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S. 2149

To transfer certain public lands in northeastern Nevada.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

To transfer certain public lands in northeastern Nevada.

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 “Northeastern Nevada
5 Public Lands Transfer Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AIR FORCE LAND CONVEYANCE, WENDOVER AIR**
7 **FORCE BASE AUXILIARY FIELD, NEVADA.**

8 (a) CONVEYANCE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of enactment of this Act and subject
11 to subsection (c), the Secretary of the Air Force

1 shall convey, without consideration, to the City of
2 West Wendover, Nevada (in this section referred to
3 as the “City”), all right, title, and interest of the
4 United States in and to the property described in
5 paragraph (2), for purposes of permitting the City
6 to develop the parcels for economic and public pur-
7 poses.

8 (2) PROPERTY DESCRIPTION.—The property
9 described in this paragraph is the land consisting of
10 approximately 15,093 acres of land, including any
11 improvements, located within the Wendover Air
12 Force Base Auxiliary Field, described as follows:
13 Township 32 North, Range 69 East; Township 32
14 North, Range 70 East; and Township 33 North,
15 Range 70 East; Mount Diablo Base and Meridian,
16 being more particularly described as: All of Section
17 24 less the United States Alternate Route 93 right-
18 of-way and those portions of sections 12 and 13 east
19 of the east right-of-way line of United States Alter-
20 nate Route 93 in Township 32 North, Range 69
21 East; all of sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17,
22 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and the portions of sections 6
23 and 7 east of the east right-of-way line of United
24 States Alternate Route 93 in Township 32 North,
25 Range 70 East; all of sections 22, 27, 28, 32, 33,

1 34, and the portions of sections 16, 20, 21, 29, 30,
2 and 31 east of the east right-of-way line of United
3 States Alternate Route 93 and the portion of section
4 15 east of the east right-of-way line of U.S. Alter-
5 nate Route 93 and south of the south right-of-way
6 line of the Union Pacific Railroad Company right-of-
7 way in Township 33 North, Range 70 East, not in-
8 cluding the land comprising the Lower Jim's Mobile
9 Home Park, Scobie Mobile Home Park, Ventura
10 Mobile Home Park, Airport Way, Scobie Drive, or
11 Opal Drive.

12 (b) EXCEPTION FROM SCREENING REQUIREMENT.—
13 The Secretary shall make the conveyance under subsection
14 (a) without regard to the requirement under section 2696
15 of title 10, United States Code, that the property be
16 screened for further Federal use in accordance with the
17 Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949
18 (40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.).

19 (c) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.—

20 (1) SURVEY.—Not later than 180 days after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
22 shall complete hazardous material surveys with re-
23 spect to the property to be conveyed under sub-
24 section (a) in order to identify any needed corrective

1 actions that are required with respect to such prop-
2 erty.

3 (2) CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.—The Secretary shall
4 take any corrective actions that are identified by the
5 surveys under paragraph (1) as soon as practicable
6 after the surveys.

7 (3) POSTPONEMENT OF CONVEYANCE.—The
8 Secretary may not carry out the conveyance of any
9 property under subsection (a) that is identified
10 under paragraph (1) as requiring corrective actions
11 until the Secretary completes the corrective actions.

12 (d) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage
13 and legal description of the real property to be conveyed
14 under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey mu-
15 tually satisfactory to the Secretary and the City. The cost
16 of the survey shall be borne by the City.

17 (e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
18 Secretary may require such additional terms and condi-
19 tions in connection with the conveyance under subsection
20 (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the
21 interests of the United States.

22 (f) WITHDRAWAL.—The public land described in sub-
23 section (a) is withdrawn from the operation of the mining
24 and mineral leasing laws of the United States.

1 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS TO THE**
 2 **CITY OF CARLIN, THE CITY OF WELLS, AND**
 3 **THE TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA.**

4 (a) CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary of the Interior,
 5 acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-
 6 agement, shall convey without consideration, all right,
 7 title, and interest of the United States, subject to all valid
 8 existing rights, in and to the property described in sub-
 9 section (b).

10 (b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—

11 (1) CITY OF CARLIN, NEVADA.—The Secretary
 12 shall convey to the City of Carlin, Nevada, in ac-
 13 cordance with subsection (a) the property consisting
 14 of approximately 60 acres located in the SW¹/₄SW¹/₄
 15 and the E¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄ of section 22, Township 33
 16 North, Range 52 East, Mount Diablo meridian.

17 (2) CITY OF WELLS, NEVADA.—The Secretary
 18 shall convey to the City of Wells, Nevada, in accord-
 19 ance with subsection (a) the property consisting of
 20 approximately 4,767 acres located in the E¹/₂SE¹/₄
 21 of section 1, the W¹/₂ of section 2, the E¹/₂ and the
 22 NW¹/₄ of section 3, S¹/₂NW¹/₄ of section 4, section
 23 6, the NW¹/₄, the SW¹/₄, and a portion of the SE¹/₄
 24 of section 11, the N¹/₂ of section 12, section 14, the
 25 N¹/₂NW¹/₄ of section 16, section 18, the W¹/₂ of sec-

1 tion 20, and section 23, all of Township 37 North,
 2 Range 62 East, Mount Diablo meridian.

3 (3) TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA.—The Sec-
 4 retary shall convey to the Town of Jackpot, Nevada,
 5 the property, consisting of approximately 532 acres
 6 located in a portion of the NE¹/₄NW¹/₄ and the
 7 NW¹/₄NE¹/₄ of section 6, the W¹/₂NW¹/₄, the
 8 NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and the SW¹/₄SW¹/₄ of section 7, and
 9 the NW¹/₄NW¹/₄ of section 18, all of Township 47
 10 North, Range 65 East, Mount Diablo meridian and
 11 portions of section 1, portions of section 12, and the
 12 NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ of section 13, Township 47 North,
 13 Range 64 East, Mount Diablo meridian.

14 (4) SURVEYS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may re-
 16 quire such surveys as the Secretary considers
 17 necessary to determine the exact acreage and
 18 legal description of the property to be conveyed
 19 under this section.

20 (B) COST.—The cost of the surveys shall
 21 be borne by the City of Carlin, the City of
 22 Wells, and the Town of Jackpot, Nevada.

23 (c) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—In car-
 24 rying out this section, the Secretary may require such ad-

1 ditional terms and conditions as the Secretary considers
2 appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

3 (d) WITHDRAWAL.—The public land described in
4 subsection (b) is withdrawn from the operation of the min-
5 ing and mineral leasing laws of the United States.

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