

## Calendar No. 633

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 1894****[Report No. 106-315]**

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

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 IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 9, 1999

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

JUNE 27, 2000

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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**A BILL**

To provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park 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—

1           (1) the parcel of land described in subsection  
2           (d) has been withdrawn from the public domain for  
3           reclamation purposes and is managed by the Bureau  
4           of Reclamation;

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

9           (3) the Bureau of Land Management has con-  
10          ducted a cadastral survey of the land and has deter-  
11          mined that the land is no longer suitable for return  
12          to the public domain; and

13          (4) the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau  
14          of Land Management concur in the recommendation  
15          of disposal of the land as described in the documents  
16          referred to in paragraph (2).

17          (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

18               (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Park  
19               County, Wyoming.

20               (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
21               the Secretary of the Interior.

22          (c) CONVEYANCE.—In consideration of payment of  
23          \$240,000 to the Secretary by the County, the Secretary  
24          shall convey to the County all right, title, and interest of

1 the United States in and to the parcel of land described  
2 in subsection (d).

3 (d) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The parcel of land  
4 described in this subsection is the parcel located in the  
5 County comprising 190.12 acres, the legal description of  
6 which is as follows:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Park County, Wyoming

T. 53 N., R. 101 W.	Acreage
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
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Lot 14 .....	0.04
Lot 15 .....	9.73
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SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .....	10.00
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Lot 32 .....	16.30

7 (e) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.—The instrument of  
8 conveyance under subsection (e) shall reserve all rights to  
9 locatable, salable, and leasable oil and gas reserves.

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

15 (g) ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.—

16 (1) LIABILITY OF THE FUTURE OWNERS.—

17 (A) FINDING.—Congress finds that—

1           (i) the United States has in good faith  
2           exercised due diligence in accordance with  
3           applicable laws (including regulations); in  
4           an effort to identify any environmental  
5           contamination on the parcel of land de-  
6           scribed in subsection (d); and

7           (ii) the parcel is free of any environ-  
8           mental contamination.

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

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

1       (h) ~~USE OF LAND.~~—The conveyance under sub-  
 2 section (e) shall be subject to the condition that the  
 3 County—

4           (1) use the land for the promotion of economic  
 5 development; or

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

9       (i) ~~ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.~~—The Sec-  
 10 retary may require such additional terms and conditions  
 11 in connection with the conveyance under subsection (e) as  
 12 the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the inter-  
 13 ests of the United States.

14 **SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO PARK COUNTY, WYO-**  
 15 **MING.**

16       (a) *FINDINGS.*—Congress finds that—

17           (1) *over eighty-two percent of the land in Park*  
 18 *County, Wyoming, is owned by the Federal Govern-*  
 19 *ment;*

20           (2) *the parcel of land described in subsection (d)*  
 21 *located in Park County has been withdrawn from the*  
 22 *public domain for reclamation purposes and is man-*  
 23 *aged by the Bureau of Reclamation;*

24           (3) *the land has been subject to a withdrawal re-*  
 25 *view, a level I contaminant survey, and historical,*

1       *cultural, and archaeological resource surveys by the*  
2       *Bureau of Reclamation;*

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5       *mined that the land is no longer suitable for return*  
6       *to the public domain;*

7             (5) *the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau*  
8       *of Land Management concur in the recommendation*  
9       *of disposal of the land as described in the documents*  
10       *referred to in paragraphs (3) and (4); and*

11            (6) *the County has evinced an interest in using*  
12       *the land for the purposes of local economic develop-*  
13       *ment.*

14       (b) *DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:*

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

17            (2) *ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-*  
18       *trator” means the Administrator of the General Serv-*  
19       *ices Administration.*

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8           (f) *LEASES, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND*  
 9 *OTHER RIGHTS.*—*The conveyance under subsection (c)*  
 10 *shall be subject to any land-use leases, easements, rights-*  
 11 *of-way, or valid existing rights in existence as of the date*  
 12 *of the conveyance.*

13          (g) *ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.*—*As a condition of*  
 14 *the conveyance under subsection (c), the United States shall*  
 15 *comply with the provisions of section 9620(h) of title 42,*  
 16 *United States Code.*

1        *(h) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Ad-*  
2 *ministrator may require such additional terms and condi-*  
3 *tions in connection with the conveyance under subsection*  
4 *(c) as the Administrator considers appropriate to protect*  
5 *the interests of the United States.*

6        *(i) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—The net*  
7 *proceeds received by the United States as payment under*  
8 *subsection (c) shall be deposited into the fund established*  
9 *in section 490(f) of title 40 of the United States Code, and*  
10 *may be expended by the Administrator for real property*  
11 *management and related activities not otherwise provided*  
12 *for, without further authorization.*





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