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To clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GOSAR 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. LAND WITHDRAWAL AND RESERVATION FOR**
4 **CRAGIN PROJECT.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”
7 means the parcel of land consisting of approximately
8 512 acres, as generally depicted on the Map, that
9 consists of—

1 (A) approximately 300 feet of the crest of
2 the Cragin Dam and associated spillway;

3 (B) the reservoir pool of the Cragin Dam
4 that consists of approximately 250 acres de-
5 fined by the high water mark; and

6 (C) the linear corridor.

7 (2) CRAGIN PROJECT.—The term “Cragin
8 Project” means—

9 (A) the Cragin Dam and associated spill-
10 way;

11 (B) the reservoir pool of the Cragin Dam;
12 and

13 (C) any pipelines, linear improvements,
14 buildings, hydroelectric generating facilities,
15 priming tanks, transmission, telephone, and
16 fiber optic lines, pumps, machinery, tools, appli-
17 ances, and other District or Bureau of Rec-
18 lamation structures and facilities used for the
19 Cragin Project.

20 (3) DISTRICT.—The term “District” means the
21 Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and
22 Power District.

23 (4) LAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY.—The term
24 “land management activity” includes, with respect
25 to the covered land, the management of—

- 1 (A) recreation;
- 2 (B) grazing;
- 3 (C) wildland fire;
- 4 (D) public conduct;
- 5 (E) commercial activities that are not part
- 6 of the Cragin Project;
- 7 (F) cultural resources;
- 8 (G) invasive species;
- 9 (H) timber and hazardous fuels;
- 10 (I) travel;
- 11 (J) law enforcement; and
- 12 (K) roads and trails.

13 (5) LINEAR CORRIDOR.—The term “linear cor-
14 ridor” means a corridor of land comprising approxi-
15 mately 262 acres—

- 16 (A) the width of which is approximately
- 17 200 feet;
- 18 (B) the length of which is approximately
- 19 11.5 miles;
- 20 (C) of which approximately 0.7 miles con-
- 21 sists of an underground tunnel; and
- 22 (D) that is generally depicted on the Map.

23 (6) MAP.—The term “Map” means sheets 1
24 and 2 of the maps entitled “C.C. Cragin Project
25 Withdrawal” and dated June 17, 2008.

1 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
3 Chief of the Forest Service.

4 (b) WITHDRAWAL OF COVERED LAND.—Subject to
5 valid existing rights, the covered land is permanently with-
6 drawn from all forms of—

7 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
8 public land laws;

9 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
10 laws; and

11 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
12 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

13 (c) MAP.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
16 the Interior, in coordination with the Secretary, shall
17 prepare a map and legal description of the covered
18 land.

19 (2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The map and legal
20 description prepared under paragraph (1) shall have
21 the same force and effect as if included in this Act,
22 except that the Secretary of the Interior may correct
23 clerical and typographical errors.

24 (3) AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal descrip-
25 tion prepared under paragraph (1) shall be on file

1 and available for public inspection in the appropriate
2 offices of the Forest Service and Bureau of Rec-
3 lamation.

4 (d) JURISDICTION AND DUTIES.—

5 (1) JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE
6 INTERIOR.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
8 subsection (e), the Secretary of the Interior,
9 acting through the Commissioner of Reclama-
10 tion, shall have exclusive administrative juris-
11 diction to manage the Cragin Project in accord-
12 ance with this Act and section 213(i) of the Ar-
13 izona Water Settlements Act (Public Law 108–
14 451; 118 Stat. 3533) on the covered land.

15 (B) INCLUSION.—Notwithstanding sub-
16 section (e), the jurisdiction under subparagraph
17 (A) shall include access to the Cragin Project
18 by the District.

19 (2) RESPONSIBILITY OF SECRETARY OF THE
20 INTERIOR AND DISTRICT.—In accordance with para-
21 graphs (4)(B) and (5) of section 213(i) of the Ari-
22 zona Water Settlements Act (Public Law 108–451;
23 118 Stat. 3533), the Secretary of the Interior and
24 the District shall—

1 (A) ensure the compliance of each activity
2 carried out at the Cragin Project with each ap-
3 plicable Federal environmental law (including
4 regulations); and

5 (B) coordinate with appropriate Federal
6 agencies in ensuring the compliance under sub-
7 paragraph (A).

8 (e) LAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES ON COVERED
9 LAND.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall have ad-
11 ministrative jurisdiction over land management ac-
12 tivities on the covered land and other appropriate
13 management activities pursuant to an agreement
14 under paragraph (2) that do not conflict with, or ad-
15 versely affect, the operation, maintenance, or re-
16 placement (including repair) of the Cragin Project,
17 as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (2) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.—The Secretary
19 and the Secretary of the Interior, in coordination
20 with the District, may enter into an agreement
21 under which the Secretary may—

22 (A) undertake any other appropriate man-
23 agement activity in accordance with applicable
24 law that will improve the management and safe-
25 ty of the covered land and other land managed

1 by the Secretary if the activity does not conflict
2 with, or adversely affect, the operation, maintenance,
3 or replacement (including repair) of the
4 Cragin Project, as determined by the Secretary
5 of the Interior; and

6 (B) carry out any emergency activities,
7 such as fire suppression, on the covered land.

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