

Union Calendar No. 401

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2630

[Report No. 115-536]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2017

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, and Mr. BIGGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JANUARY 29, 2018

Additional sponsor: Ms. SINEMA

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 24, 2017]

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 “La Paz County Land*
5 *Conveyance Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *COUNTY.*—*The term “County” means La Paz*
9 *County, Arizona.*

10 (2) *FEDERAL LAND.*—*The term “Federal land”*
11 *means the approximately 8,800 acres of land man-*
12 *aged by the Bureau of Land Management and des-*
13 *ignated as “Federal land to be conveyed” on the map.*

14 (3) *MAP.*—*The term “map” means the map pre-*
15 *pared by the Bureau of Land Management entitled*
16 *“Proposed La Paz County Land Conveyance” and*
17 *dated May 24, 2017.*

18 (4) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
19 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

20 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO LA PAZ COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

21 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 90 days after the*
22 *date on which the Secretary receives a request from the*
23 *County to convey all or a portion of the Federal land, sub-*
24 *ject to valid existing rights and to such terms and condi-*
25 *tions as the Secretary determines to be necessary and not-*

1 *withstanding the land use planning requirements of sec-*
2 *tions 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-*
3 *ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary*
4 *shall convey to the County all right, title, and interest of*
5 *the United States in and to the Federal land identified on*
6 *the map.*

7 (b) *PHASED CONVEYANCE.—*

8 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convey the*
9 *public land described in subsection (a) in parcels over*
10 *a period of up to 20 years, as is required to carry*
11 *out the phased development of renewable energy or*
12 *other economic development.*

13 (2) *PAYMENT OF FAIR MARKET VALUE.—A par-*
14 *cel shall be conveyed by the Secretary on payment by*
15 *La Paz County, Arizona, to the Secretary, of the fair*
16 *market value of the parcel, as determined under para-*
17 *graph (3).*

18 (3) *APPRAISAL TO DETERMINE FAIR MARKET*
19 *VALUE.—The Secretary shall determine the fair mar-*
20 *ket value of the Federal land to be conveyed—*

21 (A) *in accordance with the Federal Land*
22 *Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.*
23 *1701 et seq.); and*

24 (B) *based on an appraisal that is conducted*
25 *in accordance with—*

1 (i) *the Uniform Appraisal Standards*
2 *for Federal Land Acquisition; and*

3 (ii) *the Uniform Standards of Profes-*
4 *sional Appraisal Practice.*

5 (c) *PROTECTION OF TRIBAL CULTURAL ARTIFACTS.—*

6 *To the greatest extent practicable, the County and all subse-*
7 *quent owners of land conveyed under this Act shall—*

8 (1) *make good faith efforts to avoid disturbing*
9 *Tribal artifacts;*

10 (2) *minimize impacts on Tribal artifacts if they*
11 *are disturbed;*

12 (3) *work with the Colorado River Indian Tribes*
13 *Tribal Historic Preservation Office to identify arti-*
14 *facts of cultural and historic significance; and*

15 (4) *allow Tribal representatives to rebury un-*
16 *earthed artifacts at or near where they were discov-*
17 *ered.*

18 (d) *AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—*

19 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The map shall be on file and*
20 *available for public inspection in the appropriate of-*
21 *fices of the Bureau of Land Management.*

22 (2) *CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the*
23 *County may, by mutual agreement—*

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

4 (B) *correct any minor errors in the map,*
5 *an acreage estimate, or the description of the*
6 *Federal land.*

7 (e) *WITHDRAWAL.—The Federal land is withdrawn*
8 *from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws*
9 *of the United States.*

10 (f) *COSTS.—As a condition of the conveyance of the*
11 *Federal land under subsection (a), the County shall pay—*

12 (1) *an amount equal to the appraised value de-*
13 *termined in accordance with subsection (b)(3); and*

14 (2) *all costs related to the conveyance, including*
15 *all surveys, appraisals, and other administrative costs*
16 *associated with the conveyance of the Federal land to*
17 *the County under subsection (a).*

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