

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6696

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2012

Mr. GOSAR (for himself and Mr. SCHWEIKERT) 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 “The Blackwater Trad-
5 ing Post Land Transfer Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) BLACKWATER TRADING POST LAND.—The
2 term “Blackwater Trading Post land” means the ap-
3 proximately 50.3 acres of land as depicted on the
4 map that—

5 (A) is located in Pinal County, Arizona,
6 and bordered by Community land to the east,
7 west, and north and State Highway 87 to the
8 south; and

9 (B) is owned by the Community.

10 (2) COMMUNITY.—The term “Community”
11 means the Gila River Indian Community of the Gila
12 River Indian Reservation.

13 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
14 titled “Results of Survey, Ellis Property, A Portion
15 of the West ½ of Section 12, Township 5 South,
16 Range 7 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pinal
17 County, Arizona” and dated October 15, 2012.

18 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of the Interior.

20 **SEC. 3. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR BENEFIT OF THE**
21 **GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall take the
23 Blackwater Trading Post land into trust for the benefit
24 of the Community after the Community—

1 (1) conveys to the Secretary all right, title, and
2 interest of the Community in and to the Blackwater
3 Trading Post land;

4 (2) submits to the Secretary a request to take
5 the Blackwater Trading Post land into trust for the
6 benefit of the Community;

7 (3) if the Secretary determines a survey is nec-
8 essary, conducts a survey (to the satisfaction of the
9 Secretary) to determine the exact acreage and legal
10 description of the Blackwater Trading Post land;
11 and

12 (4) pays the cost of any survey conducted under
13 paragraph (3).

14 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the Blackwater Trading Post land is taken into trust
16 under subsection (a), the map shall be on file and available
17 for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the De-
18 partment of the Interior.

19 (c) LANDS TAKEN INTO TRUST PART OF RESERVA-
20 TION.—After the date on which the Blackwater Trading
21 Post land is taken into trust under subsection (a), the land
22 shall be treated as part of the Gila River Indian Reserva-
23 tion.

24 (d) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF UNITED
25 STATES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the

1 United States shall not incur any liability for the condi-
2 tions on the Blackwater Trading Post land on the date
3 before the date on which such land is taken into trust
4 under subsection (a).

5 (e) GAMING.—Notwithstanding subsection (c), the
6 Community may not conduct gaming activities on the
7 Blackwater Trading Post land, as a matter of claimed in-
8 herent authority or under the authority of any Federal
9 law, including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25
10 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) or under any regulations thereunder
11 promulgated by the Secretary or the National Indian
12 Gaming Commission.

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