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To reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit
of certain Indian tribes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4, 2015

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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for the benefit of certain Indian tribes.

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. RATIFICATION OF EXISTING TRUST LAND.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any land taken into trust by the
5 United States prior to the date of enactment of this Act
6 for an Indian tribe that was federally recognized on the
7 date the land was taken into trust is reaffirmed as trust
8 land, and any action of the Secretary of the Interior in
9 acquiring and taking into trust land under the Act of June
10 18, 1934 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization

1 Act”) (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.), is ratified and confirmed
2 as fully and to all intents and purposes as if the action
3 had, by prior Act of Congress, been specifically authorized
4 and directed.

5 (b) INDIAN COUNTRY.—Any land taken into trust
6 that has been ratified and confirmed by this Act shall re-
7 main Indian country in accordance with section 1151 of
8 title 18, United States Code.

9 (c) ADDITIONAL LAND.—Nothing in this Act alters
10 or diminishes the right of any federally recognized Indian
11 tribe or the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with
12 respect to taking additional land into trust for the benefit
13 of the Indian tribe.

14 (d) APPLICATION.—This Act shall apply to all claims,
15 including claims challenging the validity of title or the ef-
16 fectiveness of any action of the Secretary of the Interior
17 acquiring and taking into trust land, that are—

- 18 (1) pending on the date of enactment of this
19 Act; or
20 (2) filed on or after that date.

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