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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Resources

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Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, with amendments

[Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in *italie*]**AN ACT**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain
land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

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 “La Paz County Land
5 Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means La
2 Paz County, Arizona.

3 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
4 means the approximately ~~8,800~~ 5,935 acres of land
5 managed by the Bureau of Land Management and
6 designated as “Federal land to be conveyed” on the
7 map.

8 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map
9 prepared by the Bureau of Land Management enti-
10 tled “Proposed La Paz County Land Conveyance”
11 and dated ~~May 24, 2017~~ *October 1, 2018*.

12 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Interior.

14 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO LA PAZ COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

15 (a) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Not later than 90 days after the
16 date on which the Secretary receives a request from the
17 County to convey all or a portion of the Federal land, sub-
18 ject to valid existing rights and to such terms and condi-
19 tions as the Secretary determines to be necessary and not-
20 withstanding the land use planning requirements of sec-
21 tions 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-
22 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Sec-
23 retary shall convey to the County all right, title, and inter-
24 est of the United States in and to the Federal land identi-
25 fied on the map.

1 (b) PHASED CONVEYANCE.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convey
3 the public land described in subsection (a) in parcels
4 over a period of up to 20 years, as is required to
5 carry out the phased development of renewable en-
6 ergy or other economic development.

7 (2) PAYMENT OF FAIR MARKET VALUE.—A
8 parcel shall be conveyed by the Secretary on pay-
9 ment by La Paz County, Arizona, to the Secretary,
10 of the fair market value of the parcel, as determined
11 under paragraph (3).

12 (3) APPRAISAL TO DETERMINE FAIR MARKET
13 VALUE.—The Secretary shall determine the fair
14 market value of the Federal land to be conveyed—

15 (A) in accordance with the Federal Land
16 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
17 1701 et seq.); and

18 (B) based on an appraisal that is con-
19 ducted in accordance with—

20 (i) the Uniform Appraisal Standards
21 for Federal Land Acquisition; and

22 (ii) the Uniform Standards of Profes-
23 sional Appraisal Practice.

24 (c) PROTECTION OF TRIBAL CULTURAL ARTI-
25 FACTS.—To the greatest extent practicable, the County

1 and all subsequent owners of land conveyed under this Act
2 shall—

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Notwithstanding the planning re-
4 quirement of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Pol-
5 icy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713)
6 and in accordance with this section and other applicable
7 law, as soon as practicable after receiving a request from
8 the County to convey the Federal land, the Secretary shall
9 convey the Federal land to the County.

10 (b) *RESTRICTIONS ON CONVEYANCE.*—

11 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The conveyance under sub-
12 section (a) shall be subject to—

13 (A) valid existing rights; and

14 (B) such terms and conditions as the Sec-
15 retary determines to be necessary.

16 (2) *EXCLUSION.*—The Secretary shall exclude
17 from the conveyance under subsection (a) any Federal
18 land that contains significant cultural, environ-
19 mental, wildlife, or recreational resources.

20 (c) *PAYMENT OF FAIR MARKET VALUE.*—The convey-
21 ance under subsection (a) shall be for the fair market value
22 of the Federal land to be conveyed, as determined—

23 (1) in accordance with the Federal Land Policy
24 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et*
25 *seq.*); and

1 (2) *based on an appraisal that is conducted in*
 2 *accordance with—*

3 (A) *the Uniform Appraisal Standards for*
 4 *Federal Land Acquisitions; and*

5 (B) *the Uniform Standards of Professional*
 6 *Appraisal Practice.*

7 (d) *PROTECTION OF TRIBAL CULTURAL ARTIFACTS.—*
 8 *As a condition of the conveyance under subsection (a), the*
 9 *County shall, and as a condition of any subsequent convey-*
 10 *ance, any subsequent owner shall—*

11 (1) *make good faith efforts to avoid disturbing*
 12 *Tribal artifacts;*

13 (2) *minimize impacts on Tribal artifacts if they*
 14 *are disturbed;*

15 (3) ~~work~~ *coordinate* with the Colorado River In-
 16 dian Tribes Tribal Historic Preservation Office to
 17 identify artifacts of cultural and historic signifi-
 18 cance; and

19 (4) *allow Tribal representatives to rebury un-*
 20 *earthed artifacts at or near where they were discov-*
 21 *ered.*

22 ~~(d)~~(e) *AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—*

23 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The map shall be on file and*
 24 *available for public inspection in the appropriate of-*
 25 *fices of the Bureau of Land Management.*

1 (2) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the
2 County may, by mutual agreement—

3 (A) make minor boundary adjustments to
4 the Federal land to be conveyed under sub-
5 section (a); and

6 (B) correct any minor errors in the map,
7 an acreage estimate, or the description of the
8 Federal land.

9 ~~(e)~~(f) WITHDRAWAL.—The Federal land is withdrawn
10 from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws
11 of the United States.

12 ~~(f)~~(g) COSTS.—As a condition of the conveyance of
13 the Federal land under subsection (a), the County shall
14 pay—

15 (1) an amount equal to the appraised value de-
16 termined in accordance with subsection ~~(b)(2)~~ (c)(2);
17 and

18 (2) all costs related to the conveyance, including
19 all surveys, appraisals, and other administrative
20 costs associated with the conveyance of the Federal
21 land to the County under subsection (a).

22 (h) *PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF LAND.*—*The pro-*
23 *ceeds from the sale of land under this section shall be—*

24 (1) *deposited in the Federal Land Disposal Ac-*
25 *count established by section 206(a) of the Federal*

1 *Land Transaction Facilitation Act* (43 U.S.C.
2 2305(a)); and
3 (2) *used in accordance with that Act* (43 U.S.C.
4 2301 *et seq.*).

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