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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. CARTER of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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 “American Land Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO SELL LAND.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—For each of fiscal years 2016
3 through 2021, subject to valid existing rights, the Sec-
4 retary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as
5 the case may be, shall offer for competitive sale by auction
6 to eligible entities all right, title, and interest, to the extent
7 provided in subsection (b)(2), in and to the following:

8 (1) Eight percent of the Federal land managed
9 by the Bureau of Land Management.

10 (2) Eight percent of the National Forest Sys-
11 tem land.

12 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

13 (1) CONFIGURATION OF LAND.—The Secretary
14 concerned—

15 (A) shall configure the land to be sold to
16 maximize marketability or achieve management
17 objectives; and

18 (B) may prescribe such terms and condi-
19 tions on the land sales authorized by this Act
20 as the Secretary deems in the public interest.

21 (2) MINERAL RIGHTS.—For each fiscal year,
22 the Secretary concerned may include in the sale of
23 land under subsection (a) the mineral rights to such
24 land for not more than 50 percent of the total acre-
25 age sold under subsection (a) by that Secretary, if

1 the Secretary determines that such inclusion is likely
2 to maximize marketability.

3 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For the purposes of this Act,
4 the term “eligible entity” means—

5 (1) a citizen of the United States; or

6 (2) a corporation or partnership created or or-
7 ganized in the United States or under the laws of
8 the United States or of any State of the United
9 States.

10 **SEC. 3. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF LAND.**

11 All proceeds from the sale of land under this Act shall
12 be deposited into the Highway Trust Fund.

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