

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2944

To withdraw certain Federal lands and interests located in Pima and Santa Cruz counties, Arizona, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2009

Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself and Ms. GIFFORDS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Southern Arizona Pub-
5 lic Lands Protection Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LANDS AND INTERESTS**
2 **LOCATED IN PIMA AND SANTA CRUZ COUN-**
3 **TIES, ARIZONA.**

4 Subject to valid existing rights, after the date of en-
5 actment of this Act—

6 (1) all federally owned interests in National
7 Forest lands in Santa Cruz County and Pima Coun-
8 ty, Arizona, are withdrawn from—

9 (A) all forms of entry, appropriation, and
10 disposal under the public land laws;

11 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
12 mining laws; and

13 (C) operation of the mineral leasing and
14 geothermal leasing laws, and the mineral mate-
15 rials laws;

16 (2) all federally owned subsurface interests
17 under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau
18 of Land Management in lands in Pima County, Ari-
19 zona, with respect to which the surface interests are
20 owned by such county, including in such lands lo-
21 cated in Davidson Canyon, are withdrawn from—

22 (A) all forms of entry, appropriation and
23 disposal under the public land laws;

24 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
25 mining laws; and

1 (C) operation of the mineral leasing and
2 geothermal leasing laws, and the mineral mate-
3 rials laws; and

4 (3) all federally owned interests in Bureau of
5 Land Management lands in Pima County, Arizona,
6 are withdrawn from entry, location, or patent under
7 the general mining laws.

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