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S. 3465

To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land to Lander County,
Nevada, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2020

Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

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Lander County, Nevada, 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 “Lander County Land
5 Management and Conservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) wildland fires pose a threat to public and
9 private natural resources in Lander County, Nevada;

1 (2) expanding and improving the airports in
2 Lander County, Nevada, through the inclusion of
3 available adjacent land would support firefighting
4 capabilities in the County;

5 (3) the protection, development, and use of
6 water resources in Lander County, Nevada, play a
7 key role in major economic activities for the County,
8 including commercial development, mining, agri-
9 culture, tourism, recreational activity, and conserva-
10 tion; and

11 (4) recreational and public park opportunities
12 in Lander County, Nevada, could be substantially
13 enhanced through expansion of the park system in
14 the County.

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this Act:

17 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means
18 Lander County, Nevada.

19 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
20 titled “Lander County Selected Lands” and dated
21 February 21, 2020.

22 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

24 (4) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
25 retary concerned” means—

1 (A) the Secretary, with respect to land
 2 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary; and

3 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
 4 through the Chief of the Forest Service, with
 5 respect to National Forest System land.

6 **SEC. 4. CONVEYANCES TO LANDER COUNTY, NEVADA.**

7 (a) CONVEYANCE FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION,
 8 RECREATION, AND PARKS.—Notwithstanding the land use
 9 planning requirements of sections 202 and 203 of the Fed-
 10 eral Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
 11 1712, 1713), not later than 60 days after the date on
 12 which the County identifies the parcels of Federal land
 13 selected by the County for conveyance to the County from
 14 among the parcels identified on the Map as “Lander
 15 County Parcels BLM and USFS”, the Secretary con-
 16 cerned shall convey to the County, subject to valid existing
 17 rights and for no consideration, all right, title, and interest
 18 of the United States in and to the identified parcels of
 19 Federal land (including mineral rights) for use by the
 20 County for watershed protection, recreation, and parks.

21 (b) CONVEYANCE FOR AIRPORT FACILITY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the land
 23 use planning requirements of sections 202 and 203
 24 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
 25 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary shall

1 convey to the County, subject to valid existing
2 rights, including mineral rights, all right, title, and
3 interest of the United States in and to the parcels
4 of Federal land identified on the Map as “Kingston
5 Airport” for the purpose of improving the relevant
6 airport facility and related infrastructure.

7 (2) COSTS.—The only costs for the conveyance
8 to be paid by the County under paragraph (1) shall
9 be the survey costs relating to the conveyance.

10 (c) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal descrip-
11 tion of any parcel of Federal land to be conveyed under
12 subsection (a) or (b) shall be determined by a survey satis-
13 factory to the Secretary concerned and the County.

14 (d) REVERSIONARY CLAUSE REQUIRED.—A convey-
15 ance of Federal land under subsection (a) or (b) shall in-
16 clude a reversionary clause to ensure that management of
17 the Federal land conveyed under the applicable subsection
18 shall revert to the Secretary concerned if the Federal land
19 is no longer being managed in accordance with the appli-
20 cable subsection.

21 (e) MAP, ACREAGE ESTIMATES, AND LEGAL DE-
22 SCRIPTIONS.—

23 (1) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary concerned
24 and the County may, by mutual agreement—

1 (A) make minor boundary adjustments to
2 the parcels of Federal land to be conveyed
3 under subsection (a) or (b); and

4 (B) correct any minor errors in the Map,
5 an acreage estimate, or legal description of any
6 parcel of Federal land conveyed under sub-
7 section (a) or (b).

8 (2) CONFLICT.—If there is a conflict between
9 the Map, an acreage estimate, or a legal description
10 of Federal land conveyed under subsection (a) or
11 (b), the Map shall control unless the Secretary con-
12 cerned and the County mutually agree otherwise.

13 (3) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall make
14 the Map available for public inspection in—

15 (A) the Office of the Nevada State Direc-
16 tor of the Bureau of Land Management; and

17 (B) the Bureau of Land Management Bat-
18 tle Mountain Field Office.

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