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# H. R. 8850

To convey certain Federal land in California to Apple Valley, California.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2020

Mr. COOK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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California.

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 “Apple Valley Off-High-  
5       way Vehicle Recreation Area Establishment Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE FOR APPLE VALLEY OFF-HIGHWAY**  
7       **VEHICLE RECREATION AREA.**

8       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9               (1) TOWN.—The term “Town” means the town  
10       of Apple Valley, California.

1           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2     the Secretary of the Interior.

3           (b) CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND TO TOWN.—

4           (1) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than 5  
5     years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
6     Secretary shall convey to the Town, without consid-  
7     eration, all right, title, and interest of the United  
8     States in and to the surface estate of approximately  
9     4,630 acres of land generally as “Proposed Convey-  
10    ance Area” on the entitled “Conveyance to the Town  
11    of Apple Valley” and dated June 1, 2015. Such land  
12    shall be known and designated as the “Apple Valley  
13    Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area”.

14          (2) EXISTING RIGHTS AND MINERAL ESTATE.—

15    The conveyance under this subsection—

16           (A) is subject to valid existing rights; and

17           (B) does not include the mineral estate.

18          (c) USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—

19          (1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed under  
20    subsection (b) may be used by the Town for any  
21    public purpose authorized in paragraph (2), con-  
22    sistent with the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly  
23    known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act;  
24    43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

1           (2) AUTHORIZED PURPOSES.—The purposes of  
2           the conveyance under subsection (b) are to permit  
3           the Town to use the conveyed land to provide—

4                   (A) a suitable location for the establish-  
5                   ment of a centralized off-road vehicle recreation  
6                   park;

7                   (B) the public with opportunities for off-  
8                   road vehicle recreation, including a location for  
9                   races, competitive events, training and other  
10                  commercial services that directly support a cen-  
11                  tralized off-road vehicle recreation area and  
12                  Town park; and

13                  (C) a designated area and facilities that  
14                  would discourage unauthorized use of off-high-  
15                  way vehicles in areas that have been identified  
16                  by the Federal Government, the State of Cali-  
17                  fornia, or the County of San Bernardino as  
18                  containing environmentally sensitive land.

19           (3) DISPOSAL PROHIBITED.—The land con-  
20           veyed under subsection (b) may not be disposed of  
21           by the Town without the approval of the Secretary  
22           of the Interior.

23           (d) TEMPORARY REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—During  
24           the 5-year period beginning on the date of the conveyance  
25           of the land under subsection (b), if the Secretary of the

1 Interior determines that the Town has disposed of the con-  
2 veyed land in violation of subsection (c)(3) or has failed  
3 to establish the off-road vehicle recreation park, title to  
4 the land shall revert to the United States, at the option  
5 of the Secretary. At the end of the 5-year period, the Sec-  
6 retary shall release the reversionary interest.

7 (e) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The Secretary may de-  
8 velop a special management plan for the Apple Valley Off-  
9 Highway Vehicle Recreation Area to enhance the safe use  
10 of off-highway vehicles for recreational purposes.

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