

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5653

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch  
in Coloma, California.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2010

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

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## A BILL

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Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California.

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 “Gold Hill-Wakamatsu  
5        Preservation Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds that—

8                (1) the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California,  
9        was the location of the founding of the Wakamatsu  
10        Tea and Silk Farm Colony in 1869;

1 (2) the Ranch is—

2 (A) the oldest property in North America  
3 to be associated with Japanese immigration;  
4 and

5 (B) the only property associated with the  
6 immigration of samurai following the Meiji Res-  
7 toration;

8 (3) the Ranch includes—

9 (A) an 1860s home that was occupied by  
10 the Wakamatsu settlers;

11 (B) mulberry trees planted by the silk  
12 farmers; and

13 (C) the grave stone of Okei Ito, which is  
14 the oldest Japanese immigrant grave in the  
15 United States; and

16 (4) a variety of non-Federal funds have been  
17 obligated with respect to the acquisition and restora-  
18 tion of the Ranch, including—

19 (A) to be applied toward acquisition of the  
20 Ranch, \$1,000,000 from the Sierra Nevada  
21 Conservancy, \$485,000 from the Farm and  
22 Ranchland Protection Program, and \$530,000  
23 from private donations; and

1 (B) to be applied toward restoration of the  
2 Graner farmhouse, \$483,750 from the Cali-  
3 fornia Cultural and Historical Endowment.

4 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
7 titled “Gold Hill-Wakamatsu Site” and dated May  
8 7, 2009.

9 (2) RANCH.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Ranch”  
11 means the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, Cali-  
12 fornia (El Dorado County Assessor’s Parcel No.  
13 089–010–06), comprising approximately 272  
14 acres, which is more particularly described as  
15 the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and the SW <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the SE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec.  
16 29 and the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 32, T. 11 N., R.  
17 10 E., of El Dorado County, California.

18 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “Ranch” ex-  
19 cludes the small inholding of the Gold Trail  
20 School District, as depicted on the map.

21 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
22 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
23 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

1 **SEC. 4. ACQUISITION OF GOLD HILL RANCH, COLOMA,**  
2 **CALIFORNIA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire by do-  
4 nation or by purchase with donated or appropriated funds,  
5 from willing owners only, the lands or interests in lands  
6 described in section 3(2).

7 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—Lands  
8 and interests in lands acquired under this section shall be  
9 administered by the Secretary in accordance with applica-  
10 ble laws and regulations.

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