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H. R. 2365

To convey certain Federal land in California to Apple Valley, California, Twentynine Palms, California, Barstow, California, and Victorville, California.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2017

Mr. COOK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Desert Community
5 Lands 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 the approxi-
9 mately 4,630 acres of land generally depicted as
10 “Proposed Conveyance Area” on the entitled “Con-
11 veyance to Town of Apple Valley” and dated June
12 1, 2015. Such land shall be known and designated
13 as the “Apple Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recre-
14 ation Area”.

15 (2) EXISTING RIGHTS AND MINERAL ESTATE.—

16 The conveyance under this subsection—

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

18 (B) does not include the mineral estate.

19 (c) USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed under
21 subsection (b) may be used by the Town for any
22 public purpose authorized in paragraph (2), con-
23 sistent with the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly
24 known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act;
25 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

1 (2) AUTHORIZED PURPOSES.—The purposes of
2 the conveyance under subsection (b) are to allow the
3 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 as containing environ-
18 mentally 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 (d) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The Secretary may de-
23 velop a special management plan for the Apple Valley Off-
24 Highway Vehicle Recreation Area to enhance the safe use
25 of off-highway vehicles for recreational purposes.

1 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS,**
2 **CALIFORNIA.**

3 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of the Interior shall convey to the city of Twentynine
6 Palms, California, without consideration, all right, title,
7 and interest of the United States in and to the surface
8 estate of the land generally depicted as “Proposed Convey-
9 ance to Twentynine Palms” on the map entitled “Pro-
10 posed Conveyance to Twentynine Palms” and dated Sep-
11 tember 18, 2015.

12 (b) EXISTING RIGHTS AND MINERAL ESTATE.—The
13 conveyance under this section—

14 (1) is subject to valid existing rights; and

15 (2) does not include the mineral estate.

16 **SEC. 4. CONVEYANCE TO CITY OF BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA.**

17 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 of the Interior shall convey to the city of Barstow, Cali-
20 fornia, without consideration, all right, title, and interest
21 of the United States in and to the surface estate of the
22 land generally depicted as “Proposed Conveyance” on the
23 map entitled “Proposed Conveyance to the City of Bar-
24 stow” and dated January 13, 2017.

25 (b) EXISTING RIGHTS AND MINERAL ESTATE.—The
26 conveyance under this section—

1 (1) is subject to valid existing rights; and

2 (2) does not include the mineral estate.

3 **SEC. 5. CONVEYANCE TO CITY OF VICTORVILLE, CALI-**
4 **FORNIA.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than one
6 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of the Interior shall convey to the City of
8 Victorville, California, without consideration, all right,
9 title, and interest of the United States in and to the sur-
10 face estate of the land generally depicted as “Proposed
11 Conveyance” on the map entitled “Proposed Conveyance
12 to the City of Victorville” and dated April 25, 2017.

13 (b) EXISTING RIGHTS AND MINERAL ESTATE.—The
14 conveyance under this subsection—

15 (1) is subject to valid existing rights; and

16 (2) does not include the mineral estate.

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