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# H. R. 1829

[Report No. 118-]

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger  
District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2023

Mr. CRANE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on Natural Resources

FEBRUARY --, 2024

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 March 28, 2023]

# **A BILL**

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona.

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. CONVEYANCE OF PLEASANT VALLEY RANGER**  
4 **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE SITE TO GILA**  
5 **COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

6 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

7 (1) *COUNTY.—The term “County” means Gila*  
8 *County, Arizona.*

9 (2) *MAP.—The term “map” means the map enti-*  
10 *tled “Pleasant Valley Admin Site Proposal” and*  
11 *dated September 23, 2021.*

12 (3) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*  
13 *the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief*  
14 *of the Forest Service.*

15 (b) *CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this section,*  
16 *if the County submits to the Secretary a written request*  
17 *for conveyance of the property described in subsection (c)*  
18 *not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this*  
19 *Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County all right, title,*  
20 *and interest of the United States in and to the property*  
21 *described in subsection (c).*

22 (c) *DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—*

23 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in*  
24 *subsection (b) is the parcel of real property, including*  
25 *all land and improvements, generally depicted as*

1       *“Gila County Area” on the map, consisting of ap-*  
2       *proximately 232.9 acres of National Forest System*  
3       *land located in the Tonto National Forest in Arizona.*

4           (2) *MAP.—*

5               (A) *MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary may*  
6       *correct minor errors in the map.*

7               (B) *AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map*  
8       *shall be on file and available for public inspec-*  
9       *tion in the appropriate offices of the Forest Serv-*  
10       *ice.*

11           (3) *SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-*  
12       *scription of the National Forest System land to be*  
13       *conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by*  
14       *a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.*

15           (d) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance under*  
16       *subsection (b) shall be—*

17               (1) *subject to valid existing rights;*

18               (2) *made without consideration;*

19               (3) *made by quitclaim deed; and*

20               (4) *subject to such other terms and conditions as*  
21       *the Secretary considers to be appropriate to protect*  
22       *the interests of the United States.*

23           (e) *COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of the*  
24       *conveyance under subsection (b), the County shall pay all*  
25       *costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost of—*

1           (1) *a survey, if necessary, under subsection*  
2           *(c)(3);*

3           (2) *any environmental analysis or resource sur-*  
4           *vey required under Federal law; and*

5           (3) *any analysis required to comply with divi-*  
6           *sion A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code*  
7           *(commonly referred to as the “National Historic Pres-*  
8           *ervation Act”).*

9           (f) *ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.—Notwithstanding*  
10          *section 120(h)(3)(A) of the Comprehensive Environmental*  
11          *Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42*  
12          *U.S.C. 9620(h)(3)(A)), the Secretary shall not be required*  
13          *to provide any covenant or warranty for the land and im-*  
14          *provements conveyed to the County under subsection (b).*

15          (g) *USE OF LAND.—The land conveyed to the county*  
16          *under subsection (b) shall be used by the County only for*  
17          *the purposes of serving and supporting veterans of the*  
18          *Armed Forces.*

19          (h) *REVERSION.—If any land conveyed under sub-*  
20          *section (b) is used in a manner that is inconsistent with*  
21          *the requirements of subsection (g), all right, title, and inter-*  
22          *est in and to the land shall revert to the United States,*  
23          *at the discretion of the Secretary.*