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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2019

Mr. O’Halleran (for himself, Mr. Schweikert, Mr. Gallego, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Stanton, Mrs. Lesko, Mr. Gosar, and Mr. Biggs) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed
A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

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

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

(B) is owned by the Community.

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

(3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
titled “Results of Survey, Ellis Property, A Portion
of the West ½ of Section 12, Township 5 South,
Range 7 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pinal
County, Arizona” and dated October 15, 2012.
(4) RESERVATION.—The term “Reservation” means the land located within the exterior boundaries of the reservation created under sections 3 and 4 of the Act of February 28, 1859 (11 Stat. 401, chapter LXVI), and Executive orders of August 31, 1876, June 14, 1879, May 5, 1882, November 15, 1883, July 31, 1911, June 2, 1913, August 27, 1914, and July 19, 1915, and any other lands placed in trust for the benefit of the Community.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) conducts a survey (to the satisfaction of the Secretary) to determine the exact acreage and legal
description of the Blackwater Trading Post Land, if
the Secretary determines a survey is necessary; and
(4) pays all costs of any survey conducted
under paragraph (3).
(b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—Not later than 180 days
after the Blackwater Trading Post Land is taken into
trust under subsection (a), the map shall be on file and
available for public inspection in the appropriate offices
of the Secretary.
(c) LANDS TAKEN INTO TRUST PART OF RESERVA-
tion.—After the date on which the Blackwater Trading
Post Land is taken into trust under subsection (a), the
land shall be treated as part of the Reservation.
(d) GAMING.—Class II and class III gaming under
the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et
seq.) shall not be allowed at any time on the land taken
into trust under subsection (a).
(e) DESCRIPTION.—Not later than 180 days after the
date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall cause
the full metes-and-bounds description of the Blackwater
Trading Post Land to be published in the Federal Reg-
ister. The description shall, on publication, constitute the
official description of the Blackwater Trading Post Land.