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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI 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 “Federal Land Asset
5 Inventory Reform Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

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

16 (A) A reference frame consisting of a cur-
17 rent geodetic network.

18 (B) A series of current, accurate large-
19 scale maps.

20 (C) An existing cadastral boundary overlay
21 delineating all cadastral parcels.

22 (D) A system for indexing and identifying
23 each cadastral parcel.

24 (E) A series of land data files, each includ-
25 ing the parcel identifier, that—

1 (i) can be used to retrieve information
2 and cross-reference between and among
3 other data files;

4 (ii) contain information about the use,
5 assets, and infrastructure of each parcel;
6 and

7 (iii) designate any parcels that the
8 Secretary determines can be better man-
9 aged through ownership by a non-Federal
10 entity, including a State, local, or tribal
11 government, nonprofit organization, or the
12 private sector.

13 (2) REAL PROPERTY.—The term “real prop-
14 erty” means land, buildings, crops, forests, and
15 other resources attached to or within the land or im-
16 provements or fixtures permanently attached to the
17 land or a structure on the property, including any
18 interest, benefit, right, or privilege in the property.

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

21 **SEC. 3. CADASTRE OF FEDERAL LAND.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop and
23 maintain a current and accurate multipurpose cadastre of
24 Federal real property to support Federal land manage-
25 ment activities, including—

- 1 (1) resource development and conservation;
- 2 (2) agricultural use;
- 3 (3) active forest management;
- 4 (4) environmental protection; and
- 5 (5) use of real property.

6 (b) COST-SHARING AGREEMENTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter
8 into cost-sharing agreements with States to include
9 any non-Federal land in a State in the cadastre.

10 (2) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of any
11 cost agreement described in paragraph (1) shall not
12 exceed 50 percent of the total cost to a State for the
13 development of the cadastre of non-Federal land in
14 the State.

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

21 (1)(A) the real property inventories or any com-
22 ponents of any cadastre that—

23 (i) exist as of the date of enactment of this
24 Act; and

1 (ii) are authorized by law or conducted by
2 the Secretary;

3 (B) the statutory authorization for each inven-
4 tory or component; and

5 (C) the amount expended by the Federal Gov-
6 ernment for the inventory or component for fiscal
7 year 2015;

8 (2) the inventories and components described in
9 paragraph (1)(A) that will be eliminated or consoli-
10 dated into the multipurpose cadastre authorized by
11 this Act;

12 (3) the inventories and components described in
13 paragraph (1)(A) that will not be eliminated or con-
14 solidated into the multipurpose cadastre authorized
15 by this Act, with a justification for not terminating
16 or consolidating the inventories and components in
17 the multipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act;

18 (4) the use of real property inventories or any
19 components of any cadastre that—

20 (A) exist as of the date of enactment of
21 this Act;

22 (B) are conducted by any unit of a State
23 or local government; and

24 (C) can be used to identify Federal real
25 property within the unit;

1 (5) the cost-savings that will be achieved by
2 eliminating or consolidating duplicative or unneeded
3 real property inventories or any components de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1)(A) that will become part of
5 the multipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act;

6 (6) in consultation with the Director of the Of-
7 fice of Management and Budget, the Administrator
8 of General Services, and the Comptroller General of
9 the United States, all cadastres and inventories au-
10 thorized, operated, or maintained by all other execu-
11 tive agencies of the Federal Government, including
12 each of the components of the assessment described
13 in paragraphs (1) through (5); 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 described in paragraph
19 (1)(A).

20 (d) COORDINATION.—

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

23 (A) participate (in accordance with section
24 216 of the E-Government Act of 2002 (44
25 U.S.C. 3501 note; Public Law 107–347)) in the

1 establishment of such standards and common
2 protocols as are necessary to ensure the inter-
3 operability of geospatial information pertaining
4 to the cadastre for all users of the information;

5 (B) coordinate with, seek assistance and
6 cooperation of, and provide liaison to the Fed-
7 eral Geographic Data Committee pursuant to
8 Office of Management and Budget Circular A-
9 16 and Executive Order 12906 (43 U.S.C.
10 1457 note; relating to coordinating geographic
11 data acquisition and access: the National Spa-
12 tial Data Infrastructure) for the implementa-
13 tion of and compliance with such standards as
14 may be applicable to the cadastre;

15 (C) make the cadastre interoperable with
16 the Federal Real Property Profile established
17 pursuant to Executive Order 13327 (40 U.S.C.
18 121 note; relating to Federal real property
19 asset management);

20 (D) integrate with and leverage, to the
21 maximum extent practicable, cadastre activities
22 of units of State and local government; and

23 (E) use contracts with the private sector,
24 to the maximum extent practicable, to provide

1 such products and services as are necessary to
2 develop the cadastre.

3 (2) CONTRACTS CONSIDERED SURVEYING AND
4 MAPPING.—Contracts entered into under paragraph
5 (1)(E) shall be considered surveying and mapping
6 services as such term is used and as such contracts
7 are awarded in accordance with the selection proce-
8 dures described in chapter 11 of title 40, United
9 States Code.

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

11 The Secretary shall—

12 (1) make the cadastre required under this Act
13 publically available on the Internet in a graphically
14 geoenabled and searchable format;

15 (2) ensure that the inventory required under
16 section 3 includes the identification of all land and
17 parcels suitable for disposal by resource manage-
18 ment plans under the Federal Land Policy and Man-
19 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

20 (3) in consultation with the Secretary of De-
21 fense and the Secretary of Homeland Security, pre-
22 vent the disclosure of the identity of any 1 or more
23 parcels of land, and buildings or facilities on the
24 parcels, or information related to the parcels, if the

1 disclosure would impair or jeopardize the national
2 security or homeland defense of the United States.

3 **SEC. 5. RIGHT OF ACTION.**

4 Nothing in this Act creates any substantive or proce-
5 dural right or benefit.

