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S. 2627

To adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

To adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve.

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 2016”.

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) TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION.—Not later than
 8 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 9 retary shall transfer from the Director to the Director of
 10 the Bureau of Land Management administrative jurisdic-
 11 tion over approximately 520 acres of Federal land, as gen-
 12 erally depicted on the map entitled “Mojave National Pre-
 13 serve-Proposed Boundary Adjustment”, numbered 170/
 14 120,846–B, and dated December 2013.

15 (b) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary may acquire
 16 by donation up to 4 acres of land identified in the land
 17 protection plan of the Preserve as suitable for acquisition
 18 to be used for mitigation for every 1 acre of land removed
 19 from the Preserve under subsection (a).

20 (c) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—

21 (1) DONATED LAND.—The land acquired under
 22 subsection (b) shall be part of the Preserve.

23 (2) TRANSFERRED LAND.—The boundary of
 24 the Preserve shall be adjusted to reflect the acquisi-

1 tion and transfer of administrative jurisdiction over
2 the land under subsection (a).

3 (d) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map described in
4 subsection (a) shall be on file and available for public in-
5 spection in the appropriate offices of the National Park
6 Service.

7 (e) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LAND.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land acquired under
9 subsection (b) shall be administered by the Direc-
10 tor—

11 (A) as part of the Preserve; and

12 (B) in accordance with all applicable laws
13 (including regulations).

14 (2) GRAZING.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
16 permit cattle grazing on the land acquired
17 under subsection (b), in accordance with appli-
18 cable National Park Service laws and policies—

19 (i) except as provided in subparagraph
20 (B), during the period beginning on the
21 date on which the land is acquired and
22 ending on the date that is 25 years after
23 the date on which the land is acquired; and

24 (ii) to the same extent permitted on
25 the land referred to in subsection (b) on

1 the day before the date of enactment of
2 this Act.

3 (B) PERMANENT TERMINATION OF GRAZ-
4 ING.—The authority of the Secretary granted
5 under subparagraph (A) terminates on the day
6 on which the period described in clause (i) of
7 that subparagraph expires.

8 (f) ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSFERRED LAND.—

9 (1) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing
10 rights, the land transferred under subsection (a) re-
11 mains withdrawn from—

12 (A) entry, appropriation, or disposal under
13 the public land laws;

14 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
15 general mining laws; and

16 (C) the mining leases, mineral materials,
17 and geothermal leasing laws.

18 (2) RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS.—Nothing in this
19 Act affects the authority of the Secretary to issue or
20 renew right-of-way permits under title V of the Fed-
21 eral Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
22 U.S.C. 1761 et seq.) for the land transferred under
23 subsection (a).

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