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To facilitate certain pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, and to provide for the implementation of a conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 2015

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

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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 “Eastern Nevada Land
5 Implementation Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FACILITATION OF PINYON-JUNIPER RELATED**
2 **PROJECTS IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA.**

3 (a) FACILITATION OF PINYON-JUNIPER RELATED
4 PROJECTS.—

5 (1) AVAILABILITY OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT UNDER
6 LINCOLN COUNTY LAND ACT OF 2000.—Section 5(b)
7 of the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 (Public
8 Law 106–298; 114 Stat. 1048) is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
11 “and implementation” after “develop-
12 ment”; and

13 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

14 (I) in clause (i), by striking “;
15 and” at the end and inserting a semi-
16 colon; and

17 (II) by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(iii) development and implementation
20 of comprehensive, cost-effective, and multi-
21 jurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction
22 projects and wildfire prevention planning
23 (particularly for pinyon-juniper dominated
24 landscapes) and other rangeland and wood-
25 land restoration projects within the Coun-
26 ty, consistent with the Ely Resource Man-

1 agement Plan and subject to approval by
2 the Secretary; and”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) WAIVER OF FEES.—Processing of applica-
5 tions for rights-of-way submitted by local or regional
6 governments within the County necessary to deliver
7 government-provided services to land conveyed pur-
8 suant to this Act shall not require payment of cost-
9 recovery fees or payment of contributed funds.

10 “(4) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Establish-
11 ment of cooperative agreements between the Bureau
12 of Land Management and the County shall be re-
13 quired for County-provided law enforcement and
14 planning related activities regarding—

15 “(A) wilderness in the County designated
16 by the Lincoln County Conservation, Recre-
17 ation, and Development Act of 2004 (Public
18 Law 108–424; 118 Stat. 2403);

19 “(B) cultural resources identified, pro-
20 tected, and managed pursuant to that Act;

21 “(C) planning, management, and law en-
22 forcement associated with the Silver State OHV
23 Trail designated by that Act; and

24 “(D) planning associated with land dis-
25 posal and related land use authorizations re-

quired for utility corridors and rights-of-way to serve land that has been, or is to be, disposed of pursuant to that Act and this Act.”.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT UNDER LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION, RECREATION, AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2004.—Section 103 of the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–424; 118 Stat. 2406) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)(3)—

(i) in subparagraph (E), by striking “; and” at the end and inserting a semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(G) development and implementation of comprehensive, cost-effective, and multijurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction and wildfire prevention planning (particularly for pinyon-juniper dominated landscapes) and other rangeland and woodland restoration projects within the County, consistent with the Ely Resource

1 Management Plan and subject to approval by
2 the Secretary.”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(d) WAIVER OF FEES.—Processing of applications
5 for rights-of-way submitted by local or regional govern-
6 ments within the County necessary to deliver government-
7 provided services to land conveyed pursuant to this Act
8 shall not require payment of cost-recovery fees or payment
9 of contributed funds.

10 “(e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Establishment of
11 cooperative agreements between the Bureau of Land Man-
12 agement and the County shall be required for County-pro-
13 vided law enforcement and planning related activities re-
14 garding—

15 “(1) wilderness in the County designated by
16 this Act;

17 “(2) cultural resources identified, protected,
18 and managed pursuant to this Act;

19 “(3) planning, management, and law enforce-
20 ment associated with the Silver State OHV Trail
21 designated by this Act; and

22 “(4) planning associated with land disposal and
23 related land use authorizations required for utility
24 corridors and rights-of-way to serve land that has
25 been, or is to be, disposed of pursuant to this Act

1 and the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 (Public
2 Law 106–298; 114 Stat. 1046).”.

3 (b) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

4 (1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS UNDER LIN-
5 COLN COUNTY LAND ACT OF 2000.—Section 5(a)(2)
6 of the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 (Public
7 Law 106–298; 114 Stat. 1047) is amended by in-
8 serting “and the Lincoln County Regional Develop-
9 ment Authority or any other County economic devel-
10 opment organization” after “schools”.

11 (2) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS UNDER LIN-
12 COLN COUNTY CONSERVATION, RECREATION, AND
13 DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2004.—Section 103(b)(2) of
14 the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and
15 Development Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–424;
16 118 Stat. 2405) is amended by striking “and trans-
17 portation” and inserting “transportation, and the
18 Lincoln County Regional Development Authority or
19 any other County economic development organiza-
20 tion”.

21 (c) CERTAIN LAND IN UTILITY CORRIDOR NOT
22 WITHDRAWN.—Section 301(c) of the Lincoln County Con-
23 servation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004 (Pub-
24 lic Law 108–424; 118 Stat. 2413) is amended in the mat-
25 ter preceding paragraph (1) by inserting “(other than land

1 in the corridor located in sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
 2 11, 14, and 15, T. 7 N., R. 68 E.)” after “subsection
 3 (a)”.

4 **SEC. 3. MT. MORIAH WILDERNESS, HIGH SCHELLS WILDER-**
 5 **NESS, AND ARC DOME WILDERNESS BOUND-**
 6 **ARY ADJUSTMENTS.**

7 (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE PAM WHITE WILDERNESS
 8 ACT.—Section 323 of the Pam White Wilderness Act of
 9 2006 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 109–432; 120
 10 Stat. 3031) is amended by striking subsection (e) and in-
 11 serting the following:

12 “(e) MT. MORIAH WILDERNESS ADJUSTMENT.—The
 13 boundary of the Mt. Moriah Wilderness established under
 14 section 2(13) of the Nevada Wilderness Protection Act of
 15 1989 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 101–195) is ad-
 16 justed to include—

17 “(1) the land identified as the ‘Mount Moriah
 18 Wilderness Area’ and ‘Mount Moriah Additions’ on
 19 the map entitled ‘Eastern White Pine County’ and
 20 dated November 29, 2006; and

21 “(2) the land identified as ‘NFS Lands’ on the
 22 map entitled ‘Proposed Wilderness Boundary Ad-
 23 justment Mt. Moriah Wilderness Area’ and dated
 24 June 18, 2014.

1 “(f) HIGH SCHELLS WILDERNESS ADJUSTMENT.—
 2 The boundary of the High Schells Wilderness established
 3 under subsection (a)(11) is adjusted to include the land
 4 identified as ‘Include as Wilderness’ on the map entitled
 5 ‘McCoy Creek Adjustment’ and dated November 3, 2014,
 6 and to exclude the land identified as ‘NFS Lands’ on the
 7 map entitled ‘Proposed Wilderness Boundary Adjustment
 8 High Schells Wilderness Area’ and dated June 17, 2014.”.

9 (b) AMENDMENTS TO THE NEVADA WILDERNESS
 10 PROTECTION ACT OF 1989.—The Nevada Wilderness
 11 Protection Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law
 12 101–195; 103 Stat. 1784) is amended by adding at the
 13 end the following:

14 **“SEC. 12. ARC DOME BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

15 “The boundary of the Arc Dome Wilderness estab-
 16 lished under section 2(2) is adjusted to exclude the land
 17 identified as ‘Exclude from Wilderness’ on the map enti-
 18 tled ‘Arc Dome Adjustment’ and dated November 3,
 19 2014.”.

20 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION PLAN, VIR-**
 21 **GIN RIVER, NEVADA.**

22 Section 3(d)(3)(B) of Public Law 99–548 (100 Stat.
 23 3061; 116 Stat. 2018) is amended by striking “develop-
 24 ment of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for” and

- 1 inserting “development and implementation of a conserva-
- 2 tion plan to benefit fish and wildlife species of”.

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