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# H. R. 5428

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## A BILL

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

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Red Rock Canyon Na-  
5       tional Conservation Area Expansion Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR RED ROCK CANYON**  
2 **NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.**

3 (a) **ACQUISITION REQUIREMENT.**—

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Inte-  
5 rior shall exercise authority under the Southern Ne-  
6 vada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public  
7 Law 105–263) to acquire for inclusion in the Red  
8 Rock Canyon National Conservation Area certain  
9 environmentally sensitive lands and interests de-  
10 scribed in subsection (b)(1), by exchange (subject to  
11 any valid existing rights) for the lands and interests  
12 described in subsection (b)(2).

13 (2) **EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.**—The Secretary  
14 shall, by not later than 60 days after the date of the  
15 enactment of this Act—

16 (A) enter with the Corporation into an  
17 agreement to initiate an exchange under this  
18 section, in accordance with section 2201.1 of  
19 title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, as in ef-  
20 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act);  
21 or

22 (B) report to the congressional committees  
23 the reasons why the Secretary and the Corpora-  
24 tion have not entered into such an exchange  
25 agreement.

26 (b) **DESCRIPTION OF LANDS TO BE EXCHANGED.**—

1           (1) ACQUIRED LANDS.—The lands and interests  
2           to be acquired by the Secretary under subsection (a)  
3           are all right, title, and interest of the Howard  
4           Hughes Corporation in and to approximately 1,384  
5           acres of non-Federal lands in the State of Nevada  
6           that are depicted on the map described in subsection  
7           (c).

8           (2) CONVEYED LANDS.—The lands and inter-  
9           ests to be conveyed by the Secretary under sub-  
10          section (a) are all right, title, and interest of the  
11          United States in and to approximately 1,775 acres  
12          of Federal lands in the State of Nevada that are de-  
13          picted on the map described in subsection (c).

14          (3) DETERMINATION OF FEDERAL LANDS AND  
15          INTERESTS.—The Secretary shall determine and de-  
16          scribe the Federal lands and interests that are sub-  
17          ject to exchange under this section by not later than  
18          90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
19          using a metes and bounds description to ensure that  
20          the boundaries of the exchanged lands conform to  
21          natural topography.

22          (c) MAP.—

23                (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
24                the map referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of

1 subsection (b) is the map entitled “Summerlin Land  
2 Exchange, Exhibit A”.

3 (2) ADJUSTMENTS TO MAP.—The Secretary  
4 may make such minor corrections in the map re-  
5 ferred to in paragraph (1) as may be agreed upon  
6 by the Secretary and the Corporation, after the Sec-  
7 retary notifies the congressional committees of such  
8 corrections.

9 (3) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Secretary  
10 shall make the map referred to in paragraph (1)  
11 available for public inspection in the offices of the  
12 Director of the Las Vegas District of the Bureau of  
13 Land Management.

14 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF ACQUIRED LANDS IN RED ROCK**  
15 **CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.**

16 (a) INCLUSION AND BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—  
17 Upon acquisition of the lands and interests under this Act,  
18 the Secretary shall—

19 (1) modify the boundaries of Red Rock Canyon  
20 National Conservation Area to include the lands and  
21 interest within the national conservation area; and

22 (2) administer the lands and interests as part  
23 of Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area in  
24 accordance with all applicable laws.

1 (b) RIGHTS-OF-WAY GRANTS REQUIREMENT NOT  
2 AFFECTED.—Inclusion of the lands and interests in the  
3 Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area under this  
4 section shall not affect the requirement to issue rights-  
5 of-way grants on such lands under section 4(b)(2) of the  
6 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1997  
7 (Public Law 105–263).

8 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8(a)(2) of  
9 the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Estab-  
10 lishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc–1) is amended  
11 by inserting before the period the following: “, and such  
12 additional areas as are included in the conservation area  
13 under the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area  
14 Expansion Act of 2000”.

15 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

16 As used in this Act:

17 (1) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term  
18 “congressional committees” means the Committee  
19 on Resources of the House of Representatives and  
20 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of  
21 the Senate.

22 (2) CORPORATION.—The term “Corporation”  
23 means the Howard Hughes Corporation, an affiliate  
24 of the Rouse Company (both corporate entities  
25 under the laws of the State of Nevada).

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

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