

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1437

To provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2013

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Hermiston Agricul-
3 tural Research and Extension Center Land Conveyance
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) **RESEARCH CENTER LAND.**—The term “re-
8 search center land” means the approximately 290
9 acres of land in Hermiston, Oregon, identified as the
10 “Reversionary Interest Area” on the map entitled
11 “Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension
12 Center” and dated July 23, 2013, including any im-
13 provements to, and building on, the land.

14 (2) **PATENT.**—The term “patent” means the
15 patent granted by the Director of the Bureau of
16 Land Management (acting on behalf of the United
17 States) to the State, numbered 130889, and dated
18 September 17, 1954.

19 (3) **STATE.**—The term “State” means the State
20 of Oregon (acting through the Oregon State Board
21 of Higher Education on behalf of Oregon State Uni-
22 versity).

1 **SEC. 3. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST AND RES-**
 2 **ERVATION OF MINERAL RIGHTS TO BUREAU**
 3 **OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND CONVEYED TO**
 4 **THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE ESTABLISH-**
 5 **MENT OF HERMISTON AGRICULTURAL RE-**
 6 **SEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER.**

7 (a) RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST AND
 8 RESERVATION OF MINERAL RIGHTS.—Subject to sub-
 9 section (b), there are released by the United States with-
 10 out consideration—

11 (1) the reversionary interest retained by the
 12 United States to the research center land under the
 13 patent; and

14 (2) the reservation of mineral rights by the
 15 United States to the research center land under the
 16 patent.

17 (b) CONDITION.—The release of the reversionary in-
 18 terest under subsection (a)(1) is subject to the condition
 19 that the State agrees to use any consideration received by
 20 the State from the sale, lease, or other conveyance of the
 21 research center land after the date of enactment of this
 22 Act for agricultural experimental and research work of Or-
 23 egon State University.

24 (c) INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE.—The Secretary of
 25 the Interior (acting through the Director of the Bureau
 26 of Land Management) shall execute and file in the appro-

- 1 priate office a deed of release, amended deed, or other ap-
- 2 propriate instrument reflecting the release under sub-
- 3 section (a).

