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To provide for transfer of ownership of certain Federal lands in northern Nevada, to authorize the disposal of certain Federal lands in northern Nevada for economic development, to promote conservation in northern Nevada, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AMODEI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Northern Nevada Economic Development and Conserva-
6 tion Act of 2023”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
2 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

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TITLE VII—FEDERAL COMPLEX

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- Sec. 801. Disposition of proceeds.
- Sec. 802. Conveyance to White Pine County, Nevada.
- Sec. 803. Issuance of corrective patents.

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TITLE XII—GREENLINK WEST PROJECT

Sec. 1201. Greenlink West Project.

1 **TITLE I—DOUGLAS COUNTY**

2 **SEC. 101. PURPOSE.**

3 The purpose of this title is to promote conservation,
4 improve public land, and provide for sensible development
5 in Douglas County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

6 **SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this title:

8 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means
9 Douglas County, Nevada.

10 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
11 titled “Douglas County Economic Development and
12 Conservation Act” and dated October 14, 2019.

13 (3) PUBLIC LAND.—The term “public land”
14 has the meaning given the term “public lands” in
15 section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
16 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

17 (4) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
18 retary concerned” means—

19 (A) with respect to National Forest Sys-
20 tem land, the Secretary of Agriculture (acting
21 through the Chief of the Forest Service); and

22 (B) with respect to land managed by the
23 Bureau of Land Management, including land

1 held for the benefit of the Tribe, the Secretary
2 of the Interior.

3 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
4 of Nevada.

5 (6) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
6 Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

7 (7) WILDERNESS.—The term “Wilderness”
8 means the Burbank Canyons Wilderness designated
9 by this title.

10 **Subtitle A—Land Conveyances and** 11 **Sales**

12 **SEC. 111. CONVEYANCE TO STATE OF NEVADA.**

13 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Subject to valid existing rights,
14 the Secretary concerned shall convey to the State without
15 consideration all right, title, and interest of the United
16 States in and to the land described in subsection (b).

17 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
18 subsection (a) is the approximately 67 acres of Forest
19 Service land generally depicted as “Lake Tahoe-Nevada
20 State Park” on the Map.

21 (c) COSTS.—As a condition for the conveyance under
22 subsection (a), all costs associated with such conveyances
23 shall be paid by the State.

24 (d) USE OF LAND.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any land conveyed to the
2 State under subsection (a) shall be used only for—

3 (A) the conservation of wildlife or natural
4 resources; or

5 (B) a public park.

6 (2) FACILITIES.—Any facility on the land con-
7 veyed under subsection (a) shall be constructed and
8 managed in a manner consistent with the uses de-
9 scribed in paragraph (1).

10 (e) REVERSION.—If any portion of the land conveyed
11 under subsection (a) is used in a manner that is incon-
12 sistent with the uses described in subsection (d), the land
13 shall, at the discretion of the Secretary concerned, revert
14 to the United States.

15 **SEC. 112. TAHOE RIM TRAIL.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in
17 consultation with the County and other stakeholders, shall
18 develop and implement a cooperative management agree-
19 ment for the land described in subsection (b)—

20 (1) to improve the quality of recreation access
21 by providing additional amenities as agreed on by
22 the Secretary and the County; and

23 (2) to conserve the natural resources values.

24 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
25 subsection (a) consists of the approximately 13 acres of

1 land generally depicted as “Tahoe Rim Trail North Par-
2 cel” on the Map.

3 **SEC. 113. CONVEYANCE TO DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL LAND.—In this sec-
5 tion, the term “Federal land” means the approximately
6 7,777 acres of Federal land located in the County that
7 is identified as “Douglas County Land Conveyances” on
8 the Map.

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCE.—Subject to
10 valid existing rights and notwithstanding the land use
11 planning requirements of section 202 of the Federal Land
12 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712),
13 not later than 180 days after the date on which the Sec-
14 retary concerned receives a request from the County for
15 the conveyance of the Federal land, the Secretary con-
16 cerned shall convey to the County, without consideration,
17 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
18 to the Federal land.

19 (c) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the conveyance au-
20 thorized under subsection (b), including any costs for sur-
21 veys and other administrative costs, shall be paid by the
22 County.

23 (d) USE OF FEDERAL LAND.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal land conveyed
25 under subsection (b)—

1 (A) may be used by the County for flood
2 control or any other public purpose consistent
3 with the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly
4 known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes
5 Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.); and

6 (B) shall not be disposed of by the County.

7 (2) REVERSION.—If the Federal land conveyed
8 under subsection (b) is used in a manner incon-
9 sistent with paragraph (1), the Federal land shall, at
10 the discretion of the Secretary concerned, revert to
11 the United States.

12 (e) ACQUISITION OF FEDERAL REVERSIONARY IN-
13 TEREST.—

14 (1) REQUEST.—The County may submit to the
15 Secretary concerned a request to acquire the Federal
16 reversionary interest in all or any portion of the
17 Federal land conveyed under this section.

18 (2) APPRAISAL.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
20 days after the date of receipt of a request under
21 paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned shall
22 complete an appraisal of the Federal rever-
23 sionary interest in the Federal land requested
24 by the County.

1 (B) REQUIREMENT.—The appraisal under
2 subparagraph (A) shall be completed in accord-
3 ance with—

4 (i) the Uniform Appraisal Standards
5 for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

6 (ii) the Uniform Standards of Profes-
7 sional Appraisal Practice.

8 (3) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—If, by the date that is
10 1 year after the date of completion of the ap-
11 praisal under paragraph (2), the County sub-
12 mits to the Secretary concerned an offer to ac-
13 quire the Federal reversionary interest re-
14 quested under paragraph (1), the Secretary
15 concerned, by not later than the date that is 30
16 days after the date on which the offer is sub-
17 mitted, shall convey to the County that rever-
18 sionary interest.

19 (B) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration
20 for the conveyance of the Federal reversionary
21 interest under subparagraph (A), the County
22 shall pay to the Secretary concerned an amount
23 equal to the appraised value of the Federal re-
24 versionary interest, as determined under para-
25 graph (2).

1 (C) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—Any costs
2 relating to the conveyance under subparagraph
3 (A), including any costs for surveys and other
4 administrative costs, shall be paid by the Sec-
5 retary concerned.

6 (4) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Any amounts
7 collected under this subsection shall be disposed of
8 in accordance with section 114(i) of this title.

9 (f) REVOCATION OF ORDERS.—Any public land order
10 that withdraws any of the land described in subsection (a)
11 from appropriation or disposal under a public land law
12 shall be revoked to the extent necessary to permit disposal
13 of that land.

14 **SEC. 114. SALE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 202 and
16 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
17 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary concerned
18 shall, in accordance with the other provisions of that Act
19 and any other applicable law, and subject to valid existing
20 rights, conduct one or more sales of the Federal land in-
21 cluding mineral rights described in subsection (b) to quali-
22 fied bidders.

23 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The Federal land re-
24 ferred to in subsection (a) consists of—

1 (1) the approximately 31.5 acres of public land
2 generally depicted as “Lands for Disposal” on the
3 Map; and

4 (2) not more than 10,000 acres of land in the
5 County that—

6 (A) is not segregated or withdrawn on or
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, un-
8 less the land is withdrawn in accordance with
9 subsection (g); and

10 (B) is identified for disposal by the Sec-
11 retary concerned through—

12 (i) the Carson City Consolidated Re-
13 source Management Plan; or

14 (ii) any subsequent amendment to the
15 management plan that is undertaken with
16 full public involvement.

17 (c) JOINT SELECTION REQUIRED.—The Secretary
18 concerned and the County shall jointly select which parcels
19 of the Federal land described in subsection (b)(2) to offer
20 for sale under subsection (a).

21 (d) COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL PLANNING AND ZON-
22 ING LAWS.—Before carrying out a sale of Federal land
23 under subsection (a), the County shall submit to the Sec-
24 retary concerned a certification that qualified bidders have
25 agreed to comply with—

1 (1) County zoning ordinances; and

2 (2) any master plan for the area approved by
3 the County.

4 (e) METHOD OF SALE.—The sale of Federal land
5 under subsection (a) shall be—

6 (1) sold through a competitive bidding process,
7 unless otherwise determined by the Secretary con-
8 cerned; and

9 (2) for not less than fair market value.

10 (f) RECREATION AND PUBLIC PURPOSES ACT CON-
11 VEYANCES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days be-
13 fore any land described in subsection (b) is offered
14 for sale under subsection (a), the State or County
15 may elect to obtain the land for public purposes in
16 accordance with the Act of June 14, 1926 (com-
17 monly known as the “Recreation and Public Pur-
18 poses Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

19 (2) RETENTION.—Pursuant to an election made
20 under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned shall
21 retain the elected land for conveyance to the State
22 or County in accordance with the Act of June 14,
23 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation and
24 Public Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

25 (g) WITHDRAWAL.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
2 rights and except as provided in paragraph (2), the
3 Federal land described in subsection (b) is with-
4 drawn from—

5 (A) all forms of entry, appropriation, or
6 disposal under the public land laws;

7 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
8 mining laws; and

9 (C) disposition under all laws relating to
10 mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral ma-
11 terials.

12 (2) TERMINATION.—The withdrawal under
13 paragraph (1) shall be terminated—

14 (A) on the date of sale or conveyance of
15 title to the land including mineral rights de-
16 scribed in subsection (b) pursuant to this title;
17 or

18 (B) with respect to any land described in
19 subsection (b) that is not sold or exchanged,
20 not later than 1 year after the date on which
21 the land was offered for sale under this title.

22 (3) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1)(A) shall not
23 apply to a sale made consistent with this section or
24 an election by the County or the State to obtain the
25 land described in subsection (b) for public purposes

1 under the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known
2 as the “Recreation and Public Purposes Act”) (43
3 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

4 (h) DEADLINE FOR SALE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
6 graph (2), not later than 1 year after the date of the
7 enactment of this Act, if there is a qualified bidder
8 for the land described in subsection (b), the Sec-
9 retary concerned shall offer the land for sale to the
10 qualified bidder.

11 (2) POSTPONEMENT; EXCLUSION FROM SALE.—

12 At the request of the County, the Secretary con-
13 cerned may temporarily postpone or exclude from
14 the sale under paragraph (1) all or a portion of the
15 land described in subsection (b).

16 (i) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Of the proceeds
17 from the sale under this section—

18 (1) 5 percent shall be disbursed to the State for
19 use by the State for general education programs of
20 the State;

21 (2) 10 percent shall be disbursed to the County
22 for use by the County for general budgeting pur-
23 poses; and

24 (3) 85 percent shall be deposited in a special
25 account in the Treasury of the United States, to be

1 known as the “Douglas County Special Account”,
2 which shall be available to the Secretary concerned
3 until expended, without further appropriation—

4 (A) to reimburse costs incurred by the Sec-
5 retary concerned in preparing for the sale of
6 the land described in subsection (b), includ-
7 ing—

8 (i) the costs of surveys and appraisals;

9 and

10 (ii) the costs of compliance with the
11 National Environmental Policy Act of
12 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and sec-
13 tions 202 and 203 of the Federal Land
14 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
15 U.S.C. 1712, 1713);

16 (B) to reimburse costs incurred by the Bu-
17 reau of Land Management and the Forest Serv-
18 ice in preparing for and carrying out the trans-
19 fers of land to be held in trust by the United
20 States under title II; and

21 (C) to acquire environmentally sensitive
22 land or an interest in environmentally sensitive
23 land in the County—

24 (i) pursuant to the Douglas County
25 Open Space and Agricultural Lands Pres-

1 ervation Implementation Plan, or any sub-
2 sequent amendment to the plan that is un-
3 dertaken with full public involvement; and

4 (ii) for flood control purposes.

5 (j) REVOCATION OF ORDERS.—Any public land order
6 that withdraws any of the land described in subsection (b)
7 from appropriation or disposal under a public land law
8 shall be revoked to the extent necessary to permit disposal
9 of that land.

10 **SEC. 115. OPEN SPACE RECREATION AREA.**

11 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCE.—Not later
12 than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary of
13 Agriculture receives a request from the County, the Sec-
14 retary shall convey to the County, without consideration,
15 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
16 to the Federal land to be used for recreation and any other
17 public purpose consistent with the Act of June 14, 1926
18 (commonly known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes
19 Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

20 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
21 subsection (a) consists of approximately 1,084 acres of
22 land as depicted as “Open Space Recreation Area” on the
23 Map.

24 (c) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the conveyance au-
25 thorized under subsection (b), including any costs for sur-

1 veys and other administrative costs, shall be paid by the
2 County.

3 (d) USE OF FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal land con-
4 veyed under subsection (a) shall not be disposed of by the
5 County.

6 **Subtitle B—Tribal Cultural** 7 **Resources**

8 **SEC. 121. TRANSFER OF LAND TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR** 9 **TRIBE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
11 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
12 to the land described in subsection (b)—

13 (1) shall be held in trust by the United States
14 for the benefit of the Tribe; and

15 (2) shall be part of the reservation of the Tribe.

16 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
17 subsection (a) consists of—

18 (1) approximately 2,669 acres of Federal land
19 generally depicted as “Washoe Tribe Conveyances”
20 on the Map; and

21 (2) any land administered on the date of the
22 enactment of this Act by the Bureau of Land Man-
23 agement or the Forest Service and generally de-
24 picted as “Section 5 lands”.

1 (c) SURVEY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned shall
3 complete a survey of the boundary lines to establish the
4 boundaries of the land taken into trust under subsection
5 (a).

6 (d) USE OF TRUST LAND.—

7 (1) GAMING.—Land taken into trust under this
8 section shall not be eligible, or considered to have
9 been taken into trust, for class II gaming or class
10 III gaming (as defined in section 4 of the Indian
11 Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

12 (2) THINNING; LANDSCAPE RESTORATION.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary con-
14 cerned, in consultation and coordination with
15 the Tribe, may carry out any fuel reduction and
16 other landscape restoration activities on the
17 land taken into trust under subsection (a) (in-
18 cluding land that includes threatened and en-
19 dangered species habitat), that are beneficial
20 to—

21 (i) the Tribe; and

22 (ii)(I) the Bureau of Land Manage-
23 ment; or

24 (II) the Forest Service.

1 (B) CONSERVATION BENEFITS.—Activities
2 carried out under subparagraph (A) include ac-
3 tivities that provide conservation benefits to a
4 species—

5 (i) that is not listed as endangered or
6 threatened under section 4(c) of the En-
7 dangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.
8 1533(c)); but

9 (ii) is—

10 (I) listed by a State as a threat-
11 ened or endangered species;

12 (II) a species of concern; or

13 (III) a candidate for a listing as
14 an endangered or threatened species
15 under the Endangered Species Act of
16 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

17 (e) WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this section affects
18 the allocation, ownership, interest, or control, as in exist-
19 ence on the date of the enactment of this Act, of any
20 water, water right, or any other valid existing right held
21 by the United States, an Indian tribe, a State, or a person.

1 **Subtitle C—Resolution of Burbank**
2 **Canyons Wilderness Study Area**

3 **SEC. 131. ADDITION TO NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVA-**
4 **TION SYSTEM.**

5 (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of
6 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the approxi-
7 mately 12,392 acres of Federal land managed by the Bu-
8 reau of Land Management, as generally depicted on the
9 Map as “Burbank Canyons Wilderness” is designated as
10 wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness
11 Preservation System, to be known as the “Burbank Can-
12 yons Wilderness”.

13 (b) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of any portion of the
14 Wilderness that is bordered by a road shall be at least
15 100 feet from the centerline of the road to allow public
16 access.

17 (c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
20 concerned shall prepare a map and legal description
21 of the Wilderness.

22 (2) EFFECT.—The map and legal description
23 prepared under paragraph (1) shall have the same
24 force and effect as if included in this title, except

1 that the Secretary concerned may correct any minor
2 error in the map or legal description.

3 (3) AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map and
4 legal description prepared under paragraph (1) shall
5 be on file and available for public inspection in the
6 appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Manage-
7 ment.

8 (d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
9 the Wilderness is withdrawn from—

10 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal
11 under the public land laws;

12 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
13 laws; and

14 (3) disposition under all laws relating to min-
15 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

16 **SEC. 132. ADMINISTRATION.**

17 (a) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights,
18 the Wilderness shall be administered by the Secretary con-
19 cerned in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
20 1131 et seq.), except that—

21 (1) any reference in that Act to the effective
22 date shall be considered to be a reference to the date
23 of the enactment of this Act; and

1 (2) any reference in that Act to the Secretary
2 of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference
3 to the Secretary of the Interior.

4 (b) LIVESTOCK.—The grazing of livestock in the Wil-
5 derness, if established before the date of the enactment
6 of this Act, shall be allowed to continue, subject to such
7 reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Sec-
8 retary concerned considers to be necessary in accordance
9 with—

10 (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16
11 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

12 (2) the guidelines set forth in Appendix A of
13 the report of the Committee on Interior and Insular
14 Affairs of the House of Representatives accom-
15 panying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (House
16 Report 101–405).

17 (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-
18 ESTS.—Any land or interest in land within the boundaries
19 of the Wilderness that is acquired by the United States
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act shall be added
21 to and administered as part of the Wilderness.

22 (d) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for
24 the designation of the Wilderness to create a protec-
25 tive perimeter or buffer zone around the Wilderness.

1 (2) NONWILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—The fact
2 that nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or
3 heard from areas within the Wilderness shall not
4 preclude the conduct of the activities or uses outside
5 the boundary of the Wilderness.

6 (e) MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this title
7 restricts or precludes—

8 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over
9 the Wilderness, including military overflights that
10 can be seen or heard within the wilderness area;

11 (2) flight testing and evaluation; or

12 (3) the designation or creation of new units of
13 special use airspace, or the establishment of military
14 flight training routes, over the Wilderness.

15 (f) EXISTING AIRSTRIPS.—Nothing in this title re-
16 stricts or precludes low-level overflights by aircraft uti-
17 lizing airstrips in existence on the date of the enactment
18 of this Act that are located within 5 miles of the proposed
19 boundary of the Wilderness.

20 (g) WILDFIRE, INSECT, AND DISEASE MANAGE-
21 MENT.—In accordance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilder-
22 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)), the Secretary concerned
23 may take any measures in the Wilderness that the Sec-
24 retary concerned determines to be necessary for the con-
25 trol of fire, insects, and diseases, including, as the Sec-

1 retary concerned determines to be appropriate, the coordi-
2 nation of the activities with the State or a local agency.

3 (h) DATA COLLECTION.—In accordance with the Wil-
4 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and subject to such
5 terms and conditions as the Secretary concerned may pre-
6 scribe, the Secretary concerned may authorize the installa-
7 tion and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or cli-
8 matological collection devices in the Wilderness if the Sec-
9 retary concerned determines that the facilities and access
10 to the facilities are essential to flood warning, flood con-
11 trol, or water reservoir operation activities.

12 (i) WATER RIGHTS.—

13 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

14 (A) the Wilderness is located—

15 (i) in the semiarid region of the Great
16 Basin; and

17 (ii) at the headwaters for the streams
18 and rivers on land with respect to which
19 there are few, if any—

20 (I) actual or proposed water re-
21 source facilities located upstream; and

22 (II) opportunities for diversion,
23 storage, or other uses of water occur-
24 ring outside the land that would ad-

1 versely affect the wilderness values of
2 the land;

3 (B) the Wilderness is generally not suitable
4 for use or development of new water resource
5 facilities; and

6 (C) because of the unique nature of the
7 Wilderness, it is possible to provide for proper
8 management and protection of the wilderness
9 and other values of land by means different
10 from the means used in other laws.

11 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is
12 to protect the wilderness values of the Wilderness by
13 means other than a federally reserved water right.

14 (3) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
15 this title—

16 (A) constitutes an express or implied res-
17 ervation by the United States of any water or
18 water rights with respect to the Wilderness;

19 (B) affects any water rights in the State
20 (including any water rights held by the United
21 States) in existence on the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act;

23 (C) establishes a precedent with regard to
24 any future wilderness designations;

1 (D) affects the interpretation of, or any
2 designation made under, any other Act; or

3 (E) limits, alters, modifies, or amends any
4 interstate compact or equitable apportionment
5 decree that apportions water among and be-
6 tween the State and other States.

7 (4) NEVADA WATER LAW.—The Secretary con-
8 cerned shall follow the procedural and substantive
9 requirements of State law in order to obtain and
10 hold any water rights not in existence on the date
11 of the enactment of this Act with respect to the Wil-
12 derness.

13 (5) NEW PROJECTS.—

14 (A) DEFINITION OF WATER RESOURCE FA-
15 CILITY.—

16 (i) IN GENERAL.—In this paragraph,
17 the term “water resource facility” means
18 irrigation and pumping facilities, res-
19 ervoirs, water conservation works, aque-
20 ducts, canals, ditches, pipelines, wells, hy-
21 dropower projects, transmission and other
22 ancillary facilities, and other water diver-
23 sion, storage, and carriage structures.

1 (ii) EXCLUSION.—In this paragraph,
2 the term “water resource facility” does not
3 include wildlife guzzlers.

4 (B) RESTRICTION ON NEW WATER RE-
5 SOURCE FACILITIES.—Except as otherwise pro-
6 vided in this title, on or after the date of the
7 enactment of this Act, neither the President nor
8 any other officer, employee, or agent of the
9 United States shall fund, assist, authorize, or
10 issue a license or permit for the development of
11 any new water resource facility within any wil-
12 derness area, including a portion of a wilder-
13 ness area, that is located in the County.

14 **SEC. 133. FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section
16 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),
17 nothing in this title affects or diminishes the jurisdiction
18 of the State with respect to fish and wildlife management,
19 including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping,
20 in the Wilderness.

21 (b) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—In furtherance of
22 the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act (16
23 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary concerned may con-
24 duct any management activities in the Wilderness that are
25 necessary to maintain or restore fish and wildlife popu-

1 lations and the habitats to support the populations, if the
2 activities are carried out—

3 (1) in a manner that is consistent with relevant
4 wilderness management plans; and

5 (2) in accordance with—

6 (A) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
7 seq.); and

8 (B) appropriate policies, such as those set
9 forth in Appendix B of the report of the Com-
10 mittee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the
11 House of Representatives accompanying H.R.
12 2570 of the 101st Congress (House Report
13 101–405), including the occasional and tem-
14 porary use of motorized vehicles and aircraft if
15 the use, as determined by the Secretary con-
16 cerned, would promote healthy, viable, and
17 more naturally distributed wildlife populations
18 that would enhance wilderness values with the
19 minimal impact necessary to reasonably accom-
20 plish those tasks.

21 (c) EXISTING ACTIVITIES.—Consistent with section
22 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and
23 in accordance with appropriate policies such as those set
24 forth in Appendix B of the report of the Committee on
25 Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representa-

1 tives accompanying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress
2 (House Report 101–405), the State may continue to use
3 aircraft, including helicopters, to survey, capture, trans-
4 plant, monitor, and provide water for wildlife populations
5 in the Wilderness.

6 (d) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned
8 may designate areas in which, and establish periods
9 during which, for reasons of public safety, adminis-
10 tration, or compliance with applicable laws, no hunt-
11 ing, fishing, or trapping will be permitted in the Wil-
12 derness.

13 (2) CONSULTATION.—Except in emergencies,
14 the Secretary concerned shall consult with the ap-
15 propriate State agency and notify the public before
16 making any designation under paragraph (1).

17 (e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The State (including a des-
19 ignee of the State) may conduct wildlife manage-
20 ment activities in the Wilderness—

21 (A) in accordance with the terms and con-
22 ditions specified in the cooperative agreement
23 between the Secretary of the Interior and the
24 State entitled “Memorandum of Understanding
25 between the Bureau of Land Management and

1 the Nevada Department of Wildlife Supplement
2 No. 9” and signed November and December
3 2003, including any amendments to the cooper-
4 ative agreement agreed to by the Secretary of
5 the Interior and the State; and

6 (B) subject to all applicable laws (including
7 regulations).

8 (2) REFERENCES; CLARK COUNTY.—For the
9 purposes of this subsection, any reference to Clark
10 County in the cooperative agreement described in
11 paragraph (1)(A) shall be considered to be a ref-
12 erence to the Wilderness.

13 **SEC. 134. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREA.**

14 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for the purposes
15 of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
16 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)), the approximately
17 1,065 acres of public land in the Burbank Canyons Wil-
18 derness study area not designated as wilderness by this
19 title has been adequately studied for wilderness designa-
20 tion.

21 (b) RELEASE.—Any public land described in sub-
22 section (a) that is not designated as wilderness by this
23 title—

1 (1) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the
2 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
3 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); or

4 (2) shall be managed in accordance with—

5 (A) land management plans adopted under
6 section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and
7 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712);
8 and

9 (B) cooperative conservation agreements in
10 existence on the date of the enactment of this
11 Act.

12 **SEC. 135. NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS**
13 **USES.**

14 Nothing in this title alters or diminishes the treaty
15 rights of any Indian tribe (as defined in section 4 of the
16 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
17 (25 U.S.C. 450b)).

18 **Subtitle D—Transfer of Adminis-**
19 **trative Jurisdiction Over Forest**
20 **Service Land**

21 **SEC. 141. AUTHORITY OF FOREST SERVICE TO TRANSFER**
22 **ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION TO STATE**
23 **OR COUNTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with section 3(b) of
25 Public Law 96–586 (commonly known as the “Santini-

1 Burton Act”; 94 Stat. 3384), and subject to valid existing
2 rights, on receipt of a request by the State or County and
3 subject to such terms and conditions as are satisfactory
4 to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary may trans-
5 fer the Forest Service land or interests in Forest Service
6 land described in subsection (b) to the State or County,
7 without consideration, to protect the environmental quality
8 and public recreational use of the transferred Forest Serv-
9 ice land.

10 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
11 subsection (a) is any Forest Service land that is located
12 within the boundaries of the area acquired under Public
13 Law 96–586 (commonly known as the “Santini-Burton
14 Act”; 94 Stat. 3381) that is—

15 (1) unsuitable for Forest Service administra-
16 tion; or

17 (2) necessary for a public purpose.

18 (c) USE OF LAND.—A parcel of land conveyed pursu-
19 ant to subsection (a) shall—

20 (1) be managed by the State or County, as ap-
21 plicable—

22 (A) to maintain undeveloped open space
23 and to preserve the natural characteristics of
24 the transferred land in perpetuity; and

1 (B) to protect and enhance water quality,
2 stream environment zones, and important wild-
3 life habitat; and

4 (2) be used by the State or County, as applica-
5 ble, for recreation or other public purposes including
6 trails, trailheads, fuel reduction, flood control, and
7 other infrastructure consistent with the Act of June
8 14, 1926 (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

9 (d) REVERSION.—If a parcel of land transferred
10 under subsection (a) is used in a manner that is incon-
11 sistent with subsection (c), the parcel of land shall, at the
12 discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, revert to the
13 United States.

14 **SEC. 142. SPECIAL USE PERMITS FOR RECREATION AND**
15 **PUBLIC PURPOSES.**

16 (a) ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS.—Not later
17 than one year after the date on which the Secretary of
18 Agriculture receives an application from the County or
19 unit of local government for the use of the Federal land
20 outlined in subsection (b), the Secretary, in accordance
21 with all applicable laws shall—

22 (1) issue to the County a special use permit for
23 recreation and public purposes; and

24 (2) authorize a permit length up to 30 years or
25 longer for the use of those lands.

1 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referenced in
2 subsection (a) applies to approximately 188 acres of Fed-
3 eral land located in the County that is identified as “Di-
4 rected Special Use Permit” on the Map.

5 **TITLE II—INCLINE VILLAGE**
6 **FIRE PROTECTION**

7 **SEC. 201. PURPOSE.**

8 The purpose of this title is to improve hazardous fuels
9 management and enhance public recreation through the
10 conveyance of Federal land to Incline Village General Im-
11 provement District in Nevada for public purposes.

12 **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this title:

14 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of Agriculture.

16 (2) DISTRICT.—The term “District” means the
17 Incline Village General Improvement District in the
18 State of Nevada.

19 **SEC. 203. LAND CONVEYANCES FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.**

20 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCE.—In consider-
21 ation of the District assuming from the United States all
22 liability for administration, care and maintenance, within
23 180 days after the effective date of this title, the Secretary
24 shall convey to the District without consideration all right,
25 title, and interest of the United States in and to the par-

1 cels of Federal land described in subsection (b) for public
2 uses including fire risk reduction activities, public recre-
3 ation, and any other public purpose.

4 (b) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal
5 land referred to in subsection (a) is depicted on the map
6 entitled “Incline Village Fire Protection Act Map” and
7 dated May 2019.

8 (c) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the conveyance au-
9 thorized under subsection (c), including any costs for sur-
10 veys and other administrative costs, shall be paid by the
11 District.

12 (d) REVERSION.—If the land conveyed under sub-
13 section (a) is used in a manner inconsistent with sub-
14 section (a), the Federal land shall, at the discretion of the
15 Secretary, revert to the United States.

16 **TITLE III—NORTHERN NEVADA**
17 **FLOOD PROTECTION AND**
18 **MANAGEMENT**

19 **SEC. 301. PURPOSE.**

20 This purpose of this title is to convey certain Federal
21 land along the Truckee River in Nevada to the Truckee
22 River Flood Management Authority for the purpose of en-
23 vironmental restoration and flood control management.

24 **SEC. 302. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this title:

1 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior, including the Bureau
3 of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclama-
4 tion.

5 (2) TRFMA.—The term “TRFMA” means the
6 Truckee River Flood Management Authority in the
7 State of Nevada.

8 **SEC. 303. LAND CONVEYANCES FOR FLOOD PROTECTION.**

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCE.—The Sec-
10 retary shall convey to the Truckee River Flood Manage-
11 ment Authority without consideration all right, title, and
12 interest of the United States in and to the parcels of Fed-
13 eral land described in subsection (b) for the purposes of
14 flood attenuation, riparian restoration, and protection
15 along the Truckee River in Nevada. Upon conveyance,
16 TRFMA will coordinate with Storey County, as needed,
17 in order to provide easements for access and use to nec-
18 essary infrastructure located immediately south of the
19 Truckee River and Interstate 80.

20 (b) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal
21 land referred to in subsection (a) is depicted as “flood con-
22 trol conveyances” on the map entitled “Northern Nevada
23 Flood Protection Management Land Conveyance Map”
24 and dated April 12, 2023.

1 (c) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the conveyance au-
2 thorized under subsection (c), including any costs for sur-
3 veys and other administrative costs, shall be paid by the
4 TRFMA.

5 (d) REVERSION.—If the land conveyed under sub-
6 section (a) is used in a manner inconsistent with sub-
7 section (a), the Federal land shall, at the discretion of the
8 Secretary, revert to the United States.

9 **TITLE IV—RUBY MOUNTAINS**
10 **PROTECTION ACT**

11 **SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.**

12 This title may be cited as the “Ruby Mountains Pro-
13 tection Act”.

14 **SEC. 402. WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN NATIONAL FOREST**
15 **SYSTEM LAND.**

16 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
17 the approximately 309,272 acres of Federal land and in-
18 terests in the land located in the Ruby Mountains subdis-
19 trict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest within the
20 area depicted on the Forest Service map entitled “S. 258
21 Ruby Mountains Protective Act” and dated December 5,
22 2019, as “National Forest System Lands” are withdrawn
23 from all forms of operation under the mineral leasing laws.

24 (b) APPLICATION.—Any land or interest in land with-
25 in the boundary of the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the

1 Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest that is acquired by the
2 United States after the date of the enactment of this Act
3 shall be withdrawn in accordance with subsection (a).

4 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map described in
5 subsection (a) shall be on file and available for public in-
6 spection in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service.

7 **SEC. 403. WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE**
8 **REFUGE SYSTEM LAND.**

9 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
11 rights, the approximately 39,926.10 acres of Federal
12 land and interests in the land located in the Ruby
13 Lake National Wildlife Refuge and depicted on the
14 United States Fish and Wildlife Service map entitled
15 “S. XXX Ruby Mountains Protection Act” and
16 dated February 23, 2021, as “Ruby Lake National
17 Wildlife Refuge” are withdrawn from all forms of
18 operation under the mineral leasing laws, subject to
19 paragraph (2).

20 (2) EXCEPTION.—The withdrawal under para-
21 graph (1) shall not apply to noncommercial refuge
22 management activities by the United States Fish
23 and Wildlife Service.

24 (b) APPLICATION.—Any land or interest in land with-
25 in the boundary of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Ref-

1 uge that is acquired by the United States after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act shall be withdrawn in accord-
3 ance with subsection (a).

4 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map described in
5 subsection (a)(1) shall be on file and available for public
6 inspection in the appropriate offices of the United States
7 Fish and Wildlife Service.

8 **TITLE V—CARSON CITY PUBLIC** 9 **LANDS CORRECTION**

10 **SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.**

11 (a) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means—

12 (1) the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to
13 land in the National Forest System; and

14 (2) the Secretary of the Interior with respect to
15 other Federal land.

16 (b) CITY.—The term “City” means Carson City, Ne-
17 vada.

18 (c) CARSON CITY FEDERAL LAND COLLABORATION
19 COMMITTEE.—The term “Carson City Federal Land Col-
20 laboration Committee” means a committee comprised of—

21 (1) the City Manager;

22 (2) a designee of the City Manager; and

23 (3) not more than 3 members appointed by the
24 Carson City Board of Supervisors to represent areas
25 of Carson City’s government, including the Parks,

1 Recreation, and Open Space Department, the Com-
2 munity Development Department, Property Manage-
3 ment.

4 **SEC. 502. LAND CONVEYANCES.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Subject to valid existing rights
6 and notwithstanding the land use planning requirements
7 of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
8 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary shall
9 convey to the City, without consideration, all right, title,
10 and interest of the United States in and to the land de-
11 scribed in subsection (b).

12 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
13 subsection (a) is the approximately 258 acres depicted as
14 “Lands to Acquire” on the map entitled “Carson City
15 OPLMA Lands” and dated 2018.

16 (c) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the conveyance
17 under subsection (a), including costs of surveys and ad-
18 ministrative costs, shall be paid by the City and are eligi-
19 ble for reimbursement under the account as described in
20 section 506(a) of this title.

21 (d) SALE OR LEASE OF LAND TO THIRD PARTIES.—
22 The City may enter into an agreement to sell, lease, or
23 otherwise convey all or part of the land described in sub-
24 section (b).

1 (e) CONDITIONS.—The City shall sell the land at fair
2 market value, and proceeds will be deposited in the ac-
3 count as described in section 506(a) of this title.

4 **SEC. 503. CARSON CITY STREET CONNECTOR CONVEYANCE.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCE.—The Sec-
6 retary concerned shall convey to Carson City without con-
7 sideration all right, title, and interest of the United States
8 in and to the parcels of Federal land described in sub-
9 section (b) for expansion of roadway.

10 (b) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal
11 land referred to in subsection (a) is depicted as “Proposed
12 Land Transfer” on the map entitled “Carson City
13 OPLMA Lands” and dated February 28, 2019.

14 (c) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the conveyance au-
15 thorized under subsection (a), including any costs for sur-
16 veys and other administrative costs, shall be paid by the
17 city.

18 (d) REVERSION.—If the land conveyed under sub-
19 section (a) is used in a manner inconsistent with sub-
20 section (a), the Federal land shall, at the discretion of the
21 Secretary, revert to the United States.

22 **SEC. 504. AMENDMENT TO REVERSIONARY INTERESTS.**

23 (a) SALE OR LEASE OF LAND TO THIRD PARTIES.—
24 Section 2601(b)(4) of Public Law 111–11 (123 Stat.

1 1111) is amended by inserting after subparagraph (D),
2 the following:

3 “(E) SALE OR LEASE OF LAND TO THIRD
4 PARTIES.—The City may enter into an agree-
5 ment to sell, lease, or otherwise convey all or
6 part of the land described in subparagraph (D)
7 to third parties for public purposes.”.

8 (b) CONDITIONS.—The sale of any land under sub-
9 section (a) shall be for not less than fair market value.

10 **SEC. 505. DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL LAND.**

11 (a) DISPOSAL.—Subject to valid existing rights and
12 notwithstanding the land use planning requirements of
13 section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management
14 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary shall dispose
15 of the land described in subsection (b).

16 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
17 subsection (a) is the approximately 28 acres depicted as
18 “Lands for BLM Disposal” on the map entitled “Carson
19 City OPLMA Lands” and dated 2018.

20 (c) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the disposal under
21 subsection (a), including costs of surveys and administra-
22 tive costs, shall be paid by the party entering into the dis-
23 posal agreement with the Bureau of Land Management
24 for the land described in subsection (b).

1 (d) CONDITIONS.—Upon disposal, the City shall re-
2 tain—

3 (1) a public utility easement concurrent with
4 Koontz Lane and Conti Drive, which provides
5 waterlines and access to the water tank immediately
6 east of the subject parcels; and

7 (2) an existing drainage easement for a future
8 detention basin located on APN 010–152–06 de-
9 picted as “Lands for BLM Disposal” on the map
10 entitled “Carson City OPLMA Lands” and dated
11 2018.

12 **SEC. 506. TRANSFER OF LAND TO THE UNITED STATES.**

13 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the City shall convey
15 all right and title of the land described in subsection (b)
16 to the Secretary of the Interior.

17 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
18 subsection (a) is the approximately 17 acres depicted as
19 “Lands for Disposal” on the map entitled “Carson City
20 OPLMA Lands” and dated 2018.

21 (c) DISPOSAL.—Subject to valid existing rights and
22 notwithstanding the land use planning requirements of
23 section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management
24 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary shall dispose
25 of the land described in subsection (b).

1 (d) COSTS.—

2 (1) COSTS RELATED TO DISPOSAL.—Any costs
3 relating to the disposal under subsection (c), includ-
4 ing costs of surveys and administrative costs, shall
5 be paid by the party entering into the disposal
6 agreement with the Bureau of Land Management
7 for the land described in subsection (b).

8 (2) COSTS RELATED TO CONVEYANCE.—Any
9 costs relating to the conveyance under subsection
10 (a), including costs of surveys and administrative
11 costs, shall be paid by the City and is eligible for re-
12 imbursement through the account as described in
13 section 506(a) of this title.

14 (e) CONDITIONS.—Upon disposal, the City shall re-
15 tain—

16 (1) access and a public utility easement on
17 APN 010–252–02 for operation and maintenance of
18 a municipal well; and

19 (2) a public right-of-way for Bennet Avenue.

20 **SEC. 507. DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.**

21 (a) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—The proceeds from
22 the sale of land under sections 502, 503, 504, and 505
23 of this title, and section 2601(e)(1)(B) of Public Law
24 111–11 (123 Stat. 1111(e)(1)(B)) shall be deposited in
25 a special account in the Treasury of the United States,

1 to be known as the “Carson City Special Account”, which
2 shall be available to the Secretary in collaboration with
3 and if approved in writing by the Carson City Federal
4 Land Collaboration Committee, for—

5 (1) the reimbursement of costs incurred by the
6 Secretary in preparing for the sale of the land de-
7 scribed in sections 502, 504, and 505 of this title,
8 and section 2601(e)(1)(B) of Public Law 111–11
9 (123 Stat. 1111(e)(1)(B)), including—

10 (A) the costs of surveys and appraisals;

11 and

12 (B) the costs of compliance with the Na-
13 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
14 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and sections 202 and 203
15 of the Federal Land Policy and Management
16 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713);

17 (2) the reimbursement of costs incurred as de-
18 scribed in paragraphs (3) through (8) by the City
19 for lands under sections 502, 503, 504, and 505 of
20 this title and section 2601(d) of Public Law 111–11
21 (123 Stat. 1111(d));

22 (3) the conduct of wildlife habitat conservation
23 and restoration projects, including projects that ben-
24 efit the greater sage-grouse in the City;

1 (4) the development and implementation of
2 comprehensive, cost-effective, multijurisdictional haz-
3 ardous fuels reduction and wildfire prevention and
4 restoration projects in the City;

5 (5) the acquisition of environmentally sensitive
6 land or interest in environmentally sensitive land in
7 Carson City, Nevada;

8 (6) wilderness protection and processing wilder-
9 ness designation, including the costs of appropriate
10 fencing, signage, public education, and enforcement
11 for the wilderness areas designated through this
12 title;

13 (7) capital improvements administered by the
14 Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service
15 in the City; and

16 (8) educational purposes specific to the City.

17 (b) INVESTMENT OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—Amounts
18 deposited into the Carson City Special Account—

19 (1) shall earn interest in an amount determined
20 by the Secretary of the Treasury, based on the cur-
21 rent average market yield on outstanding marketable
22 obligations of the United States of comparable ma-
23 turities; and

24 (2) may be expended by the Secretary in ac-
25 cordance with this section.

1 (c) MANAGEMENT OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—The man-
2 agement and procedures thereof of the Carson City Spe-
3 cial Account shall be determined by an intergovernmental
4 agreement between the City and the Department of the
5 Interior’s Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Of-
6 fice.

7 **SEC. 508. POSTPONEMENT; EXCLUSION FROM SALE.**

8 Section 2601(d)(6) of Public Law 111–11 (123 Stat.
9 1113) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(6) DEADLINE FOR SALE.—Not later than 1
11 year after the date of the enactment of the Northern
12 Nevada Economic Development and Conservation
13 Act of 2023, if there is a qualified bidder for the
14 land described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
15 paragraph (2), the Secretary of the Interior shall
16 offer the land for sale to the qualified bidder.”.

17 **TITLE VI—PERSHING COUNTY**
18 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
19 **AND CONSERVATION**

20 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

21 This title may be cited as the “Pershing County Eco-
22 nomic Development and Conservation Act”.

23 **SEC. 602. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this title:

1 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Per-
2 shing County, Nevada.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
6 of Nevada.

7 (4) WILDERNESS AREA.—The term “wilderness
8 area” means a wilderness area designated by section
9 721(a) of this title.

10 **Subtitle A—Checkerboard Land** 11 **Resolution**

12 **SEC. 611. FINDINGS.**

13 Congress finds that—

14 (1) since the passage of the Act of July 1, 1862
15 (12 Stat. 489, chapter 120; commonly known as the
16 “Pacific Railway Act of 1862”), under which rail-
17 road land grants along the Union Pacific Railroad
18 right-of-way created a checkerboard land pattern of
19 alternating public land and privately owned land,
20 management of the land in the checkerboard area
21 has been a constant source of frustration for the
22 County government, private landholders in the
23 County, and the Federal Government;

24 (2) management of Federal land in the checker-
25 board area has been costly and difficult for the Fed-

1 eral land management agencies, creating a disincentive to manage the land effectively;

2 (3) parcels of land within the checkerboard area
3 in the County will not vary significantly in appraised
4 value by acre due to the similarity of highest and
5 best use in the County; and

6 (4) consolidation of appropriate land within the
7 checkerboard area through sales and exchanges for
8 development and Federal management will—

9 (A) help improve the tax base of the County;
10 and

11 (B) simplify management for the Federal
12 Government.

13 **SEC. 612. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this title:

15 (1) **ELIGIBLE LAND.**—The term “eligible land”
16 means any land administered by the Director of the
17 Bureau of Land Management—

18 (A) that is within the area identified on
19 the Map as “Checkerboard Lands Resolution
20 Area” that is designated for disposal by the
21 Secretary through—

22 (i) the Winnemucca Consolidated Resource
23 Management Plan; or
24

1 (ii) any subsequent amendment or re-
2 vision to the management plan that is un-
3 dertaken with full public involvement; and
4 (B) that is not encumbered land.

5 (2) ENCUMBERED LAND.—The term “encum-
6 bered land” means any land administered by the Di-
7 rector of the Bureau of Land Management within
8 the area identified on the Map as “Checkerboard
9 Lands Resolution Area” that is encumbered by min-
10 ing claims, millsites, or tunnel sites.

11 (3) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map
12 prepared under section 713(b)(1) of this title.

13 (4) QUALIFIED ENTITY.—The term “qualified
14 entity” means, with respect to a portion of encum-
15 bered land—

16 (A) the owner of a mining claim, millsite,
17 or tunnel site located on a portion of the en-
18 cumbered land on the date of the enactment of
19 this Act; and

20 (B) a successor in interest of an owner de-
21 scribed in subparagraph (A).

22 **SEC. 613. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF ELIGIBLE LAND.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCE.—Notwith-
24 standing sections 202, 203, 206, and 209 of the Federal
25 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.

1 1712, 1713, 1716, 1719), as soon as practicable after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in accord-
3 ance with this title and any other applicable law and sub-
4 ject to valid existing rights, shall conduct sales or ex-
5 changes of the eligible land.

6 (b) MAP.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 shall prepare a map that depicts the boundaries of
10 the land identified for disposal under this title, to be
11 identified as the “Checkerboard Lands Resolution
12 Area” on the Map.

13 (2) MINOR CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary, in
14 consultation with the County, may correct minor er-
15 rors in the Map.

16 (c) JOINT SELECTION REQUIRED.—After providing
17 public notice, the Secretary and the County shall jointly
18 select parcels of eligible land to be offered for sale or ex-
19 change under subsection (a).

20 (d) METHOD OF SALE.—A sale of eligible land under
21 subsection (a) shall be—

22 (1) consistent with subsections (d) and (f) of
23 section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
24 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713);

1 (2) conducted through a competitive bidding
2 process, under which adjoining landowners are of-
3 fered the first option, unless the Secretary deter-
4 mines there are suitable and qualified buyers that
5 are not adjoining landowners; and

6 (3) for not less than fair market value, based
7 on an appraisal in accordance with the Uniform
8 Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice and
9 this title.

10 (e) LAND EXCHANGES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act and subject to
13 the joint selection requirements under subsection (c),
14 the Secretary shall offer to exchange all eligible land
15 under this section for private land.

16 (2) ADJACENT LAND.—To the extent prac-
17 ticable, the Secretary shall seek to enter into agree-
18 ments with one or more owners of private land adja-
19 cent to the eligible land for the exchange of the pri-
20 vate land for the eligible land, if the Secretary deter-
21 mines that the exchange would consolidate Federal
22 land ownership and facilitate improved Federal land
23 management.

24 (3) PRIORITY LAND EXCHANGES.—In acquiring
25 private land under this subsection, the Secretary

1 shall give priority to the acquisition of private land
2 in higher value natural resource areas in the County.

3 (f) MASS APPRAISALS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 5
6 years thereafter, the Secretary shall—

7 (A) conduct a mass appraisal of eligible
8 land to be sold or exchanged under this section;

9 (B) prepare an evaluation analysis for each
10 land transaction under this section; and

11 (C) make available to the public the results
12 of the mass appraisals conducted under sub-
13 paragraph (A).

14 (2) USE.—The Secretary may use mass ap-
15 praisals and evaluation analyses conducted under
16 paragraph (1) to facilitate exchanges of eligible land
17 for private land.

18 (g) DEADLINE FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE; EXCLU-
19 SIONS.—

20 (1) DEADLINE.—Not later than 90 days after
21 the date on which the eligible land is jointly selected
22 under subsection (c), the Secretary shall offer for
23 sale or exchange the parcels of eligible land jointly
24 selected under that subsection.

1 (2) POSTPONEMENT OR EXCLUSION.—The Sec-
2 retary or the County may postpone, or exclude from,
3 a sale or exchange of all or a portion of the eligible
4 land jointly selected under subsection (c) for emer-
5 gency ecological or safety reasons.

6 (h) WITHDRAWAL.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
8 rights and mining claims, millsites, and tunnel sites,
9 effective on the date on which a parcel of eligible
10 land is jointly selected under subsection (c) for sale
11 or exchange, that parcel is withdrawn from—

12 (A) all forms of entry and appropriation
13 under the public land laws, including the min-
14 ing laws;

15 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
16 mining laws; and

17 (C) operation of the mineral leasing and
18 geothermal leasing laws.

19 (2) TERMINATION.—The withdrawal of a parcel
20 of eligible land under paragraph (1) shall termi-
21 nate—

22 (A) on the date of sale or, in the case of
23 exchange, the conveyance of title of the parcel
24 of eligible land under this section; or

1 (B) with respect to any parcel of eligible
2 land selected for sale or exchange under sub-
3 section (c) that is not sold or exchanged, not
4 later than 2 years after the date on which the
5 parcel was offered for sale or exchange under
6 this section.

7 **SEC. 614. SALE OF ENCUMBERED LAND.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCE.—Notwith-
9 standing sections 202, 203, 206, and 209 of the Federal
10 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
11 1712, 1713, 1716, 1719), not later than 90 days after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act and subject to valid
13 existing rights held by third parties, the Secretary shall
14 offer to convey to qualified entities, for fair market value,
15 the remaining right, title, and interest of the United
16 States, in and to the encumbered land.

17 (b) COSTS OF SALES TO QUALIFIED ENTITIES.—As
18 a condition of each conveyance of encumbered land under
19 this section, the qualified entity shall pay all costs related
20 to the conveyance of the encumbered land, including the
21 costs of surveys and other administrative costs associated
22 with the conveyance.

23 (c) OFFER TO CONVEY.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date on which the Secretary receives a fair

1 market offer from a qualified entity for the convey-
2 ance of encumbered land, the Secretary shall accept
3 the fair market value offer.

4 (2) APPRAISAL.—Fair market value of the in-
5 terest of the United States in and to encumbered
6 land shall be determined by an appraisal conducted
7 in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Pro-
8 fessional Appraisal Practice.

9 (d) CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of acceptance by the Secretary of an offer from a
11 qualified entity under subsection (c)(1) and completion of
12 a sale for all or part of the applicable portion of encum-
13 bered land to the qualified entity, the Secretary, by deliv-
14 ery of an appropriate deed, patent, or other valid instru-
15 ment of conveyance, shall convey to the qualified entity
16 all remaining right, title, and interest of the United States
17 in and to the applicable portion of the encumbered land.

18 (e) MERGER.—Subject to valid existing rights held
19 by third parties, on delivery of the instrument of convey-
20 ance to the qualified entity under subsection (d), the prior
21 interests in the locatable minerals and the right to use
22 the surface for mineral purposes held by the qualified enti-
23 ty under a mining claim, millsite, tunnel site, or any other
24 Federal land use authorization applicable to the encum-
25 bered land included in the instrument of conveyance, shall

1 merge with all right, title, and interest conveyed to the
2 qualified entity by the United States under this section
3 to ensure that the qualified entity receives fee simple title
4 to the purchased encumbered land.

5 **SEC. 615. DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.**

6 (a) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Of the proceeds
7 from the sale of land under this title—

8 (1) 5 percent shall be disbursed to the State for
9 use in the general education program of the State;

10 (2) 10 percent shall be disbursed to the County
11 for use as determined through normal County budg-
12 eting procedures; and

13 (3) the remainder shall be deposited in a special
14 account in the Treasury of the United States, to be
15 known as the “Pershing County Special Account”,
16 which shall be available to the Secretary, in con-
17 sultation with the County, for—

18 (A) the acquisition of land from willing
19 sellers (including interests in land) in the Coun-
20 ty—

21 (i) within a wilderness area;

22 (ii) that protects other environ-
23 mentally significant land;

1 (iii) that secures public access to Fed-
2 eral land for hunting, fishing, and other
3 recreational purposes; or

4 (iv) that improves management of
5 Federal land within the area identified on
6 the Map as “Checkerboard Lands Resolu-
7 tion Area”; and

8 (B) the reimbursement of costs incurred by
9 the Secretary in preparing for the sale or ex-
10 change of land under this title.

11 (b) INVESTMENT OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—Any
12 amounts deposited in the special account established
13 under subsection (a)(3)—

14 (1) shall earn interest in an amount determined
15 by the Secretary of the Treasury, based on the cur-
16 rent average market yield on outstanding marketable
17 obligations of the United States of comparable ma-
18 turities; and

19 (2) may be expended by the Secretary in ac-
20 cordance with this section.

21 (c) REPORTS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
23 30 of the fifth fiscal year after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act, and every 5 fiscal years thereafter,
25 the Secretary shall submit to the State, the County,

1 and the appropriate committees of Congress a report
2 on the operation of the special account established
3 under subsection (a)(3) for the preceding 5 fiscal
4 years.

5 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under
6 paragraph (1) shall include, for the fiscal year covered by the report—

8 (A) a statement of the amounts deposited
9 into the special account;

10 (B) a description of the expenditures made
11 from the special account for the fiscal year, including the purpose of the expenditures;

12 (C) recommendations for additional authorities to fulfill the purpose of the special account; and

13 (D) a statement of the balance remaining
14 in the special account at the end of the fiscal
15 year.

16 **SEC. 616. CONVEYANCE OF LAND FOR USE AS A PUBLIC**
17 **CEMETERY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convey to the
19 County, without consideration, the Federal land described
20 in subsection (b).

21 (b) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal
22 land referred to in subsection (a) is the approximately 10
23

1 acres of land depicted as “Unionville Cemetery” on the
2 Map.

3 (c) USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—The Federal land
4 conveyed under subsection (a) shall be used by the County
5 as a public cemetery.

6 **Subtitle B—Wilderness Areas**

7 **SEC. 621. ADDITIONS TO THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS** 8 **PRESERVATION SYSTEM.**

9 (a) ADDITIONS.—In accordance with the Wilderness
10 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following parcels of Fed-
11 eral land in the State are designated as wilderness and
12 as components of the National Wilderness Preservation
13 System:

14 (1) CAIN MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Certain
15 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
16 agement, comprising approximately 12,339 acres, as
17 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed
18 Cain Mountain Wilderness” and dated February 9,
19 2017, which, together with the Federal land des-
20 ignated as wilderness by sections 2905(b)(1)(C) and
21 2932(a)(1) of Public Law 117–263, shall be known
22 as the “Cain Mountain Wilderness”.

23 (2) BLUEWING WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal
24 land managed by the Bureau of Land Management,
25 comprising approximately 24,900 acres, as generally

1 depicted on the map entitled “Proposed Bluewing
2 Wilderness” and dated February 9, 2017, which
3 shall be known as the “Bluewing Wilderness”.

4 (3) SELENITE PEAK WILDERNESS.—Certain
5 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
6 agement, comprising approximately 22,822 acres, as
7 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed
8 Selenite Peak Wilderness” and dated February 9,
9 2017, which shall be known as the “Selenite Peak
10 Wilderness”.

11 (4) MOUNT LIMBO WILDERNESS.—Certain Fed-
12 eral land managed by the Bureau of Land Manage-
13 ment, comprising approximately 11,855 acres, as
14 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed
15 Mt. Limbo Wilderness” and dated February 9,
16 2017, which shall be known as the “Mount Limbo
17 Wilderness”.

18 (5) NORTH SAHWAVE WILDERNESS.—Certain
19 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
20 agement, comprising approximately 13,875 acres, as
21 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed
22 North Sahwave Wilderness” and dated February 9,
23 2017, which shall be known as the “North Sahwave
24 Wilderness”.

1 (6) GRANDFATHERS WILDERNESS.—Certain
2 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
3 agement, comprising approximately 35,339 acres, as
4 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed
5 Grandfathers Wilderness” and dated February 9,
6 2017, which shall be known as the “Grandfathers
7 Wilderness”.

8 (7) FENCEMAKER WILDERNESS.—Certain Fed-
9 eral land managed by the Bureau of Land Manage-
10 ment, comprising approximately 14,942 acres, as
11 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed
12 Fencemaker Wilderness” and dated February 9,
13 2017, which shall be known as the “Fencemaker
14 Wilderness”.

15 (b) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of any portion of a
16 wilderness area that is bordered by a road shall be 100
17 feet from the centerline of the road.

18 (c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
21 shall file a map and legal description of each wilder-
22 ness area.

23 (2) EFFECT.—Each map and legal description
24 prepared under paragraph (1) shall have the same
25 force and effect as if included in this title, except

1 that the Secretary may correct clerical and typo-
2 graphical errors in the map or legal description.

3 (3) AVAILABILITY.—Each map and legal de-
4 scription prepared under paragraph (1) shall be on
5 file and available for public inspection in the appro-
6 priate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

7 (4) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing
8 rights, the wilderness areas designated by subsection
9 (a) are withdrawn from—

10 (A) all forms of entry, appropriation, and
11 disposal under the public land laws;

12 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
13 mining laws; and

14 (C) disposition under all laws relating to
15 mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral ma-
16 terials.

17 **SEC. 622. ADMINISTRATION.**

18 (a) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights,
19 the wilderness areas shall be administered by the Sec-
20 retary in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
21 1131 et seq.), except that with respect to the wilderness
22 areas—

23 (1) any reference in that Act to the effective
24 date shall be considered to be a reference to the date
25 of the enactment of this Act; and

1 (2) any reference in that Act to the Secretary
2 of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference
3 to the Secretary of the Interior.

4 (b) LIVESTOCK.—The grazing of livestock in the wil-
5 derness areas, if established before the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, shall be allowed to continue, subject to
7 such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the
8 Secretary considers to be necessary in accordance with—

9 (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16
10 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

11 (2) the guidelines set forth in Appendix A of
12 the report of the Committee on Interior and Insular
13 Affairs of the House of Representatives accom-
14 panying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (House
15 Report 101–405).

16 (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-
17 ESTS.—Any land or interest in land within the boundary
18 of a wilderness area that is acquired by the United States
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act shall be added
20 to and administered as part of the wilderness area.

21 (d) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for
23 the designation of the wilderness areas to create pro-
24 tective perimeters or buffer zones around the wilder-
25 ness areas.

1 (2) NONWILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—The fact
2 that nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or
3 heard from areas within a wilderness area shall not
4 preclude the conduct of those activities or uses out-
5 side the boundary of the wilderness area.

6 (e) MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this title
7 restricts or precludes—

8 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over
9 the wilderness areas, including military overflights
10 that can be seen or heard within the wilderness
11 areas;

12 (2) flight testing and evaluation; or

13 (3) the designation or creation of new units of
14 special use airspace, or the establishment of military
15 flight training routes, over the wilderness areas.

16 (f) WILDFIRE, INSECT, AND DISEASE MANAGE-
17 MENT.—In accordance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilder-
18 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)), the Secretary may take
19 such measures in the wilderness areas as are necessary
20 for the control of fire, insects, and diseases (including, as
21 the Secretary determines to be appropriate, the coordina-
22 tion of the activities with a State or local agency).

23 (g) CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION.—In ac-
24 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)
25 and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary

1 may prescribe, the Secretary may authorize the installa-
2 tion and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or cli-
3 matological data collection devices in the wilderness areas
4 if the Secretary determines that the facilities and access
5 to the facilities are essential to flood warning, flood con-
6 trol, or water reservoir operation activities.

7 (h) WATER RIGHTS.—

8 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

9 (A) the wilderness areas are located—

10 (i) in the semiarid region of the Great
11 Basin; and

12 (ii) at the headwaters of the streams
13 and rivers on land with respect to which
14 there are few, if any—

15 (I) actual or proposed water re-
16 source facilities located upstream; and

17 (II) opportunities for diversion,
18 storage, or other uses of water occur-
19 ring outside the land that would ad-
20 versely affect the wilderness values of
21 the land;

22 (B) the wilderness areas are generally not
23 suitable for use or development of new water re-
24 source facilities; and

1 (C) because of the unique nature of the
2 wilderness areas, it is possible to provide for
3 proper management and protection of the wil-
4 derness and other values of land in ways dif-
5 ferent from those used in other laws.

6 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is
7 to protect the wilderness values of the wilderness
8 areas by means other than a federally reserved water
9 right.

10 (3) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
11 this title—

12 (A) constitutes an express or implied res-
13 ervation by the United States of any water or
14 water rights with respect to the wilderness
15 areas;

16 (B) affects any water rights in the State
17 (including any water rights held by the United
18 States) in existence on the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act;

20 (C) establishes a precedent with regard to
21 any future wilderness designations;

22 (D) affects the interpretation of, or any
23 designation made under, any other Act; or

24 (E) limits, alters, modifies, or amends any
25 interstate compact or equitable apportionment

1 decree that apportions water among and be-
2 tween the State and other States.

3 (4) NEVADA WATER LAW.—The Secretary shall
4 follow the procedural and substantive requirements
5 of State law in order to obtain and hold any water
6 rights not in existence on the date of the enactment
7 of this Act with respect to the wilderness areas.

8 (5) NEW PROJECTS.—

9 (A) DEFINITION OF WATER RESOURCE FA-
10 CILITY.—

11 (i) IN GENERAL.—In this paragraph,
12 the term “water resource facility” means
13 irrigation and pumping facilities, res-
14 ervoirs, water conservation works, aque-
15 ducts, canals, ditches, pipelines, wells, hy-
16 dropower projects, transmission and other
17 ancillary facilities, and other water diver-
18 sion, storage, and carriage structures.

19 (ii) EXCLUSION.—In this paragraph,
20 the term “water resource facility” does not
21 include wildlife guzzlers.

22 (B) RESTRICTION ON NEW WATER RE-
23 SOURCE FACILITIES.—Except as otherwise pro-
24 vided in this title, on and after the date of the
25 enactment of this Act, neither the President nor

1 any other officer, employee, or agent of the
2 United States shall fund, assist, authorize, or
3 issue a license or permit for the development of
4 any new water resource facility within the wil-
5 derness areas.

6 (i) TEMPORARY TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title pre-
8 vents the placement of a temporary telecommuni-
9 cations device for law enforcement or agency admin-
10 istrative purposes in the Selenite Peak Wilderness in
11 accordance with paragraph (2).

12 (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—Any tem-
13 porary telecommunications device authorized by the
14 Secretary under paragraph (1) shall—

15 (A) be carried out in accordance with—

16 (i) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
17 1131 et seq.); and

18 (ii) all other applicable laws (including
19 regulations);

20 (B) to the maximum practicable, be located
21 in such a manner as to minimize impacts on the
22 recreational and other wilderness values of the
23 area; and

24 (C) be for a period of not longer than 7
25 years.

1 **SEC. 623. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section
3 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),
4 nothing in this title affects or diminishes the jurisdiction
5 of the State with respect to fish and wildlife management,
6 including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping,
7 in the wilderness areas.

8 (b) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—In furtherance of
9 the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act (16
10 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary may conduct any man-
11 agement activities in the wilderness areas that are nec-
12 essary to maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations
13 and the habitats to support the populations, if the activi-
14 ties are carried out—

15 (1) consistent with relevant wilderness manage-
16 ment plans; and

17 (2) in accordance with—

18 (A) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
19 seq.); and

20 (B) appropriate policies, such as those set
21 forth in Appendix B of the report of the Com-
22 mittee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the
23 House of Representatives accompanying H.R.
24 2570 of the 101st Congress (House Report
25 101–405), including noxious weed treatment
26 and the occasional and temporary use of motor-

1 ized vehicles if the use, as determined by the
2 Secretary, would promote healthy, viable, and
3 more naturally distributed wildlife populations
4 that would enhance wilderness values with the
5 minimal impact necessary to reasonably accom-
6 plish those tasks.

7 (c) EXISTING ACTIVITIES.—In accordance with sec-
8 tion 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1))
9 and in accordance with appropriate policies such as those
10 set forth in Appendix B of the Committee on Interior and
11 Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives accom-
12 panying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (House Report
13 101–405), the State may continue to use aircraft, includ-
14 ing helicopters, to survey, capture, transplant, monitor,
15 and provide water for wildlife populations.

16 (d) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—
17 Subject to subsection (f), the Secretary shall authorize
18 structures and facilities, including existing structures and
19 facilities, for wildlife water development projects, including
20 guzzlers, in the wilderness areas if—

21 (1) the structures and facilities will, as deter-
22 mined by the Secretary, enhance wilderness values
23 by promoting healthy, viable and more naturally dis-
24 tributed wildlife populations; and

1 (2) the visual impacts of the structures and fa-
2 cilities on the wilderness areas can reasonably be
3 minimized.

4 (e) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may des-
6 ignate areas in which, and establish periods during
7 which, for reasons of public safety, administration,
8 or compliance with applicable laws, no hunting, fish-
9 ing, or trapping will be permitted in the wilderness
10 areas.

11 (2) CONSULTATION.—Except in emergencies,
12 the Secretary shall consult with the appropriate
13 State agency and notify the public before taking any
14 action under paragraph (1).

15 (f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The State, including a des-
17 ignee of the State, may conduct wildlife management
18 activities in the wilderness areas—

19 (A) in accordance with the terms and con-
20 ditions specified in the cooperative agreement
21 between the Secretary and the State entitled
22 “Memorandum of Understanding between the
23 Bureau of Land Management and the Nevada
24 Department of Wildlife Supplement No. 9” and
25 signed November and December 2003, includ-

1 ing any amendments to the cooperative agree-
2 ment agreed to by the Secretary and the State;
3 and

4 (B) subject to all applicable laws (including
5 regulations).

6 (2) REFERENCES; CLARK COUNTY.—For the
7 purposes of this subsection, any references to Clark
8 County in the cooperative agreement described in
9 paragraph (1)(A) shall be considered to be a ref-
10 erence to the wilderness areas.

11 **SEC. 624. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

12 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for the purposes
13 of section 603(e) of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
14 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)), the approximately
15 48,600 acres of public land in the portions of the China
16 Mountain, Mt. Limbo, Selenite Mountains, and Tobin
17 Range wilderness study areas that have not been des-
18 ignated as wilderness by section 721(a) of this title and
19 the portion of the Augusta Mountains wilderness study
20 area within the County that has not been designated as
21 wilderness by section 721(a) of this title have been ade-
22 quately studied for wilderness designation.

23 (b) RELEASE.—The public land described in sub-
24 section (a)—

1 (1) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the
2 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
3 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

4 (2) shall be managed in accordance with the ap-
5 plicable land use plans adopted under section 202 of
6 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
7 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712).

8 **SEC. 625. NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS**
9 **USES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title alters or di-
11 minishes the treaty rights of any Indian tribe (as defined
12 in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
13 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).

14 (b) CULTURAL USES.—Nothing in this title precludes
15 the traditional collection of pine nuts in a wilderness area
16 for personal, noncommercial use consistent with the Wil-
17 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

18 **TITLE VII—FEDERAL COMPLEX**

19 **SEC. 701. FEDERAL COMPLEX.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior
21 and Secretary of Agriculture shall establish on Federal
22 lands identified as “Federal Complex” on the map titled
23 “Proposed Federal Complex”, and dated January 27,
24 2020, a Federal complex for—

1 (1) department agencies and operations for the
2 Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Serv-
3 ice;

4 (2) the Bureau of Land Management Nevada
5 State Office;

6 (3) the Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe Head-
7 quarters;

8 (4) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service
9 Nevada State Office;

10 (5) the Bureau of Reclamation Nevada State
11 Office;

12 (6) the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Ne-
13 vada Agency Office;

14 (7) the option for the Forest Service to house
15 the Carson Ranger District Office; and

16 (8) the option for the Bureau of Land Manage-
17 ment to house the Carson City District Office.

18 (b) FUNDING SOURCES.—

19 (1) SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.—Ten percent of the
20 total amount deposited in the Federal special ac-
21 counts established under titles I, V, and VI of this
22 Act shall be available to the Secretary of the Interior
23 and Secretary of Agriculture for construction of the
24 Federal complex.

1 (2) SECONDARY SOURCES.—If the amount
2 made available by paragraph (1) is insufficient to
3 complete construction of the Federal complex, the
4 Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agri-
5 culture may use other accounts available for the op-
6 eration of the Bureau of Land Management, the
7 Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclama-
8 tion, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Forest
9 Service in Nevada to provide such additional
10 amounts as may be necessary to complete construc-
11 tion of the Federal complex.

12 **TITLE VIII—IMPLEMENTATION**
13 **OF WHITE PINE COUNTY CON-**
14 **SERVATION, RECREATION,**
15 **AND DEVELOPMENT ACT**

16 **SEC. 801. DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.**

17 Section 312 of the White Pine County Conservation,
18 Recreation, and Development Act of 2006 (Public Law
19 109–432; 120 Stat. 3030) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “Of the” and inserting the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the”;

23 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “use of fire
24 protection, law enforcement, education, public safety,
25 housing, social services, transportation, and plan-

1 ning” and inserting “for use as determined through
2 normal County budgeting procedures”;

3 (3) in paragraph (3)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (G), by striking “;
5 and” and inserting a semicolon;

6 (B) in subparagraph (H), by striking the
7 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(I) processing by a government entity of
10 public land-use authorizations and rights-of-way
11 relating to the development of land conveyed to
12 the County under this Act, with an emphasis on
13 authorizations and rights-of-way relating to any
14 infrastructure needed for the expansion of the
15 White Pine County Industrial Park under sec-
16 tion 352(c)(2).”;

17 (4) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(b) INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited
19 in the special account shall earn interest in an amount
20 determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on the basis
21 of the current average market yield on outstanding mar-
22 ketable obligations of the United States of comparable ma-
23 turities, and may be expended according to the provisions
24 of this section.”.

1 **SEC. 802. CONVEYANCE TO WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA.**

2 Section 352 of the White Pine County Conservation,
3 Recreation, and Development Act of 2006 (Public Law
4 109–432; 120 Stat. 3039) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “not later
6 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of the
7 Northern Nevada Economic Development and Con-
8 servation Act of 2023,” before “the Secretary”;

9 (2) in subsection (c)—

10 (A) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “or
11 other nonresidential development as determined
12 by the County and in compliance with County
13 planning and zoning codes” before the final pe-
14 riod;

15 (B) in paragraph (3)(B)(i), by striking
16 “through a competitive bidding process” and in-
17 serting “consistent with section 244 of the Ne-
18 vada Revised Statutes (as in effect on the date
19 of the enactment of the Northern Nevada Eco-
20 nomic Development and Conservation Act of
21 2023”;

22 (C) in paragraph (3)(C)—

23 (i) by striking “gross” and inserting
24 “net”; and

25 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
26 lowing: “For the purpose of this subpara-

1 graph, the term ‘net proceeds’ means
2 funds remaining from disposal after all
3 costs described in section 312(a)(2).’; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(e) DEADLINE.—If the Secretary has not conveyed
6 to the County the parcels of land described in subsection
7 (b) by the date that is 120 days after the date of the en-
8 actment of the Northern Nevada Economic Development
9 and Conservation Act of 2023, the Secretary shall convey
10 to the County, without consideration, all right, title, and
11 interest of the United States in and to the parcels of
12 land.”.

13 **SEC. 803. ISSUANCE OF CORRECTIVE PATENTS.**

14 The White Pine County Conservation, Recreation,
15 and Development Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–432; 120
16 Stat. 3028 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
17 352 the following:

18 **“SEC. 353. ISSUANCE OF CORRECTIVE PATENTS.**

19 “(a) ISSUANCE.—Notwithstanding sections 202 and
20 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
21 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1711, 1712), not later than 60 days after
22 the date of the enactment of this section or 60 days after
23 the Secretary receives written notification under this sec-
24 tion from a private landowner, the Secretary of the Inte-
25 rior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management,

1 shall issue corrective patents, subject to valid existing
2 rights, for private lands adjacent to public land when—

3 “(1) a cloud on the title demonstrates that the
4 private land had been patented before 1976; and

5 “(2) the correction is for 5 acres or less.

6 “(b) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The United States
7 shall pay administrative costs of corrective patents issued
8 under this section.”.

9 **TITLE IX—FERNLEY ECONOMIC** 10 **DEVELOPMENT ACT**

11 **SEC. 901. SHORT TITLE.**

12 This title may be cited as the “Fernley Economic De-
13 velopment Act”.

14 **SEC. 902. LAND CONVEYANCES.**

15 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Subject to valid existing rights,
16 the Secretary shall convey to the City, for fair market
17 value, all right, title, and interest of the United States in
18 and to the Federal land.

19 (b) APPRAISAL.—The Secretary shall determine fair
20 market value of the Federal land in accordance with the
21 Federal Lands Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
22 1701) and based on an appraisal conducted in accordance
23 with—

24 (1) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Fed-
25 eral Land Acquisition; and

1 (2) the Uniform Standards of Professional Ap-
2 praisal Practice.

3 (c) COSTS.—As a condition of the conveyance of the
4 Federal land under subsection (a), the City shall pay—

5 (1) an amount equal to the appraised value de-
6 termined in accordance with subsection (b); and

7 (2) all costs related to the conveyance, including
8 all surveys, appraisals, and other administrative
9 costs associated with the conveyance of the Federal
10 land to the City.

11 (d) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Any gross pro-
12 ceeds from the sale, lease, or conveyance of Federal land
13 under this section shall be deposited into the special ac-
14 count created by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Man-
15 agement Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263).

16 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

17 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
18 Fernley, Nevada.

19 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
20 titled “Fernley Economic Development Map” and
21 dated September 23, 2020.

22 (3) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
23 means the approximately 12,085 acres of federally
24 owned land generally depicted within “Tri II
25 EDCA–V Prop Boundary” on the map.

1 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 **TITLE X—CONVEYANCES TO THE**
4 **CITY OF SPARKS**

5 **SEC. 1001. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this title:

7 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the City of
8 Sparks, Nevada.

9 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
10 titled “Sparks Public Purpose Conveyances” and
11 dated April 15, 2020.

12 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Interior.

14 **SEC. 1002. CONVEYANCE OF LAND FOR USE AS A PUBLIC**
15 **CEMETERY.**

16 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Subject to valid and existing
17 rights and notwithstanding the land use planning require-
18 ments of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-
19 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary
20 shall convey to the City without consideration all right,
21 title, and interest of the United States in and to the land
22 described in subsection (b).

23 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
24 subsection (a) is the approximately 40 acres of land de-
25 picted as “Cemetery Conveyance” on the Map.

1 (c) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the conveyance
2 under subsection (a), including the costs of surveys and
3 administrative costs, shall be paid by the City.

4 (d) USE OF LAND.—The land conveyed under sub-
5 section (a) shall be used only for a cemetery.

6 **SEC. 1003. CONVEYANCE OF LAND FOR USE AS REGIONAL**
7 **PUBLIC PARKS.**

8 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Subject to valid and existing
9 rights and notwithstanding the land use planning require-
10 ments of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-
11 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary
12 shall convey to the City without consideration all right,
13 title, and interest of the United States in and to the land
14 described in subsection (b).

15 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
16 subsection (a) is the approximately 448.16 acres depicted
17 as “Golden Eagle Regional Park” and 266.04 acres de-
18 picted as “Wedekind Regional Park” on the Map.

19 (c) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the conveyance
20 under subsection (a), including the costs of surveys and
21 administrative costs, shall be paid by the City.

22 (d) USE OF LAND.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed under
24 subsection (a) shall be used only for public parks.

1 (2) REVERSION.—If any portion of the land
2 conveyed under subsection (a) is used in a manner
3 that is inconsistent with the use described in para-
4 graph (1), the land shall revert, at the discretion of
5 the Secretary, to the United States.

6 **TITLE XI—GENERAL** 7 **PROVISIONS**

8 **SEC. 1101. PUBLIC PURPOSE CONVEYANCES.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
11 ty” means the State of Nevada, a political subdivi-
12 sion of the State, a unit of local government, or a
13 regional governmental entity in any county of the
14 State of Nevada.

15 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
16 means any Federal land in the State of Nevada—

17 (A) that is leased, patented, authorized as
18 a right-of-way, or otherwise approved for use
19 pursuant to the Act of June 14, 1926 (com-
20 monly known as the “Recreation and Public
21 Purposes Act”; 44 Stat. 741, chapter 578; 43
22 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the Federal Land Policy
23 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701
24 et seq.), the National Environmental Policy Act

1 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), or any other
2 applicable Federal law; and

3 (B) on which a permanent public facility
4 has been or may be constructed.

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR CONVEYANCE.—Subject to
6 valid existing rights and subsection (d), on request by an
7 eligible entity for the conveyance of a parcel of Federal
8 land, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the eligi-
9 ble entity by quitclaim deed, without consideration, terms,
10 conditions, reservations, or stipulations, all right, title, and
11 interest of the United States in and to the parcel of Fed-
12 eral land for any public purpose.

13 (c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of a request by an eligible entity for
16 a conveyance of Federal land under subsection (b),
17 the Secretary shall file a map and legal description
18 of the parcel of Federal land to be conveyed under
19 that paragraph.

20 (2) EFFECT; AVAILABILITY.—Each map and
21 legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall—

22 (A) have the same force and effect as if in-
23 cluded in this Act; and

1 (B) be on file and available for public in-
2 spection in the Nevada State Office of the Bu-
3 reau of Land Management.

4 (3) ERRORS.—The Secretary may correct any
5 minor error in a map or legal description filed under
6 paragraph (1).

7 (d) REVERSION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of a convey-
9 ance under subsection (b) and except as provided in
10 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall require that, if
11 any parcel of the Federal land conveyed under that
12 subsection is no longer used for any public purpose,
13 all right, title, and interest in and to the parcel of
14 Federal land shall—

15 (A) revert to the United States; or

16 (B) on authorization by the Secretary, be
17 disposed of by the eligible entity through a sale,
18 lease, or other conveyance, in accordance with
19 subsection (e).

20 (2) EXCEPTION.—The removal of sediment
21 from a stormwater detention basin or the movement
22 or removal of minerals on a parcel of Federal land
23 conveyed under subsection (b) that may be inter-
24 fering with or precluding any public purpose shall
25 not result in the parcel being considered to be no

1 longer used for a public purpose under paragraph
2 (1).

3 (3) REQUIREMENTS FOR SALE, LEASE, OR
4 OTHER CONVEYANCE.—

5 (A) FAIR MARKET VALUE.—The sale,
6 lease, or other conveyance of a parcel of Fed-
7 eral land by an eligible entity under paragraph
8 (1)(B) shall be for fair market value.

9 (B) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Any
10 gross proceeds received by an eligible entity
11 from the sale, lease, or other conveyance of a
12 parcel of Federal land under such paragraph
13 shall be deposited in the special account.

14 (4) RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMEDIATION.—If a
15 parcel of Federal land reverts to the Secretary under
16 paragraph (1)(A) and the Secretary determines that
17 the Federal land is contaminated with hazardous
18 waste, the eligible entity to which the Federal land
19 was conveyed shall be responsible for remediation of
20 the contamination of the parcel of Federal land.

21 (e) APPLICABLE LAW.—Any lease, patent, or real es-
22 tate transaction for Federal land conveyed under sub-
23 section (b) is affirmed and validated as having been com-
24 pleted pursuant to, and in compliance with, the Act of
25 June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation and

1 Public Purposes Act”; 44 Stat. 741, chapter 578; 43
2 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
3 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), and the Na-
4 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321
5 et seq.), for the construction of public schools, fire sta-
6 tions, parks, community centers, law enforcement facili-
7 ties, flood control facilities, and other public infrastruc-
8 ture.

9 (f) PAYMENT OF COSTS.—The Secretary shall pay
10 for any administrative and real estate transfer costs in-
11 curred in carrying out the conveyances of Federal land
12 under subsection (b) using amounts from the special ac-
13 count.

14 **SEC. 1102. USE OF CERTAIN SAND AND GRAVEL.**

15 The movement of common varieties of sand and grav-
16 el on a surface estate acquired under Public Law 105–
17 263, Public Law 107–282, or under the provisions of this
18 division, by the owner of the surface estate, for purposes
19 including but not limited to recontouring or balancing the
20 surface estate or filling utility trenches on the surface es-
21 tate, or the disposal of such sand and gravel at an off-
22 site landfill, shall not constitute the unauthorized use of
23 such sand and gravel.

1 **SEC. 1103. ADMINISTRATION OF STATE WATER RIGHTS.**

2 Nothing in this Act affects the allocation, ownership,
3 interest, or control, as in existence on the date of the en-
4 actment of this Act, of any water, water right, or any
5 other valid existing right held by the United States, an
6 Indian tribe, a State, or a person.

7 **SEC. 1104. AMENDMENT TO CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL**
8 **LAND IN STOREY COUNTY, NEVADA.**

9 Section 3009(d)(1)(B) of division B of the Carl Levin
10 and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Au-
11 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (128 Stat. 3751) is
12 amended by striking the period at the end and inserting
13 the following: “; and the land generally depicted as ‘BLM
14 Owned County Request Transfer’ on the map entitled ‘Re-
15 storing Storey County’, dated October 22, 2020.”.

16 **TITLE XII—GREENLINK WEST**
17 **PROJECT**

18 **SEC. 1201. GREENLINK WEST PROJECT.**

19 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) PROJECT.—The term “Project” means the
21 Greenlink West Project described in—

22 (A) the notice of intent of the Bureau of
23 Land Management entitled “Notice of Intent
24 To Prepare an Environmental Impact State-
25 ment and Potential Resource Management Plan
26 Amendments for the Greenlink West Project in

1 Clark, Nye, Esmeralda, Mineral, Lyon, Storey,
2 and Washoe Counties in Nevada” (87 Fed.
3 Reg. 25658 (May 2, 2022)); and

4 (B) the associated administrative record
5 for the Greenlink West Project numbered DOI-
6 BLM-NV-0000-2022-0004-EIS.

7 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
9 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

10 (3) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
11 Walker River Paiute Tribe.

12 (4) WALKER LAKE PARCEL.—The term “Walk-
13 er Lake Parcel” means the following land in Mineral
14 County, Nevada:

15 (A) All land held by the Bureau of Land
16 Management in T. 11 N., R. 29 E., secs. 35
17 and 36, Mount Diablo Meridian.

18 (B) All land held by the Bureau of Rec-
19 lamation in T. 10 N., R. 30 E., secs. 4, 5, 6,
20 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, and 33, Mount
21 Diablo Meridian.

22 (C) All land held by the Bureau of Land
23 Management in T. 10.5 N., R. 30 E., secs. 31
24 and 32, Mount Diablo Meridian.

1 (b) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION; RIGHT-OF-WAY.—If
2 the Walker Lake Parcel is taken into trust for the benefit
3 of the Tribe on, before, or after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the consent of the Tribe for the use for the
5 Project of the portion of the Walker Lake Parcel taken
6 into trust shall be deemed to have been obtained by the
7 Secretary subject to the following:

8 (1) The use of the Walker Lake Parcel land for
9 the Project shall be subject to review under the
10 pending proceeding under the National Environ-
11 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.),
12 which shall be modified—

13 (A) to reflect the trust title of the Walker
14 Lake Parcel; and

15 (B) to address any other laws applicable to
16 rights-of-way on Tribal land, including any en-
17 vironmental, wildlife, conservation, historic
18 preservation, and natural resources laws.

19 (2) As soon as practicable after the date on
20 which the Walker Lake Parcel is taken into trust for
21 the benefit of the Tribe, the Secretary shall approve
22 a right-of-way agreement between the Tribe and the
23 Project applicant before the commencement of con-
24 struction and installation of the Project to address
25 applicable provisions under part 169 of title 25,

1 Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regula-
2 tions), including, with respect to compensation paid
3 to the Tribe, term, amendment, renewal, assign-
4 ment, access rights, operation and maintenance, and
5 an annual premium usage fee consistent with pre-
6 vailing rates or standards to be paid directly to the
7 Tribe, subject to the requirement that the Secretary
8 and the Tribe shall exercise all authority under ap-
9 plicable law (including regulations) with respect to
10 the use of, and compliance with, the right-of-way.