#### 112TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

# S. 3209

To provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and for other purposes.

#### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 21, 2012

Mr. Tester introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

## 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes of the Fort Belknap
- 6 Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of
- 7 2012".
- 8 (b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents of
- 9 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

- Sec. 2. Findings and purposes.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 4. Approval of compact and judicial decree.
- Sec. 5. Tribal water rights.
- Sec. 6. Exchange, acquisition, and transfer of public land into trust.
- Sec. 7. Lake Elwell.
- Sec. 8. Milk River Project modifications; Milk River Coordinating Committee;
  Mitigation of impacts and protection of Milk River water users.
- Sec. 9. Satisfaction of claims.
- Sec. 10. Waivers and releases of claims.
- Sec. 11. Fort Belknap Indian Community Settlement Fund.
- Sec. 12. Miscellaneous provisions.
- Sec. 13. Antideficiency.

#### 1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

- 2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
- 3 (1) to fulfill the trust responsibility of the
- 4 United States to Indian tribes and to promote tribal
- 5 sovereignty and economic self-sufficiency, it is the
- 6 policy of the United States to settle water rights
- 7 claims of Indian tribes without lengthy and costly
- 8 litigation;
- 9 (2) the Fort Belknap Reservation was estab-
- 10 lished in the State of Montana as a homeland for
- the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes;
- 12 (3) an adequate water supply for the Fort
- Belknap Indian Community is important to a per-
- manent, sustainable, and sovereign homeland for the
- Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes and the mem-
- bers of those Indian tribes;
- 17 (4) the sovereignty of the Fort Belknap Indian
- 18 Community and the economy of the Reservation de-

- pend on the development of the water and other resources of the Reservation;
  - (5) the planning, design, and construction of the facilities needed to use reservation water supplies and other resources effectively are necessary for—
  - (A) the development of a viable Reservation economy; and
    - (B) the implementation of the water rights compact between the Fort Belknap Indian Community and the State of Montana;
    - (6) recognizing that a final resolution of the adjudications of the Fort Belknap Indian Community water rights pending in Federal and State courts will require many years and great expense to all parties of the adjudications, prolong uncertainty regarding the availability of water supplies, and seriously impair the long-term economic planning and development of the parties, the Fort Belknap Indian Community and the State entered into the Fort Belknap-Montana Water Rights Compact on April 16, 2001;
    - (7) the allocation of water resources from Lake Elwell to the Fort Belknap Indian Community under this Act is uniquely suited to the geographical, so-

1	cial, and economic characteristics of the area and
2	situation;
3	(8) changes in the administration of the Milk
4	River Project are necessary to satisfy the water
5	rights of the Fort Belknap Indian Community;
6	(9) the Fort Belknap Indian Community has
7	held sacred certain land within and adjacent to the
8	present boundaries of the Fort Belknap Reservation
9	that is now held in State, public, and fee ownership
10	status;
11	(10) the land described in paragraph (9) is
12	within the ancestral territory of the Fort Belknap
13	Indian Community and has historical, cultural, and
14	spiritual significance for the Fort Belknap Indian
15	Community; and
16	(11) the exchange, acquisition, and transfer to
17	trust status of the Federal, State, and fee land land
18	described in paragraph (9) for the benefit of the
19	Fort Belknap Indian Community will—
20	(A) enable the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
21	munity to consolidate and restore the trust land
22	ownership of the Reservation; and
23	(B) restore the sacred, political, and legal
24	bond the Fort Belknap Indian Community has
25	maintained to that land since time immemorial.

1	(b) Purposes.—The purposes of this Act are—
2	(1) to achieve a fair, equitable, and final settle-
3	ment of all claims to water rights in the State of
4	Montana for—
5	(A) the Fort Belknap Indian Community,
6	the members of the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
7	munity, and allottees of the Fort Belknap In-
8	dian Community living on the Reservation; and
9	(B) the United States for the benefit of
10	the Fort Belknap Indian Community, the mem-
11	bers of the Fort Belknap Indian Community,
12	and allottees of the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
13	munity;
14	(2) to authorize, approve, and confirm the Fort
15	Belknap Indian Community-Montana Water Rights
16	Compact entered into by the Fort Belknap Indian
17	Community and the State of Montana on April 16,
18	2001;
19	(3) to authorize and direct the Secretary—
20	(A) to execute the Fort Belknap Indian
21	Community-Montana Water Rights Compact;
22	(B) to make available funding from the
23	Reclamation Water Settlement Fund estab-
24	lished by section 10501 of the Omnibus Public

1	Land Management Act of 2009 (43 U.S.C.
2	407); and
3	(C) to take any other action the Secretary
4	determines to be necessary to implement the
5	Compact in accordance with this Act;
6	(4) to authorize certain economic development
7	initiatives and projects on the Reservation—
8	(A) to implement the Compact;
9	(B) to maximize the benefits of the water
10	rights memorialized in the Compact; and
11	(C) to ensure that the cultural, economic,
12	and social needs of the Fort Belknap Indian
13	Community are addressed in a manner that
14	promotes self-sufficiency and sovereignty;
15	(5) to authorize certain modifications to—
16	(A) the purposes and operation of the
17	projects of the Bureau of Reclamation for Tiber
18	Dam and Lake Elwell on the Marias River in
19	the State in order to provide the Fort Belknap
20	Indian Community with an allocation of water
21	from Lake Elwell; and
22	(B) the operations and facilities of the
23	Milk River Project in order to implement the
24	Compact;

1	(6) to ensure the availability of amounts nec-
2	essary for the implementation of the Compact and
3	this Act; and
4	(7) to authorize the exchange, acquisition, and
5	transfer of certain Federal, State, and fee land.
6	SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.
7	In this Act:
8	(1) ALLOTTEE.—The term "allottee" means an
9	individual Indian (or the successor of an individual
10	Indian) who owns or holds a trust allotment or in-
11	terest in a trust allotment on the Reservation under
12	the Act of March 3, 1921 (41 Stat. 1355, chapter
13	135), subject to the terms and conditions of that
14	Act.
15	(2) Commissioner.—The term "Commis-
16	sioner" means the Commissioner of Reclamation.
17	(3) Compact.—The term "Compact" means
18	the water rights agreement between the Fort
19	Belknap Indian Community and the State contained
20	in section 85–20–1001 of the Montana Code Anno-
21	tated (2011), including any exhibit, part, or amend-
22	ment to the Compact.
23	(4) Enforceability date.—The term "en-

forceability date" means the date on which the Sec-

- retary publishes in the Federal Register the statement of findings described in section 10(d).
  - (5) FINAL.—The term "final", with respect to the approval of the decree described in section 4(c), means the completion of—
    - (A) a direct appeal to the Montana Supreme Court of a decree by the Montana Water Court, including the expiration of time for filing of a direct appeal; or
    - (B) an appeal to the appropriate court of the United States, including the expiration of time in which a petition for certiorari may be filed in the Supreme Court, denial of such a petition, or issuance of a final judgment of the Supreme Court, whichever occurs last.
  - (6) FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY COUN-CIL.—The term "Fort Belknap Indian Community Council" means the governing body of the Fort Belknap Indian Community.
  - (7) FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY.—The term "Fort Belknap Indian Community" means the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes and members and allottees of those Tribes, including the respective successors, heirs, and assigns of the members

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1	and allottees, of the Fort Belknap Reservation of
2	Montana.
3	(8) Fresno reservoir.—The term "Fresno
4	Reservoir" means the dam and reservoir of the Milk
5	River Project, located on the Milk River 14 miles
6	west of Havre, Montana, and authorized by the Act
7	of June 16, 1933 (48 Stat. 195, chapter 90) (com-
8	monly known as the "National Industrial Recovery
9	Act'').
10	(9) Fund.—The term "Fund" means the Fort
11	Belknap Indian Community Settlement Fund estab-
12	lished by section 11(a).
13	(10) Indian tribe.—The term "Indian tribe"
14	has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
15	Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
16	Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).
17	(11) Joint Board.—The term "Joint Board"
18	means the joint board of control for the Milk River
19	Project established in accordance with State law.
20	(12) Malta irrigation district.—The term
21	"Malta Irrigation District" means the public cor-
22	poration—
23	(A) created on December 28, 1923, pursu-
24	ant to the laws of the State relating to irriga-
25	tion districts: and

1	(B) headquartered in Malta, Montana.
2	(13) Milk river coordinating com-
3	MITTEE.—The term "Milk River Coordinating Com-
4	mittee" means the committee established by article
5	IV.C of the Compact.
6	(14) Milk river project.—
7	(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "Milk River
8	Project" means the Bureau of Reclamation
9	project conditionally approved by the Secretary
10	on March 14, 1903, pursuant to the Act of
11	June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093),
12	commencing at Lake Sherburne Reservoir and
13	providing water through a point approximately
14	6 miles east of Nashua, Montana.
15	(B) Inclusions.—The term "Milk River
16	Project" includes—
17	(i) the St. Mary storage unit;
18	(ii) the Fresno Dam; and
19	(iii) the Dodson pumping unit.
20	(15) MISSOURI RIVER BASIN.—The term "Mis-
21	souri River Basin" means the hydrologic basin of
22	the Missouri River (including tributaries), except as
23	limited by the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty be-
24	tween Canada and United States.

1 (16) Pick-sloan Missouri River Basin Pro2 GRAM.—The term "Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin
3 Program" means the Pick-Sloan Missouri River
4 Basin Program (authorized by section 9 of the Act
5 of December 22, 1944 (commonly known as the
6 "Flood Control Act of 1944") (58 Stat. 891, chapter
7 665)).

#### (17) Reservation.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—The term "Reservation" means the area of the Fort Belknap Reservation in the State, as defined in the Compact.
- (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term "Reservation" includes all land and interest in land that is held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes, including the land within the boundary established by the Treaty ratified by the Act of May 1, 1888 (25 Stat. 113, chapter 212), as modified by the Grinnell Agreement of October 9, 1895 (ratified by the Act of June 10, 1896 (29 Stat. 350, chapter 398) and the Act of March 3, 1931 (41 Stat. 1355, chapter 135).
- (18) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary"
  means the Secretary of the Interior.

1	(19) STATE.—The term "State" means the
2	State of Montana.
3	(20) Tribal water code.—Notwithstanding
4	the requirements of Article IV, section A.2. of the
5	Compact, the term "Tribal Water Code" means a
6	water code adopted by the Fort Belknap Indian
7	Community in accordance with section 5(c).
8	(21) Tribal water rights.—The term "tribal
9	water rights" means—
10	(A) the water rights of the Fort Belknap
11	Indian Community established in Article III of
12	the Compact;
13	(B) the allocation of water to the Fort
14	Belknap Indian Community from Lake Elwell
15	under section 7; and
16	(C) the water rights of allottees.
17	SEC. 4. APPROVAL OF COMPACT AND JUDICIAL DECREE.
18	(a) Approval of Compact.—
19	(1) In general.—Except as otherwise pro-
20	vided in this Act and to the extent the Compact does
21	not conflict with this Act, the Compact is author-
22	ized, approved, and confirmed.
23	(2) Amendments to compact.—If amend-
24	ments are executed to make the Compact consistent
25	with this Act, those amendments are authorized, ap-

- 1 proved, and confirmed to the extent those amend-
- 2 ments are consistent with this Act.
- 3 (b) Execution of Compact.—On the approval of
- 4 the Compact by a majority of those eligible members of
- 5 the Fort Belknap Indian Community casting votes on the
- 6 day of the vote on the Compact, the Secretary shall—
- 7 (1) promptly execute and implement the Com-
- 8 pact, including all exhibits to or parts of the Com-
- 9 pact requiring the signature of the Secretary; and
- 10 (2) take such other actions as are necessary to
- implement the Compact, including approving modi-
- fications to appendices and exhibits to the Compact
- not inconsistent with this Act, to the extent those
- modifications do not otherwise require Congressional
- approval pursuant to section 2116 of the Revised
- 16 Statutes (25 U.S.C. 177) or other applicable Federal
- 17 law.
- 18 (c) Approval of Judicial Decree.—
- 19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
- after the date on which the Compact is approved
- 21 under subsection (b) or the date of enactment of this
- Act, whichever is later, the United States, the Fort
- Belknap Indian Community, and the State shall sub-
- 24 mit to the Montana Water Court, individually or
- jointly, a petition to approve the decree agreed to by

1	the United States, the Fort Belknap Indian Commu-
2	nity, and the State, identified as Appendix 1 to the
3	Compact (including any amendment to the decree).
4	(2) Federal united states court.—If the
5	circumstances described in article VII.C.2 of the
6	Compact occur, the United States, the Fort Belknap
7	Indian Community, or the State may submit to the
8	United States district court with appropriate juris-
9	diction a petition to enter as a consent decree in the
10	United States district court the decree described in
11	paragraph (1).
12	(3) Effect of failure of approval.—
13	(A) In general.—If a circumstance de-
14	scribed in subparagraph (B) occurs—
15	(i) the approval of the Compact under
16	subsection (a) shall be void; and
17	(ii) the authority under this Act shall
18	terminate.
19	(B) CIRCUMSTANCE.—A circumstance re-
20	ferred to in subparagraph (A) is that—
21	(i) the Montana Water Court and the
22	United States district court of jurisdiction,
23	as applicable, fail to approve the decree de-
24	scribed in paragraph (1) during the 5-year

1	period beginning on the date on which the
2	decree is filed in the court;
3	(ii) the decree is approved but subse-
4	quently set aside by the Montana Water
5	Court or the United States district court;
6	or
7	(iii) the decree is set aside on direct
8	appeal.
9	(d) FILING FOR APPOINTMENT OF WATER COMMIS-
10	SIONER.—On submission of a petition described in para-
11	graph (1) or (2) of subsection (b), the United States, the
12	Fort Belknap Indian Community, and the State shall
13	jointly petition the appropriate court for appointment of
14	a water commissioner in accordance with article VII.B.3
15	of the Compact, who shall be appointed not later than 180
16	days after the date on which the final decree is issued.
17	SEC. 5. TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS.
18	(a) Treatment.—
19	(1) Holding in trust.—The tribal water
20	rights—
21	(A) shall be held in trust by the United
22	States for the use and benefit of the Fort
23	Belknap Indian Community and allottees in ac-
24	cordance with this section; and

1	(B) shall not be subject to forfeiture or
2	abandonment.
3	(2) Allottees.—Each allottee shall be pro-
4	vided tribal water rights that are equivalent to or ex-
5	ceed the tribal water rights that allottees have on
6	the day before the date of enactment of this Act,
7	taking into consideration—
8	(A) the potential risks, cost, and time
9	delay associated with litigation that would be
10	resolved by the Compact and this Act;
11	(B) the availability of funding under this
12	Act and from other sources;
13	(C) the availability of water from the tribal
14	water rights; and
15	(D) the applicability of section 7 of the Act
16	of February 8, 1887 (25 U.S.C. 381) and this
17	Act to protect the interests of allottees.
18	(b) RIGHT TO USE.—Each right to Federal reserved
19	water of a member of the Fort Belknap Indian Commu-
20	nity, an allottee, or an owner of fee land located within
21	the Reservation—
22	(1) shall be considered to be satisfied by the
23	tribal water rights; and

1	(2) shall be governed by the terms and condi-
2	tions of the Compact, this Act, and the Tribal Water
3	Code.
4	(c) Tribal Water Code.—
5	(1) Enactment.—Not later than 3 years after
6	the date on which the decree is approved by the ap-
7	propriate court under section 4(b), the Fort Belknap
8	Indian Community shall enact a Tribal Water Code,
9	subject to applicable laws, that—
10	(A) regulates the tribal water rights to
11	provide for irrigation, domestic, commercial,
12	municipal, industrial, cultural, recreational, and
13	other uses; and
14	(B) includes a due process system—
15	(i) for the consideration and deter-
16	mination of any request by an allottee, or
17	any successor in interest to an allottee, for
18	an allocation of water under the tribal
19	water rights for any lawful purpose on al-
20	lotted land, including a process for—
21	(I) appeal and adjudication of de-
22	nied or disputed distributions of
23	water; and

1	(II) resolution of contested ad-
2	ministrative decisions relating to the
3	tribal water rights;
4	(ii) to protect the interest of allottees
5	when entering into any lease under sub-
6	section (e);
7	(iii) by which an owner of fee land
8	within the Reservation may apply for any
9	lawful use of water under the tribal water
10	rights; and
11	(iv) for the establishment and man-
12	agement of a controlled groundwater area
13	in cooperation with establishment of a con-
14	tiguous controlled groundwater area off the
15	Reservation established pursuant to section
16	B.2. of Article IV of the Compact and
17	State law.
18	(2) ACTION BY SECRETARY.—
19	(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ad-
20	minister the tribal water rights until the Tribal
21	Water Code is enacted in accordance with para-
22	graph (1) and approved under subparagraph
23	(B).
24	(B) APPROVAL.—The Tribal Water Code
25	shall not be valid unless—

1	(i) the Tribal Water Code is approved
2	by the Secretary; and
3	(ii) each amendment to the Tribal
4	Water Code that affects the rights of an
5	allottee is approved by the Secretary.
6	(d) EXHAUSTION OF REMEDIES.—A member of the
7	Fort Belknap Indian Community, an allottee, or an owner
8	of fee land within the Reservation shall not bring a claim
9	relating to water under the tribal water rights against the
10	United States under section 7 of the Act of February 8,
11	1887 (25 U.S.C. 381), or any other applicable law, or oth-
12	erwise request relief from the Secretary, until the member,
13	allottee, or fee land owner exhausts each applicable rem-
14	edy under the Tribal Water Code or other applicable tribal
15	law.
16	(e) Temporary Transfer of Tribal Water
17	Rights.—
18	(1) In General.—On approval of the Sec-
19	retary and the State as required under article
20	IV.A.5 of the Compact, the Fort Belknap Indian
21	Community may temporarily transfer by service con-
22	tract, lease, exchange, or other agreement, certain
23	portions of the tribal water rights, in accordance
24	with article IV.A.5 of the Compact, for use off the
25	Reservation within the Missouri River Basin, except

1	as limited by the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty be-
2	tween Canada and United States.
3	(2) Requirements.—An agreement under
4	paragraph (1)—
5	(A) shall be for a term of not more than
6	100 years;
7	(B) may include provisions for renewal of
8	the agreement for an additional term of not
9	more than 100 years; and
10	(C) shall not permanently alienate any por-
11	tion of the tribal water rights.
12	(f) Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Program
13	POWER RATES.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the
14	Secretary of Energy, shall make available, at project use
15	power pumping preferred rates established as of the date
16	of enactment of this Act, Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin
17	Program pumping power to not more than 27,000 net
18	acres under irrigation pursuant to projects of the Fort
19	Belknap Indian Community.
20	(g) MILK RIVER WATER RIGHTS.—
21	(1) Identification of alternatives.—The
22	Secretary shall identify and implement alternatives
23	to resolve any conflict between the Milk River water
24	rights of the Blackfeet Tribe and the Fort Belknap
25	Indian Community in a manner that ensures that

- the full allocation of the water rights of each Indian tribe under the water rights compacts of the Indian tribes are fully satisfied.
  - (2) AGREEMENT OF TRIBES.—The Secretary shall obtain the agreement of the Blackfeet Tribe and the Fort Belknap Indian Community to any alternative identified under subsection (a).
- (3) Funding.—Amounts used by the Secretary to implement any alternative identified under subsection (a) shall be in addition to the amounts authorized for the water rights settlements of the Blackfeet Tribe and the Fort Belknap Indian Community.

### 14 SEC. 6. EXCHANGE, ACQUISITION, AND TRANSFER OF PUB-

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- (a) Exchange of State Land.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—In partial satisfaction of claims relating to Indian water rights covered by this Act, the Fort Belknap Indian Community shall request and agree to the exchange and transfer of land in accordance with this subsection.
- (2) State land.—The Secretary shall offer to enter into negotiations with the State for the purpose of exchanging Federal land described in para-

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        graph (3) for the following parcels of land owned by
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        the State, located on and off the Reservation:
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                  (A) 717.56 acres in T. 26 N., R. 22 E.,
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             sec. 16.
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                  (B) 707.04 acres in T. 27 N., R. 22 E.,
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             sec. 16.
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                  (C) 640 acres in T. 27 N., R. 21 E., sec.
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                  (D) 640 acres in T. 26 N., R. 23 E., sec.
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                  (E) 640 acres in T. 26 N., R. 23 E., sec.
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                  (F) 640 acres in T. 26 N., R. 26 E., sec.
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                  (G) 640 acres in T. 26 N., R. 22 E., sec.
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                  (H) 640 acres in T. 26 N, R. 24 E., sec.
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                  (I) 640 acres in T. 27 N., R. 23 E., sec.
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                  (J) 640 acres in T. 27 N., R. 25 E., sec.
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                  (K) 640 acres in T. 28 N., R. 22 E., sec.
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(L) 640 acres in T. 28 N., R. 23 E., sec.
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                  (M) 640 acres in T. 28 N., R. 24 E., sec.
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                  (N) 640 acres in T. 28 N., R. 25 E., sec.
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                  (O) 640 acres in T. 28 N., R. 25 E., sec.
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                  (P) 640 acres in T. 28 N., R. 26 E., sec.
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                  (Q) 94.96 acres in T. 28 N., R. 26 E., sec.
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             36, under lease by the Fort Belknap Commu-
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             nity Council on the date of enactment of this
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             Act.
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                  (R) 652.32 acres in T. 29 N., R. 22 E.,
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             sec. 16, excluding the 73.36 acres under lease
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             by Ben Hofeldt, et al., on the date of enactment
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             of this Act.
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                  (S) 640 acres in T. 29 N., R. 22 E., sec.
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                  (T) 640 acres in T. 29 N., R. 23 E., sec.
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                  (U) 640 acres in T. 29 N., R. 24 E., sec.
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                  (V) 640 acres in T. 29 N., R. 24 E., sec.
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                  (W) 640 acres in T. 29 N., R. 25 E., sec.
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                  (X) 640 acres in T. 29 N., R. 25 E., sec.
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                  (Y) 640 acres in T. 29 N., R. 26 E., sec.
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                  (Z) 663.22 acres in T. 30 N., R. 22 E.,
             sec. 16, excluding the 58.72 acres under lease
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             by Walter and Amelia Funk on the date of en-
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             actment of this Act.
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                  (AA) 640 acres in T. 30 N., R. 22 E., sec.
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                  (BB) 640 acres in T. 30 N., R. 23 E., sec.
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                  (CC) 640 acres in T. 30 N., R. 23 E., sec.
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                  (DD) 640 acres in T. 30 N., R. 24 E., sec.
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                  (EE) 640 acres in T. 30 N., R. 24 E., sec.
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                  (FF) 640 acres in T. 30 N., R. 25 E., sec.
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                  (GG) 275.88 acres in T. 30 N., R. 26 E.,
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             sec. 36, under lease by the Fort Belknap Com-
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                  (HH) 640 acres in T. 31 N., R. 22 E., sec.
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                  (II) 640 acres in T. 31 N., R. 23 E., sec.
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                  (KK) 34.04 acres in T. 31 N., R. 26 E.,
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             sec. 16, lot 4.
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                  (LL) 640 acres in T. 25 N., R. 22 E., sec.
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             16.
                  (MM) 600 acres in T. 27 N., R. 20 E.,
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             sec. 36.
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                  (NN) 640 acres in T. 27 N., R. 21 E., sec.
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                  (OO) 640 acres in T. 28 N., R. 21 E., sec.
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                  (PP) 639.04 acres in T. 28 N., R. 22 E.,
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             sec. 16.
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                  (QQ) 543.84 acres in T. 28 N., R. 26 E.,
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             sec. 36, comprised of—
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                       (i) 9.15 acres in lot 1;
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1	(ii) 13.69 acres in lot 2;
2	(iii) 18.23 acres in lot 3;
3	(iv) 22.77 acres in lot 4;
4	(v) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
5	$NE^{1/4}$ ;
6	(vi) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
7	$NW^{1/4}$ ;
8	(vii) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
9	$\mathrm{SE}^{1/4};$
10	(viii) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
11	$SW^{1/4}$ ;
12	(ix) 40 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$ of the
13	$NE^{1/4}$ ;
14	(x) 40 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$ of the
15	$SE^{1/4}$ ;
16	(xi) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
17	$NE^{1/4}$ ;
18	(xii) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
19	$NW^{1/4}$ ;
20	(xiii) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
21	$SE^{1/4}$ ;
22	(xiv) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
23	$SW^{1/4}$ ;
24	(xv) 40 acres in the $SW^{1/4}$ of the
25	$NE^{1/4}$ ; and

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                         (xvi) 40 acres in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the
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                    SE^{1/4}.
                    (RR) 73.36 acres in T. 29 N., R. 22 E.,
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               sec. 16, comprised of—
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                         (i) 18.09 acres in lot 1;
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                         (ii) 18.25 acres in lot 2;
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                         (iii) 18.43 acres in lot 3; and
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                         (iv) 18.59 acres in lot 4.
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                    (SS) 58.72 acres in T. 30 N., R. 22 E.,
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               sec. 16, comprised of—
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                         (i) 14.49 acres in lot 9;
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                         (ii) 14.61 acres in lot 10;
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                         (iii) 14.75 acres in lot 11; and
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                         (iv) 14.87 acres in lot 12.
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                    (TT) 369.36 acres in T. 30 N., R. 26 E.,
16
               sec. 36, comprised of—
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                         (i) 45.82 acres in lot 1;
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                         (ii) 10.16 acres in lot 2;
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                         (iii) 14.52 acres in lot 3;
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                         (iv) 18.86 acres in lot 4;
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                         (v) 40 acres in the NE½ of the
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                    NE^{1/4};
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                         (vi) 40 acres in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the
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                    NE^{1/4};
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1	(vii) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
2	$NE^{1/4}$ ;
3	(viii) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
4	$\mathrm{SE}^{1/4};$
5	(ix) 40 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$ of the
6	$\mathrm{SE}^{1\!/4};$
7	(x) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
8	and
9	(xi) 40 acres in the $SW^{1/4}$ of the
10	$\mathrm{SE}^{1}/4$ .
11	(UU) 640 acres in T. 29 N., R. 22 E., sec.
12	8.
13	(VV) 400 acres in T. 29 N., R. 22 E., sec.
14	17, comprised of—
15	(i) 320 acres in the $N^{1/2}$ ; and
16	(ii) 80 acres in the $N^{1/2}$ of the $SW^{1/4}$ .
17	(WW) 120 acres in sec. 18, T. 29 N., R.
18	22 E., comprised of—
19	(i) 80 acres in the $E^{1/2}$ of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
20	and
21	(ii) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
22	$SE^{1/4}$ .
23	(3) Federal Land.—Notwithstanding any
24	other provision of law, for purposes of a land ex-
25	change under this subsection, the Secretary may ex-

1	change any Federal land not identified for disposal
2	pursuant to a resource management plan developed
3	under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act
4	of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), including any Bu-
5	reau of Reclamation land located in section 1, 2, 11,
6	or 12 of T. 31 N., R. 32 E.
7	(4) Requirements.—
8	(A) VALUE AND ACREAGE.—The Secretary
9	shall ensure that—
10	(i) the value of any Federal land ex-
11	changed for State land under this sub-
12	section is equal to or greater than the
13	value of the State land; and
14	(ii) the acreage of any Federal land
15	exchanged for State land under this sub-
16	section is equal to or greater than the
17	acreage of the State land, unless the Sec-
18	retary and the State specifically agree oth-
19	erwise.
20	(B) Basis.—Unless the Secretary and the
21	State specifically agree otherwise, each land ex-
22	change under this subsection shall be on a
23	whole-estate for whole-estate basis.
24	(5) Eligibility of other state parcels.—
25	If, at any time after the date of enactment of this

- Act, the Fort Belknap Community Council enters into a lease for any other State parcel or secures the written consent of each lessee of any other State parcel, the other State parcel shall be eligible for exchange under this subsection.
  - (6) Total quantity of state land to be exchanged.—
    - (A) ON RESERVATION.—The total quantity of State land located within the boundaries of the Reservation that may be exchanged under this subsection is 20,296.1 acres.
    - (B) OFF RESERVATION.—The total quantity of State land located outside of the boundaries of the Reservation that may be transferred under this subsection is 7,413.24 acres.

#### (b) Federal Land Transfers.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—In partial satisfaction of claims relating to Indian water rights covered by this Act, the Fort Belknap Indian Community shall request and agree to the exchange and transfer of land in accordance with this subsection.
- (2) Transfers.—On selection and request by the Fort Belknap Indian Community, the Secretary shall transfer to the United States, to be held in trust for the Fort Belknap Indian Community, all

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1	Federal land within the parcels described in para-
2	graph (3)—
3	(A) with the exception of any land subject
4	to valid existing private rights, including land
5	subject to sections 2318 through 2352 of the
6	Revised Statutes (commonly known as the
7	"Mining Law of 1872") (30 U.S.C. 21 et seq.);
8	and
9	(B) subject to the condition that no road
10	necessary for customary access to fee parcels or
11	other private rights within the parcels shall be
12	included in the transfer.
13	(3) Description of Parcels.—The parcels
14	referred to in paragraph (2) are the following:
15	(A) Bureau of land management par-
16	CELS.—
17	(i) 59.46 acres in T. 25 N., R. 22 E.,
18	sec. 4, comprised of—
19	(I) 19.55 acres in lot 10;
20	(II) $19.82$ acres in lot $11$ ; and
21	(III) 20.09 acres in lot 16.
22	(ii) $324.24$ acres in the $N^{1/2}$ of T. $25$
23	N., R. 22 E., sec. 5.
24	(iii) 403.56 acres in T. 25 N., R. 22
25	E., sec. 9, comprised of—

1	(I) 41.11 acres of the $E^{1/4}$ of the
2	$NE^{1/4}$ ; and
3	(II) $362.45$ acres of the $S^{1/2}$ .
4	(iv) 70.63 acres in T. 25 N., R. 22
5	E., sec. 13.
6	(v) 71.12 acres in T. 25 N., R. 22 E.,
7	sec. 14.
8	(vi) 81.73 acres in T. 25 N., R. 22
9	E., sec. 15.
10	(vii) 160 acres in T. 26 N., R. 21 E.,
11	sec. 1, comprised of—
12	(I) 80 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ of the
13	$NW^{1/4}$ ; and
14	(II) 80 acres of the $W^{1/2}$ of the
15	$SW^{1/4}$ .
16	(viii) 567.50 acres in T. 26 N., R. 21
17	E., sec. 2, comprised of—
18	(I) $82.54$ acres of the $E^{1/2}$ of the
19	$NW^{1/4}$ ;
20	(II) $164.96$ acres of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
21	and
22	(III) $320$ acres of the $S^{1/2}$ .
23	(ix) 240 acres in T. 26 N., R. 21 E.,
24	sec. 3, comprised of—

1	(I) 40 acres of the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
2	$NW^{1/4}$ ;
3	(II) 160 acres of the $SW^{1/4}$ ; and
4	(III) 40 acres of the $SW^{1/4}$ of the
5	$SE^{1/4}$ .
6	(x) 120 acres in T. 26 N., R. 21 E.,
7	sec. 4, comprised of—
8	(I) 80 acres of the $E^{1/2}$ of the
9	$SE\frac{1}{4}$ ; and
10	(II) 40 acres of the $NW^{1/4}$ of the
11	$SE^{1/4}$ .
12	(xi) 200 acres in T. 26 N., R. 21 E.,
13	sec.5, comprised of—
14	(I) 160 acres of the $SW^{1/4}$ ; and
15	(II) 40 acres of the SW $^{1}/_{4}$ of the
16	$NW^{1/4}$ .
17	(xii) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
18	SE $^{1}/_{4}$ of T. 26 N., R. 21 E., sec. 6.
19	(xiii) 240 acres in T. 26 N., R. 21 E.,
20	sec. 8, comprised of—
21	(I) 40 acres of the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
22	$SW^{1/4}$ ;
23	(II) 160 acres of the $NW^{1/4}$ ; and
24	(III) 40 acres of the $NW^{1/4}$ of
25	the $SE^{1/4}$ .

1	(xiv) 320 acres in the $E^{1/2}$ of T. 26
2	N., R. 21 E., sec. 9.
3	(xv) 640 acres in T. 26 N., R. 21 E.,
4	sec. 10.
5	(xvi) 600 acres in T. 26 N., R. 21 E.,
6	sec. 11, comprised of—
7	(I) 320 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ ;
8	(II) 80 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ of the
9	$SE^{1/4}$ ;
10	(III) 160 acres of the $SW^{1/4}$ ; and
11	(IV) 40 acres of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the
12	$SE^{1/4}$ .
13	(xvii) 513.49 acres in T. 26 N., R. 22
14	E., sec. 21, comprised of—
15	(I) 160 acres of the $NW^{1/4}$ ; and
16	(II) $353.49$ acres of the $S^{1/2}$ .
17	(xviii) 719.58 acres in T. 26 N., R. 22
18	E., sec. 28.
19	(xix) 560 acres in T. 26 N., R. 22 E.,
20	sec. 29, comprised of—
21	(I) 320 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ ;
22	(II) 160 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ of the
23	$S^{1/2}$ ; and
24	(III) 80 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ of the
25	$SE^{1/4}$ .

1	(xx) 400 acres in T. 26 N., R. 22 E.,
2	sec. 32, comprised of—
3	(I) 320 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ ; and
4	(II) 80 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ of the
5	$NW^{1/4}$ .
6	(xxi) 455.51 acres in T. 26 N., R. 22
7	E., sec. 33, comprised of—
8	(I) lots 3, 4, and 5;
9	(II) 40 acres of the $NW^{1/4}$ of the
10	NE¹/4;
11	(III) 160 acres of the SW½; and
12	(IV) 80 acres of the $W^{1/2}$ of the
13	$SE^{1/4}$ .
14	(xxii) 88.71 acres in T. 27 N., R. 21
15	E., sec. 1, comprised of—
16	(I) 48.71 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ of the
17	$NE^{1/4}$ ; and
18	(II) 40 acres of the SW $^{1/4}$ of the
19	SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .
20	(xxiii) 97.40 acres in the G lots 1, 2,
21	3, and 4 of T. 27 N., R. 21 E., sec. 2.
22	(xxiv) 168.72 acres in T. 27 N., R. 21
23	E., sec. 3, comprised of—
24	(I) lots 11 and 12;
25	(II) 24.36 acres in lot 1:

1	(III) $24.36$ acres in lot $2$ ; and
2	(IV) 40 acres in lot 8.
3	(xxv) 80 acres in T. 27 N., R. 21 E.,
4	sec. 11, comprised of—
5	(I) 40 acres of the $NW^{1/4}$ of the
6	$SW^{1/4}$ ; and
7	(II) 40 acres of the $SW^{1/4}$ of the
8	$NW^{1/4}$ .
9	(xxvi) 200 acres in T. 27 N., R. 21
10	E., sec. 12, comprised of—
11	(I) 80 acres of the $E^{1/2}$ of the
12	$SW^{1/4}$ ;
13	(II) 40 acres of the $NW^{1/4}$ of the
14	$NW^{1/4}$ ; and
15	(III) 40 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ of the
16	$NW^{1/4}$ .
17	(xxvii) $38.87$ acres in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of
18	the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of T. 27 N., R. 21 E., sec. 19.
19	(xxviii) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
20	$NE^{1/4}$ of T. 27 N., R. 21 E., sec. 23.
21	(xxix) 320 acres in T. 27 N., R. 21
22	E., sec. 24, comprised of—
23	(I) 80 acres of the $E^{1/2}$ of the
24	$NW^{1/4}$ ;
25	(II) 160 acres of the $NE^{1/4}$ :

1	(III) 40 acres of the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
2	$SE^{1/4}$ ; and
3	(IV) 40 acres of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the
4	$SW^{1/4}$ .
5	(xxx) 120 acres in T. 27 N., R. 21 E.,
6	sec. 25, comprised of—
7	(I) 80 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ of the
8	$NE^{1/4}$ ; and
9	(II) 40 acres of the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
10	$NW^{1/4}$ .
11	(xxxi) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
12	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of T. 27 N., R. 21 E., sec. 26.
13	(xxxii) 160 acres in the NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of T.
14	27 N., R. 21 E., sec. 27.
15	(xxxiii) 40 acres in the SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of the
16	SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of T. 27 N., R. 21 E., sec. 29.
17	(xxxiv) 40 acres in the SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of the
18	$NE^{1/4}$ of T. 27 N., R. 21 E., sec 30.
19	(xxxv) 120 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
20	$NE^{1/4}$ and $N^{1/2}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ of T. 27 N.,
21	R. 21 E., sec. 33.
22	(xxxvi) 440 acres in T. 27 N., R. 21
23	E., sec. 34, comprised of—
24	(I) 160 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ of the
25	$S^{1/2};$

1	(II) 160 acres of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
2	(III) 80 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ of the
3	$NW^{1/4}$ ; and
4	(IV) 40 acres of the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
5	$SE^{1/4}$ .
6	(xxxvii) 133.44 acres in T. 27 N., R.
7	22 E., sec. 4, comprised of—
8	(I) the G lots 5 and 6;
9	(II) 40 acres in lot 10; and
10	(III) 40 acres in lot 15.
11	(xxxviii) 160 acres in T. 27 N., R. 22
12	E., sec. 7, comprised of—
13	(I) 40 acres of the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
14	$NE^{1/4}$ ;
15	(II) 80 acres of the $NW^{1/4}$ of the
16	$SW^{1/4}$ ; and
17	(III) 40 acres of the $W^{1/2}$ of the
18	$NW^{1/4}$ .
19	(xxxix) 120 acres in T. 27 N., R. 22
20	E., sec. 8, comprised of—
21	(I) 40 acres of the $E^{1/2}$ of the
22	$NW^{1/4}$ ; and
23	(II) 80 acres of the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
24	$SW^{1/4}$ .

1	(xl) 40 acres in the $SW^{1/4}$ of the
2	NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of T. 27 N., R. 22 E., sec. 9.
3	(xli) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
4	SW $^{1}/_{4}$ of T. 27 N., R. 22 E., sec. 17.
5	(xlii) 40 acres in the NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of the
6	NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of T. 27 N., R. 22 E., sec. 19.
7	(xliii) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
8	NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of T27 N., R22 E., sec. 20.
9	(xliv) 80 acres in the $W^{1/2}$ of the
10	SE½ of T. 27 N., R. 22 E., sec. 31.
11	(xlv) $52.36$ acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
12	SE½ of T. 27 N., R. 22 E., sec. 33.
13	(xlvi) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
14	SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of T. 28 N., R. 22 E., sec. 29.
15	(xlvii) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of the
16	$NE^{1/2}$ of T. 26 N., R. 21 E., sec. 7.
17	(xlviii) 40 acres in T. 26 N., R. 21 E.,
18	sec. 12.
19	(xlix) $42.38$ acres in the NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of the
20	$NE^{1/4}$ of T. 26 N., R. 22 E., sec. 6.
21	(l) 320 acres in the $E^{1/2}$ of T. 26 N.,
22	R. 22 E., sec. 17.
23	(li) 80 acres in the $E^{1/2}$ of the $NE^{1/4}$
24	of T 26 N R 22 E sec 20

1	(lii) 240 acres in T. 26 N., R. 22 E.,
2	sec. 30, comprised of—
3	(I) 80 acres of the $E^{1/2}$ of the
4	NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;
5	(II) 80 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ of the
6	$SE^{1/4}$ ;
7	(III) 40 acres of the $SE^{1/4}$ of the
8	$NW^{1/4}$ ; and
9	(IV) 40 acres of the $SW^{1/4}$ of the
10	$NE^{1/4}$ .
11	(B) Department of agriculture par-
12	CELS.—The parcels of approximately 3,519.3
13	acres of trust land that has been converted to
14	fee land, judicially foreclosed on, and acquired
15	by the Department of Agriculture described in
16	clauses (i) through (iii).
17	(i) Benjamin kirkaldie.—640 acres
18	in T. 29 N., R. 26 E., Principal Meridian,
19	Montana (PMM), comprised of—
20	(I) the SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of sec. 27;
21	(II) the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 33; and
22	(III) the $W^{1/2}$ of sec. 34.
23	(ii) Emma lamebull.—320 acres in
24	the $N^{1/2}$ of T. 30 N., R. 23 E., sec. 28,
25	PMM.

1	(iii) Alfred minugh.—2,559.3 acres
2	comprised of—
3	(I) T. 28 N., R. 24 E., PMM, in-
4	cluding—
5	(aa) the $E^{1/2}$ , $W^{1/2}$ , $E^{1/2}$ ,
6	$W^{1/2}$ , $W^{1/2}$ , $NE^{1/4}$ , the $E^{1/2}$ , $E^{1/2}$ ,
7	$W^{1/2}$ , $W^{1/2}$ , $NE^{1/4}$ , the $E^{1/2}$ , $W^{1/2}$ ,
8	$NE^{1/4}$ , the $W^{1/2}$ , $E^{1/2}$ , $NE^{1/4}$ , the
9	$W^{1/2}$ , $E^{1/2}$ , $E^{1/2}$ , $NE^{1/4}$ , the $W^{1/2}$ ,
10	$W^{1/2}$ , $E^{1/2}$ , $E^{1/2}$ , $E^{1/2}$ , $NE^{1/4}$ , and
11	the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 16;
12	(bb) all of sec. 21;
13	(cc) the $S^{1/2}$ of sec. 22; and
14	(dd) the $W^{1/2}$ of sec. 27;
15	(II) T. 29 N., R. 25 E., PMM,
16	including—
17	(aa) the $S^{1/2}$ of sec. 1; and
18	(bb) the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of sec. 12;
19	(III) T. 29 N., R. 26 E., PMM,
20	sec. 6, lot 2;
21	(IV) T. 30 N., R. 26 E., PMM,
22	including—
23	(aa) sec. 3, lot 2;
24	(bb) the SW $^{1}/_{4}$ of the SW $^{1}/_{4}$
25	of sec. 4;

1	(ce) the $E^{1/2}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ of
2	sec. 5;
3	(dd) the $S^{1/2}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ of
4	sec. 7; and
5	(ee) the $N^{1/2}$ , $N^{1/2}$ , $NE^{1/4}$ of
6	sec. 18; and
7	(V) T. 31 N., R. 26 E., PMM,
8	the NW $^{1}/_{4}$ of the SE $^{1}/_{4}$ of sec. 31.
9	(C) Grinnell lands.—The following par-
10	cels, known as the "Grinnell Lands":
11	(i) 275.55 acres in T. 25 N., R. 24
12	E., sec. 11, exterior to Cercla boundary.
13	(ii) 547.20 acres in T. 25 N., R. 24
14	E., sec. 1, exterior to Cercla boundary,
15	comprised of—
16	(I) lots 1 through 12; and
17	(II) 160 acres of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .
18	(iii) 682.45 acres in T. 25 N., R. 24
19	E., sec. 2, comprised of—
20	(I) lots 1 through 12;
21	(II) 40 acres in each of—
22	(aa) the SESW;
23	(bb) the SWSW;
24	(ce) the NESW;
25	(dd) the NWSW; and

1	(III) $135.73$ acres of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .
2	(iv) 463.99 acres in T. 25 N., R. 24
3	E., sec. 3, comprised of—
4	(I) lots 5 through 15; and
5	(II) 160 acres of the $SE^{1/4}$ .
6	(v) 109.48 acres in T. 25 N., R. 24
7	E., sec. 10, comprised of—
8	(I) lot 5; and
9	(II) 80 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ of the
10	$NE^{1/4}$ .
11	(vi) 139.17 acres in T. 25 N., R. 24
12	E., sec. 12, exterior to Cercla boundary,
13	comprised of—
14	(I) lots 14 and 15; and
15	(II) 80 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ of the
16	$NW^{1/4}$ .
17	(vii) 322.77 acres in T. 25 N., R. 24
18	E., sec. 16, comprised of—
19	(I) lots 9 through 12; and
20	(II) 160 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ of the
21	$S^{1/2}$ .
22	(viii) 391.45 acres in T. 25 N., R. 24
23	E., sec. 17, comprised of—
24	(I) lots 8, 9, 10, and 13;

1	(II) 40 acres of the $NW^{1/4}$ of the
2	SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;
3	(III) 80 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ of the
4	$SW^{1/4}$ ; and
5	(IV) 160 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ of the
6	$S^{1/2}$ .
7	(ix) 320 acres in the $W^{1/2}$ of T. 25 N.,
8	R. 24 E., sec. 21, exterior to Cercla bound-
9	ary.
10	(x) 79.47 acres in T. 25 N., R. 25 E.,
11	sec. 2, comprised of lots 3 through 7.
12	(xi) 647.09 acres in T. 25 N., R. 25
13	E., sec. 3, comprised of—
14	(I) lots 4 through 17;
15	(II) 40 acres of the NW1/4 of the
16	$SE^{1/4}$ ; and
17	(III) 160 acres of the $SW^{1/4}$ .
18	(xii) 695.44 acres in T. 25 N., R. 25
19	E., sec. 4, comprised of—
20	(I) lots 1 through 12; and
21	(II) 320 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ .
22	(xiii) 671.39 acres in T. 25 N., R. 25
23	E., sec. 5, comprised of—
24	(I) lots 1 through 12; and
25	(II) 320 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ .

1	(xiv) 543.56 acres in T. 25 N., R. 25
2	E., sec. 6, exterior to Cercla boundary,
3	comprised of—
4	(I) lots 1 through 12; and
5	(II) 160 acres of the $SE^{1/4}$ .
6	(xv) 480 acres in T. 25 N., R. 25 E.,
7	sec. 8, exterior to Cercla boundary, com-
8	prised of—
9	(I) 320 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ ; and
10	(II) 160 acres of the $SE^{1/4}$ .
11	(xvi) 640 acres in T. 25 N., R. 25 E.,
12	sec. 9.
13	(xvii) 202.76 acres in T. 25 N., R. 25
14	E., sec. 10, comprised of—
15	(I) lots 6 through 10; and
16	(II) 80 acres of the $W^{1/2}$ of the
17	$NW^{1/4}$ .
18	(xviii) 17.66 acres in T. 26 N., R. 24
19	E., sec. 22.
20	(xix) 109.33 acres in T. 26 N., R. 24
21	E., sec. 23, comprised of lots 5 through 7.
22	(xx) 443.59 acres in T. 26 N., R. 24
23	E., sec. 25, comprised of—
24	(I) lots 5 through 10;
25	(II) 160 acres of the SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> :

1	(III) 40 acres of the $SW^{1/4}$ of the
2	$NW^{1/4}$ ; and
3	(IV) 80 acres of the $W^{1/2}$ of the
4	$\mathrm{SE}lat{1}\!\!/_{2}.$
5	(xxi) 630.36 acres in T. 26 N., R. 24
6	E., sec. 26, comprised of—
7	(I) lots 2 through 5;
8	(II) $320$ acres of the $S^{1/2}$ ; and
9	(III) 160 acres of the $S^{1/2}$ of the
10	$N^{1/2}$ .
11	(xxii) 91.97 acres in T. 26 N., R. 24
12	E., sec. 27, comprised of lots 5 through 8.
13	(xxiii) 291.60 acres in T. 26 N., R.
14	24 E., sec. 34, comprised of—
15	(I) lots 5 through 8;
16	(II) 160 acres of the $E^{1/2}$ of the
17	$E^{1/2}$ ; and
18	(III) 40 acres of the $SW^{1/4}$ of the
19	$SE^{1/4}$ .
20	(xxiv) 640 acres in T. 26 N., R. 24
21	E., sec. 35.
22	(xxv) 640 acres in T. 26 N., R. 24 E.,
23	sec. 36.
24	(xxvi) 13 acres in T. 26 N., R. 25 E.,
25	sec. 25.

1	(xxvii) 246.54 acres in T. 26 N., R.
2	25 E., sec. 26, comprised of lots 6 through
3	15.
4	(xxviii) 245.20 acres in T. 26 N., R.
5	25 E., sec. 27, comprised of lots 5 through
6	12.
7	(xxix) 275.44 acres in T. 26 N., R. 25
8	E., sec. 28, comprised of lots 5 through
9	12.
10	(xxx) 308.80 acres in T. 26 N., R. 25
11	E., sec. 29, comprised of lots 5 through
12	12.
13	(xxxi) 287.86 acres in T. 26 N., R. 25
14	E., sec. 30, comprised of lots 6 through
15	13.
16	(xxxii) 634.30 acres in T. 26 N., R.
17	25 E., sec. 31, comprised of—
18	(I) lots 1 through 4;
19	(II) 320 acres of the $E^{1/2}$ ; and
20	(III) 160 acres of the $E^{1/2}$ of the
21	$W^{1/2}$ .
22	(xxxiii) 640 acres in T. 26 N., R. 25
23	E., sec. 32.
24	(xxxiv) 640 acres in T. 26 N., R. 25
25	E., sec. 33.

1	(xxxv) 640 acres in T. 26 N., R. 25
2	E., sec. 34.
3	(xxxvi) 488.08 acres in T. 26 N., R.
4	25 E., sec. 35, comprised of—
5	(I) lots 5 through 10;
6	(II) 80 acres of the $N^{1/2}$ of the
7	$SW^{1/4}$ ;
8	(III) 160 acres of the NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ; and
9	(IV) 40 acres of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the
10	$SW^{1/4}$ .
11	(D) Dodson land.—
12	(i) In general.—Subject to clause
13	(ii), the approximately 2,573.79 acres land
14	owned by the United States on the north-
15	east corner of the Reservation and de-
16	scribed in clause (iii) shall be transferred
17	by the United States to the Fort Belknap
18	Indian Community without charge, to be
19	held in trust by the United States for the
20	benefit of the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
21	munity.
22	(ii) Restrictions.—
23	(I) IN GENERAL.—A transfer
24	under this subparagraph shall not
25	occur unless and until a cooperative

1	agreement has been negotiated among
2	the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bu-
3	reau of Indian Affairs, the Fort
4	Belknap Indian Community, and the
5	Malta Irrigation District—
6	(aa) to ensure that the Bu-
7	reau of Reclamation and any suc-
8	cessor in interest, including the
9	Malta Irrigation District, shall
10	retain adequate rights-of-way to
11	operate and maintain, consistent
12	with all applicable laws and any
13	delivery contracts in effect on the
14	date of enactment of this Act,
15	the Milk River Project and facili-
16	ties of the Milk River Project, in-
17	cluding the Dodson Diversion
18	Dam and the Dodson South
19	Canal within the Dodson land;
20	(bb) to manage and imple-
21	ment the planning, design, and
22	construction activities described
23	in this section; and
24	(cc) to agree on the uses to
25	which the Fort Belknap Indian

1	Community may put the land de-
2	scribed in clause (iii).
3	(II) MILK RIVER PROJECT.—The
4	transfer of the Dodson land shall be
5	subject to—
6	(aa) the right of ingress and
7	egress by personnel of the Bu-
8	reau of Reclamation, the Malta
9	Irrigation District, and other au-
10	thorized personnel for Milk River
11	Project purposes;
12	(bb) all existing rights-of-
13	way of record or in use for Milk
14	River Project facilities and for
15	access to those facilities for Milk
16	River Project purposes, as deter-
17	mined by the Bureau of Reclama-
18	tion, the Malta Irrigation Dis-
19	trict, and authorized personnel;
20	and
21	(cc) the right of the Bureau
22	of Reclamation and Malta Irriga-
23	tion District—
24	(AA) to seep, flood, and
25	overflow the transferred land

1	for Milk River Project pur-
2	poses; and
3	(BB) to prohibit the
4	construction of permanent
5	structures on the transferred
6	land, except as provided for
7	in the cooperative agreement
8	to be executed under sub-
9	section (b)(3)(D)(ii).
10	(iii) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The
11	Dodson land to be transferred is comprised
12	of—
13	(I) 8.42 acres in T. 31 N., R. 25
14	E., sec. 13, lot 5;
15	(II) 342.89 acres in T. 30 N., R.
16	26 E., sec. 1, comprised of—
17	(aa) 10.15 acres in lot 10;
18	(bb) 37.96 acres in lot 11;
19	(cc) 37.90 acres in the
20	$NE^{1/4}$ of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
21	(dd) 10.06 acres in the
22	$NW^{1/4}$ of the $NW^{1/4}$ ;
23	(ee) 40 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$
24	of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;

1	(ff) 36.76 acres in the
2	$NW^{1/4}$ of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
3	(gg) 1.09 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$
4	of the $NW^{1/4}$ ;
5	(hh) 30.20 acres in the
6	$SE^{1/4}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
7	(ii) $34.54$ acres in the $SE^{1/4}$
8	of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
9	(jj) 23.30 acres in the $SW^{1/4}$
10	of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
11	(kk) 15.76 acres in the
12	$SW^{1/4}$ of the $NW^{1/4}$ ;
13	(ll) $32.17$ acres in the SW $^{1}/_{4}$
14	of the $SE^{1/4}$ ; and
15	(mm) 33 acres in the $SW^{1/4}$
16	of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
17	(III) 15.81 acres in T. 30 N., R.
18	26 E., sec. 2, comprised of—
19	(aa) 15.79 acres in the
20	$NE^{1/4}$ of the $NE^{1/4}$ ; and
21	(bb) $0.02$ acres in the $SE^{1/4}$
22	of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
23	(IV) 134.01 acres in T, 31 N., R.
24	26 E., sec. 17, comprised of—
25	(aa) 7.72 acres in lot 7;

1	(bb) 6.98 acres in lot 8;
2	(cc) 11.40 acres in lot 9;
3	(dd) 2.34 acres in lot 10;
4	(ee) 27.49 acres in lot 11;
5	(ff) 30.60 acres in lot 12;
6	(gg) 13.26 acres in lot 13;
7	and
8	(hh) 34.22 acres in lot 14;
9	(V) 150.07 acres in T. 31 N., R.
10	26 E., sec. 18, comprised of—
11	(aa) 26.64 acres in lot 9;
12	(bb) 21.16 acres in lot 10;
13	(cc) 12.12 acres in lot 11;
14	(dd) 21 acres in lot 13;
15	(ee) 28.76 acres in lot 14;
16	(ff) 12.92 acres in the
17	$NW^{1/4}$ of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
18	(gg) 23.80 acres in the
19	$SE^{1/4}$ of the $SW^{1/4}$ ; and
20	(hh) $3.67$ acres in the SW $^{1}/_{4}$
21	of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
22	(VI) 60.30 acres in T. 31 N., R.
23	26 E., sec. 19, comprised of—
24	(aa) 27.66 acres in the
25	$NE^{1/4}$ of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;

1	(bb) $4.67$ acres in the $NW^{1/4}$
2	of the $NE^{1/4}$ ; and
3	(cc) 27.97 acres in the SE $^{1/4}$
4	of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
5	(VII) 420.37 acres in T. 31 N.,
6	R. 26 E., sec. 20, comprised of—
7	(aa) 39.29 acres in lot 2;
8	(bb) 39.03 acres in lot 3;
9	(cc) 37.21 acres in lot 4;
10	(dd) 17.17 acres in the
11	$NE^{1/4}$ of the $NW^{1/4}$ ;
12	(ee) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of
13	the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
14	(ff) $24.34$ acres in the NE $^{1}/_{4}$
15	of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
16	(gg) $8.54$ acres in the $NW^{1/4}$
17	of the $NW^{1/4}$ ;
18	(hh) 37.20 acres in the
19	$NW^{1/4}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
20	(ii) 18.94 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$
21	of the $NW^{1/4}$ ;
22	(jj) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of
23	the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
24	(kk) 38.65 acres in the
25	$SW^{1/4}$ of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;

1	(ll) 40 acres in the $SW^{1/4}$ of
2	the $NW^{1/4}$ ; and
3	(mm) 40 acres in the $SW^{1/4}$
4	of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
5	(VIII) 325.25 acres in T. 31 N.,
6	R. 26 E., sec. 21, comprised of—
7	(aa) 19.29 acres in lot 4;
8	(bb) 11.12 acres in lot 7;
9	(cc) 20.08 acres in lot 8;
10	(dd) 19.11 acres in lot 10;
11	(ee) 29.72 acres in lot 11;
12	(ff) 39 acres in lot 12;
13	(gg) 26.93 acres in lot 13;
14	(hh) 40 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$
15	of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
16	(ii) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of
17	the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
18	(jj) 40 acres in the SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of
19	the $SW^{1/4}$ ; and
20	(kk) 40 acres in the $SW^{1/4}$
21	of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
22	(IX) 98.05 acres in T. 31 N., R.
23	26 E., sec. 22, comprised of—
24	(aa) 25.87 acres in lot 5;
25	(bb) 32.01 acres in lot 6;

1	(cc) $27.49$ acres in lot $7$ ;
2	and
3	(dd) 12.68 acres in lot 8;
4	(X) 156.21 acres in T. 31 N., R.
5	26 E., sec. 26, comprised of—
6	(aa) 35.32 acres in lot 3;
7	(bb) 24.34 acres in lot 6;
8	(cc) 40 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$
9	of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
10	(dd) 16.60 acres in the
11	$SE^{1/4}$ of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
12	(ee) 24.20 acres in the
13	$SW^{1/4}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
14	(ff) $0.12$ acres in the $SE^{1/4}$
15	of the $SE^{1/4}$ ; and
16	(gg) 15.63 acres in the
17	$SW^{1/4}$ of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
18	(XI) 438.99 acres in T. 31 N.,
19	R. 26 E., sec. 27, comprised of—
20	(aa) 32.05 acres in lot 4;
21	(bb) 39.32 acres in lot 5;
22	(cc) 19.89 acres in lot 6;
23	(dd) 39.97 acres in lot 7;
24	(ee) 21.75 acres in lot 8:

1	(ff) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$ of
2	the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
3	(gg) 40 acres in the $NE^{1/4}$
4	of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
5	(hh) 40 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$
6	of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
7	(ii) 40 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$ of
8	the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
9	(jj) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of
10	the $NW^{1/4}$ ;
11	(kk) 11.52 acres in the
12	$SE^{1/4}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
13	(ll) 3.38 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$
14	of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
15	(mm) 33.55 acres in the
16	$SW^{1/4}$ of the $NW^{1/4}$ ;
17	(nn) $7.48$ acres in the SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
18	of the SE½; and
19	(oo) 30.08 acres in the
20	$SW^{1/4}$ of the $SW^{1/4}$ ;
21	(XII) 169.58 acres in T. 31 N.,
22	R. 26 E., sec. 28, comprised of—
23	(aa) 39.97 acres in lot 1;
24	(bb) 11.63 acres in the
25	$NE^{1/4}$ of the $NW^{1/4}$ ;

1	(cc) 30.76 acres in the
2	$NE^{1/4}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
3	(dd) 34.26 acres in the
4	$NW^{1/4}$ of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
5	(ee) 13.04 acres in the
6	$NW^{1/4}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
7	(ff) 12.36 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$
8	of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
9	(gg) 7.29 acres in the SE $^{1}/_{4}$
10	of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
11	(hh) $2.98$ acres in the SE½
12	of the $SE^{1/4}$ ; and
13	(ii) 17.29 acres in the $SW^{1/4}$
14	of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
15	(XIII) 59.34 acres in T. 31 N.,
16	R. 26 E., sec. 29, comprised of—
17	(aa) 32.97 acres in the
18	$NE^{1/4}$ of the $NE^{1/4}$ ; and
19	(bb) 26.37 acres in the
20	$NW^{1/4}$ of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
21	(XIV) 137.63 acres in T. 31 N.,
22	R. 26 E., sec. 35, comprised of—
23	(aa) 24.59 acres in the
24	$NE^{1/4}$ of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;

1	(bb) 35.52 acres in the
2	$NE^{1/4}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
3	(cc) 1.54 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$
4	of the $SE^{1/4}$ ;
5	(dd) 7.12 acres in the $NW^{1/4}$
6	of the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
7	(ee) 40 acres in the $SE^{1/4}$ of
8	the $NE^{1/4}$ ;
9	(ff) $24.20$ acres in the $SE^{1/4}$
10	of the SE½; and
11	(gg) $4.66$ acres in the SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
12	of the $NE^{1/4}$ ; and
13	(XV) 56.87 acres in T. 31 N., R.
14	26 E., sec. 36, comprised of—
15	(aa) 15.43 acres in lot 10;
16	(bb) 30.15 acres in lot 11;
17	and
18	(cc) 11.29 acres in the
19	$SW^{1/4}$ of the $NW^{1/4}$ .
20	(4) Existing rights and uses.—
21	(A) Uses.—
22	(i) In general.—Subject to clause
23	(ii), any use (including grazing) authorized
24	under a valid lease, permit, or right-of-way
25	on land transferred under paragraph (1),

as in effect on the date of the transfer, shall remain in effect until the date on which the lease, permit, or right-of-way expires.

- (ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i) shall not apply if the holder of the lease, permit, or right-of-way requests an earlier termination of the lease, permit, or right-of-way, in accordance with existing law.
- (B) Improvements.—Any improvements constituting personal property, as defined by State law, on the land by the holder of the lease, permit, or right-of-way shall remain the property of the holder and shall be removed not later than 90 days after the date on which the lease, permit, or right-of-way expires, unless the Fort Belknap Indian Community and the holder agree otherwise.
- (C) PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall disburse to the Fort Belknap Indian Community any amounts that accrue to the United States under a lease, permit, or right-of-way on land described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) of paragraph (3) from any sale, bonus, royalty, or rental relating to that land in the same

1	manner as amounts received from other land
2	held by the Secretary in trust for the Fort
3	Belknap Indian Community.
4	(5) Survey.—With respect to the transfer of
5	land under this subsection—
6	(A) unless the United States or the Fort
7	Belknap Indian Community request an addi-
8	tional survey for the transferred land, the de-
9	scription of land set forth in this section shall
10	be controlling;
11	(B) if a survey is requested, the Secretary
12	and the Fort Belknap Indian Community shall
13	jointly provide for the survey of the land, in-
14	cluding any mining claims; and
15	(C) the descriptions set forth in this sec-
16	tion or any survey under subparagraph (B)
17	shall control the total acreage to be transferred.
18	(6) Date of transfer.—
19	(A) IN GENERAL.—A transfer of land to
20	the United States to be held in trust for the
21	Fort Belknap Indian Community under this
22	subsection shall take effect immediately on the
23	issuance of a trust deed, which shall occur as
24	expeditiously as practicable.

1 (B) WAIVERS.—A waiver and release of
2 claims under subsections (a) and (b) of section
3 10 relating to land described in subparagraph
4 (A) shall take effect on the date on which all
5 of the land transfers for land described in sub6 paragraph (A) are complete.

- (7) Total amount of Federal Land to BE TRANSFERRED.—The total amount of Federal land, including the Grinnell land, to be transferred under subsections (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (3) is 28,303.5 acres.
- 12 (c) FORECLOSED LAND.—Any trust land within the
  13 Reservation that has been or is foreclosed on by the
  14 United States shall be transferred to the United States
  15 to be held in trust for the Fort Belknap Indian Commu16 nity.

## 17 (d) FEE LAND EXCHANGES.—

(1) In General.—The Secretary shall exchange surveyed public land in the State, in compliance with applicable laws (including regulations), for whole estate, surface, or subsurface rights to fee land within or adjacent to the Reservation with the consent of the owner of the rights to the fee land.

(2) Value of exchanged land.—

- 1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall en-2 sure that the values and rights of public land 3 and to the fee land to be exchanged under para-4 graph (1) are substantially equal.
  - (B) Improvements.—In determining the value of a parcel exchanged under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into account the value or impact of any improvement to the land.

## (C) Compensation.—

- (i) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines that, for an exchange under paragraph (1), the value of the public land is greater than the value of the fee land, the Secretary may accept from the owner of the right to fee land such compensation as the Secretary determines to be necessary to compensate for the difference in value.
- (ii) Deposit.—The Secretary shall deposit into the general fund of the Treasury any compensation received under clause (i).
- 23 (e) INDEMNIFICATION.—The United States shall in-24 demnify, defend, and hold harmless the Fort Belknap In-25 dian Community against any liability, damage, loss, claim,

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- 1 demand, action, or expense that arises as a result of a
- 2 transfer of land under this section, including claims and
- 3 reasonable attorneys fees that arise in connection with—
- 4 (1) any act of gross negligence, error, or omis-
- 5 sion, or any willful misconduct or other fault, by the
- 6 United States in carrying out any activity to clean
- 7 up and rehabilitate the land mined or disturbed by
- 8 the Landusky and Zortman Mines;
- 9 (2) any failure by the United States to comply
- with any law (including regulations) of a public or
- 11 quasi-public authority with jurisdiction over the
- 12 cleanup and rehabilitation described in paragraph
- 13 (1); or
- 14 (3) any breach of an obligation of the United
- 15 States.
- 16 (f) Impacts on Local Governments.—The Sec-
- 17 retary may, at the discretion of the Secretary, try to en-
- 18 sure that land to be exchanged under this section is se-
- 19 lected in a manner that minimizes the financial impact
- 20 of the exchange on local governments.
- 21 (g) Water Rights.—
- 22 (1) Acquisition.—Beginning on the date of
- 23 the applicable transfer of land to the United States
- to be held in trust for the Fort Belknap Indian
- 25 Community under this section, if any Federal, State,

or fee land transferred under this section is subject to a water right in existence on the date of the transfer, the Fort Belknap Indian Community shall be the successor in interest with respect to the water right, in accordance with the terms and conditions

that applied to the predecessor in interest.

- 7 (2) NO RESERVED WATER RIGHTS.—No land 8 transferred under this section shall be the basis for 9 any claim by the Fort Belknap Indian Community 10 to any new, additional, or supplemental Federal re-11 served water right.
- 12 (h) Transfer of Title.—Title to all land acquired 13 by the United States under this section shall be trans-14 ferred, subject to applicable laws (including regulations), 15 without charge, to the United States, to be held in trust 16 for the Fort Belknap Indian Community, pursuant to such 17 method of conveyance as the Secretary determines to be 18 necessary.

## (i) Jurisdiction of Grinnell Land.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council shall have jurisdiction over hunting and fishing and natural resource management on the Grinnell land described in subsection

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- 1 (b)(3)(C) on the date on which the conditions de-2 scribed in paragraph (2) are met. (2) CONDITIONS.—The conditions referred to in 3 4 paragraph (1) are that the Fort Belknap Indian 5 Community Council shall adopt— 6 (A) hunting and fishing regulations that 7 grant nontribal members equivalent rights and 8 privileges to those that nontribal members enjoy 9 under the hunting and fishing laws (including 10 regulations) of the State, as in effect on the 11 date of enactment of this Act, including rights 12 relating to permit fees and bag limits; and 13 (B) public recreational access regulations 14 that grant nontribal members equivalent rights 15 of access for recreational purposes that non-16 tribal members enjoy under Federal law (in-17 cluding regulations), as in effect on the as of 18 the date of enactment of this act. AMENDMENTS.—All regulations promul-19 20
  - (3) AMENDMENTS.—All regulations promulgated by the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council under this subsection shall be approved by the Secretary after providing the State with notice and an opportunity to comment.
  - (4) Notification after federal or state amendment.—

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(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Federal or State hunting and fishing or recreational access laws (including regulations) are amended after the date on which jurisdiction over those laws on the Grinnell land is transferred to the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council under this subsection, the head of the appropriate Federal or State agency, as applicable, shall promptly notify the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council of the amendment.

## (B) Response.—

- (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date on which notification is provided to the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council under subparagraph (A), the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council shall amend, subject to approval by the Secretary, the regulations of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council to comply with the amended law.
- (ii) Failure to respond.—If the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council fails to comply with clause (i), regulatory jurisdiction shall revert to the United States under paragraph (1) until—

1	(I) such time as the regulations
2	of the Fort Belknap Indian Commu-
3	nity comply with the amended Federal
4	or State law (including regulations);
5	and
6	(II) the date that is not more
7	than 25 years after the date of enact-
8	ment of this Act.
9	(5) REGULATION BY FORT BELKNAP INDIAN
10	COMMUNITY COUNCIL.—Notwithstanding any other
11	provision of law, on the date that is 25 years after
12	the date of enactment of this Act, the Fort Belknap
13	Indian Community Council, subject to approval by
14	the Secretary, shall be free to regulate the Grinnell
15	land according to tribal law.
16	SEC. 7. LAKE ELWELL.
17	(a) Allocation of Water to Fort Belknap In-
18	DIAN COMMUNITY.—
19	(1) In general.—Notwithstanding any other
20	law, the Secretary shall permanently allocate to the
21	Fort Belknap Indian Community, 20,000 acre-feet
22	per year of stored water from the water rights of the
23	Bureau of Reclamation in Lake Elwell (Tiber Res-
24	ervoir). Lower Marias Unit. Upper Missouri Divi-

1	sion, Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Program
2	Montana, measured—
3	(A) at the outlet works of the dam; or
4	(B) at the diversion point from the res-
5	ervoir.
6	(2) AGREEMENT.—The Secretary shall offer to
7	enter into an agreement with the Fort Belknap In-
8	dian Community—
9	(A) to establish a procedure for the alloca-
10	tion under paragraph (1); and
11	(B) to provide for use or transfer by the
12	Fort Belknap Indian Community of water
13	stored in Lake Elwell.
14	(3) Requirements.—
15	(A) NO INCREASE.—The annual allocation
16	under paragraph (1) shall not be increased by
17	year-to-year carry-over storage.
18	(B) Effective date.—The initial alloca-
19	tion under paragraph (1) shall take effect on
20	the date on which the decree described in sec-
21	tion 4(e) is approved by the applicable court.
22	(C) PRIORITY DATE.—The priority date
23	for the allocation under paragraph (1) shall be
24	the date decreed by the applicable court under

1	section 4(c) for the water rights of the Bureau
2	of Reclamation for water stored in Lake Elwell.
3	(D) TERM.—The agreement shall be with-
4	out limit as to term.
5	(E) Costs.—
6	(i) In general.—The Fort Belknap
7	Indian Community shall not be required to
8	pay—
9	(I) water service capital charges
10	for any water allocated to the Fort
11	Belknap Indian Community under
12	this Act and the agreement, regard-
13	less of whether that water is deliv-
14	$\operatorname{ered}$ —
15	(aa) for use by the Fort
16	Belknap Indian Community; or
17	(bb) under any lease, con-
18	tract, or agreement the Fort
19	Belknap Indian Community may
20	enter into; and
21	(II) an amount to the United
22	States for any water allocated to the
23	Fort Belknap Indian Community
24	under this Act and the agreement, ex-

1	cept for each acre-foot of stored water
2	leased or sold for industrial purposes.
3	(ii) Other payments.—For each
4	acre-foot of stored water leased or sold by
5	the Fort Belknap Indian Community for
6	industrial purposes, the Fort Belknap In-
7	dian Community shall pay annually to the
8	United States an amount to cover the pro-
9	portionate share of the annual operation,
10	maintenance, and replacement costs for the
11	Lake Elwell storage allocable to the
12	amount of water for industrial purposes
13	leased or sold by the Fort Belknap Indian
14	Community.
15	(iii) Review.—The annual payments
16	of the Fort Belknap Indian Community
17	shall be reviewed and adjusted, as appro-
18	priate, to reflect the actual operation,
19	maintenance, and replacement costs for the
20	Lake Elwell storage facility.
21	(4) Treatment as component of tribal
22	WATER RIGHTS.—
23	(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
24	subparagraph (B), each annual allocation under
25	this subsection shall be—

1	(i) treated as a component of the trib-
2	al water rights; and
3	(ii) administered in accordance with
4	this Act and the Compact.
5	(B) Exception.—Notwithstanding sub-
6	paragraph (A)(ii), article IV(A)(5)(b)(1)-(3) of
7	the Compact shall not apply to the annual allo-
8	cations under this subsection, except to the ex-
9	tent that the article pertains to the use of water
10	being limited to a place of use within the Mis-
11	souri River Basin.
12	(5) Effect of Subsection.—Nothing in this
13	subsection alters or diminishes the allocation from
14	Lake Elwell to the Chippewa Cree Tribe pursuant to
15	the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Res-
16	ervation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement
17	and Water Supply Enhancement Act of 1999 (Pub-
18	lie Law 106–163; 113 Stat 1778).
19	(b) USE AND TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF ALLOCA-
20	TION.—
21	(1) In General.—On approval of the Sec-
22	retary, subject to the Compact and this Act, the
23	Fort Belknap Indian Community may use water al-
24	located by this section for any purpose, including ag-

1	ricultural, municipal, commercial, industrial, mining,
2	or recreational purposes, on or off the Reservation.
3	(2) Agreements by the fort belknap in-
4	DIAN COMMUNITY.—The Fort Belknap Indian Com-
5	munity may use, lease, contract, exchange, or enter
6	into other agreements for use of the water allocated
7	to the Fort Belknap Indian Community under sub-
8	section (a)(1) if—
9	(A) the use of water that is the subject of
10	such an agreement occurs within the Missouri
11	River Basin; and
12	(B) the agreement does not permanently
13	alienate any water allocated to the Fort
14	Belknap Indian Community under subsection
15	(a)(1).
16	(c) Water Transport Obligation; Development
17	AND DELIVERY COSTS.—
18	(1) Water transport obligation.—
19	(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
20	provide assistance with the planning, design,
21	and construction of the—
22	(i) Fort Belknap water supply infra-
23	structure;
24	(ii) Fort Belknap Indian Irrigation
25	Rehabilitation Project;

1	(iii) restoration of historic irrigation
2	projects within the boundaries of the Res-
3	ervation; and
4	(iv) environmental compliance in the
5	development and construction of all
6	projects under this Act.
7	(B) Obligation to provide facility
8	FOR THE TRANSPORT TO RESERVATION.—Ex-
9	cept as otherwise provided in this Act, the
10	United States shall have no obligation under
11	this Act to provide any facility for the transport
12	to the Reservation or any other location of the
13	water allocated under this section to the Fort
14	Belknap Indian Community related to the re-
15	lease of tribal water rights from Lake Elwell
16	Dam and Reservoir in accordance with a re-
17	quest from the Fort Belknap Indian Commu-
18	nity.
19	(2) Development and delivery costs.—Ex-
20	cept for the use of any part of the Federal contribu-
21	tions under section 8, the United States is not re-
22	quired to pay the cost of developing or delivering to
23	the Reservation any water allocated under this sub-
24	section.
25	(3) Authorization of studies.—

1	(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-
2	sultation with the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
3	munity and the State, shall carry out 1 or more
4	studies—
5	(i) to determine the feasibility and de-
6	sign of a water supply and wastewater
7	treatment system for the Fort Belknap In-
8	dian Community; and
9	(ii) to determine the environmental
10	impact and ensure environmental compli-
11	ance in the development and construction
12	of projects under this Act if the projects
13	are associated with, affected by, or located
14	within the same river basin as a Federal
15	reclamation project that is in existence on
16	the date of enactment of this Act.
17	(B) Cooperative agreement with the
18	STATE AND THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COM-
19	MUNITY.—The Secretary may enter into 1 or
20	more cooperative agreements with the State and
21	the Fort Belknap Indian Community to carry
22	out any study described in subparagraph (A) if
23	the Secretary determines that the 1 or more co-
24	operative agreements would be cost-effective

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and efficient.

1 (C) Reclamation laws.—No activity car2 ried out under this Act shall be considered to
3 be a supplemental, additional, or new benefit
4 under the reclamation laws, including the Rec5 lamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390aa
6 et seq.).

7 (d) Section Not Precedential.—The provisions 8 of this section regarding the allocation of water resources 9 from Lake Elwell to the Fort Belknap Indian Community 10 shall not be construed as precedent in the litigation or set-11 tlement of any other Indian water rights claim.

#### 12 SEC. 8. MILK RIVER PROJECT.

- 13 (a) MILK RIVER PROJECT MODIFICATIONS.—
- 14 (1) Procedures.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of 16 Reclamation, in consultation with the Assistant 17 Secretary for Indian Affairs, the Fort Belknap 18 Indian Community, the Joint Board, and other 19 affected stakeholders, shall modify the oper-20 ating procedures of the Milk River Project as 21 the Commissioner determines to be necessary to 22 ensure that the Fresno Reservoir is operated in 23 accordance with article III.A.2 and article IV.E 24 of the Compact.

1	(B) 1946 Fresno Reservoir Agree-
2	MENT.—
3	(i) In General.—The Commissioner
4	shall carry out such actions as the Com-
5	missioner determines to be necessary to
6	provide a more equitable accounting of the
7	½ share of the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
8	munity to the Fresno Reservoir total quan-
9	tity of stored water available for use dur-
10	ing each irrigation season from the waters
11	of the Milk River and tributaries of the
12	Milk River, that are impounded and stored
13	in the Fresno Reservoir under the agree-
14	ment between the Commissioner and the
15	Bureau of Indian Affairs relating to the
16	Milk River Project, numbered I-1-Ind.
17	18725, and dated July 8, 1946, taking
18	into consideration, and fully accounting
19	for—
20	(I) the right of the Fort Belknap
21	Indian Community under the Winters
22	decision to 645 cfs of water; and
23	(II) the tribal water rights.
24	(ii) Downstream release.—Any
25	water stored on behalf of the Fort Belknap

- Indian Community in the Fresno Reservoir
  that is available at the end of each irrigation season shall be released downstream
  for storage by the Fort Belknap Indian
  Community in the Fort Belknap Reservoir.
  - (iii) AMENDMENTS.—The Commissioner and the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs may jointly amend the agreement referred to in clause (i) as the Commissioner and the Assistant Secretary determine to be necessary to provide for an equitable accounting of the share of the Fort Belknap Indian Community described in clause (i).
  - (2) Facilities.—The Secretary may make such modifications to the federally owned facilities of the Milk River Project as the Secretary determines to be necessary to satisfy the applicable mitigation requirements of the Compact.

# (b) Milk River Coordinating Committee.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Commissioner, the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Director of the United States Geological Survey, the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Director of

1	the Bureau of Land Management, may participate
2	in the Milk River Coordinating Committee pursuant
3	to article IV.C of the Compact.
4	(2) Inapplicability of federal advisory
5	COMMITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee
6	Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Milk
7	River Coordinating Committee.
8	(3) Technical support.—The Secretary
9	may—
10	(A) maintain a publicly accessible database
11	of diversions from the Milk River made—
12	(i) pursuant to the Milk River Project;
13	(ii) under applicable contracts; and
14	(iii) by the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
15	munity; and
16	(B) provide such other technical support as
17	the Milk River Coordinating Committee may re-
18	quest, including the maintenance of gages nec-
19	essary to account for daily diversions from the
20	Milk River.
21	(4) Coordination of Storage and Re-
22	LEASE.—Notwithstanding Article IV.C.11 of the
23	Compact, the Secretary (acting through the Com-
24	missioner), and in consultation with the Milk River
25	Coordinating Committee, may develop an accounting

for the coordination of storage and release of water from Federal storage facilities within the federally owned portion of the Milk River Basin.

## (c) MILK RIVER PROJECT MITIGATION.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—The State, in consultation with the Secretary, the Fort Belknap Indian Community, the Joint Board, and other affected stakeholders, shall use funds made available under subsections (d) and (e) to provide grants for projects for mitigation of the Milk River Project in accordance with—
- (A) article VI.B of the Compact; and
- (B) this Act.

- (2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, the owner or operator of a project described in paragraph (1) shall submit to the State an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the State may require.
- (3) Delegation by State.—The State may delegate any portion of the responsibility of the State under this subsection to any entity organized in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws.

1	(4) Compliance with Nepa.—The Secretary
2	shall ensure that each project that receives Federal
3	funds under this subsection is carried out in accord-
4	ance with the National Environmental Policy Act of
5	1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).
6	(d) STATE CONTRIBUTIONS.—
7	(1) In general.—The Secretary shall treat as
8	a State contribution to mitigation of the Milk River
9	Project—
10	(A) the difference between—
11	(i) the amount authorized by the bill
12	of the Montana House of Representatives
13	numbered 540 of the 59th Session (2005);
14	and
15	(ii) the \$5,000,000 requested from the
16	State under section (11)(i); and
17	(B) any other funds allocated or previously
18	expended by the State to carry out activities
19	under subsection (a).
20	(2) Additional contributions.—The Sec-
21	retary shall request that the State provide, in addi-
22	tion to the amounts described in paragraph (1)—
23	(A) \$3,500,000 for purposes of mitigation
24	and watershed improvement activities described
25	in the Compact; and

- 1 (B) an amount equal to \$4,000,000 of in-2 kind contributions for technical, modeling, and 3 other services for purposes of identifying, sup-4 porting, and enhancing water use and manage-5 ment in the Milk River Basin.
  - (3) TREATMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—A contribution by the State under this subsection shall be considered to fulfill the obligation of the State under article VI.B of the Compact.
  - (4) EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.—Subject to applicable State law, amounts provided by the State under this subsection may be expended at any time after the date on which funds are provided.
  - (5) Report.—Not less frequently than once each year, the Secretary shall request that the State submit to the Fort Belknap Indian Community an accounting of any funds expended by the State under this subsection during the preceding calendar year.

# (e) Federal Contributions.—

(1) STATE TRUST ACCOUNT.—The Secretary shall establish a trust account for the State, consisting of amounts made available by the Secretary to carry out the mitigation and watershed improvement activities described in the Compact.

1 (2) Transfer.—Not later than 60 days after 2 the date on which funds are appropriated pursuant 3 to paragraph (4), the Secretary shall transfer the 4 funds, at no charge to the State, to the State trust 5 account established under paragraph (1). 6 (3) Allocations.— 7 (A) Interest.—The State may expend 8 the interest accruing on amounts in the State

- trust account under paragraph (1) as the State determines to be appropriate to fulfill the purposes of the Compact.
- (B) Principal.—The State shall not expend the principal amount in the State trust account until—
  - (i) the Fort Belknap Indian Community has developed, or is in the process of developing, the tribal water rights in accordance with the Compact and this Act; and
  - (ii) the State, in consultation with the Secretary, determines that a proposed expenditure of the principal amount is necessary to satisfy mitigation or watershed improvement obligations under the Compact.

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1	(4) Authorization of appropriations.—
2	There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
3	retary to carry out this subsection \$5,000,000 for
4	each of fiscal years 2012 through 2015.
5	SEC. 9. SETTLEMENT IN SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS.
6	(a) In General.—The benefits provided under this
7	Act shall be considered to fully satisfy any claim of the
8	Fort Belknap Indian Community against the United
9	States that is waived and released by the Fort Belknap
10	Indian Community under subsection (a)(1) and (b) of sec-
11	tion 10.
12	(b) Allottees.—The benefits realized by the
13	allottees under this Act shall fully satisfy—
14	(1) all claims waived and released by the United
15	States (acting as trustee for the allottees) under sec-
16	tion $10(a)(2)$ ; and
17	(2) any claims of the allottees against the
18	United States that are similar to the claims de-
19	scribed in section 10(b).
20	(c) No Recognition of Water Rights.—Notwith-
21	standing subsections (a) and (b) and except as provided
22	in section 5, nothing in this Act recognizes or establishes
23	any right of a member of the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
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 $24\,\,$  munity or an allottee to water in the Reservation.

#### SEC. 10. WAIVERS AND RELEASES OF CLAIMS.

2 (a	) Claims	FOR WATER	RIGHTS IN	THE STATE.	AND
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- 3 Reservation.—Subject to subsection (e), in return for
- 4 recognition of the tribal water rights and other benefits
- 5 provided under the Compact and this Act—
- 6 (1) the Fort Belknap Indian Community and
- 7 the United States (acting as trustee for the Fort
- 8 Belknap Indian Community) shall execute a waiver
- 9 and release of all claims for water rights within the
- 10 State that the Fort Belknap Indian Community or
- the United States (acting as trustee for the Fort
- Belknap Community), has asserted or could have as-
- serted, in any proceeding, before or on the enforce-
- ability date, except to the extent that those rights
- are recognized in the Compact or this Act; and
- 16 (2) the United States (acting as trustee for
- allottees) shall execute a waiver and release of all
- claims for water rights within the Reservation that
- the United States (acting as trustee for the
- allottees) has asserted or could have asserted, in any
- 21 proceeding, before or on the enforceability date, ex-
- cept to the extent that those rights are recognized
- in the Compact or this Act.
- 24 (b) Waiver and Release of Claims Against the
- 25 United States.—

1	(1) In general.—Subject to subsection (e),
2	the Fort Belknap Indian Community may execute a
3	waiver and release of all claims described in para-
4	graph (2) against the United States (including an
5	agency or employee of the United States).
6	(2) Description of claims.—The claims re-
7	ferred to in paragraph (1) are—
8	(A) any claim for water rights within the
9	State that the United States (acting as trustee
10	for the Fort Belknap Indian Community) as-
11	serted, or could have asserted, in any pro-
12	ceeding, except to the extent that those rights
13	are recognized as the tribal water rights in this
14	Act;
15	(B) any claim relating to a damage to, loss
16	of, or injury to water, water rights, land, or
17	natural resources due to the loss of water or
18	water rights in the State that first accrued be-
19	fore or on the enforceability date, including
20	claims relating to—
21	(i) damage, loss, or injury to hunting,
22	fishing, gathering, or cultural rights due to
23	the loss of water or water rights;
24	(ii) interference with, diversion or tak-
25	ing of water; or

1	(iii) the failure to protect, acquire, re-
2	place, or develop water, water rights, or
3	water infrastructure;
4	(C) any pending litigation in the State re-
5	lating to the water rights of the Fort Belknap
6	Indian Community; and
7	(D) any claim arising from the negotiation,
8	execution, or the adoption of—
9	(i) the Compact; or
10	(ii) this Act.
11	(c) Effectiveness of Waivers and Releases.—
12	The waivers under subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect
13	on the enforceability date.
14	(d) Enforceability Date.—
15	(1) In general.—The enforceability date shall
16	be the date on which the Secretary publishes in the
17	Federal Register a statement of findings that—
18	(A) the Fort Belknap Indian Community
19	Council has approved the Compact by submit-
20	ting this Act and the Compact to a vote by the
21	tribal membership for approval or disapproval;
22	(B) the membership of the Fort Belknap
23	Indian Community has ratified the Compact
24	and this Act, in accordance with section 4(b);

1	(C)(i) the Montana Water Court has
2	issued a final judgment and decree approving
3	the Compact; or
4	(ii) if the Montana Water Court is found
5	to lack jurisdiction—
6	(I) the United States district court of
7	jurisdiction has approved the Compact as a
8	consent decree; and
9	(II) the approval under subclause (I)
10	is considered to be final;
11	(D)(i) all of the funds made available
12	under section 11 have been deposited in the ac-
13	counts identified in section 11(c); and
14	(ii) the transfer of land under section 6
15	has been completed;
16	(E) the Secretary has executed the agree-
17	ments with the Fort Belknap Indian Commu-
18	nity as required under this Act;
19	(F) the State has appropriated and paid
20	the funds relating to Peoples Creek Reservoir in
21	accordance with section 11(i); and
22	(G) the waivers and releases under sub-
23	sections (a) and (b) have been executed by the
24	Fort Belknap Indian Community and the Sec-
25	retary.

1	(e) Reservation of Rights and Retention of
2	CLAIMS.—Notwithstanding the waivers and releases au-
3	thorized under this section, the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
4	munity and the United States (acting as trustee for the
5	Fort Belknap Indian Community and the allottees) re-
6	tain—
7	(1) all claims for enforcement of the Compact
8	settlement agreement, the final decree, or this Act
9	through any legal and equitable remedies that may
10	be available in the appropriate Federal or State
11	$\operatorname{court};$
12	(2) all rights to use and protect water rights ac-
13	quired after the date of enactment of this Act;
14	(3) all claims relating to activities affecting the
15	quality of water, including any claims the Fort
16	Belknap Indian Community might have under—
17	(A) the Comprehensive Environmental Re-
18	sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of
19	1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);
20	(B) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
21	U.S.C. 300f et seq.); or
22	(C) the Federal Water Pollution Control
23	Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seg.):

1	(4) all claims arising under section 12(k) relat-
2	ing to the enforcement of any Federal, State, or
3	tribal law (including common law); and
4	(5) all rights, remedies, privileges, immunities,
5	and powers not specifically waived and released
6	under this Act.
7	(f) TOLLING OF CLAIMS.—
8	(1) In general.—Each applicable period of
9	limitation and time-based equitable defense relating
10	to a claim described in this section shall be tolled for
11	the period beginning on the date of enactment of
12	this Act and ending on the date on which the
13	amounts made available to carry out this Act are
14	transferred to the Secretary.
15	(2) Effect of Subsection.—Nothing in this
16	subsection revives any claim or tolls any period of
17	limitations or time-based equitable defense that ex-
18	pired before the date of enactment of this Act.
19	(g) Expiration and Tolling.—If all appropria-
20	tions authorized by this Act have not been made available
21	to the Secretary by June 30, 2042—
22	(1) the waivers authorized in this section
23	shall—
24	(A) expire; and
25	(R) he of no force or effect, and

1	(2) all statutes of limitations applicable to any
2	claim otherwise waived shall be tolled until June 30,
3	2042.
4	SEC. 11. FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT
5	FUND.
6	(a) Establishment.—There is established in the
7	Treasury a fund, to be known as the "Fort Belknap In-
8	dian Community Settlement Fund", to be administered by
9	the Secretary for the uses described in subsection (c) and
10	any activities necessary to comply with Federal environ-
11	mental and cultural resource laws.
12	(b) Transfers to Fund.—The Fund shall consist
13	of such amounts as are deposited in the Fund under sub-
14	section (j).
15	(c) Accounts of the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
16	MUNITY SETTLEMENT FUND.—The Secretary shall estab-
17	lish in the Fund—
18	(1) the Fort Belknap Indian Community Tribal
19	Land and Water Rehabilitation, Modernization, and
20	Expansion account, from which principal and inter-
21	est may be used to pay or reimburse costs incurred
22	by the United States, the State, and the Fort
23	Belknap Indian Community for activities relating
24	to—

1	(A) exchanging, transferring, or acquiring
2	land;
3	(B) rehabilitating or otherwise improving
4	existing and historically irrigated land or
5	projects;
6	(C) agricultural development;
7	(D) cultural preservation;
8	(E) water resources development; and
9	(F) other land- and water-related projects;
10	(2) the Fort Belknap Indian Community Water
11	Resources and Water Rights Administration, Oper-
12	ation, and Maintenance account, from which only in-
13	terest earned may be used to pay—
14	(A) the costs of administering the tribal
15	water rights, including through—
16	(i) the development or enactment of a
17	Tribal Water Code;
18	(ii) the establishment by the Fort
19	Belknap Indian Community of a water re-
20	sources department; and
21	(iii) the operation by that water re-
22	sources department (or successor agency);
23	and
24	(B) the annual operation and maintenance
25	costs for tribal and allotted water resources

1	projects, including the share of the Fort
2	Belknap Indian Community of operating and
3	maintaining the Fresno Reservoir;
4	(3) the Fort Belknap Indian Community Tribal
5	Economic Development account, from which prin-
6	cipal and interest may be used by the Fort Belknap
7	Indian Community to pay the costs for any activity
8	the Fort Belknap Indian Community determines to
9	be necessary to further the economic development of
10	the Fort Belknap Indian Community; and
11	(4) the Fort Belknap Indian Community Water
12	and Wastewater Rehabilitation and Expansion ac-
13	count, from the which principal and interest may be
14	used by the Fort Belknap Indian Community to pay
15	the costs for—
16	(A) preparation of a feasibility study and
17	design of a water supply and sewer treatment
18	system for the Fort Belknap Indian Commu-
19	nity;
20	(B) the planning, design, and construction
21	of a domestic water supply system and related
22	facilities for tribal communities;
23	(C) the planning, design, and construction
24	of a wastewater treatment system and related
25	facilities for tribal communities; and

1	(D) environmental compliance in the devel-
2	opment and construction of projects under this
3	Act.
4	(d) Management of Fund.—
5	(1) In general.—The Secretary shall manage
6	the Fund, including investing and making amounts
7	available from the Fund for distribution to the Fort
8	Belknap Indian Community consistent with—
9	(A) the American Indian Trust Fund Man-
10	agement Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001
11	et seq.);
12	(B) this Act; and
13	(C) the Compact.
14	(2) Investment of fort belknap commu-
15	NITY SETTLEMENT FUND ACCOUNTS.—The Sec-
16	retary shall invest amounts in the Fund accounts de-
17	scribed in subsection (c) in accordance with—
18	(A) the Act of April 1, 1880 (25 U.S.C.
19	161);
20	(B) the first section of the Act of June 24,
21	1938 (25 U.S.C. 162a); and
22	(C) the obligations of Federal corporations
23	and Federal Government-sponsored entities, the
24	charter documents of which provide that the ob-

1	ligations of the entities are lawful investments
2	for Federally managed funds, including—
3	(i) the obligations of the United
4	States Postal Service described in section
5	2005 of title 39, United States Code;
6	(ii) bonds and other obligations of the
7	Tennessee Valley Authority described in
8	section 15d of the Tennessee Valley Au-
9	thority Act of 1933 (16 U.S.C. 831n-4);
10	(iii) mortgages, obligations, and other
11	securities of the Federal Home Loan Mort-
12	gage Corporation described in section 303
13	of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Cor-
14	poration Act (12 U.S.C. 1452); and
15	(iv) bonds, notes, and debentures of
16	the Commodity Credit Corporation de-
17	scribed in section 4 of the Act of March 8,
18	1938 (15 U.S.C. 713a–4).
19	(e) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—
20	(1) In General.—
21	(A) Funding.—Except as provided in
22	paragraph (2), the amounts made available
23	under this section shall be available for expendi-
24	ture or withdrawal by the Fort Belknap Indian

1 Community without fiscal year limitation begin-2 ning on the enforceability date.

- (B) OTHER FUNDING.—In addition to funding specifically made available under this Act, if the Secretary determines that, for a given fiscal, a sufficient amount of funding has not been made available through annual appropriations, the Secretary shall expend from the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund established under section 10501 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (43 U.S.C. 407) such amounts as are necessary to pay the Federal share of the costs associated with the Fund.
- (2) EXCEPTION.—The amounts made available under subsections (c)(2) and (j)(2) shall be available for withdrawal by the Fort Belknap Indian Community beginning on the date on which the Fort Belknap Indian Community approves the Compact as provided in section 4(b).

### (f) Expenditures and Withdrawals.—

### (1) Tribal management plan.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Fort Belknap Indian Community may withdraw any portion of amounts in the Fund on approval by the Sec-

1	retary of a tribal management plan in accord-
2	ance with the American Indian Trust Fund
3	Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C.
4	4001 et seq.).
5	(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the
6	requirements under the American Indian Trust
7	Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25
8	U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), the tribal management
9	plan of the Fort Belknap Indian Community
10	under subparagraph (A) shall require that the
11	Fort Belknap Indian Community spend any
12	amounts withdrawn from the Fund in accord-
13	ance with the purposes of this Act.
14	(C) Enforcement.—The Secretary may
15	take such judicial and administrative actions as
16	the Secretary determines to be necessary—
17	(i) to enforce the tribal management
18	plan of the Fort Belknap Indian Commu-
19	nity; and
20	(ii) to ensure that amounts withdrawn
21	from the Fund under the plan are used in
22	accordance with this Act and the Compact.
23	(D) LIABILITY.—The Secretary and the
24	Secretary of the Treasury shall not be liable for
25	the expenditure or investment of amounts with-

drawn from a Fund by the Fort Belknap Indian Community under this subsection.

## (2) Expenditure plan.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—The Fort Belknap Indian Community shall submit to the Secretary for approval an expenditure plan for any portion of the amounts made available under this section that the Fort Belknap Indian Community does not withdraw to carry out this Act.
- (B) DESCRIPTION.—The expenditure plan shall describe the manner in which, and the purposes for which, amounts remaining in the Funds will be used.
- (C) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall approve an expenditure plan submitted under subparagraph (A) if the Secretary determines that the plan is reasonable and in accordance with this Act and the Compact.
- (3) RETURN OF FUNDS TO TREASURY.—If the Compact or the approval by this Act of the Compact becomes void under section 4(c), all unexpended funds made available to carry out this Act (including all interest earned on the funds) shall revert to the general fund of the Treasury not later than 1 year

1	after the expiration of the deadline described in sec-
2	tion $4(d)$ .
3	(g) Annual Report.—For each Fund, the Fort
4	Belknap Indian Community shall submit to the Secretary
5	an annual report that describes all expenditures from the
6	Fund during the preceding year.
7	(h) No Per Capita Payments.—No principal or in-
8	terest amount in any account established by this Act shall
9	be distributed to any member of the Fort Belknap Indian
10	Community on a per capita basis.
11	(i) Peoples Creek Reservoir.—To contribute to
12	the cost of design and construction of the Peoples Creek
13	Reservoir, the Secretary shall request that the State pay
14	to the general fund of the Treasury \$5,000,000, to be de-
15	posited to the credit of the Fund established by subsection
16	(e)(1).
17	(j) Authorization of Appropriations.—
18	(1) FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL
19	LAND AND WATER, REHABILITATION, MODERNIZA-
20	TION, AND EXPANSION ACCOUNT.—
21	(A) Mandatory appropriations.—Out
22	of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise ap-
23	propriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
24	deposit in the Fort Belknap Indian Community
25	Tribal Land and Water, Rehabilitation, Mod-

	ernization,	and	Expansion	account
2	\$134,478,400,	adjusted	to reflect char	nges since
3	February 1, 2	2012, in o	construction co	st indices
1	applicable to t	the types	of construction	n involved
5	in the activitie	es describ	oed in subsection	on $(c)(1)$ .

- (B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-TIONS.—In addition to amounts made available under subparagraph (A), there is authorized to be appropriated for deposit in the Fort Belknap Indian Community Tribal Land and Water, Rehabilitation, Modernization, and Expansion account \$105,661,600, adjusted to reflect changes since February 1, 2012, in construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the activities described in subsection (c)(1).
- (2) Belknap indian community water resources and water rights administration, operation, and maintenance account.—
- (A) Mandatory appropriations.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit in the Belknap Indian Community Water Resources and Water Rights Administration, Operation, and Maintenance account

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L	\$31,186,500, adjusted to reflect changes since
2	February 1, 2012, in construction cost indices
3	applicable to the types of construction involved
1	in the activities described in subsection $(c)(2)$ .

- (B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-TIONS.—In addition to amounts made available under subparagraph (A1), there is authorized to be appropriated for deposit in the Belknap Indian Community Water Resources and Water Rights Administration, Operation, and Maintenance account \$29,963,500, adjusted to reflect changes since February 1, 2012, in construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the activities described in subsection (c)(2).
- (3) FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT.—
  - (A) Mandatory appropriations.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit in the Fort Belknap Indian Community Tribal Economic Development account \$55,187,000, adjusted to reflect changes since October 1, 2011, in construction cost indices

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applicable to the types of construction involved in the activities described in subsection (c)(3).

- (B) Authorization of appropriations.—In addition to amounts made available under subparagraph (A), there is authorized to be appropriated for deposit in the Fort Belknap Indian Community Tribal Economic Development account \$45,153,000, adjusted to reflect changes since October 1, 2011, in construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the activities described in subsection (c)(3).
- (4) FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY WATER AND WASTEWATER REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION ACCOUNT.—
  - (A) Mandatory appropriations.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit in the Fort Belknap Indian Community Water and Wastewater Rehabilitation and Expansion account \$69,036,800, adjusted to reflect changes since October 1, 2011, in construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the activities described in subsection (c)(4).

1	(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA
2	TIONS.—In addition to amounts made available
3	under subparagraph (A), there is authorized to
4	be appropriated for deposit in the Fort Belknap
5	Indian Community Water and Wastewater Re
6	habilitation and Expansion accoun-
7	\$54,243,200, adjusted to reflect changes since
8	October 1, 2011, in construction cost indices
9	applicable to the types of construction involved
10	in the activities described in subsection (c)(4)
11	(5) Montana mitigation fund.—There is au
12	thorized to be appropriated to the State for the es
13	tablishment of the Montana Mitigation Fund
14	\$21,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.
15	(6) Authorization of appropriations.—
16	There is authorized to be appropriated to the Com
17	missioner to carry out improvement activities under
18	this Act \$1,100,000 for fiscal year 2013.
19	(k) Restriction.—Any amounts made available

- (k) RESTRICTION.—Any amounts made available
- 20 under this section shall be nonreimbursable.
- 21 SEC. 12. ADMINISTRATION.
- 22 (a) Elimination of Debts or Liens Against Al-
- 23 LOTMENTS OF THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY
- 24 Members.—The Secretary shall cancel and eliminate all
- 25 debts or liens against the allotments of land held by the

1	Fort Belknap Indian Community and the members of the
2	Fort Belknap Indian Community due to construction as-
3	sessments, annual operation and maintenance charges,
4	and any other charge that may have been levied relating
5	to irrigation projects of the Department of the Interior
6	for the Fort Belknap Indian Community.
7	(b) APPLICABILITY.—Nothing in this Act—
8	(1) affects the authority of the Fort Belknap
9	Indian Community to enforce the laws of the Fort
10	Belknap Indian Community with respect to environ-
11	mental protections;
12	(2) affects, alters, or amends Federal law (in-
13	cluding regulations), including—
14	(A) the Federal Water Pollution Control
15	Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.);
16	(B) Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
17	300f et seq.);
18	(C) Comprehensive Environmental Re-
19	sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of
20	1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.); and
21	(D) the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42
22	U.S.C. 6901 et seq.);
23	(3) affects the authority of the United States to
24	take actions acting as trustee for any other Indian
25	tribe or allottee of any other Indian tribe;

1	(4) confers jurisdiction on any State court—
2	(A) to interpret Federal law regarding
3	health, safety, or the environment;
4	(B) to determine the duties of the United
5	States or other parties pursuant to Federal law
6	regarding health, safety, or the environment; or
7	(C) to conduct judicial review of a Federal
8	agency action; or
9	(5) waives any claim of a member of the Fort
10	Belknap Indian Community that does not derive
11	from a right of the Fort Belknap Indian Commu-
12	nity.
13	(c) Waiver of Sovereign Immunity by the
14	United States.—Except as provided in subsections (a)
15	through (c) of section 208 of the Department of Justice
16	Appropriation Act, 1953 (43 U.S.C. 666), nothing in this
17	Act waives the sovereign immunity of the United States.
18	(d) EXECUTION OF COMPACT.—The execution of the
19	Compact by the Secretary under section 4(b) shall not
20	constitute a major Federal action under the National En-
21	vironmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).
22	(e) Environmental Compliance.—In carrying out
23	the Compact, the Secretary shall comply with—
24	(1) the National Environmental Policy Act of
25	1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

1	(2) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16
2	U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); and
3	(3) all other applicable environmental laws (in-
4	cluding regulations).
5	(f) Additional Funding.—Nothing in this Act pro-
6	hibits the Fort Belknap Indian Community from seek-
7	ing—
8	(1) additional funds for tribal programs or pur-
9	poses; or
10	(2) funding from the United States or the State
11	based on the status of the Fort Belknap Indian
12	Community as an Indian tribe.
13	(g) Rights Under State Law.—Except as pro-
14	vided in section 1 of article III of the Compact (relating
15	to the closing of certain water basins in the State to new
16	appropriations in accordance with the laws of the State),
17	nothing in this Act or the Compact precludes the acquisi-
18	tion or exercise of a Right Arising Under State Law (as
19	defined in section 6 of article II of the Compact) to the
20	use of water by the Fort Belknap Indian Community, or
21	a member or allottee of the Fort Belknap Indian Commu-
22	nity, outside the Reservation by—
23	(1) purchase of the right; or
24	(2) submitting to the State an application in
25	accordance with State law.

1	(h) Objections in Montana Water Court.—
2	Nothing in this Act or the Compact prohibits the Fort
3	Belknap Indian Community, a member of the Fort
4	Belknap Indian Community, an allottee, or the United
5	States in any capacity from objecting to any claim to a
6	water right filed in any general stream adjudication in the
7	Montana Water Court.
8	(i) Interference With Tribal Water Rights.—
9	Nothing in this Act or the Compact prevents the Fort
10	Belknap Indian Community, a member of the Fort
11	Belknap Indian Community, an allottee, or the United
12	States on behalf of the Fort Belknap Indian Community,
13	a member of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, or an
14	allottee from filing in a court of competent jurisdiction an
15	action to prevent any Person or Party (as defined in sec-
16	tions 29 and 30 of article II of the Compact) from inter-
17	fering with the enjoyment of the tribal water rights of—
18	(1) the Fort Belknap Indian Community;
19	(2) a member of the Fort Belknap Indian Com-
20	munity; or
21	(3) an allottee.
22	(j) Water Storage and Importation.—Nothing
23	in this Act or the Compact prevents the Fort Belknap In-
24	dian Community from participating in any project to im-

25 port water to, or improve storage in, the Milk River Basin.

1	(k) Environmental Protection.—
2	(1) Definition of Little Rocky Moun-
3	TAINS.—In this subsection, the term "Little Rocky
4	Mountains" means the mountains that—
5	(A) form the southern boundary of the
6	Reservation; and
7	(B) are sacred and culturally significant to
8	the Fort Belknap Indian Community.
9	(2) Protection.—Nothing in the Compact or
10	this Act limits—
11	(A) the authority of the United States, the
12	State, or the Fort Belknap Indian Community
13	to enforce any Federal, State, or tribal law (in-
14	cluding common law) relating to the protection
15	of the environment; or
16	(B) any claim of the Fort Belknap Indian
17	Community, a member of the Fort Belknap In-
18	dian Community, or an allottee, or of the
19	United States on behalf of the Fort Belknap
20	Indian Community, a member of the Fort
21	Belknap Indian Community, or an allottee,
22	for—
23	(i) damage to water quality caused by
24	mining activities in the Little Rocky Moun-
25	tains; or

1	(ii) depletion in surface flows or
2	groundwater on the southern end of the
3	Reservation.
4	(l) No Precedent Established.—Nothing in this
5	Act establishes any precedent for—
6	(1) the litigation of reserved water rights; or
7	(2) the interpretation or administration of any
8	compact between the United States and the State or
9	any other State.
10	(m) Eligibility for Other Federal Services.—
11	No payment made or benefit provided pursuant to this Act
12	shall result in the reduction or denial of any Federal serv-
13	ice or program to any Indian tribe, or to any member of
14	an Indian tribe, to which the Indian tribe or member of
15	the Indian tribe is entitled to, or eligible for, because of—
16	(1) the status of the Indian tribe as a federally
17	recognized Indian tribe; or
18	(2) the status of an individual as an Indian.
19	(n) Leases of Allotted Land.—
20	(1) Definition of eligible lessor.—In this
21	subsection, the term "eligible lessor" means—
22	(A) the Fort Belknap Indian Community;
23	and

1	(B) a tribal farming enterprise or irriga-
2	tion district approved by the Fort Belknap
3	Community Council.
4	(2) Program.—An eligible lessor may enter
5	into a lease or other agreement for the development
6	of the Fort Belknap Indian Irrigation Project or any
7	other irrigation project on the Reservation in the
8	Milk River and Peoples Creek Basins.
9	(3) Approval.—
10	(A) In General.—Notwithstanding any
11	other provision of law, the Secretary may ap-
12	prove a lease or agreement of an eligible lesson
13	of individually owned allotted land held in trust
14	or restricted status by the United States for the
15	Fort Belknap Indian Community if the Sec-
16	retary determines that—
17	(i) the owners of a majority of the un-
18	divided interest in the trust or restricted
19	land consent to the lease or agreement
20	and
21	(ii) approving the lease or agreement
22	is in the best interest of the owners of the
23	trust or restricted land.
24	(B) Effect.—On approval by the Sec-
25	retary under subparagraph (A), a lease of

1	agreement shall be binding, to the same extent
2	as if all owners of the trust or restricted land
3	involved had consented to the lease or agree-
4	ment, on—
5	(i) each owner of an undivided inter-
6	est in the trust or restricted land subject
7	to the lease or agreement (including any
8	interest owned by an Indian tribe); and
9	(ii) each other party to the lease or
10	agreement.
11	(4) Distribution of Proceeds.—The pro-
12	ceeds derived from a lease or agreement approved by
13	the Secretary under paragraph (3) shall be distrib-
14	uted to each owner of land subject to the lease or
15	agreement, in proportion to the interest owned by
16	the owner.
17	(5) Execution of lease or agreement by
18	SECRETARY.—The Secretary may execute a lease or
19	agreement that affects individually owned trust or
20	restricted land on behalf of an owner of the land
21	if—
22	(A) the owner is—
23	(i) a member of an Indian tribe; and
24	(ii) deceased; and

1	(B)(i) the heirs to, or devisees of, the in-
2	terest of the owner have not been determined;
3	or
4	(ii) the heirs or devisees referred to in
5	clause (i) have been determined, but 1 or more
6	of the heirs or devisees cannot be located.
7	(6) Reserved rights-of-way.—
8	(A) IN GENERAL.—The United States, act-
9	ing as trustee for the Fort Belknap Indian
10	Community, shall reserve from the individually
11	owned allotted land rights-of-way on that land
12	for irrigation purposes carried out under this
13	Act and according to the Tribal Water Code.
14	(B) Use.—The rights-of-way retained
15	under subparagraph (A) shall be granted to a
16	tribal farming enterprise or irrigation district if
17	the tribal farming enterprise or irrigation dis-
18	trict is—
19	(i) formed for the purpose of irriga-
20	tion or drainage; and
21	(ii) approved by the Fort Belknap
22	Community Council.
23	(C) Compensation for rights-of-way
24	ON INDIVIDUALLY OWNED ALLOTTED LANDS.—
25	The Fort Belknap Indian Community shall pay

1	just compensation, including severance dam-
2	ages, to the individual owners of allotted land
3	from which rights-of-way are reserved under
4	this paragraph, except that the compensation
5	shall not apply to any lease entered into under
6	this section.
7	(7) Public Auction or Advertised sale
8	NOT REQUIRED.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—It shall not be a requirement for the approval or execution of a lease or agreement under this subsection that the lease or agreement be offered for sale through a public auction or advertised sale.
- 14 (B) EFFECT ON OTHER LAW.—To the ex-15 tent provided under subparagraph (A), the Act 16 of March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 781, chapter 263) 17 shall not apply to this subsection.
- 18 (o) CONFLICT OF PROVISIONS.—If any provision of 19 this Act conflicts with a provision of the Compact, the pro-20 vision of this Act shall prevail.

#### 21 SEC. 13. ANTIDEFICIENCY.

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The United States shall not be liable for any failure to carry out any obligation or activity authorized by this Act (including any obligation or activity under the Compact) if adequate appropriations are not provided ex-

1	pressly by Congress to carry out the purposes of this Act
2	in—
3	(1) the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund
4	established under section 10501 of the Omnibus
5	Public Land Management Act of 2009 (43 U.S.C.
6	407); or
7	(2) the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and
8	Health established by section 601(a) of the Tom
9	Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global
10	Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and
11	Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (25 U.S.C.
12	443c(a)).

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