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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2015

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. AMODEI, and Mr. GRAYSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Federal Land Asset
5 Inventory Reform Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. CADASTRE OF FEDERAL LAND.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop and
3 maintain a current and accurate multipurpose cadastre of
4 Federal real property to support Federal land manage-
5 ment activities, including, but not limited to: resource de-
6 velopment and conservation, agricultural use, active forest
7 management, environmental protection, and use of real
8 property.

9 (b) COST-SHARING.—The Secretary may enter into
10 cost-sharing agreements with States to include any non-
11 Federal lands in a State in the cadastre. The Federal
12 share of any such cost agreement shall not exceed 50 per-
13 cent of the total cost to a State for the development of
14 the cadastre of non-Federal lands in the State.

15 (c) CONSOLIDATION AND REPORT.—Not later than
16 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
17 Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Nat-
18 ural Resources of the House of Representatives and the
19 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
20 ate on—

21 (1) the existing real property inventories or any
22 components of any cadastre currently authorized by
23 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior,
24 the statutory authorization for such, and the amount
25 expended by the Federal Government for each such
26 activity in fiscal year 2014;

1 (2) the existing real property inventories or any
2 components of any cadastre currently authorized by
3 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior
4 that will be eliminated or consolidated into the mul-
5 tipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act;

6 (3) the existing real property inventories or any
7 components of a cadastre currently authorized by
8 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior
9 that will not be eliminated or consolidated into the
10 multipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act, to-
11 gether with a justification for not terminating or
12 consolidating such in the multipurpose cadastre au-
13 thorized by this Act;

14 (4) the use of existing real property inventories
15 or any components of any cadastre currently con-
16 ducted by any unit of State or local government that
17 can be used to identify Federal real property within
18 such unit of government;

19 (5) the cost-savings that will be achieved by
20 eliminating or consolidating duplicative or unneeded
21 real property inventories or any components of a ca-
22 dastre currently authorized by law or conducted by
23 the Department of the Interior that will become part
24 of the multipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act,
25 and a plan for implementation of this Act, including

1 a cost estimate and the feasibility of the use of rev-
2 enue from any transactional activity authorized by
3 law that may be used to offset any costs of imple-
4 menting this Act;

5 (6) in consultation with the Director of the Of-
6 fice of Management and Budget, the Administrator
7 of the General Services Administration, and the
8 Comptroller General of the United States, conduct
9 the assessment required by paragraphs (1) through
10 (5) of this subsection with regard to all cadastres
11 and inventories authorized, operated or maintained
12 by all other Executive agencies of the Federal Gov-
13 ernment; and

14 (7) recommendations for any legislation nec-
15 essary to increase the cost-savings and enhance the
16 effectiveness and efficiency of replacing, eliminating,
17 or consolidating real property inventories or any
18 components of a cadastre currently authorized by
19 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior.

20 (d) COORDINATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this section,
22 the Secretary shall—

23 (A) participate, pursuant to section 216 of
24 Public Law 107–347, in the establishment of
25 such standards and common protocols as are

1 necessary to assure the interoperability of
2 geospatial information pertaining to the cadas-
3 tre for all users of such information;

4 (B) coordinate with, seek assistance and
5 cooperation of, and provide liaison to the Fed-
6 eral Geographic Data Committee pursuant to
7 Office of Management and Budget Circular A-
8 16 and Executive Order 12906 for the imple-
9 mentation of and compliance with such stand-
10 ards as may be applicable to the cadastre;

11 (C) integrate, or make the cadastre inter-
12 operable with, the Federal Real Property Pro-
13 file established pursuant to Executive Order
14 13327;

15 (D) integrate with and leverage to the
16 maximum extent practicable current cadastre
17 activities of units of State and local govern-
18 ment; and

19 (E) use contracts with the private sector,
20 to the maximum extent practicable, to provide
21 such products and services as are necessary to
22 develop the cadastre.

23 (2) CONTRACTS CONSIDERED SURVEYING AND
24 MAPPING.—Contracts entered into under paragraph
25 (1)(E) shall be considered “surveying and mapping”

1 services as such term is used and as such contracts
2 are awarded in accordance with the selection proce-
3 dures in title IX of the Federal Property and Ad-
4 ministrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 1101
5 et seq.).

6 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

7 As used in this Act, the following definitions apply:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 (2) CADASTRE.—The term “cadastre” means
11 an inventory of real property of the Federal Govern-
12 ment developed through collecting, storing, retriev-
13 ing, or disseminating graphical or digital data de-
14 picting natural or man-made physical features, phe-
15 nomena, or boundaries of the earth and any infor-
16 mation related thereto, including surveys, maps,
17 charts, satellite and airborne remote sensing data,
18 images, and services, with services performed by pro-
19 fessionals such as surveyors, photogrammetrists, hy-
20 drographers, geodesists, cartographers, and other
21 such services of an architectural or engineering na-
22 ture including the following data layers:

23 (A) A reference frame consisting of a cur-
24 rent geodetic network.

1 (B) A series of current, accurate large
2 scale maps.

3 (C) An existing cadastral boundary overlay
4 delineating all cadastral parcels.

5 (D) A system for indexing and identifying
6 each cadastral parcel.

7 (E) A series of land data files, each includ-
8 ing the parcel identifier, which can be used to
9 retrieve information and cross reference be-
10 tween and among other existing data files,
11 which may contain information about the use,
12 assets and infrastructure of each parcel.

13 (3) REAL PROPERTY.—The term “real prop-
14 erty” means real estate consisting of land, buildings,
15 crops, forests, or other resources still attached to or
16 within the land or improvements or fixtures perma-
17 nently attached to the land or a structure on it, in-
18 cluding any interest, benefit, right, or privilege in
19 such property.

20 **SEC. 4. TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCESS.**

21 The Secretary shall—

22 (1) make the cadastre publically available on
23 the Internet in a graphically geo-enabled and search-
24 able format;

1 (2) ensure that the inventory referred to in sec-
2 tion 2 includes the identification of all lands and
3 parcels suitable for disposal by Resource Manage-
4 ment Plans conducted for pursuant to the Federal
5 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
6 U.S.C. 1711 et seq.); and

7 (3) in consultation with the Secretary of De-
8 fense and the Secretary of Homeland Security, pre-
9 vent the disclosure of any parcel or parcels of land,
10 and buildings or facilities thereon, or information re-
11 lated thereto, if such disclosure would impair or
12 jeopardize the national security or homeland defense
13 of the United States.

14 **SEC. 5. RIGHT OF ACTION.**

15 Nothing in this Act shall create any substantive or
16 procedural right or benefit.

17 **SEC. 6. CERTAIN NEW ACTIONS NOT REQUIRED.**

18 Nothing in this Act shall require or authorize any
19 new surveying or mapping of Federal land, the evaluation
20 of any parcel of land for potential management by non-
21 Federal entities, the disposal of any Federal land, or any
22 new appraisal or assessment of the value or cultural and
23 archaeological resources on any parcel of Federal land.

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