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[Report No. 118-]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Mesa County, Colorado, certain Federal land in Colorado, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2023

Mrs. BOEBERT (for herself, Mr. BUCK, and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER --, 2023

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 28, 2023]

A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Clifton Opportunities*
5 *Now for Vibrant Economic Yields Act” or as the “CONVEY*
6 *Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND TO MESA COUNTY,**
8 **COLORADO.**

9 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

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

16 (2) *COUNTY.—The term “County” means Mesa*
17 *County, Colorado.*

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

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

1 (c) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*The conveyance under this sec-*
2 *tion shall be—*

3 (1) *subject to valid existing rights; and*

4 (2) *for not less than fair market value, as deter-*
5 *mined in accordance with subsection (d).*

6 (d) *APPRAISAL.*—

7 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The fair market value of the*
8 *Clifton parcel shall be determined by an independent*
9 *appraisal obtained by the Secretary.*

10 (2) *APPRAISAL STANDARDS.*—*The appraisal re-*
11 *quired by paragraph (1) shall be conducted in accord-*
12 *ance with the—*

13 (A) *Uniform Appraisal Standards for Fed-*
14 *eral Land Acquisitions; and*

15 (B) *Uniform Standards of Professional Ap-*
16 *praisal Practice.*

17 (e) *COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.*—*The County shall pay all*
18 *costs associated with the conveyance required under sub-*
19 *section (b), including all costs associated with any survey*
20 *conducted for the purpose of accomplishing such convey-*
21 *ance.*

22 (f) *PROCEEDS FROM CONVEYANCE.*—*The proceeds*
23 *from the conveyance required under subsection (b) shall*
24 *be—*

1 (1) *deposited into the Federal Land Disposal Ac-*
2 *count established by the Federal Land Transaction*
3 *Facilitation Act (43 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.); and*

4 (2) *available for expenditure under that Act.*

5 (g) *MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—*

6 (1) *IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after*
7 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
8 *shall finalize a map and a legal description of all*
9 *land to be conveyed under this Act.*

10 (2) *CONTROLLING DOCUMENT.—In the case of a*
11 *discrepancy between the map and the legal descrip-*
12 *tion created under paragraph (1), the map shall con-*
13 *trol.*

14 (3) *CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the*
15 *County, by mutual agreement, may correct any*
16 *minor errors in the map or the legal description cre-*
17 *ated under paragraph (1).*

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