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S. 2356

To adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2014

Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mojave National Pre-
5 serve Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
9 the Director of the National Park Service.

10 (2) PRESERVE.—The term “preserve” means
11 the Mojave National Preserve established under sec-

1 tion 502 of the California Desert Protection Act of
2 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–42).

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT OF THE MOJAVE NA-**
6 **TIONAL PRESERVE.**

7 (a) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary shall—

8 (1) prior to any construction on land described
9 in paragraph (2), acquire by donation approximately
10 4 acres of land within or adjacent to the boundary
11 of the preserve to be used for mitigation for every
12 1 acre of land removed from the preserve under
13 paragraph (2); and

14 (2) on the date of enactment of this Act, trans-
15 fer administrative jurisdiction of approximately 525
16 acres of land from the Director to the Director of
17 the Bureau of Land Management, as generally de-
18 picted on the map entitled “Mojave National Pre-
19 serve—Proposed Boundary Adjustment”, numbered
20 170/120,846–B and dated December 2013.

21 (b) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The land acquired
22 under subsection (a) shall be part of the preserve and the
23 boundary of the preserve shall be adjusted to reflect the
24 acquisition and transfer of administrative jurisdiction of
25 the land under subsection (a).

1 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map described in
2 subsection (a)(2) shall be on file and available for public
3 inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park
4 Service.

5 (d) ADMINISTRATION OF LAND.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land acquired under
7 subsection (a) shall be administered by the Director
8 as part of the preserve in accordance with all appli-
9 cable laws (including regulations).

10 (2) GRAZING.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
12 permit cattle grazing on the land acquired
13 under subsection (a), in accordance with appli-
14 cable National Park Service laws and policies—

15 (i) except as provided in subparagraph
16 (B), during the period beginning on the
17 date on which the land is acquired and
18 ending on the date that is 25 years after
19 the date on which the land is acquired; and

20 (ii) to the same extent permitted on
21 the land referred to in subsection (a)(1) on
22 the day before the date of enactment of
23 this Act.

24 (B) PERMANENT TERMINATION OF GRAZ-
25 ING.—The authority of the Secretary granted

1 under subparagraph (A) terminates on the day
2 on which the period described in clause (i) of
3 that subparagraph expires.

4 (3) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing
5 rights, the land transferred under subsection (a)(2)
6 remains withdrawn from—

7 (A) entry, appropriation, or disposal under
8 the public land laws;

9 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
10 general mining laws; and

11 (C) the mining leases, mineral materials,
12 and geothermal leasing laws.

13 (4) REVERSIONARY CLAUSE.—The land trans-
14 ferred under subsection (a)(2) may, at the discretion
15 of the Director, revert back to the National Park
16 Service to be included in the preserve if construction
17 has not occurred on the land during the period be-
18 ginning on the date on which the land is transferred
19 and ending on the date that is 10 years after the
20 date on which the land is transferred.

