

Calendar No. 498

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 1631****[Report No. 117–155]**

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona to the Arizona Board of Regents, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2021

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with amendments

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A BILL

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Arizona Experiment
3 Station Land Conveyance Act of ~~2021~~ 2022”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) EASEMENT.—The term “easement” means
7 an easement to access and use Forest Service Road
8 9201D from its junction with Forest Service Road
9 0618 (commonly known as “Beaver Creek”).

10 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
11 means the approximately 13.3 acres of National
12 Forest System land within the Coconino National
13 Forest in the State of Arizona, as generally depicted
14 on the map entitled “Act to Convey Certain NFS
15 Land and non-Federal Land in Arizona Winter
16 Quarters” and dated June 20, 2019.

17 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of Agriculture.

19 (4) UNIVERSITY.—The term “University”
20 means the Arizona Board of Regents, acting on be-
21 half of the University of Arizona Experiment Sta-
22 tion.

23 **SEC. 3. COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST LAND CONVEYANCE.**

24 (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—Subject to this sec-
25 tion, if the University submits to the Secretary not later
26 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act a

1 written request ~~for the conveyance of the Federal land,~~
 2 *to acquire the Federal land for market value, as determined*
 3 *by the appraisal conducted under subsection (d),* the Sec-
 4 retary shall, not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
 5 ment of this Act, convey to the University all right, title,
 6 and interest of the United States in and to that land, in-
 7 cluding related infrastructure, improvements, and ease-
 8 ments on that land.

9 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance au-
 10 thorized under subsection (a) shall be—

11 (1) subject to valid existing rights;

12 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of law;

13 and

14 (3) subject to any other terms and conditions
 15 as considered appropriate by the Secretary.

16 (c) FOREST SERVICE ACCESS.—The Secretary shall
 17 retain all other rights not included in the conveyance au-
 18 thorized under subsection (a) to Forest Service Road
 19 9201D from its junction with Forest Service Road 0618
 20 (commonly known as “Beaver Creek”), including the
 21 maintenance of, and continued administrative access to,
 22 that road.

23 ~~(d) USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—~~

(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of the conveyance under subsection (a), the Federal land shall be—

(A) maintained by the University; and

(B) used for the purposes of land-grant colleges and universities in accordance with—

(i) the Act of July 2, 1862 (commonly known as the “First Morrill Act”) (12 Stat. 503, chapter 130; 7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.);

(ii) the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 341 et seq.); and

(iii) the Hatch Act of 1887 (7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.).

(2) REVERSION.—If any portion of the Federal land conveyed under subsection (a) is used in a manner inconsistent with paragraph (1), the Federal land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, revert to the United States.

(d) APPRAISAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the University submits a written request under subsection (a), the Secretary shall complete an appraisal to determine the market value of the Federal land.

- 1 (2) *STANDARDS.*—*The appraisal under para-*
2 *graph (1) shall be conducted in accordance with—*
3 *(A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for*
4 *Federal Land Acquisitions; and*
5 *(B) the Uniform Standards of Professional*
6 *Appraisal Practice.*

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