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2D SESSION**S. 4222**

To adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monument.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2024

Mr. PADILLA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with an amendment

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A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mojave National Pre-
5 serve Boundary Adjustment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITION OF CASTLE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL**
 2 **MONUMENT LAND TO THE MOJAVE NA-**
 3 **TIONAL PRESERVE, CALIFORNIA.**

4 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundary of the
 5 Mojave National Preserve established by section 502 of
 6 the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C.
 7 410aaa–42) (referred to in this Act as the “Preserve”)
 8 is adjusted to include the Federal land described in sub-
 9 section (b):

10 (b) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal
 11 land referred to in subsection (a) is the approximately
 12 20,920 acres of land designated as the Castle Mountains
 13 National Monument by Presidential Proclamation Number
 14 9394, dated February 12, 2016 (54 U.S.C. 320301 note),
 15 as depicted on the map accompanying the proclamation:

16 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map referred to in
 17 subsection (b) shall be on file and available for public in-
 18 spection in the appropriate offices of the National Park
 19 Service:

20 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior
 21 (acting through the Director of the National Park Service)
 22 shall administer the Federal land added to the Preserve
 23 by subsection (a)—

24 (1) as part of the Preserve; and

25 (2) in accordance with applicable laws (includ-
 26 ing regulations).

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Mojave National Pre-*
 3 *serve Boundary Adjustment Act”.*

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITION OF CASTLE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL**
 5 **MONUMENT LAND TO THE MOJAVE NATIONAL**
 6 **PRESERVE, CALIFORNIA.**

7 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

8 (1) *MAP.—The term “Map” means the map ac-*
 9 *companying the Proclamation.*

10 (2) *PRESERVE.—The term “Preserve” means the*
 11 *Mojave National Preserve.*

12 (3) *PROCLAMATION.—The term “Proclamation”*
 13 *means the Presidential Proclamation 9394, dated*
 14 *February 12, 2016 (54 U.S.C. 320301 note).*

15 (4) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
 16 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

17 (b) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundary of the*
 18 *Mojave National Preserve established by section 502 of the*
 19 *California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C.*
 20 *410aaa–42) is adjusted to include the Federal land de-*
 21 *scribed in subsection (c).*

22 (c) *DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal*
 23 *land referred to in subsection (b) is the approximately*
 24 *20,920 acres of land designated as the Castle Mountains*
 25 *National Monument by the Proclamation, as depicted on*
 26 *the Map.*

1 (d) *AVAILABILITY OF MAP.*—*The Map shall be on file*
 2 *and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-*
 3 *fices of the National Park Service.*

4 (e) *ADMINISTRATION.*—

5 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall admin-*
 6 *ister the Federal land added to the Preserve by sub-*
 7 *section (b)—*

8 (A) *as part of the Preserve; and*

9 (B) *in accordance with applicable laws (in-*
 10 *cluding regulations).*

11 (2) *CASTLE MOUNTAIN MINE AREA.*—

12 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to subparagraph*
 13 *(C), the Secretary, acting through the Director of*
 14 *the Bureau of Land Management, shall continue*
 15 *to manage the Federal land described in sub-*
 16 *paragraph (B) pursuant to the Federal Land*
 17 *Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.*
 18 *1701 et seq.) and other applicable laws.*

19 (B) *DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.*—*The*
 20 *Federal land referred to in subparagraphs (A)*
 21 *and (C) is the Federal land and interests in the*
 22 *Federal land within the area identified as “Cas-*
 23 *tle Mountain Mine Area” on the Map.*

24 (C) *TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURIS-*
 25 *DICTION.*—

1 (i) *IN GENERAL.*—On the date on
2 which the Secretary makes a determination
3 described in clause (ii), the Secretary shall,
4 consistent with applicable laws, transfer ad-
5 ministrative jurisdiction over the Federal
6 land described in subparagraph (B) from
7 the Bureau of Land Management to the Na-
8 tional Park Service, to be administered as
9 part of the Preserve.

10 (ii) *DETERMINATION DESCRIBED.*—A
11 determination referred to in clause (i) is a
12 determination by the Secretary that, with
13 respect to the Federal land described in sub-
14 paragraph (B)—

15 (I) all mining and mining-related
16 activities have terminated and rec-
17 lamation is complete; or

18 (II) there has been a 10-year pe-
19 riod after the date of issuance of the
20 Proclamation during which no com-
21 mercial mining activities have oc-
22 curred pursuant to a Bureau of Land
23 Management-approved plan of oper-
24 ation.

1 (f) *WATER RESOURCES.*—*The Secretary, in coopera-*
 2 *tion with appropriate State officials and subject to applica-*
 3 *ble Federal and State law, shall ensure the availability of*
 4 *water resources, including groundwater resources, needed*
 5 *for purposes of the Federal land added to the Preserve by*
 6 *subsection (b).*

7 (g) *VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.*—*Nothing in this section,*
 8 *including the inclusion of additional Federal land in the*
 9 *Preserve under subsection (b) or (e)(2)(C), affects valid ex-*
 10 *isting rights.*

11 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.**

12 *Administrative jurisdiction over the portion of the*
 13 *NE¹/₄SW¹/₄ sec. 11, T. 14 N., R. 17 E., of the San*
 14 *Bernardino Meridian, lying easterly of a line 100 feet west-*
 15 *erly of the centerline of an existing road that traverses the*
 16 *quarter from northeast to southwest, as generally depicted*
 17 *on the map entitled “Mojave National Preserve Proposed*
 18 *Land Transfer”, numbered 170/195,273, and dated Novem-*
 19 *ber 2024, is transferred from the National Park Service to*
 20 *the Bureau of Land Management.*

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