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## AN ACT

To further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre  
National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000.

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 “Sand Creek Massacre  
5 National Historic Site Trust Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) FACILITY.—The term “facility” means any  
6 structure, utility, road, or sign constructed on the  
7 trust property on or after the date of enactment of  
8 this Act.

9 (3) IMPROVEMENT.—The term “improvement”  
10 means—

11 (A) a 1,625 square foot 1-story ranch  
12 house, built in 1952, located in the SW quarter  
13 of sec. 30, T. 17 S., R. 45 W., sixth principal  
14 meridian;

15 (B) a 3,600 square foot metal-constructed  
16 shop building, built in 1975, located in the SW  
17 quarter of sec. 30, T. 17 S., R. 45 W., sixth  
18 principal meridian;

19 (C) a livestock corral and shelter; and

20 (D) a water system and wastewater system  
21 with all associated utility connections.

22 (4) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the  
23 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, a feder-  
24 ally recognized Indian tribe.

25 (5) TRUST PROPERTY.—The term “trust prop-  
26 erty” means the real property, including rights to all

1 minerals, and excluding the improvements, formerly  
 2 known as the “Dawson Ranch”, consisting of ap-  
 3 proximately 1,465 total acres presently under the ju-  
 4 risdiction of the Tribe, situated within Kiowa Coun-  
 5 ty, Colorado, and more particularly described as fol-  
 6 lows:

7 (A) The portion of sec. 24, T. 17 S., R.  
 8 46W., sixth principal meridian, that is the  
 9 Eastern half of the NW quarter, the SW quar-  
 10 ter of the NE quarter, the NW quarter of the  
 11 SE quarter, sixth principal meridian.

12 (B) All of sec. 25, T. 17 S., R. 46 W.,  
 13 sixth principal meridian.

14 (C) All of sec. 30, T. 17 S., R. 45 W.,  
 15 sixth principal meridian.

16 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR**  
 17 **THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES OF**  
 18 **OKLAHOMA.**

19 (a) LAND HELD IN TRUST FOR THE CHEYENNE AND  
 20 ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA.—Immediately upon  
 21 conveyance of title to the trust property by the Tribe to  
 22 the United States, without any further action by the Sec-  
 23 retary, the trust property shall be held in trust for the  
 24 benefit of the Tribe.

1 (b) TRUST.—All right, title, and interest of the  
2 United States in and to the trust property, except any fa-  
3 cilities constructed under section 4(b), are declared to be  
4 held by the United States in trust for the Tribe.

5 **SEC. 4. IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES.**

6 (a) IMPROVEMENTS.—The Secretary may acquire by  
7 donation the improvements in fee.

8 (b) FACILITIES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may con-  
10 struct a facility on the trust property only after con-  
11 sulting with, soliciting advice from, and obtaining  
12 the agreement of, the Tribe, the Northern Cheyenne  
13 Tribe, and the Northern Arapaho Tribe.

14 (2) OWNERSHIP.—Facilities constructed with  
15 Federal funds or funds donated to the United States  
16 shall be owned in fee by the United States.

17 (c) FEDERAL FUNDS.—For the purposes of the con-  
18 struction, maintenance, or demolition of improvements or  
19 facilities, Federal funds shall be expended only on im-  
20 provements or facilities that are owned in fee by the  
21 United States.

22 **SEC. 5. SURVEY OF BOUNDARY LINE; PUBLICATION OF DE-**  
23 **SCRIPTION.**

24 (a) SURVEY OF BOUNDARY LINE.—To accurately es-  
25 tablish the boundary of the trust property, not later than

1 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
2 retary shall cause a survey to be conducted by the Office  
3 of Cadastral Survey of the Bureau of Land Management  
4 of the boundary lines described in section 2(5).

5 (b) PUBLICATION OF LAND DESCRIPTION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—On completion of the survey  
7 under subsection (a), and acceptance of the survey  
8 by the representatives of the Tribe, the Secretary  
9 shall cause the full metes and bounds description of  
10 the lines, with a full and accurate description of the  
11 trust property, to be published in the Federal Reg-  
12 ister.

13 (2) EFFECT.—The description shall, on publica-  
14 tion, constitute the official description of the trust  
15 property.

16 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST PROPERTY.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The trust property shall be ad-  
18 ministered in perpetuity by the Secretary as part of the  
19 Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, only for his-  
20 torical, traditional, cultural, and other uses in accordance  
21 with the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Es-  
22 tablishment Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law  
23 106–465).

24 (b) ACCESS FOR ADMINISTRATION.—For purposes of  
25 administration, the Secretary shall have access to the trust

