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[Report No. 117–6]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Mr. KELLY (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

MARCH 24, 2021

Reported by Mr. SCHATZ, without amendment

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Blackwater Trading
3 Post Land Transfer Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **BLACKWATER TRADING POST LAND.**—The
7 term “Blackwater Trading Post Land” means the
8 approximately 55.3 acres of land as depicted on the
9 map that—

10 (A) is located in Pinal County, Arizona,
11 and bordered by Community land to the east,
12 west, and north and State Highway 87 to the
13 south; and

14 (B) is owned by the Community.

15 (2) **COMMUNITY.**—The term “Community”
16 means the Gila River Indian Community of the Res-
17 ervation.

18 (3) **MAP.**—The term “map” means the map en-
19 titled “Results of Survey, Ellis Property, A Portion
20 of the West ½ of Section 12, Township 5 South,
21 Range 7 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pinal
22 County, Arizona” and dated October 15, 2012.

23 (4) **RESERVATION.**—The term “Reservation”
24 means the land located within the exterior bound-
25 aries of the reservation created under sections 3 and
26 4 of the Act of February 28, 1859 (11 Stat. 401,

1 chapter LXVI), and Executive orders of August 31,
 2 1876, June 14, 1879, May 5, 1882, November 15,
 3 1883, July 31, 1911, June 2, 1913, August 27,
 4 1914, and July 19, 1915, and any other lands
 5 placed in trust for the benefit of the Community.

6 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 **SEC. 3. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR BENEFIT OF THE**
 9 **GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall take the
 11 Blackwater Trading Post Land into trust for the benefit
 12 of the Community, after the Community—

13 (1) conveys to the Secretary all right, title, and
 14 interest of the Community in and to the Blackwater
 15 Trading Post Land;

16 (2) submits to the Secretary a request to take
 17 the Blackwater Trading Post Land into trust for the
 18 benefit of the Community;

19 (3) conducts a survey (to the satisfaction of the
 20 Secretary) to determine the exact acreage and legal
 21 description of the Blackwater Trading Post Land, if
 22 the Secretary determines a survey is necessary; and

23 (4) pays all costs of any survey conducted
 24 under paragraph (3).

1 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the Blackwater Trading Post Land is taken into
3 trust under subsection (a), the map shall be on file and
4 available for public inspection in the appropriate offices
5 of the Secretary.

6 (c) LANDS TAKEN INTO TRUST PART OF RESERVA-
7 TION.—After the date on which the Blackwater Trading
8 Post Land is taken into trust under subsection (a), the
9 land shall be treated as part of the Reservation.

10 (d) GAMING.—Class II and class III gaming under
11 the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et
12 seq.) shall not be allowed at any time on the land taken
13 into trust under subsection (a).

14 (e) DESCRIPTION.—Not later than 180 days after the
15 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall cause
16 the full metes-and-bounds description of the Blackwater
17 Trading Post Land to be published in the Federal Reg-
18 ister. The description shall, on publication, constitute the
19 official description of the Blackwater Trading Post Land.

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