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H. R. 1299

To provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Army for inclusion in White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2013

Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “White Sands Missile
5 Range Security Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION,**
2 **WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NEW MEXICO.**

3 (a) **TRANSFER REQUIRED.**—Not later than Sep-
4 tember 30, 2014, the Secretary of the Interior shall trans-
5 fer to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of
6 the Army certain public land administered by the Bureau
7 of Land Management in Dona Ana County, New Mexico,
8 consisting of approximately 5,100 acres depicted as “Par-
9 cel 1” on the map titled “White Sands Missile Range
10 Land Reservation” and dated January 4, 2013.

11 (b) **USE OF TRANSFERRED LAND.**—Upon the receipt
12 of the land under subsection (a), the Secretary of the
13 Army shall include the land as part of White Sands Missile
14 Range, New Mexico, and authorize use of the land for
15 military purposes.

16 (c) **LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**—

17 (1) **PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION.**—The
18 Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the Federal
19 Register a legal description of the public land to be
20 transferred under subsection (a).

21 (2) **FORCE OF LAW.**—The legal description filed
22 under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and
23 effect as if included in this Act, except that the Sec-
24 retary of the Interior may correct errors in the legal
25 description.

1 (d) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS.—The transfer re-
2 quired by subsection (a) shall be made without reimburse-
3 ment, except that the Secretary of the Army shall reim-
4 burse the Secretary of the Interior for any costs incurred
5 by the Secretary of the Interior to prepare the legal de-
6 scription under subsection (c).

7 (e) TREATMENT OF GRAZING LEASES.—If a grazing
8 permit or lease exists on the date of the enactment of this
9 Act for any portion of the public land to be transferred
10 under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Interior shall
11 transfer the grazing rights associated with the permit or
12 lease to other public land, acceptable to the permit or lease
13 holder, so that the grazing rights continue to have the
14 same value to the holder.

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