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To provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Coconino National Forest land in the State of Arizona.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2019

Ms. MCSALLY (for herself and Ms. SINEMA) 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. COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST LAND CONVEY-**
4 **ANCE, ARIZONA.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ABOR.—The term “ABOR” means the Ar-
7 izona Board of Regents, on behalf of the University
8 of Arizona Experiment Station.

9 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
10 means the approximately 13.3 acres of land within

1 the Coconino National Forest, in Yavapai County,
2 Arizona—

3 (A) located near 4005 N. Forest Road
4 618, Rimrock, Arizona; and

5 (B) generally depicted on the map entitled
6 “Act to Convey Certain NFS Land and non-
7 Federal Land in Arizona Winter Quarters” and
8 dated June 20, 2019.

9 (3) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Fed-
10 eral land” means the approximately 43 acres of land
11 generally depicted on the map entitled “Act to Con-
12 vey Certain NFS Land and non-Federal Land in Ar-
13 izona Summer Quarters” and dated June 20, 2019.

14 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of Agriculture.

16 (b) APPRAISALS OF FEDERAL LAND, NON-FEDERAL
17 LAND, AND EASEMENT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal land, the non-
19 Federal land, and the easement described in sub-
20 section (c)(5) shall be appraised by an independent,
21 qualified appraiser that is—

22 (A) selected from a list of appraisers in the
23 State of Arizona; and

24 (B) mutually agreed to by—

25 (i) the Secretary; and

1 (ii) ABOR.

2 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each appraisal under
3 paragraph (1) shall be conducted in accordance
4 with—

5 (A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for
6 Federal Land Acquisitions; and

7 (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional
8 Appraisal Practice.

9 (c) LAND EXCHANGE.—

10 (1) IDENTIFICATION OF OFFERED PORTION OF
11 NON-FEDERAL LAND.—Based on the relevant ap-
12 praisal conducted under subsection (b)(1), ABOR
13 may identify a portion of the non-Federal land
14 that—

15 (A) is equal in value to the Federal land;
16 and

17 (B) will be offered in exchange for the
18 Federal land under paragraph (2).

19 (2) OFFER BY ABOR.—On identification under
20 paragraph (1) of the portion of non-Federal land to
21 be offered in exchange for the Federal land (referred
22 to in this subsection as the “offered portion of the
23 non-Federal land”), ABOR may submit to the Sec-
24 retary an offer to convey all right, title, and interest

1 of ABOR in and to the offered portion of the non-
2 Federal land.

3 (3) ACTION BY SECRETARY.—Subject to para-
4 graph (4), on receipt of an offer under paragraph
5 (2), the Secretary shall—

6 (A) accept the offer; and

7 (B) on receipt of acceptable title to the of-
8 fered portion of the non-Federal land, convey to
9 ABOR—

10 (i) all right, title, and interest of the
11 United States in and to the Federal land;
12 and

13 (ii) the easement described in para-
14 graph (5) and depicted on the map re-
15 ferred to in subsection (a)(2)(B).

16 (4) REQUIREMENTS.—

17 (A) EQUAL VALUE.—The Secretary may
18 carry out paragraph (3) only if the Secretary
19 determines, based on the appraisals under sub-
20 section (b)(1), that the value of the Federal
21 land is equal to the value of the offered portion
22 of the non-Federal land.

23 (B) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDI-
24 TIONS.—The land exchange under this sub-
25 section shall be subject to the payment by

1 ABOR of the reasonable cost of any survey, ap-
2 praisal, or any other administrative costs asso-
3 ciated with the exchange.

4 (5) DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT.—The ease-
5 ment referred to in paragraph (3)(B)(ii) is an ease-
6 ment under which—

7 (A) ABOR is authorized to fully maintain
8 and use, at the expense of ABOR, Forest Serv-
9 ice Road 9201D from its junction with Forest
10 Service Road 0618 (commonly known as “Bea-
11 ver Creek”), in accordance with the historic use
12 and maintenance patterns of ABOR; and

13 (B) the Forest Service retains all other
14 rights to Forest Service Road 9201D from its
15 junction with Forest Service Road 0618, includ-
16 ing full and continued administrative access to
17 the road in accordance with a Forest Service
18 travel management plan.

19 (6) MAPS, ESTIMATES, AND DESCRIPTIONS.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
21 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary shall—

23 (i) finalize a map and legal descrip-
24 tion for each of the Federal land and the

1 offered portion of the non-Federal land to
2 be exchanged under this subsection; and

3 (ii) ensure that the maps and legal de-
4 scriptions are on file and available for pub-
5 lic inspection in the headquarters of the
6 Coconino National Forest.

7 (B) MINOR ADJUSTMENTS; ERRORS.—The
8 Secretary and ABOR may, by mutual agree-
9 ment—

10 (i) make minor boundary adjustments
11 to the Federal land and the offered portion
12 of the non-Federal land exchanged under
13 this subsection; and

14 (ii) correct any minor errors in any
15 map, acreage estimate, or description of
16 the Federal land and the offered portion of
17 the non-Federal land exchanged under this
18 subsection.

19 (d) CONVEYANCE TIMELINE.—It is the intent of Con-
20 gress that the land exchange under subsection (c) shall
21 be completed by not later than 3 years after the date of
22 enactment of this Act.

23 (e) MANAGEMENT AND STATUS OF ACQUIRED
24 LAND.—Any non-Federal land acquired by the Secretary

1 under subsection (c) shall be managed by the Secretary
2 in accordance with—

3 (1) the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly known
4 as the “Weeks Law”) (36 Stat. 961, chapter 186;
5 16 U.S.C. 480 et seq.); and

6 (2) any other laws (including regulations) appli-
7 cable to the National Forest System.

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