 (A) the Wakamatsu Colony;

23 (B) early pioneer history; and

24 (C) the contribution of traditional Japa-
 25 nese crops and practices to the extensive agri-
 26 cultural economy of the State of California.

1 (2) COSTS.—To the maximum extent prac-
 2 ticable, the costs of constructing the visitor center
 3 and conducting restoration activities at the Ranch
 4 shall be leveraged by amounts received by the Amer-
 5 ican River Conservancy and the Gold Hill
 6 Wakamatsu Colony Foundation in the form of pri-
 7 vate funds and State or Federal grants provided for
 8 those purposes.

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 10 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
 11 essary to carry out this Act.

12 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

13 *This Act may be cited as the “Gold Hill-Wakamatsu*
 14 *Preservation Act”.*

15 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

16 *In this Act:*

17 (1) GOLD HILL RANCH.—The term “Gold Hill
 18 Ranch” means the approximately 272 acres of land
 19 located in Coloma, California, as generally depicted
 20 on the map entitled “Gold Hill–Wakamatsu Site”
 21 and dated May 7, 2009.

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 23 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 **SEC. 3. GOLD HILL RANCH.**

2 (a) *ACQUISITION.*—*The Secretary may acquire the*
 3 *Gold Hill Ranch, including any interest in the Gold Hill*
 4 *Ranch, by purchase from a willing seller with donated or*
 5 *appropriated funds, donation, or exchange.*

6 (b) *MANAGEMENT.*—*The Secretary shall manage any*
 7 *land or interest in land acquired under subsection (a) in*
 8 *accordance with—*

9 (1) *this Act;*

10 (2) *the Federal Land Policy and Management*
 11 *Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and*

12 (3) *any other applicable laws.*

13 (c) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.*—

14 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may enter into*
 15 *a cooperative agreement with public or nonprofit en-*
 16 *tities to interpret the history of the Wakamatsu Tea*
 17 *and Silk Farm Colony and related pioneer history as-*
 18 *sociated with Japanese immigration to the area, in-*
 19 *cluding the history of traditional Japanese crops and*
 20 *farming practices and the contribution of those prac-*
 21 *tices to the agricultural economy of the State of Cali-*
 22 *fornia.*

23 (2) *INCLUSIONS.*—*The cooperative agreement re-*
 24 *ferred to in paragraph (1) may include provisions for*
 25 *the design and development of a visitor center to fur-*

1 *ther public education and interpretation of the Gold*
2 *Hill Ranch.*

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 *There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as*
5 *are necessary to carry out this Act.*

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