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# H. R. 2997

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Mesa  
County, Colorado, certain Federal land in Colorado, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Clifton Opportunities  
3 Now for Vibrant Economic Yields Act” or as the “CON-  
4 VEY Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND TO MESA COUNTY,**  
6 **COLORADO.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) CLIFTON PARCEL.—The term “Clifton par-  
9 cel” means the approximately 31.1 acres of Federal  
10 land depicted as “31.1 Acres to be Conveyed to  
11 Mesa County” on the map titled “Clifton Opportuni-  
12 ties Now for Vibrant Economic Yields (CONVEY)  
13 Act” and dated April 19, 2023.

14 (2) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Mesa  
15 County, Colorado.

16 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
17 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
18 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

19 (b) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the Secretarial  
20 Order dated August 26, 1902, and the Secretarial Order  
21 dated July 25, 1908, the Secretary shall convey to the  
22 County, as soon as practicable, all rights, title, and inter-  
23 est of the United States in and to the Clifton parcel.

24 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The conveyance under this sec-  
25 tion shall be—

26 (1) subject to valid existing rights; and

1           (2) for not less than fair market value, as de-  
2           termined in accordance with subsection (d).

3           (d) APPRAISAL.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—The fair market value of the  
5           Clifton parcel shall be determined by an independent  
6           appraisal obtained by the Secretary.

7           (2) APPRAISAL STANDARDS.—The appraisal re-  
8           quired by paragraph (1) shall be conducted in ac-  
9           cordance with the—

10                   (A) Uniform Appraisal Standards for Fed-  
11                   eral Land Acquisitions; and

12                   (B) Uniform Standards of Professional  
13                   Appraisal Practice.

14           (e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—The County shall pay  
15           all costs associated with the conveyance required under  
16           subsection (b), including all costs associated with any sur-  
17           vey conducted for the purpose of accomplishing such con-  
18           veyance.

19           (f) PROCEEDS FROM CONVEYANCE.—The proceeds  
20           from the conveyance required under subsection (b) shall  
21           be—

22                   (1) deposited into the Federal Land Disposal  
23                   Account established by the Federal Land Trans-  
24                   action Facilitation Act (43 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.); and

25                   (2) available for expenditure under that Act.

1 (g) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
3 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
4 shall finalize a map and a legal description of all  
5 land to be conveyed under this Act.

6 (2) CONTROLLING DOCUMENT.—In the case of  
7 a discrepancy between the map and the legal de-  
8 scription created under paragraph (1), the map shall  
9 control.

10 (3) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the  
11 County, by mutual agreement, may correct any  
12 minor errors in the map or the legal description cre-  
13 ated under paragraph (1).

14 (4) MAP ON FILE.—The map and the legal de-  
15 scription created under paragraph (1) shall be kept  
16 on file and available for public inspection in each ap-  
17 propriate office of the Bureau of Land Management.

Passed the House of Representatives February 5,  
2024.

Attest:

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,

*Clerk.*