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To establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality development in Clark County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

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Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

OCTOBER 8, 2002

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment

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**A BILL**

To establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality development in Clark County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
3 “Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural  
4 Resources Act of 2002”.

5 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of  
6 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.

**TITLE I—RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA  
LAND EXCHANGE AND BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT**

- Sec. 101. Short title.
- Sec. 102. Findings and purposes.
- Sec. 103. Definitions.
- Sec. 104. Red Rock Canyon land exchange.
- Sec. 105. Status and management of acquired land.
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**TITLE II—WILDERNESS AREAS**

- Sec. 201. Findings.
- Sec. 202. Additions to National Wilderness Preservation System.
- Sec. 203. Administration.
- Sec. 204. Adjacent management.
- Sec. 205. Overflights.
- Sec. 206. Native American cultural and religious uses.
- Sec. 207. Release of wilderness study areas.
- Sec. 208. Wildlife management.
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- Sec. 210. Climatological data collection.
- Sec. 211. Authorization of appropriations.

**TITLE III—TRANSFERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**

- Sec. 301. Transfer of administrative jurisdiction to the United States Fish and  
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**TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC  
LAND MANAGEMENT ACT**

- Sec. 401. Disposal and exchange.

**TITLE V—IVANPAH CORRIDOR**

- Sec. 501. Interstate Route 15 south corridor.

**TITLE VI—SLOAN CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA**

- Sec. 601. Short title.

Sec. 602. Purpose.  
 Sec. 603. Definitions.  
 Sec. 604. Establishment.  
 Sec. 605. Management.  
 Sec. 606. Sale of Federal parcel.  
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#### TITLE VII—PUBLIC INTEREST CONVEYANCES

Sec. 701. Definition of map.  
 Sec. 702. Conveyance to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Research Foundation.  
 Sec. 703. Conveyance to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.  
 Sec. 704. Conveyance to the city of Henderson for the Nevada State College at Henderson.  
 Sec. 705. Conveyance to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada.  
 Sec. 706. Henderson Economic Development Zone.  
 Sec. 707. Conveyance of Sunrise Mountain landfill to Clark County, Nevada.  
 Sec. 708. Open space land grants.  
 Sec. 709. Relocation of right-of-way corridor located in Clark and Lincoln Counties in the State of Nevada.

### 1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **AGREEMENT.**—The term “Agreement”  
 4 means the Agreement entitled “Interim Cooperative  
 5 Management Agreement Between the United States  
 6 Department of the Interior-Bureau of Land Man-  
 7 agement and Clark County”, dated November 4,  
 8 1992.

9 (2) **COUNTY.**—The term “County” means Clark  
 10 County, Nevada.

11 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary”  
 12 means—

13 (A) in the case of land in the National  
 14 Forest System, the Secretary of Agriculture;  
 15 and

1                   (B) in the case of land not in the National  
2                   Forest System, the Secretary of the Interior.

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

5 **TITLE I—RED ROCK CANYON NA-**  
6 **TIONAL CONSERVATION AREA**  
7 **LAND EXCHANGE AND**  
8 **BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT**

9 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

10               This title may be cited as the “Red Rock Canyon Na-  
11 tional Conservation Area Protection and Enhancement  
12 Act of 2002”.

13 **SEC. 102. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

14               (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

15                   (1) the Red Rock Canyon National Conserva-  
16 tion Area is a natural resource of major significance  
17 to the people of the State and the United States,  
18 and must be protected and enhanced for the enjoy-  
19 ment of future generations;

20                   (2) in 1990, Congress enacted the Southern  
21 Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Es-  
22 tablishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc et seq.);  
23 which provides for the protection and enhancement  
24 of the conservation area;

1           (3) the Howard Hughes Corporation, which  
2 owns much of the private land outside the eastern  
3 boundary of the conservation area, is developing a  
4 large-scale master-planned community on the land;

5           (4) included in the land holdings of the Cor-  
6 poration are 1,087 acres of high-ground land adja-  
7 cent to the eastern edge of the conservation area  
8 that were originally intended to be included in the  
9 conservation area, but as of the date of enactment  
10 of this Act, have not been acquired by the United  
11 States;

12           (5) the protection of the high-ground land  
13 would preserve an important element of the western  
14 Las Vegas Valley viewshed; and

15           (6) the Corporation is willing to convey title to  
16 the high-ground land to the United States so that  
17 the land can be preserved to protect and expand the  
18 boundaries of the conservation area.

19 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

20           (1) to authorize the United States to exchange  
21 Federal land for the non-Federal land of the Cor-  
22 poration referred to in subsection (a)(6);

23           (2) to protect and enhance the conservation  
24 area;

1           (3) to expand the boundaries of the conserva-  
2           tion area; and

3           (4) to carry out the purposes of—

4                   (A) the Red Rock Canyon National Con-  
5                   servation Area Establishment Act of 1990 (16  
6                   U.S.C. 460ccc et seq.); and

7                   (B) the Southern Nevada Public Land  
8                   Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-  
9                   263; 112 Stat. 2343).

10 **SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.**

11           In this title:

12                   (1) CONSERVATION AREA.—The term “con-  
13                   servation area” means the Red Rock Canyon Na-  
14                   tional Conservation Area established by section 3(a)  
15                   of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area  
16                   Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc-1(a)).

17                   (2) CORPORATION.—The term “Corporation”  
18                   means the Howard Hughes Corporation, an affiliate  
19                   of the Rouse Company, which has its principal place  
20                   of business at 10000 West Charleston Boulevard,  
21                   Las Vegas, Nevada.

22                   (3) FEDERAL PARCEL.—The term “Federal  
23                   parcel” means the approximately 1000 acres of Fed-  
24                   eral land in the State proposed to be exchanged for  
25                   the non-Federal parcel, as depicted on the map:

1           (4) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-  
2           titled “Southern Nevada Public Land Management  
3           Act”, dated June 10, 2002.

4           (5) NON-FEDERAL PARCEL.—The term “non-  
5           Federal parcel” means the approximately 1,085  
6           acres of non-Federal land in the State owned by the  
7           Corporation that is proposed to be exchanged for the  
8           Federal parcel, as depicted on the Map.

9           (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10          the Secretary of the Interior.

11 **SEC. 104. RED ROCK CANYON LAND EXCHANGE.**

12          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept an  
13          offer of the Corporation to convey all right, title, and in-  
14          terest in the non-Federal parcel to the United States in  
15          exchange for the Federal parcel.

16          (b) CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 60 days after the  
17          date on which the Corporation makes an offer under sub-  
18          section (a), the Secretary shall convey—

19                (1) a portion of the Federal parcel, depicted on  
20                the Map as “Public land selected for exchange” to  
21                the Corporation; and

22                (2) subject to subsection (f), a portion of the  
23                Federal parcel, depicted on the Map as “Proposed  
24                BLM transfer for County park”, to the County.

1       (c) VALUATION.—An appraiser approved by the Sec-  
2 retary shall determine—

3           (1) the value and exact acreage of the Federal  
4 parcel; and

5           (2) the value of the non-Federal parcel.

6       (d) TIMING.—The exchange of the Federal parcel and  
7 the non-Federal parcel under this section shall occur con-  
8 currently.

9       (e) MAP.—

10           (1) REVISION.—As soon as practicable after the  
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
12 prepare a revised map reflecting the modifications to  
13 the boundary of the conservation area under this  
14 section.

15           (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the Map  
16 and the revised map shall be on file and available for  
17 public inspection in—

18                   (A) the Office of the Director of the Bu-  
19 reau of Land Management;

20                   (B) the Office of the State Director of the  
21 Bureau of Land Management of the State; and

22                   (C) the Las Vegas District Office of the  
23 Bureau of Land Management.



1           ~~(3) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—~~The Secretary  
 2           may correct clerical and typographical errors in the  
 3           Map and the revised map.

4           ~~(f) LAND TRANSFERRED TO COUNTY.—~~

5           ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~The portion of the Federal  
 6           parcel conveyed to the County under subsection  
 7           ~~(b)(2)~~ shall be used by the County as—

8                     ~~(A) a public park; or~~

9                     ~~(B) part of a public regional trail system.~~

10          ~~(2) REVERSION.—~~The portion of the Federal  
 11          parcel conveyed to the County shall revert to the  
 12          United States if the County—

13                     ~~(A) transfers, or attempts to transfer, the~~  
 14                     ~~portion of the Federal parcel; or~~

15                     ~~(B) uses the portion of the Federal parcel~~  
 16                     ~~in a manner inconsistent with paragraph (1).~~

17 **SEC. 105. STATUS AND MANAGEMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.**

18          ~~(a) ADMINISTRATION.—~~The non-Federal parcel ac-  
 19          quired by the United States in the land exchange under  
 20          section 104 shall be added to, and administered by the  
 21          Secretary as part of, the conservation area in accordance  
 22          with—

23                     ~~(1) the Red Rock Canyon National Conserva-~~  
 24                     ~~tion Area Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.~~  
 25                     ~~460ccc et seq.);~~

1           (2) the Southern Nevada Public Land Manage-  
2           ment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-263; 112 Stat.  
3           2343); and

4           (3) other applicable law.

5           (b) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—If any part of the  
6 non-Federal parcel acquired under section 104 lies outside  
7 the boundary of the conservation area, the Secretary—

8           (1) shall adjust the boundary of the conserva-  
9           tion area to include that part of the non-Federal  
10          parcel; and

11          (2) shall prepare a map depicting the boundary  
12          adjustment, which shall be on file and available for  
13          public inspection in accordance with section  
14          104(e)(2).

15          (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3(a)(2) of  
16 the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Estab-  
17 lishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc-1(a)(2)) is  
18 amended by inserting before the period at the end the fol-  
19 lowing: “and such additional areas as are included in the  
20 conservation area under the Red Rock Canyon National  
21 Conservation Area Protection and Enhancement Act of  
22 2002, the exact acreage of which shall be determined by  
23 a final appraisal conducted by an appraiser approved by  
24 the Secretary”.

1 **SEC. 106. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

2 (a) **VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.**—Each conveyance  
3 under section 104 shall be subject to valid existing rights,  
4 leases, rights-of-way, and permits.

5 (b) **WITHDRAWAL OF AFFECTED LAND.**—Subject to  
6 valid existing rights, the Secretary may withdraw the Fed-  
7 eral parcel from operation of the public land laws (includ-  
8 ing mining laws).

9 **TITLE II—WILDERNESS AREAS**

10 **SEC. 201. FINDINGS.**

11 Congress finds that—

12 (1) public land in the County contains unique  
13 and spectacular natural resources, including—

14 (A) priceless habitat for numerous species  
15 of plants and wildlife; and

16 (B) thousands of acres of pristine land  
17 that remain in a natural state; and

18 (2) continued preservation of those areas would  
19 benefit the County and all of the United States by—

20 (A) ensuring the conservation of eco-  
21 logically diverse habitat;

22 (B) conserving primitive recreational re-  
23 sources; and

24 (C) protecting air and water quality.

1 **SEC. 202. ADDITIONS TO NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESER-**  
2 **VATION SYSTEM.**

3 (a) **ADDITIONS.**—The following land in the State is  
4 designated as wilderness and as components of the Na-  
5 tional Wilderness Preservation System:

6 (1) **ARROW CANYON WILDERNESS.**—Certain  
7 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-  
8 agement, comprising approximately 27,495 acres, as  
9 generally depicted on the map entitled “Arrow Can-  
10 yon”, dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known as  
11 the “Arrow Canyon Wilderness”.

12 (2) **BLACK CANYON WILDERNESS.**—Certain  
13 Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
14 ation Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land  
15 managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
16 prising approximately 17,220 acres, as generally de-  
17 picted on the map entitled “El Dorado/Spirit Moun-  
18 tain”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be known  
19 as the “Black Canyon Wilderness”.

20 (3) **BLACK MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.**—Certain  
21 Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
22 ation Area, comprising approximately 14,625 acres,  
23 as generally depicted on the map entitled “Muddy  
24 Mountains”, dated June 5, 2002, which shall be  
25 known as the “Black Mountain Wilderness”.

1           (4) BRIDGE CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain  
2 Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
3 ation Area, comprising approximately 7,761 acres,  
4 as generally depicted on the map entitled “El Do-  
5 rado/Spirit Mountain”, dated June 10, 2002, which  
6 shall be known as the “Bridge Canyon Wilderness”.

7           (5) EL DORADO WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal  
8 land within the Lake Mead National Recreation  
9 Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land man-  
10 aged by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
11 prising approximately 31,950 acres, as generally de-  
12 picted on the map entitled “El Dorado/Spirit Moun-  
13 tain”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be known  
14 as the “El Dorado Wilderness”.

15           (6) HAMBLIN MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
16 tain Federal land within the Lake Mead National  
17 Recreation Area, comprising approximately 17,047  
18 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
19 “Muddy Mountains”, dated June 5, 2002, which  
20 shall be known as the “Hamblin Mountain Wilder-  
21 ness”.

22           (7) IRETEBA PEAKS WILDERNESS.—Certain  
23 Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
24 ation Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land  
25 managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-

1       prising approximately 31,321 acres, as generally de-  
2       picted on the map entitled “El Dorado/Spirit Moun-  
3       tain”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be known  
4       as the “Ireteba Peaks Wilderness”.

5               (8) JIMBILNAN WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal  
6       land within the Lake Mead National Recreation  
7       Area, comprising approximately 18,879 acres, as  
8       generally depicted on the map entitled “Muddy  
9       Mountains”, dated June 5, 2002, which shall be  
10      known as the “Jimbilnan Wilderness”.

11              (9) JUMBO SPRINGS WILDERNESS.—Certain  
12      Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-  
13      agement, comprising approximately 4,631 acres, as  
14      generally depicted on the map entitled “Gold  
15      Butte”, dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known  
16      as the “Jumbo Springs Wilderness”.

17              (10) LA MADRE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
18      tain Federal land within the Toiyabe National For-  
19      est and an adjacent portion of Federal land man-  
20      aged by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
21      prising approximately 46,634 acres, as generally de-  
22      picted on the map entitled “Spring Mountains”,  
23      dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known as the  
24      “La Madre Mountain Wilderness”.

1           (11) LIME CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain  
2 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-  
3 agement, comprising approximately 16,710 acres, as  
4 generally depicted on the map entitled “Gold  
5 Butte”, dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known  
6 as the “Lime Canyon Wilderness”.

7           (12) MT. CHARLESTON WILDERNESS ADDI-  
8 TIONS.—Certain Federal land within the Toiyabe  
9 National Forest and an adjacent portion of Federal  
10 land managed by the Bureau of Land Management,  
11 comprising approximately 13,598 acres, as generally  
12 depicted on the map entitled “Spring Mountains”,  
13 dated June 5, 2002, which shall be included in the  
14 Mt. Charleston Wilderness.

15           (13) MUDDY MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
16 tain Federal land within the Lake Mead National  
17 Recreation Area and an adjacent portion of land  
18 managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
19 prising approximately 48,019 acres, as generally de-  
20 picted on the map entitled “Muddy Mountains”,  
21 dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known as the  
22 “Muddy Mountains Wilderness”.

23           (14) NELLIS WASH WILDERNESS.—Certain  
24 Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
25 ation Area, comprising approximately 16,423 acres,

1 as generally depicted on the map entitled “El Do-  
2 rado/Spirit Mountain”, dated June 10, 2002, which  
3 shall be known as the “Nellis Wash Wilderness”.

4 (15) NORTH MCCULLOUGH WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
5 tain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land  
6 Management, comprising approximately 14,763  
7 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
8 “McCulloughs”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be  
9 known as the “North McCullough Wilderness”.

10 (16) PINE CREEK WILDERNESS.—Certain Fed-  
11 eral land within the Toiyabe National Forest and an  
12 adjacent portion of Federal land managed by the  
13 Bureau of Land Management, comprising approxi-  
14 mately 25,375 acres, as generally depicted on the  
15 map entitled “Spring Mountains”, dated June 5,  
16 2002, which shall be known as the “Pine Creek Wil-  
17 derness”.

18 (17) PINTO VALLEY WILDERNESS.—Certain  
19 Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
20 ation Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land  
21 managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
22 prising approximately 6,912 acres, as generally de-  
23 picted on the map entitled “Muddy Mountains”,  
24 dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known as the  
25 “Pinto Valley Wilderness”.



1           (18) SOUTH MCCULLOUGH WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
2           tain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land  
3           Management, comprising approximately 44,245  
4           acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
5           “McCulloughs”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be  
6           known as the “South McCullough Wilderness”.

7           (19) SPIRIT MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Certain  
8           Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
9           ation Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land  
10          managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
11          prising approximately 34,261 acres, as generally de-  
12          picted on the map entitled “El Dorado/Spirit Moun-  
13          tain”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be known  
14          as the “Spirit Mountain Wilderness”.

15          (20) WEE THUMP JOSHUA TREE WILDER-  
16          NESS.—Certain Federal land managed by the Bu-  
17          reau of Land Management, comprising approxi-  
18          mately 6,050 acres, as generally depicted on the  
19          map entitled “McCulloughs”, dated June 10, 2002,  
20          which shall be known as the “Wee Thump Joshua  
21          Tree Wilderness”.

22          (b) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of any portion of a  
23          wilderness area designated by subsection (a) that is bor-  
24          dered by Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, or the Colorado River  
25          shall be 300 feet inland from the high water line.

1       (c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

2           (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
3       the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
4       shall file a map and legal description of each wilder-  
5       ness area designated by subsection (a) with the  
6       Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-  
7       atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
8       Resources of the Senate.

9           (2) EFFECT.—Each map and legal description  
10       shall have the same force and effect as if included  
11       in this section, except that the Secretary may correct  
12       clerical and typographical errors in the map or legal  
13       description.

14          (3) AVAILABILITY.—Each map and legal de-  
15       scription shall be on file and available for public in-  
16       spection in (as appropriate)—

17           (A) the Office of the Director of the Bu-  
18       reau of Land Management;

19           (B) the Office of the State Director of the  
20       Bureau of Land Management of the State;

21           (C) the Las Vegas District Office of the  
22       Bureau of Land Management;

23           (D) the Office of the Director of the Na-  
24       tional Park Service; and

1                   ~~(E)~~ the Office of the Chief of the Forest  
2                   Service.

3 **SEC. 203. ADMINISTRATION.**

4           ~~(a)~~ WILDERNESS AREA ADMINISTRATION.—Subject  
5 to valid existing rights, including rights to access the area,  
6 each area designated as wilderness by this title shall be  
7 administered by the Secretary in accordance with the pro-  
8 visions of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)  
9 governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness, ex-  
10 cept that any reference in the provisions to the effective  
11 date shall be considered to be a reference to the date of  
12 enactment of this Act.

13           ~~(b)~~ LIVESTOCK.—Within the wilderness areas des-  
14 ignated under this title, the grazing of livestock in areas  
15 in which grazing is allowed on the date of enactment of  
16 this Act shall be allowed to continue subject to such rea-  
17 sonable regulations, policies, and practices that—

18                   ~~(1)~~ the Secretary considers necessary; and

19                   ~~(2)~~ conform to and implement the intent of  
20 Congress regarding grazing in those areas as such  
21 intent is expressed in—

22                           ~~(A)~~ the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
23 seq.);

24                           ~~(B)~~ section 101(f) of the Arizona Desert  
25 Wilderness Act of 1990 (104 Stat. 4473); and

1                   (C) Appendix A of House Report No. 101-  
2                   405 of the 101st Congress.

3           (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-  
4 ESTS.—Any land or interest in land within the boundaries  
5 of an area designated as wilderness by this title that is  
6 acquired by the United States after the date of enactment  
7 of this Act shall be added to and administered as part  
8 of the wilderness area within which the acquired land or  
9 interest in land is located.

10          (d) AIR QUALITY DESIGNATION.—Notwithstanding  
11 sections 162 and 164 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.  
12 7472, 7474), any wilderness area designated under this  
13 title shall retain a Class II air quality designation and may  
14 not be redesignated as Class I.

15 **SEC. 204. ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.**

16          (a) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for the  
17 designation of wilderness in the State pursuant to this  
18 title to lead to the creation of protective perimeters or  
19 buffer zones around any such wilderness area.

20          (b) NONWILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—The fact that  
21 nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or heard from  
22 areas within a wilderness designated under this title shall  
23 not preclude the conduct of those activities or uses outside  
24 the boundary of the wilderness area.

1 **SEC. 205. OVERFLIGHTS.**

2 Nothing in this title restricts or precludes—

3 (1) overflights, including low-level overflights,  
4 over the areas designated as wilderness by this title,  
5 including military overflights that can be seen or  
6 heard within the wilderness areas;

7 (2) flight testing and evaluation; or

8 (3) the designation or creation of new units of  
9 special use airspace, or the establishment of military  
10 flight training routes, over the wilderness areas.

11 **SEC. 206. NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS**  
12 **USES.**

13 In recognition of the past use of portions of the areas  
14 designated as wilderness by this title by Native Americans  
15 for traditional cultural and religious purposes, the Sec-  
16 retary shall ensure, from time to time, nonexclusive access  
17 by Native Americans to the areas for those purposes, in-  
18 cluding wood gathering for personal use and the collecting  
19 of plants or herbs.

20 **SEC. 207. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

21 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for the purposes  
22 of sections 202 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy and  
23 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1782), the  
24 public land in the County administered by the Bureau of  
25 Land Management and the Forest Service in the following

1 areas have been adequately studied for wilderness designa-  
2 tion:

3 (1) The Garrett Buttes Wilderness Study Area.

4 (2) The Quail Springs Wilderness Study Area.

5 (3) The Nellis A,B,C Wilderness Study Area.

6 (4) Any portion of the wilderness study areas—

7 (A) not designated as wilderness by section  
8 202(a); and

9 (B) designated for release on—

10 (i) the map entitled “Muddy Moun-  
11 tains” and dated June 5, 2002;

12 (ii) the map entitled “Spring Moun-  
13 tains” and dated June 5, 2002;

14 (iii) the map entitled “Arrow Canyon”  
15 and dated June 5, 2002;

16 (iv) the map entitled “Gold Butte”  
17 and dated June 5, 2002;

18 (v) the map entitled “McCullough  
19 Mountains” and dated June 10, 2002;

20 (vi) the map entitled “El Dorado/  
21 Spirit Mountain” and dated June 10,  
22 2002; or

23 (vii) the map entitled “Southern Ne-  
24 vada Public Land Management Act” and  
25 dated June 10, 2002.

1       (b) ~~RELEASE.~~—Except as provided in subsection (c),  
 2 any public land described in subsection (a) that is not des-  
 3 ignated as wilderness by this title—

4           (1) shall not be subject to section 603(e) of the  
 5 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976  
 6 (43 U.S.C. 1782(e)); and

7           (2) shall be managed in accordance with—

8               (A) land management plans adopted under  
 9 section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 1712); and

10               (B) the Clark County Multi-Species Habi-  
 11 tat Conservation Plan, including any amend-  
 12 ments to the plan.

13       (c) ~~LAND NOT RELEASED.~~—The following land is not  
 14 released from the wilderness study requirements of sec-  
 15 tions 202 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
 16 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1782):

17           (1) Meadow Valley Mountains Wilderness Study  
 18 Area.

19           (2) Million Hills Wilderness Study Area.

20           (3) Mt. Stirling Wilderness Study Area.

21           (4) Mormon Mountains Wilderness Study Area.

22           (5) Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area.

23           (6) Virgin Mountain Instant Study Area.

24       (d) ~~RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANTS.~~—

25           (1) ~~SUNRISE MOUNTAIN.~~—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—To facilitate energy se-  
2           curity and the timely delivery of new energy  
3           supplies to the States of Nevada and California  
4           and the Southwest, notwithstanding section  
5           603(e) of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-  
6           ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(e)), the Sec-  
7           retary shall issue to the State-regulated sponsor  
8           of the Centennial Project a right-of-way grant  
9           for the construction and maintenance of 2 500-  
10          kilovolt electrical transmission lines.

11          (B) LOCATION.—The transmission lines  
12          described in subparagraph (A) shall be con-  
13          structed within the 1,400-foot-wide utility right-  
14          of-way corridor in the Sunrise Mountain In-  
15          stant Study Area in the County.

16          (2) MEADOW VALLEY MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS  
17          STUDY AREA.—The Secretary shall issue to the de-  
18          velopers of the proposed Meadow Valley generating  
19          project a right-of-way grant for the construction and  
20          maintenance of electric and water transmission lines  
21          in the Meadow Valley Mountains Wilderness Study  
22          Area in Clark and Lincoln Counties in the State.

23 **SEC. 208. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.**

24          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct such  
25          management activities as are necessary to maintain or re-



1 store fish and wildlife populations and fish and wildlife  
2 habitats in the areas designated as wilderness by this title.

3 (b) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall permit  
5 hunting, fishing, and trapping on land and water in  
6 wilderness areas designated by this title in accord-  
7 ance with applicable Federal and State laws.

8 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

9 (A) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may  
10 designate by regulation areas in which, and es-  
11 tablish periods during which, for reasons of  
12 public safety, administration, or compliance  
13 with applicable laws, no hunting, fishing, or  
14 trapping will be permitted in the wilderness  
15 areas designated by this title.

16 (B) CONSULTATION.—Except in emer-  
17 gencies, the Secretary shall consult with, and  
18 obtain the approval of, the appropriate State  
19 agency before promulgating regulations under  
20 subparagraph (A) that close a portion of the  
21 wilderness areas to hunting, fishing, or trap-  
22 ping.

23 (c) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall author-  
25 ize the occasional and temporary use of motorized

1 vehicles in the wilderness areas, including the uses  
 2 described in paragraph (2), if the use of motorized  
 3 vehicles would—

4 (A) as determined by the Secretary, en-  
 5 hance wilderness values by promoting healthy,  
 6 viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife  
 7 populations and other natural resources; and

8 (B) accomplish the purposes for which the  
 9 use is authorized while causing the least  
 10 amount of damage to the wilderness areas, as  
 11 compared with the alternatives.

12 ~~(2) AUTHORIZED USES.~~—The uses referred to  
 13 in paragraph (1) include—

14 (A) the use of motorized vehicles by—

15 (i) a State agency responsible for fish  
 16 and wildlife management; or

17 (ii) a designee of such a State agency;

18 (B) the use of aircraft to survey, capture,  
 19 transplant, and monitor wildlife populations;

20 (C) when necessary to protect or rehabili-  
 21 tate natural resources in the wilderness areas,  
 22 access by motorized vehicles for the—

23 (i) repair, maintenance, and recon-  
 24 struction of water developments, including

1 guzzlers, in existence on the date of enact-  
2 ment of this Act; and

3 (ii) the installation, repair, mainte-  
4 nance, and reconstruction of new water de-  
5 velopments, including guzzlers; and

6 ~~(D)~~ the use of motorized equipment, in-  
7 cluding aircraft, to manage and remove, as ap-  
8 propriate, feral stock, feral horses, and feral  
9 burros.

10 ~~(d) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—~~

11 The Secretary shall authorize the construction of struc-  
12 tures and facilities for wildlife water development projects,  
13 including guzzlers, in the wilderness areas designated by  
14 this title if—

15 ~~(1)~~ the construction activities will, as deter-  
16 mined by the Secretary, enhance wilderness values  
17 by promoting healthy, viable, and more naturally  
18 distributed wildlife populations; and

19 ~~(2)~~ the visual impacts of the construction activi-  
20 ties on the wilderness areas can reasonably be mini-  
21 mized.

22 ~~(e) BUFFER.—~~A road in the State that is bordered  
23 by a wilderness area designated by this title shall include  
24 a buffer on each side of the road that is the greater of—

25 ~~(1)~~ 100 feet wide; or

1           (2) the width of the buffer on the date of enact-  
2           ment of this Act.

3           (f) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in this title diminishes the ju-  
4           risdiction of the State with respect to fish and wildlife  
5           management, including regulation of hunting and fishing  
6           on public land in the State.

7           **SEC. 209. WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT.**

8           Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, or  
9           local agency from conducting wildfire management oper-  
10          ations (including operations using aircraft or mechanized  
11          equipment) to manage wildfires in the wilderness areas  
12          designated by this title.

13          **SEC. 210. CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION.**

14          Subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary  
15          may prescribe, nothing in this title precludes the installa-  
16          tion and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or cli-  
17          matological collection devices in the wilderness areas des-  
18          ignated by this title if the facilities and access to the facili-  
19          ties are essential to flood warning, flood control, and water  
20          reservoir operation activities.

21          **SEC. 211. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22          There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
23          as are necessary to carry out this title.

1           **TITLE III—TRANSFERS OF**  
2 **ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**

3 **SEC. 301. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**  
4                   **TO THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
5                   **SERVICE.**

6           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall  
7 transfer to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
8 administrative jurisdiction over the parcel of land de-  
9 scribed in subsection (b) for inclusion in the Desert Na-  
10 tional Wildlife Range.

11          (b) **DESCRIPTION OF LAND.**—The parcel of land re-  
12 ferred to in subsection (a) is the approximately 49,817  
13 acres of Bureau of Land Management land, as depicted  
14 on the map entitled “Arrow Canyon” and dated June 5,  
15 2002.

16          (c) **WILDERNESS RELEASE.**—

17               (1) **FINDING.**—Congress finds that the parcel  
18 of land described in subsection (b) has been ade-  
19 quately studied for wilderness designation for the  
20 purposes of section 603(e) of the Federal Land Pol-  
21 icy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
22 1782(e)).

23               (2) **RELEASE.**—The parcel of land described in  
24 subsection (b)—

1           (A) shall not be subject to section 603(c)  
2 of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
3 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

4           (B) shall be managed in accordance with—

5                 (i) land management plans adopted  
6 under section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C.  
7 1712); and

8                 (ii) the Clark County Multi-Species  
9 Habitat Conservation Plan.

10         (d) USE OF LAND.—To the extent not prohibited by  
11 Federal or State law, the parcel of land described in sub-  
12 section (b) shall be available for the extraction of mineral  
13 resources.

14         **SEC. 302. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**  
15                 **TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.**

16         (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall  
17 transfer to the National Park Service administrative juris-  
18 diction over the parcel of land described in subsection (b)  
19 for inclusion in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

20         (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of land re-  
21 ferred to in subsection (a) is the approximately 10 acres  
22 of Bureau of Land Management land, as depicted on the  
23 map entitled “El Dorado/Spirit Mountain” and dated  
24 June 10, 2002.

1           (e) USE OF LAND.—The parcel of land described in  
 2 subsection (b) shall be used by the National Park Service  
 3 for administrative facilities.

4 **TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO THE**  
 5 **SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC**  
 6 **LAND MANAGEMENT ACT**

7 **SEC. 401. DISPOSAL AND EXCHANGE.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Southern Nevada  
 9 Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–  
 10 263; 112 Stat. 2344) is amended—

11                   (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by  
 12 striking “entitled ‘Las Vegas Valley, Nevada, Land  
 13 Disposal Map’, April 10, 1997” and inserting “enti-  
 14 tled ‘Southern Nevada Public Land Management  
 15 Act’, dated June 10, 2002”; and

16                   (2) in subsection (c)(3)—

17                           (A) in subparagraph (A)(iv), by inserting  
 18 “or regional governmental entity” after “local  
 19 government”; and

20                           (B) by striking subparagraph (C) and in-  
 21 serting the following:

22                                   “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—Of the amounts  
 23 available to the Secretary from the special ac-  
 24 count in any fiscal year (determined without

1 taking into account amounts deposited under  
2 subsection (g)(4)—

3 “(i) not more than 25 percent of the  
4 amounts may be used in any fiscal year for  
5 the purposes described in subparagraph  
6 (A)(ii); and

7 “(ii) not less than 25 percent of the  
8 amounts may be used in any fiscal year for  
9 the purposes described in subparagraph  
10 (A)(iv).”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 subsection (a) take effect on January 31, 2003.

## 13 **TITLE V—IVANPAH CORRIDOR**

### 14 **SEC. 501. INTERSTATE ROUTE 15 SOUTH CORRIDOR.**

15 (a) MANAGEMENT OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 15 COR-  
16 RIDOR LAND.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
18 the land located along the Interstate Route 15 cor-  
19 ridor south of the Las Vegas Valley to the border  
20 between the States of California and Nevada, as  
21 generally depicted on the map entitled “Clark Coun-  
22 ty Conservation of Public Land and Natural Re-  
23 sources Act of 2002” and dated June 10, 2002, in  
24 accordance with the Southern Nevada Public Land



1 Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-263;  
2 112 Stat. 2343) and this section:

3 (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map described  
4 in paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for  
5 public inspection in—

6 (A) the Office of the Director of the Bu-  
7 reau of Land Management;

8 (B) the Office of the State Director of the  
9 Bureau of Land Management of the State; and

10 (C) the Las Vegas District Office of the  
11 Bureau of Land Management.

12 (3) MULTIPLE USE MANAGEMENT.—Subject to  
13 any land management designations under the 1998  
14 Las Vegas District Resource Management Plan or  
15 the Clark County Multi-Species Conservation Plan,  
16 land depicted on the map described in paragraph (1)  
17 shall be managed for multiple use purposes.

18 (4) TERMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE WITH-  
19 DRAWAL.—The administrative withdrawal of the  
20 land identified as the “Interstate 15 South Cor-  
21 ridor” on the map entitled “Clark County Conserva-  
22 tion of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of  
23 2002” and dated June 10, 2002, from mineral entry  
24 dated July 23, 1997, and as amended March 9,  
25 1998, is terminated.

1           (5) TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES COR-  
 2           RIDOR.—Notwithstanding sections 202 and 203 of  
 3           the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
 4           1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary, in ac-  
 5           cordance with this section and other applicable law  
 6           and subject to valid existing rights, shall establish a  
 7           2,640-foot wide corridor between the Las Vegas val-  
 8           ley and the proposed Ivanpah Airport for the place-  
 9           ment, on a nonexclusive basis, of utilities and trans-  
 10          portation.

11          (b) IVANPAH AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY DIS-  
 12          TRICT LAND TRANSFER.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)  
 14           and valid existing rights, on request by the County,  
 15           the Secretary shall transfer to the County, without  
 16           consideration, all right, title, and interest of the  
 17           United States in and to the land identified on the  
 18           map entitled “Clark County Conservation of Public  
 19           Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002” and  
 20           dated June 10, 2002.

21           (2) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER.—As a condi-  
 22           tion of the transfer under paragraph (1), the County  
 23           shall agree—

24                   (A) to manage the transferred land in ac-  
 25                   cordance with section 47504 of title 49, United

1 States Code (including regulations promulgated  
2 under that section); and

3 ~~(B)~~ that if any portion of the transferred  
4 land is sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed or  
5 leased by the County—

6 (i) the sale, lease, or other conveyance  
7 shall be—

8 (I) subject to a limitation that  
9 requires that any use of the trans-  
10 ferred land be consistent with the  
11 Agreement and section 47504 of title  
12 49, United States Code (including  
13 regulations promulgated under that  
14 section); and

15 (II) for fair market value; and

16 (ii) of any gross proceeds received by  
17 the County from the sale, lease, or other  
18 conveyance of the land, the County shall—

19 (I) contribute 85 percent to the  
20 special account established by section  
21 4(e)(1)(C) of the Southern Nevada  
22 Public Land Management Act of 1998  
23 (Public Law 105–263, 112 Stat.  
24 2345);

1                   (II) contribute 5 percent to the  
2                   State for use in the general education  
3                   program of the State; and

4                   (III) reserve 10 percent for use  
5                   by the Clark County Department of  
6                   Aviation for airport development and  
7                   noise compatibility programs.

8           (c) WITHDRAWAL OF LAND.—

9                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
10                  rights, the corridor described in subsection (a)(5)  
11                  and the land transferred to the County under sub-  
12                  section (b)(1) are withdrawn from location and entry  
13                  under the mining laws, and from operation under  
14                  the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws,  
15                  until such time as—

16                         (A) the Secretary terminates the with-  
17                         drawal; or

18                         (B) the corridor or land, respectively, is  
19                         patented.

20                   (2) AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CON-  
21                  CERN.—Subject to valid existing rights, any Federal  
22                  land in an area of critical environmental concern  
23                  that is designated for segregation and withdrawal  
24                  under the 1998 Las Vegas Resource Management  
25                  Plan is segregated and withdrawn from the oper-

1       ation of the mining laws in accordance with that  
2       plan.

3       **TITLE VI—SLOAN CANYON NA-**  
4       **TIONAL CONSERVATION AREA**

5       **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

6       This title may be cited as the “Sloan Canyon Na-  
7       tional Conservation Area Act”.

8       **SEC. 602. PURPOSE.**

9       The purpose of this title is to establish the Sloan  
10      Canyon National Conservation Area to conserve, protect,  
11      and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of present and  
12      future generations the cultural, archaeological, natural,  
13      wilderness, scientific, geological, historical, biological,  
14      wildlife, education, and scenic resources of the Conserva-  
15      tion Area.

16      **SEC. 603. DEFINITIONS.**

17      In this title:

18           (1) **CONSERVATION AREA.**—The term “Con-  
19      servation Area” means the Sloan Canyon National  
20      Conservation Area established by section 604(a).

21           (2) **FEDERAL PARCEL.**—The term “Federal  
22      parcel” means the parcel of Federal land consisting  
23      of approximately 500 acres that is identified as  
24      “Tract A” on the map entitled “Southern Nevada

1 Public Land Management Act” and dated June 10,  
2 2002.

3 (3) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—The term “manage-  
4 ment plan” means the management plan for the  
5 Conservation Area developed under section 605(b).

6 (4) **MAP.**—The term “map” means the map  
7 submitted under section 604(c).

8 **SEC. 604. ESTABLISHMENT.**

9 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—For the purpose described in sec-  
10 tion 602, there is established in the State a conservation  
11 area to be known as the “Sloan Canyon National Con-  
12 servation Area”.

13 (b) **AREA INCLUDED.**—The Conservation Area shall  
14 consist of approximately 47,000 acres of public land in  
15 the County, as generally depicted on the map.

16 (c) **MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**—

17 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable after  
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
19 shall submit to Congress a map and legal description  
20 of the Conservation Area.

21 (2) **EFFECT.**—The map and legal description  
22 shall have the same force and effect as if included  
23 in this section, except that the Secretary may correct  
24 minor errors in the map or legal description.

1           ~~(3)~~ PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map  
2 and legal description shall be on file and available  
3 for public inspection in—

4                   (i) the Office of the Director of the  
5 Bureau of Land Management;

6                   (ii) the Office of the State Director of  
7 the Bureau of Land Management of the  
8 State; and

9                   (iii) the Las Vegas District Office of  
10 the Bureau of Land Management.

11 **SEC. 605. MANAGEMENT.**

12       ~~(a)~~ IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the  
13 Director of the Bureau of Land Management, shall man-  
14 age the Conservation Area—

15                   ~~(1)~~ in a manner that conserves, protects, and  
16 enhances the resources of the Conservation Area;  
17 and

18                   ~~(2)~~ in accordance with—

19                           (A) the Federal Land Policy and Manage-  
20 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

21                           (B) other applicable law, including this  
22 Act.

23       ~~(b)~~ MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

24                   ~~(1)~~ IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after  
25 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in

1 consultation with the State, the city of Henderson,  
2 the County, and any other interested persons, shall  
3 develop a comprehensive management plan for the  
4 Conservation Area.

5 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The management plan  
6 shall—

7 (A) describe the appropriate uses and  
8 management of the Conservation Area; and

9 (B)(i) authorize the use of motorized vehi-  
10 cles in the Conservation Area—

11 (I) for installing, repairing, maintain-  
12 ing, and reconstructing water development  
13 projects, including guzzlers, that would en-  
14 hance the Conservation Area by promoting  
15 healthy, viable, and more naturally distrib-  
16 uted wildlife populations; and

17 (II) subject to any limitations that are  
18 not more restrictive than the limitations on  
19 such uses authorized in wilderness areas  
20 under clauses (i) and (ii) of section  
21 208(c)(2)(C); and

22 (ii) include or provide recommendations on  
23 ways of minimizing the visual impacts of such  
24 activities on the Conservation Area.



1       (e) USE.—The Secretary may allow any use of the  
2 Conservation Area that the Secretary determines will fur-  
3 ther the purpose described in section 602.

4       (d) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—Except as needed for  
5 administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency,  
6 the use of motorized vehicles in the Conservation Area  
7 shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated for  
8 the use of motorized vehicles by the management plan de-  
9 veloped under subsection (b).

10       (e) WITHDRAWAL.—

11           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
12 rights and the right-of-way issued under subsection  
13 (h), all public land in the Conservation Area is with-  
14 drawn from—

15               (A) all forms of entry and appropriation  
16               under the public land laws;

17               (B) location, entry, and patent under the  
18               mining laws; and

19               (C) operation of the mineral leasing, min-  
20               eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

21       (2) ADDITIONAL LAND.—Notwithstanding any  
22 other provision of law, if the Secretary acquires min-  
23 eral or other interests in a parcel of land within the  
24 Conservation Area after the date of enactment of  
25 this Act, the parcel is withdrawn from operation of

1 the laws referred to in paragraph (1) on the date of  
2 acquisition of the land.

3 (f) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
5 graph (2), the Secretary shall permit hunting, fish-  
6 ing, and trapping in the Conservation Area in ac-  
7 cordance with applicable Federal and State laws.

8 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

9 (A) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may  
10 designate by regulation areas in which, and es-  
11 tablish periods during which, for reasons of  
12 public safety, administration, or compliance  
13 with applicable laws, no hunting, fishing, or  
14 trapping will be permitted in the Conservation  
15 Area.

16 (B) CONSULTATION.—Except in emer-  
17 gencies, the Secretary shall consult with, and  
18 obtain the approval of, the appropriate State  
19 agency before promulgating regulations under  
20 subparagraph (A) that close a portion of the  
21 Conservation Area to hunting, fishing, or trap-  
22 ping.

23 (g) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The establishment of the  
25 Conservation Area shall not create an express or im-

1       plied protective perimeter or buffer zone around the  
2       Conservation Area.

3           (2) ~~PRIVATE LAND.~~—If the use of, or conduct  
4       of an activity on, private land that shares a bound-  
5       ary with the Conservation Area is consistent with  
6       applicable law, nothing in this title concerning the  
7       establishment of the Conservation Area shall pro-  
8       hibit or limit the use or conduct of the activity.

9           (h) ~~RIGHT-OF-WAY.~~—Not later than 90 days after  
10      the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall con-  
11      vey to the city of Henderson the public right-of-way re-  
12      quested for rural roadway and public trail purposes under  
13      the application numbered N-65874.

14      **SEC. 606. SALE OF FEDERAL PARCEL.**

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) and subject to valid existing  
18      rights, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
19      of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the highest quali-  
20      fied bidder all right, title, and interest of the United  
21      States in and to the Federal parcel.

22           (b) ~~DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.~~—Of the gross pro-  
23      ceeds from the conveyance of land under subsection (a)—

24                   (1) 5 percent shall be available to the State for  
25      use in the general education program of the State;

1           ~~(2)~~ 8 percent shall be deposited in the special  
2 account established by section 4(e)(1)(C) of the  
3 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of  
4 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112 Stat. 2345), to be  
5 available without further appropriation for a com-  
6 prehensive southern Nevada litter cleanup and pub-  
7 lic awareness campaign; and

8           ~~(3)~~ the remainder shall be deposited in the spe-  
9 cial account described in paragraph ~~(2)~~, to be avail-  
10 able to the Secretary, without further appropriation  
11 for—

12           ~~(A)~~ the construction and operation of fa-  
13 cilities at, and other management activities in,  
14 the Conservation Area;

15           ~~(B)~~ the construction and repair of trails  
16 and roads in the Conservation Area authorized  
17 under the management plan;

18           ~~(C)~~ research on and interpretation of the  
19 archaeological and geological resources of Sloan  
20 Canyon; and

21           ~~(D)~~ any other purpose that the Secretary  
22 determines to be consistent with the purpose  
23 described in section 602.

1 **SEC. 607. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
3 as are necessary to carry out this title.

4 **TITLE VII—PUBLIC INTEREST**  
5 **CONVEYANCES**

6 **SEC. 701. DEFINITION OF MAP.**

7 In this title, the term “map” means the map entitled  
8 “Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act” and  
9 dated June 10, 2002.

10 **SEC. 702. CONVEYANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA AT**  
11 **LAS VEGAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION.**

12 (a) **FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.—**

13 (1) **FINDINGS.—**Congress finds that—

14 (A) the University of Nevada, Las Vegas,  
15 needs land in the greater Las Vegas area to  
16 provide for the future growth of the university;

17 (B) the proposal by the University of Ne-  
18 vada, Las Vegas, for construction of a research  
19 park and technology center in the greater Las  
20 Vegas area would enhance the high tech indus-  
21 try and entrepreneurship in the State; and

22 (C) the land transferred to the Clark  
23 County Department of Aviation under section  
24 4(g) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Man-  
25 agement Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263;

1           112 Stat. 2346) is the best location for the re-  
2           search park and technology center.

3           (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section  
4           are—

5                   (A) to provide a suitable location for the  
6           construction of a research park and technology  
7           center in the greater Las Vegas area;

8                   (B) to provide the public with opportuni-  
9           ties for education and research in the field of  
10          high technology; and

11                  (C) to provide the State with opportunities  
12          for competition and economic development in  
13          the field of high technology.

14          (b) TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER.—

15                  (1) CONVEYANCE.—Notwithstanding section  
16          4(g)(4) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Man-  
17          agement Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112  
18          Stat. 2347), the Clark County Department of Avia-  
19          tion may convey, without consideration, all right,  
20          title, and interest in and to the parcel of land de-  
21          scribed in paragraph (2) to the University of Nevada  
22          at Las Vegas Research Foundation for the develop-  
23          ment of a technology research center.

1           (2) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of  
2 land referred to in paragraph (1) is the parcel of  
3 Clark County Department of Aviation land—

4           (A) consisting of approximately 115 acres;  
5 and

6           (B) located in the SW 1/4 of section 33, T.  
7 21 S., R. 60 E., Mount Diablo Base and Merid-  
8 ian.

9 **SEC. 703. CONVEYANCE TO THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLI-**  
10 **TAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

11           The Secretary shall convey to the Las Vegas Metro-  
12 politan Police Department, without consideration, all  
13 right, title, and interest in and to the parcel of land identi-  
14 fied as “Tract F” on the map for use as a shooting range.

15 **SEC. 704. CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF HENDERSON FOR**  
16 **THE NEVADA STATE COLLEGE AT HENDER-**  
17 **SON.**

18           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19           (1) CHANCELLOR.—The term “Chancellor”  
20 means the Chancellor of the University system.

21           (2) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of  
22 Henderson, Nevada.

23           (3) COLLEGE.—The term “College” means the  
24 Nevada State College at Henderson.

1           (4) UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—The term “Univer-  
2           sity system” means the University and Community  
3           College System of Nevada.

4           (b) CONVEYANCE.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the Federal  
6           Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43  
7           U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and section 1(e) of the Act of  
8           June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation  
9           and Public Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869(e)), not  
10          later than 60 days after the date on which the sur-  
11          vey is approved under paragraph (3)(A)(ii), the Sec-  
12          retary shall convey to the City all right, title, and in-  
13          terest of the United States in and to the parcel of  
14          Federal land identified as “Tract H” on the map for  
15          use as a campus for the College.

16          (2) CONDITIONS.—

17                (A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of the  
18                conveyance under paragraph (1), the Chancellor  
19                and the City shall agree in writing—

20                   (i) to pay any administrative costs as-  
21                   sociated with the conveyance, including the  
22                   costs of any environmental, wildlife, cul-  
23                   tural, or historical resources studies;

24                   (ii) to use the Federal land conveyed  
25                   for educational and recreational purposes;



1 (iii) to release and indemnify the  
2 United States from any claims or liabilities  
3 which may arise from uses that are carried  
4 out on the Federal land on or before the  
5 date of enactment of this Act by the  
6 United States or any person;

7 (iv) to provide to the Secretary, on re-  
8 quest, any report, data, or other informa-  
9 tion relating to the operations of the Col-  
10 lege that may be necessary, as determined  
11 by the Secretary, to determine whether the  
12 College is in compliance with this Act;

13 (v) as soon as practicable after the  
14 date of the conveyance under paragraph  
15 (1), to erect at the College an appropriate  
16 and centrally located monument that ac-  
17 knowledges the conveyance of the Federal  
18 land by the United States for the purpose  
19 of furthering the higher education of citi-  
20 zens in the State;

21 (vi) to provide information to the stu-  
22 dents of the College on the role of the  
23 United States in the establishment of the  
24 College; and

1 (vii) to assist the Bureau of Land  
 2 Management in providing information to  
 3 the students of the College and the citizens  
 4 of the State on—

5 (I) public land in the State; and  
 6 (II) the role of the Bureau of  
 7 Land Management in managing, pre-  
 8 serving, and protecting the public  
 9 land.

10 (B) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—The con-  
 11 veyance under paragraph (1) shall be subject to  
 12 all valid existing rights.

13 (3) USE OF FEDERAL LAND.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The College and the  
 15 City may use the land conveyed under para-  
 16 graph (1) for any purpose relating to the estab-  
 17 lishment, operation, growth, and maintenance  
 18 of the College, including the construction, oper-  
 19 ation, maintenance, renovation, and demolition  
 20 of—

21 (i) classroom facilities;  
 22 (ii) laboratories;  
 23 (iii) performance spaces;  
 24 (iv) student housing;  
 25 (v) administrative facilities;

1                   (vi) sports and recreational facilities  
2                   and fields;

3                   (vii) food service, concession, and re-  
4                   lated facilities;

5                   (viii) parks and roads; and

6                   (ix) water, gas, electricity, phone,  
7                   Internet, and other utility delivery systems.

8                   (B) PROFITABLE ACTIVITIES.—The manu-  
9                   facturing, distribution, marketing, and selling  
10                  of refreshments, books, sundries, College logo  
11                  merchandise, and related materials on the Fed-  
12                  eral land for a profit shall be considered to be  
13                  an educational or recreational use for the pur-  
14                  poses of this section, if—

15                   (i) the profitable activities are reason-  
16                   ably related to the educational or rec-  
17                   reational purposes of the College; and

18                   (ii) any profits are used to further the  
19                   educational or recreational purposes of the  
20                   College.

21                  (C) OTHER ENTITIES.—The College may—

22                   (i) consistent with Federal and State  
23                   law, lease or otherwise provide property or  
24                   space at the College, with or without con-  
25                   sideration, to religious, public interest,

1 community, or other groups for services  
2 and events that are of interest to the Col-  
3 lege, the City, or any community located in  
4 the Las Vegas Valley;

5 (ii) allow the City or any other com-  
6 munity in the Las Vegas Valley to use fa-  
7 cilities of the College for educational and  
8 recreational programs of the City or com-  
9 munity; and

10 (iii) in conjunction with the City,  
11 plan, finance, (including the provision of  
12 cost-share assistance), construct, and oper-  
13 ate facilities for the City on the Federal  
14 land conveyed for educational or rec-  
15 reational purposes consistent with this sec-  
16 tion.

17 (4) REVERSION.—

18 (A) NOTICE.—If the Federal land or any  
19 portion of the Federal land conveyed under  
20 paragraph (1) ceases to be used for the College,  
21 the Secretary shall notify the President and the  
22 City in writing of the intention of the Secretary  
23 to reclaim title to the Federal land or any por-  
24 tion of the Federal land, including any improve-

1           ments to the Federal land, on behalf of the  
2           United States.

3           (B) EVIDENCE.—Not later than 180 days  
4           after the date of receipt of a notification under  
5           subparagraph (A), the President may submit to  
6           the Secretary any evidence that the Federal  
7           land, or any portion of the Federal land, is  
8           being used in accordance with the purposes of  
9           this section.

10          (C) PURCHASE BY UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—

11           (i) OFFER.—Instead of reclaiming  
12           title to the Federal land or any portion of  
13           the Federal land under this paragraph, the  
14           Secretary may allow the University system  
15           to obtain title to the Federal land or any  
16           portion of the Federal land in exchange for  
17           payment by the University system of an  
18           amount equal to the fair market value of  
19           the land, excluding the value of any im-  
20           provements, for any portions of the Fed-  
21           eral land not being used for the purposes  
22           specified in this section.

23           (ii) AUCTION.—If the University sys-  
24           tem elects not to purchase the Federal  
25           land under clause (i)—

1 (I) the Federal land shall revert  
2 to the United States; and

3 (II) the Secretary shall—

4 (aa) dispose of the Federal  
5 land at public auction for fair  
6 market value; and

7 (bb) deposit the proceeds of  
8 the disposal in accordance with  
9 section 4(e)(1) of the Southern  
10 Nevada Public Land Manage-  
11 ment Act of 1998 (Public Law  
12 105-263; 112 Stat. 2343).

13 **SEC. 705. CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NE-**  
14 **VADA.**

15 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

16 (1) **CITY.**—The term “City” means the city of  
17 Las Vegas, Nevada.

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

21 (b) **CONVEYANCE.**—The Secretary shall convey to the  
22 City, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of  
23 the United States in and to the parcels of land identified  
24 as “Tract C” and “Tract D” on the map.

1           (c) REVERSION.—If a parcel of land conveyed to the  
 2 City under subsection (b) ceases to be used for affordable  
 3 housing or for a purpose related to affordable housing, the  
 4 parcel shall, if determined to be appropriate by the Sec-  
 5 retary, revert to the United States.

6 **SEC. 706. HENDERSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE.**

7           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8               (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of  
 9 Henderson, Nevada.

10              (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”  
 11 means the parcels of Federal land identified as  
 12 “Tract G” on the map.

13           (b) CONVEYANCE.—

14               (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)  
 15 and valid existing rights, on request by the City, the  
 16 Secretary shall convey to the City, without consider-  
 17 ation, all right, title, and interest of the United  
 18 States in and to the Federal land.

19               (2) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of the convey-  
 20 ance of land under paragraph (1), the City shall  
 21 agree—

22                   (A) to manage, in consultation with the  
 23 Clark County Department of Aviation, the land  
 24 in accordance with section 47504 of title 49,  
 25 United States Code; and

1           ~~(B)~~ that if any portion of the Federal land  
2 is sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed by the  
3 City—

4           (i) the sale, lease, or conveyance shall  
5 be—

6           ~~(I)~~ for the purposes of imple-  
7 menting the economic development  
8 goals of the City;

9           ~~(II)~~ subject to a requirement that  
10 any use of the transferred land be  
11 consistent with section 47504 of title  
12 49, United States Code; and

13           ~~(III)~~ for an amount equal to—

14           ~~(aa)~~ at least fair market  
15 value; plus

16           ~~(bb)~~ as the City determines  
17 to be appropriate, any adminis-  
18 trative costs of the City relating  
19 to the Federal land, including  
20 costs—

21           ~~(AA)~~ associated with  
22 the sale, lease, or convey-  
23 ance of the Federal land;



1 (BB) for planning, en-  
 2 gineering, surveying, and  
 3 subdividing the land; and

4 (CC) as the City deter-  
 5 mines appropriate, for the  
 6 planning, design, and con-  
 7 struction of infrastructure  
 8 for the economic develop-  
 9 ment zone; and

10 (ii) the City shall deposit the proceeds  
 11 from any sale, lease, or other conveyance  
 12 of the Federal land, excluding any admin-  
 13 istrative costs received under item (bb), in  
 14 accordance with section 4(e)(1) of the  
 15 Southern Nevada Public Land Manage-  
 16 ment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-263;  
 17 112 Stat. 2343).

18 ~~(3) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.~~—The map shall be  
 19 on file and available for public inspection in—

20 (A) the Office of the Director of the Bu-  
 21 reau of Land Management;

22 (B) the Office of the State Director of the  
 23 Bureau of Land Management of the State; and

24 (C) the Las Vegas District Office of the  
 25 Bureau of Land Management.

1           (4) RESERVATION FOR RECREATIONAL OR PUB-  
2           LIC PURPOSES.—

3           (A) IN GENERAL.—The City may elect to  
4           use ~~1~~ or more parcels of Federal land for rec-  
5           reational or public purposes under the Act of  
6           June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the  
7           “Recreation and Public Purposes Act”) (43  
8           U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

9           (B) CONSIDERATION.—If the City makes  
10          an election under subparagraph (A), the City  
11          shall pay to the Bureau of Land Management  
12          an amount determined under that Act.

13          (5) REVERSION.—A parcel of Federal land shall  
14          revert to the United States if—

15          (A) a parcel used by the City for local rec-  
16          reational or public purposes under paragraph  
17          (4)—

18                  (i) ceases to be used by the City for  
19                  such purposes; and

20                  (ii) is not sold, leased, or conveyed in  
21                  accordance with paragraph (2)(B); or

22          (B) by the date specified in paragraph (6),  
23          the City does not—

1 (i) elect to use the parcel for local rec-  
 2 reational or public purposes under para-  
 3 graph (4); or

4 (ii) sell, lease, or convey the Federal  
 5 parcel in accordance with paragraph  
 6 (2)(B).

7 (6) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—The  
 8 authority provided by this section terminates on the  
 9 date that is 20 years after the date of enactment of  
 10 this Act.

11 **SEC. 707. CONVEYANCE OF SUNRISE MOUNTAIN LANDFILL**  
 12 **TO CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
 14 date on which a cleanup of the land identified as “Tract  
 15 E” on the map is completed, the Secretary shall convey  
 16 to the County, without consideration, all right, title, and  
 17 interest of the United States in and to the land.

18 (b) SURVEY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct  
 20 a survey to determine the exact acreage and legal  
 21 description of the land to be conveyed under sub-  
 22 section (a).

23 (2) COST.—The County shall be responsible for  
 24 the cost of the survey conducted under paragraph  
 25 (1).

1 (e) CONDITIONS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of the con-  
3 veyance of the land under subsection (a), the County  
4 shall enter into a written agreement with the Sec-  
5 retary that provides that—

6 (A) the Secretary shall not be liable for  
7 any claims arising from the land after the date  
8 of conveyance; and

9 (B) the County may use the land conveyed  
10 for any purpose.

11 (2) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
13 subparagraph (B), the conveyance of land  
14 under subsection (a) shall be subject to valid  
15 existing rights.

16 (B) EXCEPTION.—On conveyance of the  
17 land under subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
18 terminate any lease with respect to the land  
19 that—

20 (i) was issued under the Act of June  
21 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recre-  
22 ation and Public Purposes Act”) (43  
23 U.S.C. 869 et seq.); and

24 (ii) is in effect on the date of enact-  
25 ment of this Act.

1 (d) WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—The con-  
 2 veyance of land under subsection (a)—

3 (1) shall not require the Secretary to update  
 4 the 1998 Las Vegas Valley Resource Management  
 5 Plan; and

6 (2) shall not be subject to any law (including a  
 7 regulation) that limits the acreage authorized to be  
 8 transferred by the Secretary in any transaction or  
 9 year.

10 **SEC. 708. OPEN SPACE LAND GRANTS.**

11 (a) CONVEYANCE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202  
 13 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
 14 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary shall convey  
 15 to the city of Henderson, Nevada (referred to in this  
 16 section as the “City”), subject to valid existing  
 17 rights, for no consideration, all right, title, and in-  
 18 terest of the United States in and to the parcel of  
 19 land identified as “Tract B” on the map entitled  
 20 “McCulloughs” and dated June 10, 2002.

21 (2) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-  
 22 ance of the parcel of land under paragraph (1), in-  
 23 cluding costs for a survey and other administrative  
 24 costs, shall be paid by the City.

25 (b) USE OF LAND.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The parcel of land conveyed  
2 to the City under subsection (a)(1) shall be used—

3           (A) for the conservation of natural re-  
4 sources;

5           (B) for public recreation, including hiking,  
6 horseback riding, biking, and birdwatching;

7           (C) as part of a regional trail system; and

8           (D) for flood control facilities.

9           (2) FACILITIES.—Any facility on the parcel of  
10 land conveyed under subsection (a)(1) shall be con-  
11 structed and managed in a manner consistent with  
12 the uses specified in paragraph (1).

13           (3) REVERSION.—If the parcel of land conveyed  
14 under subsection (a)(1) is used in a manner that is  
15 inconsistent with the uses specified in paragraph (1),  
16 the parcel of land shall, if determined to be appro-  
17 priate by the Secretary, revert to the United States.

18           (c) WILDERNESS RELEASE.—Congress finds that the  
19 parcel of land identified in subsection (a)(1)—

20           (1) has been adequately studied for wilderness  
21 designation for the purposes of section 603(e) of the  
22 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976  
23 (43 U.S.C. 1782(e)); and

1           (2) shall not be subject to the requirements of  
 2           that section relating to the management of wilder-  
 3           ness study areas.

4 **SEC. 709. RELOCATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY CORRIDOR LO-**  
 5 **CATED IN CLARK AND LINCOLN COUNTIES IN**  
 6 **THE STATE OF NEVADA.**

7           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8           (1) AGREEMENT.—The term “Agreement”  
 9           means the land exchange agreement between  
 10          Aerojet-General Corporation and the United States,  
 11          dated July 13, 1988.

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

14          (b) RELOCATION.—The Secretary shall, without con-  
 15          sideration, relocate the right-of-way corridor described in  
 16          subsection (c) to the area described in subsection (d).

17          (c) DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY CORRIDOR.—  
 18          The right-of-way corridor referred to in subsection (a)  
 19          consists of the right-of-way corridor—

20                 (1) numbered U-42519;

21                 (2) referred to in the patent numbered 27-88-  
 22          0013 and dated July 18, 1988; and

23                 (3) more particularly described in section 14(a)  
 24          of the Agreement.

1        ~~(d) DESCRIPTION OF AREA.—~~The area referred to in  
 2 subsection ~~(a)~~ consists of an area—  
 3            ~~(1)~~ 1,000 feet wide; and  
 4            ~~(2)~~ located west of and parallel to the centerline  
 5        of United States Route ~~93~~.

6 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

7        *This Act may be cited as the “Clark County Conserva-*  
 8 *tion of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002”.*

9 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

10        *The table of contents of this Act is as follows:*

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*Sec. 705. Conveyance to the City of Las Vegas, Nevada.*

**1 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 *In this Act:*

3 (1) *AGREEMENT.*—*The term “Agreement” means*  
4 *the Agreement entitled “Interim Cooperative Manage-*  
5 *ment Agreement Between the United States Depart-*  
6 *ment of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management*  
7 *and Clark County”, dated November 4, 1992.*

8 (2) *COUNTY.*—*The term “County” means Clark*  
9 *County, Nevada.*

10 (3) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary”*  
11 *means—*

12 (A) *the Secretary of Agriculture with re-*  
13 *spect to land in the National Forest System; or*

1                   (B) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-  
2                   spect to other Federal land.

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

5 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6                   There is authorized such sums as may be necessary to  
7                   carry out this Act.

8 **TITLE I—RED ROCK CANYON NA-**  
9 **TIONAL CONSERVATION AREA**  
10 **LAND EXCHANGE AND**  
11 **BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT**

12 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

13                   This title may be cited as the “Red Rock Canyon Na-  
14                   tional Conservation Area Protection and Enhancement Act  
15                   of 2002”.

16 **SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.**

17                   As used in this title:

18                   (1) CORPORATION.—The term “Corporation”  
19                   means the Howard Hughes Corporation, an affiliate  
20                   of the Rouse Company, with its principal place of  
21                   business at 10000 West Charleston Boulevard, Las  
22                   Vegas, Nevada.

23                   (2) RED ROCK CANYON.—The term “Red Rock  
24                   Canyon” means the Red Rock Canyon National Con-  
25                   servation Area, consisting of approximately 195,780

1        *acres of public lands in Clark County, Nevada, spe-*  
2        *cially designated for protection in the Red Rock Can-*  
3        *yon National Conservation Area Establishment Act of*  
4        *1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc et seq.), as depicted on the*  
5        *Red Rock Canyon Map.*

6            (3) *RED ROCK CANYON MAP.*—*The term “Red*  
7        *Rock Canyon Map” means the map entitled “South-*  
8        *ern Nevada Public Land Management Act”, dated Oc-*  
9        *tober 1, 2002.*

10    **SEC. 103. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

11        (a) *FINDINGS.*—*The Congress makes the following*  
12        *findings:*

13            (1) *Red Rock Canyon is a natural resource of*  
14        *major significance to the people of Nevada and the*  
15        *United States. It must be protected in its natural*  
16        *state for the enjoyment of future generations of Nevad-*  
17        *ans and Americans, and enhanced wherever possible.*

18            (2) *In 1998, the Congress enacted the Southern*  
19        *Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998 (Pub-*  
20        *lic Law 105–263), which provided among other things*  
21        *for the protection and enhancement of Red Rock Can-*  
22        *yon.*

23            (3) *The Corporation owns much of the private*  
24        *land on Red Rock Canyon’s eastern boundary, and is*

1        *engaged in developing a large-scale master-planned*  
2        *community.*

3            *(4) Included in the Corporation's land holdings*  
4        *are 1,071 acres of high-grounds lands at the eastern*  
5        *edge of Red Rock Canyon. These lands were intended*  
6        *to be included in Red Rock, but to date have not been*  
7        *acquired by the United States. The protection of this*  
8        *high-ground acreage would preserve an important ele-*  
9        *ment of the western Las Vegas Valley viewshed.*

10           *(5) The Corporation has volunteered to forgo de-*  
11        *velopment of the high-ground lands, and proposes that*  
12        *the United States acquire title to the lands so that*  
13        *they can be preserved in perpetuity to protect and ex-*  
14        *pand Red Rock Canyon.*

15        *(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are:*

16           *(1) To accomplish an exchange of lands between*  
17        *the United States and the Corporation that would*  
18        *transfer certain high-ground lands to the United*  
19        *States in exchange for the transfer of other lands of*  
20        *approximately equal value to the Corporation.*

21           *(2) To protect Red Rock Canyon and to expand*  
22        *its boundaries as contemplated by the Bureau of*  
23        *Land Management, as depicted on the Red Rock Can-*  
24        *yon Map.*

1           (3) *To further fulfill the purposes of the Southern*  
2           *Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998 and*  
3           *the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area*  
4           *Establishment Act of 1990.*

5 **SEC. 104. RED ROCK CANYON LAND EXCHANGE.**

6           (a) *ACQUISITION REQUIREMENT.—If the Corporation*  
7           *offers to convey to the United States all right, title, and*  
8           *interest in and to the approximately 1,082 acres of non-*  
9           *Federal land owned by the Corporation and depicted on the*  
10           *Red Rock Canyon Map as “Offered Lands—proposed addi-*  
11           *tion to the Red Rock Canyon NCA”, the Secretary shall*  
12           *accept such offer on behalf of the United States, and not*  
13           *later than 90 days after the date of the offer, except as other-*  
14           *wise provided in this title, shall make the following convey-*  
15           *ances:*

16           (1) *To the Corporation, the approximately 998*  
17           *acres of Federal lands depicted on the Red Rock Can-*  
18           *yon Map as “Public land selected for exchange”.*

19           (2) *To Clark County, Nevada, the approximately*  
20           *1,221 acres of Federal lands depicted on the Red Rock*  
21           *Canyon Map as “Proposed BLM transfer for county*  
22           *park”.*

23           (b) *SIMULTANEOUS CONVEYANCES.—Title to the pri-*  
24           *vate property and the Federal property to be conveyed pur-*  
25           *suant to this section shall be conveyed at the same time.*

1       (c) *MAP.*—*The Secretary shall keep the Red Rock Can-*  
2 *yon Map on file and available for public inspection in the*  
3 *Las Vegas District Office of the Bureau of Land Manage-*  
4 *ment in Nevada, and the State Office of the Bureau of Land*  
5 *Management, Reno, Nevada.*

6       (d) *CONDITIONS.*—

7           (1) *HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.*—*As a condition of*  
8 *the conveyance under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary*  
9 *shall require that the Corporation be responsible for*  
10 *removal of and remediation related to any hazardous*  
11 *materials that are present on the property conveyed*  
12 *to the United States under subsection (a).*

13           (2) *SURVEY.*—*As a condition of the conveyance*  
14 *under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall require*  
15 *that not later than 90 days after the date of the offer*  
16 *referred to in subsection (a), the Corporation shall*  
17 *provide a metes and bounds survey, that is acceptable*  
18 *to the Corporation, Clark County, and the Secretary,*  
19 *of the common boundary between the parcels of land*  
20 *to be conveyed under subsection (a).*

21           (3) *LANDS CONVEYED TO CLARK COUNTY.*—*As a*  
22 *condition of the conveyance under subsection (a)(2),*  
23 *the Secretary shall require that—*

24                   (A) *the lands transferred to Clark County*  
25                   *by the United States must be held in perpetuity*

1           *by the County for use only as a public park or*  
2           *as part of a public regional trail system; and*

3                   *(B) if the County attempts to transfer the*  
4           *lands or to undertake a use on the lands that is*  
5           *inconsistent with their preservation and use as*  
6           *described in subparagraph (A), such lands shall,*  
7           *at the discretion of the Secretary, revert to the*  
8           *United States.*

9           *(e) VALUATION.—*

10                   *(1) EQUAL VALUE EXCHANGE.—The values of the*  
11           *Federal parcel and the non-Federal parcel, as deter-*  
12           *mined under paragraph (2)—*

13                           *(A) shall be equal; or*

14                           *(B) if the values are not equal, shall be*  
15           *equalized in accordance with paragraph (3).*

16                   *(2) APPRAISAL.—The values of the Federal par-*  
17           *cel and the non-Federal parcel shall be determined by*  
18           *an appraisal, to be approved by the Secretary, that*  
19           *complies with the Uniform Standards for Federal*  
20           *Land Acquisitions.*

21                   *(3) EQUALIZATION.—*

22                           *(A) IN GENERAL.—If the value of the non-*  
23           *Federal parcel is less than the value of the Fed-*  
24           *eral parcel—*

1                   (i) the Corporation shall make a cash  
2                   equalization payment to the Secretary; or

3                   (ii) the Secretary shall, as determined  
4                   to be appropriate by the Secretary and the  
5                   Corporation, reduce the acreage of the Fed-  
6                   eral parcel.

7                   (B) *DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.*—The Sec-  
8                   retary shall deposit any cash equalization pay-  
9                   ments received under subparagraph (A)(i) in ac-  
10                  cordance with section 4(e)(2) of the Southern Ne-  
11                  vada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (112  
12                  Stat. 2345).

13 **SEC. 105. STATUS AND MANAGEMENT OF LANDS.**

14                  (a) *INCLUSION AND MANAGEMENT OF LANDS.*—Upon  
15                  the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
16                  administer the lands depicted on the Red Rock Map as  
17                  “Flood Control Detention Basin Lands”, exclusive of those  
18                  lands used for the Corps of Engineers R-4 Detention Basin,  
19                  as part of Red Rock and in accordance with the Red Rock  
20                  Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act of  
21                  1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc et seq.) and all other applicable  
22                  laws.

23                  (b) *INCLUSION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.*—Upon acquisi-  
24                  tion by the United States of lands under this Act, the Sec-  
25                  retary shall—



1           (1) *administer the lands as part of Red Rock*  
2           *and in accordance with the Red Rock Canyon Na-*  
3           *tional Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1990*  
4           *(16 U.S.C. 460ccc et seq.), the Southern Nevada Pub-*  
5           *lic Lands Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-*  
6           *263), and all other applicable laws; and*

7           (2) *create new maps showing the boundaries of*  
8           *Red Rock as modified or pursuant to this Act, and*  
9           *make such maps available for review at the Las Vegas*  
10          *District Office of the Bureau of Land Management*  
11          *and the State Office of the Bureau of Land Manage-*  
12          *ment, Reno, Nevada.*

13          (c) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3(a)(2) of the*  
14          *Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establish-*  
15          *ment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc–1(a)(2)) is amended*  
16          *by inserting before the period the following: “, and such ad-*  
17          *ditional areas as are included in the conservation area pur-*  
18          *suant to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area*  
19          *Protection and Enhancement Act of 2002”.*

20          **SEC. 106. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

21          (a) *REVIEW OF APPRAISAL.—Not later than 90 days*  
22          *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
23          *shall complete a review of the appraisal entitled, “Complete*  
24          *Self-Contained Appraisal Red Rock Exchange, Las Vegas,*  
25          *Nevada”, completed on or about June 3, 2002. The dif-*

1 *ference in appraisal values shall be reimbursed to the Sec-*  
2 *retary by the Corporation in accordance with the Southern*  
3 *Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998.*

4 (b) *VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—The land exchange*  
5 *under this Act shall be subject to valid existing rights. Each*  
6 *party to which property is conveyed under this Act shall*  
7 *succeed to the rights and obligations of the conveying party*  
8 *with respect to any lease, right-of-way, permit, or other*  
9 *valid existing right to which the property is subject.*

10 (c) *TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Nothing in this Act*  
11 *prohibits the parties to the conveyances under this Act from*  
12 *agreeing to the correction of technical errors or omissions*  
13 *in the Red Rock Map.*

14 (d) *WITHDRAWAL OF AFFECTED LANDS.—To the ex-*  
15 *tent not already accomplished under law or administrative*  
16 *action, the Secretary shall withdraw from operation of the*  
17 *public land and mining laws, subject to valid existing*  
18 *rights—*

19 (1) *those Federal lands acquired by the United*  
20 *States under this Act; and*

21 (2) *those Federal lands already owned by the*  
22 *United States on the date of enactment of this Act but*  
23 *included within the Red Rock National Conservation*  
24 *Area boundaries by this Act.*

1     **TITLE II—WILDERNESS AREAS**

2     **SEC. 201. FINDINGS.**

3         *The Congress finds that—*

4             (1) *public land in the County contains unique*  
5             *and spectacular natural resources, including—*

6                     (A) *priceless habitat for numerous species of*  
7                     *plants and wildlife; and*

8                     (B) *thousands of acres of pristine land that*  
9                     *remain in a natural state;*

10            (2) *continued preservation of those areas would*  
11            *benefit the County and all of the United States by—*

12                     (A) *ensuring the conservation of ecologically*  
13                     *diverse habitat;*

14                     (B) *conserving primitive recreational re-*  
15                     *sources; and*

16                     (C) *protecting air and water quality.*

17     **SEC. 202. ADDITIONS TO NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESER-**  
18             **VATION SYSTEM.**

19            (a) *ADDITIONS.—The following land in the State is*  
20            *designated as wilderness and as components of the National*  
21            *Wilderness Preservation System:*

22                     (1) *ARROW CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain Fed-*  
23                     *eral land managed by the Bureau of Land Manage-*  
24                     *ment, comprising approximately 27,495, acres, as*  
25                     *generally depicted on the map entitled “Arrow Can-*

1        *yon”, dated October 1, 2002, which shall be known*  
2        *as the “Arrow Canyon Wilderness”.*

3                (2) *BLACK CANYON OF THE COLORADO WILDER-*  
4        *NESS.—Certain Federal land within the Lake Mead*  
5        *National Recreation Area and an adjacent portion of*  
6        *Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-*  
7        *agement, comprising approximately 17,220 acres, as*  
8        *generally depicted on the map entitled “Eldorado/*  
9        *Spirit Mountain”, dated October 1, 2002, which shall*  
10        *be known as the “Black Canyon of the Colorado Wil-*  
11        *derness”.*

12                (3) *BRIDGE CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain Fed-*  
13        *eral land within the Lake Mead National Recreation*  
14        *Area, comprising approximately 7,761 acres, as gen-*  
15        *erally depicted on the map entitled “Eldorado/Spirit*  
16        *Mountain”, dated October 1, 2002, which shall be*  
17        *known as the “Bridge Canyon Wilderness”.*

18                (4) *ELDORADO WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal*  
19        *land within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area*  
20        *and an adjacent portion of Federal land managed by*  
21        *the Bureau of Land Management, comprising ap-*  
22        *proximately 31,950 acres, as generally depicted on the*  
23        *map entitled “Eldorado/Spirit Mountain”, dated Oc-*  
24        *tober 1, 2002, which shall be known as the “Eldorado*  
25        *Wilderness”.*

1           (5) *IRETEBA PEAKS WILDERNESS.*—*Certain Fed-*  
2           *eral land within the Lake Mead National Recreation*  
3           *Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land man-*  
4           *aged by the Bureau of Land Management, comprising*  
5           *approximately 31,321 acres, as generally depicted on*  
6           *the map entitled “Eldorado/Spirit Mountain”, dated*  
7           *October 1, 2002, which shall be known as the “Ireteba*  
8           *Peaks Wilderness”.*

9           (6) *JIMBILNAN WILDERNESS.*—*Certain Federal*  
10          *land within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area,*  
11          *comprising approximately 18,879 acres, as generally*  
12          *depicted on the map entitled “Muddy Mountains”,*  
13          *dated October 1, 2002, which shall be known as the*  
14          *“Jimbilnan Wilderness”.*

15          (7) *JUMBO SPRINGS WILDERNESS.*—*Certain Fed-*  
16          *eral land managed by the Bureau of Land Manage-*  
17          *ment, comprising approximately 4,631 acres, as gen-*  
18          *erally depicted on the map entitled “Gold Butte”,*  
19          *dated October 1, 2002, which shall be known as the*  
20          *“Jumbo Springs Wilderness”.*

21          (8) *LA MADRE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.*—*Certain*  
22          *Federal land within the Toiyabe National Forest and*  
23          *an adjacent portion of Federal land managed by the*  
24          *Bureau of Land Management, comprising approxi-*  
25          *mately 46,634 acres, as generally depicted on the map*

1       entitled “Spring Mountains”, dated October 1, 2002,  
2       which shall be known as the “La Madre Mountain  
3       Wilderness”.

4               (9) *LIME CANYON WILDERNESS.*—*Certain Fed-*  
5       *eral land managed by the Bureau of Land Manage-*  
6       *ment, comprising approximately 16,710 acres, as gen-*  
7       *erally depicted on the map entitled “Gold Butte”,*  
8       *dated October 1, 2002, which shall be known as the*  
9       *“Lime Canyon Wilderness”.*

10              (10) *MT. CHARLESTON WILDERNESS ADDI-*  
11       *TIONS.*—*Certain Federal land within the Toiyabe Na-*  
12       *tional Forest and an adjacent portion of Federal land*  
13       *managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-*  
14       *prising approximately 13,598 acres, as generally de-*  
15       *scribed on the map entitled “Spring Mountains”,*  
16       *dated October 1, 2002, which shall be included in the*  
17       *Mt. Charleston Wilderness.*

18              (11) *MUDDY MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.*—*Certain*  
19       *Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-*  
20       *ation Area and an adjacent portion of land managed*  
21       *by the Bureau of Land Management, comprising ap-*  
22       *proximately 48,019 acres, as generally depicted on the*  
23       *map entitled “Muddy Mountains”, dated October 1,*  
24       *2002, which shall be known as the “Muddy Moun-*  
25       *tains Wilderness”.*

1           (12) *NELLIS WASH WILDERNESS.*—*Certain Fed-*  
2           *eral land within the Lake Mead National Recreation*  
3           *Area, comprising approximately 16,423 acres, as gen-*  
4           *erally depicted on the map entitled “Eldorado/Spirit*  
5           *Mountain”, dated October 1, 2002, which shall be*  
6           *known as the “Nellis Wash Wilderness”.*

7           (13) *NORTH MCCULLOUGH WILDERNESS.*—*Cer-*  
8           *tain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land*  
9           *Management, comprising approximately 14,763 acres,*  
10          *as generally depicted on the map entitled*  
11          *“McCullough”, dated October 1, 2002, which shall be*  
12          *known as the “North McCullough Wilderness”.*

13          (14) *PINTO VALLEY WILDERNESS.*—*Certain Fed-*  
14          *eral land within the Lake Mead National Recreation*  
15          *Area, comprising approximately 38,600 acres, as gen-*  
16          *erally depicted on the map entitled “Muddy Moun-*  
17          *tains”, dated October 1, 2002, which shall be known*  
18          *as the “Pinto Valley Wilderness”.*

19          (15) *RAINBOW MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.*—*Certain*  
20          *Federal land within the Toiyabe National Forest and*  
21          *an adjacent portion of Federal land managed by the*  
22          *Bureau of Land Management, comprising approxi-*  
23          *mately 25,375 acres, as generally depicted on the map*  
24          *entitled “Spring Mountains”, dated October 1, 2002,*

1       *which shall be known as the “Rainbow Mountain*  
2       *Wilderness”.*

3               (16) *SOUTH MCCULLOUGH WILDERNESS.*—*Cer-*  
4       *tain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land*  
5       *Management, comprising approximately 44,245 acres,*  
6       *as generally depicted on the map entitled*  
7       *“McCulloughs”, dated October 1, 2002, which shall be*  
8       *known as the “South McCullough Wilderness”.*

9               (17) *SPIRIT MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.*—*Certain*  
10       *Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-*  
11       *ation Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land*  
12       *managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-*  
13       *prising approximately 34,261 acres, as generally de-*  
14       *scribed on the map entitled “Eldorado/Spirit Moun-*  
15       *tain”, dated October 1, 2002, which shall be known*  
16       *as the “Spirit Mountain Wilderness”.*

17              (18) *WEE THUMP JOSHUA TREE WILDERNESS.*—  
18       *Certain Federal land managed by the Bureau of*  
19       *Land Management, comprising approximately 6,050*  
20       *acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled*  
21       *“McCulloughs”, dated October 1, 2002, which shall be*  
22       *known as the “Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness”.*

23              (b) *BOUNDARY.*—*The boundary of any portion of a*  
24       *wilderness area designated by subsection (a) that is bor-*



1 *dered by Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, or the Colorado River*  
2 *shall be 300 feet inland from the high water line.*

3 *(c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—*

4 *(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after*  
5 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall*  
6 *file a map and legal description of each wilderness*  
7 *area designated by subsection (a) with the Committee*  
8 *on Resources of the House of Representatives and the*  
9 *Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the*  
10 *Senate.*

11 *(2) EFFECT.—Each map and legal description*  
12 *shall have the same force and effect as if included in*  
13 *this section, except that the Secretary may correct*  
14 *clerical and typographical errors in the map or legal*  
15 *description.*

16 *(3) AVAILABILITY.—Each map and legal descrip-*  
17 *tion shall be on file and available for public inspec-*  
18 *tion in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land*  
19 *Management, National Park Service, or Forest Serv-*  
20 *ice, as applicable.*

21 *(d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,*  
22 *the wilderness areas designated in this section are with-*  
23 *drawn from—*

24 *(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-*  
25 *posal under the public land laws;*

1           (2) *location, entry, and patent under the mining*  
2       *laws; and*

3           (3) *operation of the mineral leasing, mineral*  
4       *materials, and geothermal leasing laws.*

5 **SEC. 203. ADMINISTRATION.**

6       (a) *MANAGEMENT.*—*Subject to valid existing rights,*  
7 *each area designated as wilderness by this title shall be ad-*  
8 *ministered by the Secretary in accordance with the Wilder-*  
9 *ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that—*

10           (1) *any reference in that Act to the effective date*  
11       *shall be considered to be a reference to the date of en-*  
12       *actment of this Act; and*

13           (2) *any reference in that Act to the Secretary of*  
14       *Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference to the*  
15       *Secretary of the Interior with respect to lands admin-*  
16       *istered by the Secretary of the Interior.*

17       (b) *LIVESTOCK.*—*Within the wilderness areas des-*  
18 *ignated under this title that are administered by the Bu-*  
19 *reau of Land Management, the grazing of livestock in areas*  
20 *in which grazing is established as of the date of enactment*  
21 *of this Act shall be allowed to continue, subject to such rea-*  
22 *sonable regulations, policies, and practices that the Sec-*  
23 *retary considers necessary, consistent with section 4(d)(4)*  
24 *of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)), including the*

1 *guidelines set forth in appendix A of House Report 101–*  
2 *405.*

3       (c) *INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS AND INTER-*  
4 *ESTS.—Any land or interest in land within the boundaries*  
5 *of an area designated as wilderness by this title that is ac-*  
6 *quired by the United States after the date of enactment of*  
7 *this Act shall be added to and administered as part of the*  
8 *wilderness area within which the acquired land or interest*  
9 *is located.*

10       (d) *WATER RIGHTS.—*

11           (1) *FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—*

12                   (A) *the lands designated as Wilderness by*  
13 *this Act are within the Mojave Desert, are arid*  
14 *in nature, and include ephemeral streams;*

15                   (B) *the hydrology of the lands designated as*  
16 *wilderness by this Act is locally characterized by*  
17 *complex flow patterns and alluvial fans with im-*  
18 *permanent channels;*

19                   (C) *the subsurface hydrogeology of the re-*  
20 *gion is characterized by ground water subject to*  
21 *local and regional flow gradients and artesian*  
22 *aquifers;*

23                   (D) *the lands designated as wilderness by*  
24 *this Act are generally not suitable for use or de-*  
25 *velopment of new water resource facilities and*

1           *there are no actual or proposed water resource*  
2           *facilities and no opportunities for diversion,*  
3           *storage, or other uses of water occurring outside*  
4           *such lands that would adversely affect the wilder-*  
5           *ness or other values of such lands; and*

6           *(E) because of the unique nature and hy-*  
7           *drology of these desert lands designated as wil-*  
8           *derness by this Act and the existence of the Clark*  
9           *County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation*  
10          *Plan it is possible to provide for proper manage-*  
11          *ment and protection of the wilderness, perennial*  
12          *springs and other values of such lands in ways*  
13          *different from those utilized in other legislation.*

14          (2) *STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—*

15                 *(A) Nothing in this Act shall constitute or*  
16                 *be construed to constitute either an express or*  
17                 *implied reservation by the United States of any*  
18                 *water or water rights with respect to the lands*  
19                 *designated as Wilderness by this Act.*

20                 *(B) Nothing in this Act shall affect any*  
21                 *water rights in the State of Nevada existing on*  
22                 *the date of the enactment of this Act, including*  
23                 *any water rights held by the United States.*

1           (C) *Nothing in this subsection shall be con-*  
2 *strued as establishing a precedent with regard to*  
3 *any future wilderness designations.*

4           (D) *Nothing in this Act shall be construed*  
5 *as limiting, altering, modifying, or amending*  
6 *any of the interstate compacts or equitable ap-*  
7 *portionment decrees that apportion water among*  
8 *and between the State of Nevada and other*  
9 *States.*

10          (E) *Nothing in this subsection shall be con-*  
11 *strued as limiting, altering, modifying, or*  
12 *amending the Clark County Multi-Species Habi-*  
13 *tat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) with respect to*  
14 *the lands designated as Wilderness by this Act*  
15 *including the MSHCP's specific management ac-*  
16 *tions for the conservation of perennial springs.*

17          (3) *NEVADA WATER LAW.—The Secretary shall*  
18 *follow the procedural and substantive requirements of*  
19 *the law of the State of Nevada in order to obtain and*  
20 *hold any water rights not in existence on the date of*  
21 *enactment of this Act with respect to the wilderness*  
22 *areas designated by this Act.*

23          (4) *NEW PROJECTS.—*

24                (A) *As used in this paragraph, the term*  
25 *“water resource facility” means irrigation and*

1           *pumping facilities, reservoirs, water conservation*  
2           *works, aqueducts, canals, ditches, pipelines,*  
3           *wells, hydropower projects, and transmission and*  
4           *other ancillary facilities, and other water diver-*  
5           *sion, storage, and carriage structures. The term*  
6           *“water resource facility” does not include wild-*  
7           *life guzzlers.*

8                   *(B) Except as otherwise provided in this*  
9           *Act, on and after the date of the enactment of*  
10          *this Act, neither the President nor any other offi-*  
11          *cer, employee, or agent of the United States shall*  
12          *fund, assist, authorize, or issue a license or per-*  
13          *mit for the development of any new water re-*  
14          *source facility within the wilderness areas des-*  
15          *ignated by this Act.*

16   **SEC. 204. ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.**

17           *(a) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for the*  
18          *designation of wilderness in the State pursuant to this title*  
19          *to lead to the creation of protective perimeters or buffer*  
20          *zones around any such wilderness area.*

21           *(b) NONWILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—The fact that non-*  
22          *wilderness activities or uses can be seen or heard from areas*  
23          *within a wilderness designated under this title shall not*  
24          *preclude the conduct of those activities or uses outside the*  
25          *boundary of the wilderness area.*

1 **SEC. 205. MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.**

2 *Nothing in this title restricts or precludes—*

3 *(1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over*  
4 *the areas designated as wilderness by this title, in-*  
5 *cluding military overflights that can be seen or heard*  
6 *within the wilderness areas;*

7 *(2) flight testing and evaluations; or*

8 *(3) the designation or creation of new units of*  
9 *special use airspace, or the establishment of military*  
10 *flight training routes, over the wilderness areas.*

11 **SEC. 206. NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS**  
12 **USES.**

13 *Nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish the*  
14 *rights of any Indian Tribe. Nothing in this Act shall be*  
15 *construed to diminish tribal rights regarding access to Fed-*  
16 *eral lands for tribal activities, including spiritual, cultural,*  
17 *and traditional food-gathering activities.*

18 **SEC. 207. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

19 *(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for the purpose of*  
20 *section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management*  
21 *Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782), the public land in the County*  
22 *administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the*  
23 *Forest Service in the following areas have been adequately*  
24 *studied for wilderness designation:*

25 *(1) The Garrett Buttes Wilderness Study Area.*

26 *(2) The Quail Springs Wilderness Study Area.*

1           (3) *The Nellis A, B, C, Wilderness Study Area.*

2           (4) *Any portion of the wilderness study areas—*

3                 (A) *not designated as wilderness by section*

4                 202(a); and

5                 (B) *designated for release on—*

6                     (i) *the map entitled “Muddy Moun-*  
7                     *tains” and dated October 1, 2002;*

8                     (ii) *the map entitled “Spring Moun-*  
9                     *tains” and dated October 1, 2002;*

10                    (iii) *the map entitled “Arrow Canyon”*  
11                    *and dated October 1, 2002;*

12                    (iv) *the map entitled “Gold Butte” and*  
13                    *dated October 1, 2002;*

14                    (v) *the map entitled “McCullough*  
15                    *Mountains” and dated October 1, 2002;*

16                    (vi) *the map entitled “El Dorado/Spir-*  
17                    *it Mountain” and dated October 1, 2002; or*

18                    (vii) *the map entitled “Southern Ne-*  
19                    *vada Public Land Management Act” and*  
20                    *dated October 1, 2002.*

21           (b) *RELEASE.—Except as provided in subsection (c),*  
22 *any public land described in subsection (a) that is not des-*  
23 *ignated as wilderness by this 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)); and*

4           (2) *shall be managed in accordance with—*

5                     (A) *land management plans adopted under*  
6                     *section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 1712); and*

7                     (B) *existing cooperative conservation agree-*  
8                     *ments.*

9           (c) *RIGHT OF WAY GRANT.—The Secretary shall issue*  
10 *to the State-regulated sponsor of the Centennial Project the*  
11 *right-of-way for the construction and maintenance of two*  
12 *500-kilovolt electrical transmission lines. The construction*  
13 *shall occur within a 500-foot-wide corridor that is released*  
14 *from the Sunrise Mountains Instant Study Area in the*  
15 *County as depicted on the “Southern Nevada Public Land*  
16 *Management Act” map, dated October 1, 2002.*

17 **SEC. 208. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.**

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

24           (b) *MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—In furtherance of the*  
25 *purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act, management*

1 *activities to maintain or restore fish and wildlife popu-*  
2 *lations and the habitats to support such populations may*  
3 *be carried out within wilderness areas designated by this*  
4 *title where consistent with relevant wilderness management*  
5 *plans, in accordance with appropriate policies such as those*  
6 *set forth in appendix B of House Report 101–405, including*  
7 *the occasional and temporary use of motorized vehicles, if*  
8 *such use, as determined by the Secretary, would promote*  
9 *healthy, viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife*  
10 *populations that would enhance wilderness values and ac-*  
11 *complish those purposes with the minimum impact nec-*  
12 *essary to reasonably accomplish the task.*

13       (c) *EXISTING ACTIVITIES.*—*Consistent with Section*  
14 *4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)), the State*  
15 *may continue to use aircraft to survey, capture, transplant,*  
16 *and monitor wildlife populations, including bighorn sheep,*  
17 *and feral stock, horses, and burros.*

18       (d) *WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.*—  
19 *The Secretary shall, subject to subsection (f) authorize struc-*  
20 *tures and facilities for wildlife water development projects,*  
21 *including guzzlers, in the wilderness areas designated by*  
22 *this title if—*

23               (1) *the structures and facilities will, as deter-*  
24 *mined by the Secretary, enhance wilderness values by*

1        *promoting healthy, viable and more naturally distrib-*  
2        *uted wildlife populations; and*

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

6        (e) *HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—The Sec-*  
7        *retary may designate by regulation areas in consultation*  
8        *with the appropriate State agency (except in emergencies),*  
9        *in which, and establish periods during which, for reasons*  
10       *of public safety, administration, or compliance with appli-*  
11       *cable laws, no hunting, fishing, or trapping will be per-*  
12       *mitted in the wilderness areas designated by this title.*

13       (f) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—No later than one*  
14       *year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
15       *shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of*  
16       *Nevada. The cooperative agreement shall specify the terms*  
17       *and conditions under which the State (including a designee*  
18       *of the State) may utilize wildlife management activities in*  
19       *the wilderness areas designated by this title.*

20       **SEC. 209. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.**

21       *Consistent with section 4 of the Wilderness Act (16*  
22       *U.S.C. 1133), nothing in this title precludes a Federal,*  
23       *State, or local agency from conducting wildfire manage-*  
24       *ment operations (including operations using aircraft or*

1 *mechanized equipment) to manage wildfires in the wilder-*  
 2 *ness areas designated by this title.*

3 **SEC. 210. CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION.**

4 *Subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary*  
 5 *may prescribe, nothing in this title precludes the installa-*  
 6 *tion and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or cli-*  
 7 *matological collection devices in the wilderness areas des-*  
 8 *ignated by this title if the facilities and access to the facili-*  
 9 *ties are essential to flood warning, flood control, and water*  
 10 *reservoir operation activities.*

11 **SEC. 211. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LANDS.**

12 *To the extent any of provisions of this title are in con-*  
 13 *flict with laws, regulations, or management policies appli-*  
 14 *cable to the National Park Service for Lake Mead National*  
 15 *Recreation Area, those laws, regulations, or policies shall*  
 16 *control.*

17 **TITLE III—TRANSFERS OF**  
 18 **ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**

19 **SEC. 301. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**  
 20 **TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.**

21 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Administrative jurisdiction over*  
 22 *the land described in subsection (b) is transferred from the*  
 23 *Bureau of Land Management to the United States Fish and*  
 24 *Wildlife Service for inclusion in the Desert National Wild-*  
 25 *life Range.*

1           (b) *DESCRIPTION OF LAND.*—*The parcel of land re-*  
2 *ferred to in subsection (a) is the approximately 25,000 acres*  
3 *of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management*  
4 *as generally depicted on the map entitled “Arrow Canyon”*  
5 *and dated October 1, 2002.*

6           (c) *WILDERNESS RELEASE.*—

7               (1) *Congress finds that the parcel of land de-*  
8 *scribed in subsection (b) has been adequately studied*  
9 *for wilderness designation for the purposes of section*  
10 *603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management*  
11 *Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)).*

12               (2) *The parcel of land described in subsection*  
13 *(b)—*

14                       (A) *shall not be subject to section 603(c) of*  
15 *the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of*  
16 *1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and*

17                       (B) *shall be managed in accordance with—*

18                               (i) *the National Wildlife Refuge Sys-*  
19 *tem Administration Act, as amended by the*  
20 *National Wildlife Refuge System Improve-*  
21 *ment Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee);*  
22 *and*

23                               (ii) *existing cooperative conservation*  
24 *agreements.*

1 **SEC. 302. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**  
 2 **TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Administrative jurisdiction over*  
 4 *the parcel of land described in subsection (b) is transferred*  
 5 *from the Bureau of Land Management to the National Park*  
 6 *Service for inclusion in the Lake Mead National Recreation*  
 7 *Area.*

8 (b) *DESCRIPTION OF LAND.*—*The parcel of land re-*  
 9 *ferred to in subsection (a) is the approximately 10 acres*  
 10 *of Bureau of Land Management land, as depicted on the*  
 11 *map entitled “Eldorado/Spirit Mountain” and dated Octo-*  
 12 *ber 1, 2002.*

13 (c) *USE OF LAND.*—*The parcel of land described in*  
 14 *subsection (b) shall be used by the National Park Service*  
 15 *for administrative facilities.*

16 **TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO THE**  
 17 **SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC**  
 18 **LAND MANAGEMENT ACT**

19 **SEC. 401. DISPOSAL AND EXCHANGE.**

20 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 4 of the Southern Nevada*  
 21 *Public Land Management Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2344) is*  
 22 *amended—*

23 (1) *in the first sentence of subsection (a), by*  
 24 *striking “entitled ‘Las Vegas Valley, Nevada, Land*  
 25 *Disposal Map’, April 10, 1997” and inserting “enti-*

1 *tled ‘Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act’,*  
2 *dated October 1, 2002’; and*

3 *(2) in subsection (e)(3)(A)—*

4 *(A) in clause (iv)—*

5 *(i) by inserting “or regional govern-*  
6 *mental entity” after “local government”;*

7 *and*

8 *(ii) by striking “and” at the end;*

9 *(B) by redesignating clause (v) as clause*

10 *(vi); and*

11 *(C) by inserting after clause (iv) the fol-*

12 *lowing:*

13 *“(v) up to 10 percent of amounts*  
14 *available, to be used for conservation initia-*  
15 *tives on Federal land in Clark County, Ne-*  
16 *vada, administered by the Department of*  
17 *the Interior or the Department of Agri-*  
18 *culture; and”.*

19 *(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by sub-*  
20 *section (a) take effect on January 31, 2003.*

21 *(c) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,*  
22 *the land designated for disposal in this section is with-*  
23 *drawn from—*

24 *(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-*  
25 *posal under the public land laws;*

1           (2) *location, entry, and patent under the mining*  
 2           *laws; and*

3           (3) *operation of the mineral leasing, mineral*  
 4           *materials, and geothermal leasing laws.*

## 5           **TITLE V—IVANPAH CORRIDOR**

### 6           **SEC. 501. INTERSTATE ROUTE 15 SOUTH CORRIDOR.**

7           (a) *MANAGEMENT OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 15 COR-*  
 8           *RIDOR LAND.—*

9           (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage*  
 10           *the land located along the Interstate Route 15 cor-*  
 11           *ridor south of the Las Vegas Valley to the border be-*  
 12           *tween the States of California and Nevada, generally*  
 13           *depicted as “Interstate 15 South Corridor” on the*  
 14           *map entitled “Clark County Conservation of Public*  
 15           *Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002” and dated*  
 16           *October 1, 2002, in accordance with the Southern Ne-*  
 17           *vada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (112*  
 18           *Stat. 2343) and this section.*

19           (2) *AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map described*  
 20           *in paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for*  
 21           *public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bu-*  
 22           *reau of Land Management.*

23           (3) *MULTIPLE USE MANAGEMENT.—Subject to*  
 24           *any land management designations under the 1998*  
 25           *Las Vegas District Resource Management Plan or the*



1        *Clark County Multi-Species Conservation Plan, land*  
2        *depicted on the map described in paragraph (1) shall*  
3        *be managed for multiple use purposes.*

4            (4) *TERMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE WITH-*  
5        *DRAWAL.—The administrative withdrawal of the land*  
6        *identified as the “Interstate 15 South Corridor” on*  
7        *the map entitled “Clark County Conservation of Pub-*  
8        *lic Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002” and*  
9        *dated October 1, 2002, from mineral entry dated July*  
10       *23, 1997, and as amended March 9, 1998, as further*  
11       *amended July 2, 2002, is terminated.*

12           (5) *WITHDRAWAL OF LAND.—*

13            (A) *Subject to valid existing rights, the cor-*  
14        *ridor described in subsection (b) and the land de-*  
15        *scribed in subsection (c)(1) are withdrawn from*  
16        *location and entry under the mining laws, and*  
17        *from operation under the mineral leasing and*  
18        *geothermal leasing laws, until such time as—*

19                    (i) *the Secretary terminates the with-*  
20                    *drawal; or*

21                    (ii) *the corridor or land, respectively,*  
22                    *is patented.*

23            (B) *Subject to valid existing rights, any*  
24        *Federal land in an area of critical environ-*  
25        *mental concern that is designated for segregation*

1           *and withdrawal under the 1998 Las Vegas Re-*  
2           *source Management Plan is segregated and with-*  
3           *drawn from the operation of the mining laws in*  
4           *accordance with that plan.*

5           **(b) TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES CORRIDOR.—**  
6           *Notwithstanding sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land*  
7           *Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712,*  
8           *1713), the Secretary, in consultation with the City of Hen-*  
9           *derson and the County, and in accordance with this section*  
10          *and other applicable laws and subject to valid existing*  
11          *rights, shall establish a 2,640-foot-wide corridor between the*  
12          *Las Vegas valley and the proposed Ivanpah Airport for the*  
13          *placement, on a nonexclusive basis, of utilities and trans-*  
14          *portation.*

15          **(c) IVANPAH AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY DISTRICT**  
16          **LAND TRANSFER.—**

17                 **(1) IN GENERAL.—***Subject to paragraph (2) and*  
18                 *valid existing rights, on request by the County, the*  
19                 *Secretary shall transfer to the County, without con-*  
20                 *sideration, all right, title, and interest of the United*  
21                 *States in and to the land identified as “Ivanpah Air-*  
22                 *port noise compatibility area” on the map entitled*  
23                 *“Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Nat-*  
24                 *ural Resources Act of 2002” and dated October 1,*  
25                 *2002.*

1           (2) *CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER.*—*As a condition*  
2 *of the transfer under paragraph (1), the County shall*  
3 *agree—*

4                   (A) *to manage the transferred land in ac-*  
5 *cordance with section 47504 of title 49, United*  
6 *States Code (including regulations promulgated*  
7 *under that section); and*

8                   (B) *that if any portion of the transferred*  
9 *land is sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed or*  
10 *leased by the County—*

11                           (i) *the sale, lease, or other conveyance*  
12 *shall be—*

13                                   (I) *subject to a limitation that re-*  
14 *quires that any use of the transferred*  
15 *land be consistent with the Agreement*  
16 *and section 47504 of title 49, United*  
17 *States Code (including regulations pro-*  
18 *mulgated under that section); and*

19                                   (II) *for fair market value; and*

20                                   (ii) *of any gross proceeds received by*  
21 *the County from the sale, lease, or other*  
22 *conveyance of the land, the County shall—*

23   (I) *contribute 85 percent to the*  
24 *special account established by section*  
25 *4(e)(1)(C) of the Southern Nevada*

1 *Public Land Management Act of 1998*  
2 *(112 Stat. 2345);*

3 *(II) contribute 5 percent to the*  
4 *State for use in the general education*  
5 *program of the State; and*

6 *(III) reserve 10 percent for use by*  
7 *the Clark County Department of Avia-*  
8 *tion for airport development and noise*  
9 *compatibility programs.*

10 *(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (b) and (c) shall*  
11 *not take effect until construction of the Ivanpah Valley Air-*  
12 *port is approved in accordance with Public Law 106–362.*

13 **SEC. 502. AREA OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN**  
14 **SEGREGATION.**

15 *(a) TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid ex-*  
16 *isting rights, any Federal land in an Area of Critical Envi-*  
17 *ronmental Concern that is designated for withdrawal under*  
18 *the 1998 Las Vegas Resource Management Plan, and which*  
19 *is not already withdrawn by the effect of this or any other*  
20 *Act, is hereby withdrawn from location, entry, and patent*  
21 *under the mining laws for a period not to exceed five years.*

22 *The withdrawal shall lapse at the earlier—*

23 *(1) five years; or*

24 *(2) when the Secretary issues a final decision on*  
25 *each proposed withdrawal.*

1           (b) *ADMINISTRATIVE WITHDRAWAL.*—*The Secretary*  
2 *shall make final decisions on each of the temporary with-*  
3 *drawals described in subsection (a) within five years of the*  
4 *date of enactment of this Act. Such decisions shall be made*  
5 *consistent with the Federal Land Policy and Management*  
6 *Act (43 U.S.C. 1714), and in accordance with the 1998 Las*  
7 *Vegas Resource Management Plan.*

8           (c) *MINERAL REPORT.*—*The mineral reports required*  
9 *by section 204(c)(12) of the Federal Land Policy and Man-*  
10 *agement Act shall be the responsibility of the U.S. Geologi-*  
11 *cal Survey and shall be completed for each of the temporary*  
12 *withdrawals described in subsection (a) within four years*  
13 *of the date of enactment of this Act.*

14           **TITLE VI—SLOAN CANYON**  
15 **NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA**

16 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

17           *This title may be cited as the “Sloan Canyon National*  
18 *Conservation Area Act”.*

19 **SEC. 602. PURPOSE.**

20           *The purpose of this title is to establish the Sloan Can-*  
21 *yon National Conservation Area to conserve, protect, and*  
22 *enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future*  
23 *generations the cultural, archaeological, natural, wilder-*  
24 *ness, scientific, geological, historical, biological, wildlife,*  
25 *educational, and scenic resource of the Conservation Area.*

1 **SEC. 603. DEFINITIONS.**

2 *In this title:*

3 (1) *CONSERVATION AREA.*—*The term “Conserva-*  
4 *tion Area” means the Sloan Canyon National Con-*  
5 *servaion Area established by section 604(a).*

6 (2) *FEDERAL PARCEL.*—*The term “Federal par-*  
7 *cel” means the parcel of Federal land consisting of*  
8 *approximately 500 acres that is identified as “Tract*  
9 *A” on the map entitled “Southern Nevada Public*  
10 *Land Management Act” and dated October 1, 2002.*

11 (3) *MANAGEMENT PLAN.*—*The term “manage-*  
12 *ment plan” means the management plan for the Con-*  
13 *servaion Area developed under section 605(b).*

14 (4) *MAP.*—*The term “map” means the map enti-*  
15 *tled “Southern Nevada Public Land Management*  
16 *Act” and dated October 1, 2002.*

17 **SEC. 604. ESTABLISHMENT.**

18 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*For the purpose described in sec-*  
19 *tion 602, there is established in the State a conservaion*  
20 *area to be known as the “Sloan Canyon National Conserva-*  
21 *tion Area”.*

22 (b) *AREA INCLUDED.*—*The Conservation Area shall*  
23 *consist of approximately 47,817 acres of public land in the*  
24 *County, as generally depicted on the map.*

25 (c) *MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.*—

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—As soon as practicable after  
2           the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
3           submit to Congress a map and legal description of the  
4           Conservation Area.

5           (2) *EFFECT.*—The map and legal description  
6           shall have the same force and effect as if included in  
7           this section, except that the Secretary may correct  
8           minor errors in the map or legal description.

9           (3) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.*—A copy of the map  
10          and legal description shall be on file and available for  
11          public inspection in the appropriate office of the Bu-  
12          reau of Land Management.

13 **SEC. 605. MANAGEMENT.**

14          (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary, acting through the  
15          Director of the Bureau of Land Management, shall manage  
16          the Conservation Area—

17                 (1) *in a manner that conserves, protects, and en-*  
18                 *hances the resources of the Conservation Area; and*

19                 (2) *in accordance with—*

20                         (A) *the Federal Land Policy and Manage-*  
21                         *ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and*

22                         (B) *other applicable law, including this Act.*

23          (b) *MANAGEMENT PLAN.*—

24                 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 3 years after  
25          the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in

1       *consultation with the State, the city of Henderson, the*  
2       *County, and any other interested persons, shall de-*  
3       *velop a management plan for the Conservation Area.*

4           (2) *REQUIREMENTS.—The management plan*  
5       *shall—*

6                   (A) *describe the appropriate uses and man-*  
7       *agement of the Conservation Area;*

8                   (B)(i) *authorize the use of motorized vehi-*  
9       *cles in the Conservation Area—*

10                           (I) *for installing, repairing, maintain-*  
11       *ing, and reconstructing water development*  
12       *projects, including guzzlers, that would en-*  
13       *hance the Conservation Area by promoting*  
14       *healthy, viable, and more naturally distrib-*  
15       *uted wildlife populations; and*

16                           (II) *subject to any limitations that are*  
17       *not more restrictive than the limitations on*  
18       *such uses authorized in wilderness areas*  
19       *under section 208; and*

20                           (ii) *include or provide recommendations on*  
21       *ways of minimizing the visual impacts of such*  
22       *activities on the Conservation Area;*

23                   (C) *include a plan for litter cleanup and*  
24       *public lands awareness campaign on public*  
25       *lands in and around the Conservation Area;*



1           (D) include a recommendation on the loca-  
2           tion for a right-of-way for rural roadways or  
3           public trails to provide the city of Henderson  
4           with access to the Conservation Area, in accord-  
5           ance with the application numbered N-65874.

6           (c) USES.—The Secretary shall allow only such uses  
7           of the Conservation Area that the Secretary determines will  
8           further the purpose described in section 602.

9           (d) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—Except as needed for ad-  
10          ministrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the  
11          use of motorized vehicles in the Conservation Area shall be  
12          permitted only on roads and trails designated for the use  
13          of motorized vehicles by the management plan developed  
14          under subsection (b).

15          (e) WITHDRAWAL.—

16           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
17          rights, all public land in the Conservation Area is  
18          withdrawn from—

19           (A) all forms of entry and appropriation  
20          under the public land laws;

21           (B) location, entry, and patent under the  
22          mining laws; and

23           (C) operation of the mineral leasing, min-  
24          eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

1           (2) *ADDITIONAL LAND.*—*Notwithstanding any*  
2 *other provision of law, the Secretary acquires mineral*  
3 *or other interests in a parcel of land within the Con-*  
4 *servaion Area after the date of enactment of this Act,*  
5 *the parcel is withdrawn from operation of the laws*  
6 *referred to in paragraph (1) on the date of acquisi-*  
7 *tion of the land.*

8           (f) *HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.*—

9           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Nothing in this title affects*  
10 *the jurisdiction of the State with respect to fish and*  
11 *wildlife, including hunting, fishing, and trapping in*  
12 *the Conservation Area.*

13           (2) *LIMITATIONS.*—

14           (A) *REGULATIONS.*—*The Secretary may*  
15 *designate by regulation areas in which, and es-*  
16 *tablish periods during which, for reasons of pub-*  
17 *lic safety, administration, or compliance with*  
18 *applicable laws, no hunting, fishing, or trapping*  
19 *will be permitted in the Conservation Area.*

20           (B) *CONSULTATION.*—*Except in emergencies,*  
21 *the Secretary shall consult with the appropriate*  
22 *State agency before promulgating regulations*  
23 *under subparagraph (A) that close a portion of*  
24 *the Conservation Area to hunting, fishing, or*  
25 *trapping.*

1       (g) *NO BUFFER ZONES.*—

2               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The establishment of the Con-*  
3       *servation Area shall not create an express or implied*  
4       *protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Con-*  
5       *servation Area.*

6               (2) *PRIVATE LAND.*—*If the use of, or conduct of*  
7       *an activity on, private land that shares a boundary*  
8       *with the Conservation Area is consistent with appli-*  
9       *cable law, nothing in this title concerning the estab-*  
10       *lishment of the Conservation Area shall prohibit or*  
11       *limit the use or conduct of the activity.*

12   **SEC. 606. SALE OF FEDERAL PARCEL.**

13       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding sections 202 and*  
14       *203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of*  
15       *1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713) and subject to valid existing*  
16       *rights, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment*  
17       *of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the highest quali-*  
18       *fied bidder all right, title, and interest of the United States*  
19       *in and to the Federal parcel.*

20       (b) *DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.*—*Of the gross proceeds*  
21       *from the conveyance of land under subsection (a)—*

22               (1) *5 percent shall be available to the State for*  
23       *use in the general education program of the State;*  
24       *and*

1           (2) *the remainder shall be deposited in the spe-*  
2 *cial account described in paragraph (2), to be avail-*  
3 *able to the Secretary, without further appropriation*  
4 *for—*

5                   (A) *the construction and operation of facili-*  
6 *ties to support the management of the Conserva-*  
7 *tion Area;*

8                   (B) *the construction and repair of trails*  
9 *and roads in the Conservation Area authorized*  
10 *under the management plan;*

11                   (C) *research on and interpretation of the*  
12 *archaeological and geological resources of the*  
13 *Conservation Area;*

14                   (D) *conservation and research relating to*  
15 *the Conservation Area; and*

16                   (E) *any other purpose that the Secretary*  
17 *determines to be consistent with the purpose de-*  
18 *scribed in section 602.*

19 **SEC. 607. RIGHT OF WAY.**

20           *Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment*  
21 *of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the City of Hender-*  
22 *son the public right-of-way requested for public trail pur-*  
23 *poses under the application numbered N-76312.*

1       **TITLE VII—PUBLIC INTEREST**  
 2                   **CONVEYANCES**

3       **SEC. 701. DEFINITION OF MAP.**

4           *In this title, the term “map” means the map entitled*  
 5       *“Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act” and*  
 6       *dated October 1, 2002.*

7       **SEC. 702. CONVEYANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA AT**  
 8                   **LAS VEGAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION.**

9           *(a) FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.—*

10               *(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—*

11                       *(A) the University of Nevada, Las Vegas,*  
 12                       *needs land in the greater Las Vegas area to pro-*  
 13                       *vide for the future growth of the university;*

14                       *(B) the proposal by the University of Ne-*  
 15                       *vada, Las Vegas, for construction of a research*  
 16                       *park and technology center in the greater Las*  
 17                       *Vegas area would enhance the high tech industry*  
 18                       *and entrepreneurship in the State; and*

19                       *(C) the land transferred to the Clark Coun-*  
 20                       *ty Department of Aviation under section 4(g) of*  
 21                       *the Southern Nevada Public Land Management*  
 22                       *Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2346) is the best location*  
 23                       *for the research park and technology center.*

24               *(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section*  
 25               *are—*

1           (A) to provide a suitable location for the  
2           construction of a research park and technology  
3           center in the greater Las Vegas area;

4           (B) to provide the public with opportunities  
5           for education and research in the field of high  
6           technology; and

7           (C) to provide the State with opportunities  
8           for competition and economic development in the  
9           field of high technology.

10       (b) *TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER.*—

11           (1) *CONVEYANCE.*—Notwithstanding section  
12           4(g)(4) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Manage-  
13           ment Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2347), the Clark County  
14           Department of Aviation may convey, without consid-  
15           eration, all right, title, and interest in and to the  
16           parcel of land described in paragraph (3) to the Uni-  
17           versity of Nevada at Las Vegas Research Foundation  
18           (referred to in this section as “Foundation”) for the  
19           development of a technology research center.

20           (2) *CONDITION.*—The conveyance under para-  
21           graph (1) shall be subject to the condition that the  
22           Foundation enter into an agreement that if the land  
23           described in paragraph (3) is sold, leased, or other-  
24           wise conveyed by the Foundation.

1           (A) the Foundation shall sell, lease, or oth-  
2           erwise convey the land for fair market value;

3           (B) the Foundation shall contribute 85 per-  
4           cent of the gross proceeds from the sale, lease, or  
5           conveyance of the land to the special account;

6           (C) with respect to land identified on the  
7           map entitled “Las Vegas Valley, Nevada, Land  
8           Sales Map”, numbered 7306A, and dated May  
9           1980, the proceeds from the sale, lease, or convey-  
10          ance of the land identified on the map contrib-  
11          uted to the special account by the Foundation  
12          under subparagraph (B) shall be used by the  
13          Secretary of Agriculture to acquire environ-  
14          mentally sensitive land in the Lake Tahoe Basin  
15          under section 3 of Public Law 96–586 (94 Stat.  
16          3383);

17          (D) the Foundation shall contribute 5 per-  
18          cent of the gross proceeds from the sale, lease, or  
19          conveyance of the land to the State of Nevada for  
20          use in the general education program of the  
21          State; and

22          (E) the remainder of the gross proceeds from  
23          the sale, lease, or conveyance of the land shall be  
24          available for use by the Foundation.

1           (3) *DESCRIPTION OF LAND.*—*The parcel of land*  
 2           *referred to in paragraph (1) is the parcel of Clark*  
 3           *County Department of Aviation land—*

4                     (A) *consisting of approximately 115 acres;*

5                     *and*

6                     (B) *located in the SW 1/4 of section 33, T.*  
 7                     *21 S., R. 60 E., Mount Diablo Base and Merid-*  
 8                     *ian.*

9   **SEC. 703. CONVEYANCE TO THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN**  
 10                   **POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

11           *The Secretary shall convey to the Las Vegas Metropoli-*  
 12           *tan Police Department, without consideration, all right,*  
 13           *title, and interest in and to the parcel of land identified*  
 14           *as “Tract F” on the map for use as a shooting range.*

15   **SEC. 704. CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF HENDERSON FOR**  
 16                   **THE NEVADA STATE COLLEGE AT HENDER-**  
 17                   **SON.**

18           (a) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

19                     (1) *CHANCELLOR.*—*The term “Chancellor”*  
 20                     *means the Chancellor of the University system.*

21                     (2) *CITY.*—*The term “City” means the city of*  
 22                     *Henderson, Nevada.*

23                     (3) *COLLEGE.*—*The term “College” means the*  
 24                     *Nevada State College at Henderson.*



1           (4) *SURVEY.*—*The term “survey” means the land*  
2 *survey required under Federal law to define the offi-*  
3 *cial metes and bounds of the parcel of Federal land*  
4 *identified as “Tract H” on the map.*

5           (5) *UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.*—*The term “University*  
6 *system” means the University and Community Col-*  
7 *lege System of Nevada.*

8           (b) *CONVEYANCE.*—

9           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding the Federal*  
10 *Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.*  
11 *1701 et seq.) and section 1(c) of the Act of June 14,*  
12 *1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation and Pub-*  
13 *lic Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869(c)), not later than*  
14 *180 days after the date on which the survey is ap-*  
15 *proved, the Secretary shall convey to the City, without*  
16 *consideration, all right, title, and interest of the*  
17 *United States in and to the parcel of Federal land*  
18 *identified as “Tract H” on the map for use as a cam-*  
19 *pus for the College.*

20           (2) *CONDITIONS.*—

21           (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*As a condition of the*  
22 *conveyance under paragraph (1), the Chancellor*  
23 *and the City shall agree in writing—*

24                   (i) *to pay any administrative costs as-*  
25                   *sociated with the conveyance, including the*

1           *costs of any environmental, wildlife, cul-*  
2           *tural, or historical resources studies;*

3           *(ii) to use the Federal land conveyed*  
4           *for educational and recreational purposes;*

5           *(iii) to release and indemnify the*  
6           *United States from any claims or liabilities*  
7           *which may arise from uses that are carried*  
8           *out on the Federal land on or before the*  
9           *date of enactment of this Act by the United*  
10          *States or any person;*

11          *(iv) as soon as practicable after the*  
12          *date of the conveyance under paragraph (1),*  
13          *to erect at the College an appropriate and*  
14          *centrally located monument that acknowl-*  
15          *edges the conveyance of the Federal land by*  
16          *the United States for the purpose of fur-*  
17          *thering the higher education of citizens in*  
18          *the State; and*

19          *(v) to assist the Bureau of Land Man-*  
20          *agement in providing information to the*  
21          *students of the College and the citizens of*  
22          *the State on—*

23                   *(I) public land in the State; and*

1                   (II) *the role of the Bureau of*  
2                   *Land Management in managing, pre-*  
3                   *servicing, and protecting the public land.*

4                   (B) *VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—The convey-*  
5                   *ance under paragraph (1) shall be subject to all*  
6                   *valid existing rights.*

7                   (3) *USE OF FEDERAL LAND.—*

8                   (A) *IN GENERAL.—The College and the City*  
9                   *may use the land conveyed under paragraph (1)*  
10                  *for—*

11                  (i) *any purpose relating to the estab-*  
12                  *lishment, operation, growth, and mainte-*  
13                  *nance of the College.*

14                  (ii) *any uses relating to such purposes,*  
15                  *including residential and commercial devel-*  
16                  *opment that would generally be associated*  
17                  *with an institution of higher education.*

18                  (B) *OTHER ENTITIES.—The College and the*  
19                  *City may—*

20                  (i) *consistent with Federal and State*  
21                  *law, lease or otherwise provide property or*  
22                  *space at the College, with or without consid-*  
23                  *eration, to religious, public interest, com-*  
24                  *munity, or other groups for services and*  
25                  *events that are of interest to the College, the*

1                    *City, or any community located in the Las*  
 2                    *Vegas Valley;*

3                    *(ii) allow the City or any other com-*  
 4                    *munity in the Las Vegas Valley to use fa-*  
 5                    *cilities of the College for educational and*  
 6                    *recreational programs of the City or com-*  
 7                    *munity; and*

8                    *(iii) in conjunction with the City,*  
 9                    *plan, finance, (including the provision of*  
 10                    *cost-share assistance), construct, and oper-*  
 11                    *ate facilities for the City on the Federal*  
 12                    *land conveyed for educational or rec-*  
 13                    *reational purposes consistent with this sec-*  
 14                    *tion.*

15                    *(4) REVERSION.—*

16                    *(A) If the Federal land or any portion of*  
 17                    *the Federal land conveyed under paragraph (1)*  
 18                    *ceases to be used for the College, the Federal land*  
 19                    *or any portion of the Federal land shall, at the*  
 20                    *discretion of the Secretary, revert to the United*  
 21                    *States.*

22                    **SEC. 705. CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NE-**  
 23                    **VADA.**

24                    *(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

1           (1) *CITY.*—*The term “City” means the city of*  
2           *Las Vegas, Nevada.*

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

6           (b) *CONVEYANCE.*—*The Secretary shall convey to the*  
7           *City, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of*  
8           *the United States in and to the parcels of land identified*  
9           *as “Tract C” and “Tract D” on the map.*

10          (c) *REVERSION.*—*If a parcel of land conveyed to the*  
11          *City under subsection (b) ceases to be used for affordable*  
12          *housing or for a purpose related to affordable housing, the*  
13          *parcel shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, revert to the*  
14          *United States.*

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