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To provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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County, Wyoming.

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. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO PARK COUNTY, WY-**

4 **OMING.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the parcel of land described in subsection
7 (d) has been withdrawn from the public domain for
8 reclamation purposes and is managed by the Bureau
9 of Reclamation;

1 (2) the land has been subject to a withdrawal
2 review, a level I contaminant survey, and historical,
3 cultural, and archaeological resource surveys by the
4 Bureau of Reclamation;

5 (3) the Bureau of Land Management has con-
6 ducted a cadastral survey of the land and has deter-
7 mined that the land is no longer suitable for return
8 to the public domain; and

9 (4) the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau
10 of Land Management concur in the recommendation
11 of disposal of the land as described in the documents
12 referred to in paragraph (2).

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

14 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Park
15 County, Wyoming.

16 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (c) CONVEYANCE.—In consideration of payment of
19 \$240,000 to the Secretary by the County, the Secretary
20 shall convey to the County all right, title, and interest of
21 the United States in and to the parcel of land described
22 in subsection (d).

23 (d) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The parcel of land
24 described in this subsection is the parcel located in the

1 County comprising 190.12 acres, the legal description of
 2 which is as follows:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Park County, Wyoming

T. 53 N., R. 101 W.	<i>Acreage</i>
Section 20, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	5.00
Section 29, Lot 7	9.91
Lot 9	38.24
Lot 10	31.29
Lot 12	5.78
Lot 13	8.64
Lot 1404
Lot 15	9.73
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	5.00
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	10.00
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	10.00
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	10.00
Tract 101	13.24
Section 30, Lot 31	16.95
Lot 32	16.30

3 (e) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.—The instrument of
 4 conveyance under subsection (c) shall reserve all rights to
 5 locatable, salable, and leasable oil and gas reserves.

6 (f) LEASES, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND SPE-
 7 CIAL USE PERMITS.—The conveyance under subsection
 8 (c) shall be subject to any land use leases, easements,
 9 rights-of-way, and special use permits in existence as of
 10 the date of the conveyance.

11 (g) ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.—

12 (1) LIABILITY OF THE FUTURE OWNERS.—

13 (A) FINDING.—Congress finds that—

14 (i) the United States has in good faith
 15 exercised due diligence in accordance with
 16 applicable laws (including regulations), in
 17 an effort to identify any environmental

1 contamination on the parcel of land de-
2 scribed in subsection (d); and

3 (ii) the parcel is free of any environ-
4 mental contamination.

5 (B) RELEASE FROM LIABILITY.—The
6 United States holds harmless and releases from
7 all liability any future owners of the conveyed
8 land for any violation of environmental law or
9 other contamination problem arising from any
10 action or inaction of any tenant of the land that
11 vacates the lease before the date of the convey-
12 ance under subsection (c).

13 (2) LIABILITY OF TENANTS.—A tenant of the
14 parcel of land described in subsection (d) on the
15 date of the conveyance or thereafter shall be liable
16 for any violation of environmental law or other con-
17 tamination problem that results from any action or
18 inaction of the tenant after the date of the convey-
19 ance.

20 (h) USE OF LAND.—The conveyance under sub-
21 section (c) shall be subject to the condition that the
22 County—

23 (1) use the land for the promotion of economic
24 development; or

1 (2) transfer the land to a local organization
2 formed for the purpose of promoting economic devel-
3 opment.

4 (i) **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The Sec-
5 retary may require such additional terms and conditions
6 in connection with the conveyance under subsection (c) as
7 the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the inter-
8 ests of the United States.

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