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To provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2015

Mr. GRIJALVA 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 “Pascua Yaqui Tribe
5 Land Conveyance Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions
8 apply:

1 (1) DISTRICT.—The term “District” means the
2 Tucson Unified School District No. 1, a school dis-
3 trict recognized as such under the laws of the State
4 of Arizona.

5 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map ti-
6 tled “PYT Land Department/2015/BLM Congres-
7 sional Bill”.

8 (3) RECREATION AND PUBLIC PURPOSES
9 ACT.—The term “Recreation and Public Purposes
10 Act” means the Act of June 14, 1926 (43 U.S.C.
11 869 et seq.).

12 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Interior.

14 (5) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
15 Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, a federally recog-
16 nized Indian tribe.

17 **SEC. 3. LANDS TO BE CONVEYED OR HELD IN TRUST.**

18 (a) PARCEL A.—In the event that the District con-
19 veys all of its existing right, title, and interest in and to
20 the approximately 39.65 acres of land depicted on the Map
21 as Parcel A, to which the United States holds a rever-
22 sionary interest under the Recreation and Public Purposes
23 Act, to the United States, Parcel A shall be accepted by
24 the United States and held in trust by the United States

1 for the benefit of the Tribe as part of the Pascua Yaqui
2 Tribal Reservation.

3 (b) PARCEL B.—Subject to subsection (a) and valid
4 and existing rights, all right, title, and interest of the
5 United States in and to the approximately 13.24 acres of
6 Federal lands generally depicted on the Map as Parcel B
7 shall be conveyed to the District by patent without res-
8 ervation of rights by the United States.

9 (c) PARCEL C.—Subject to valid and existing rights,
10 the United States hereby waives and gives up, all rever-
11 sionary interest otherwise retained under the Recreation
12 and Public Purposes Act in and to the approximately
13 27.50 acres of the land generally depicted on the Map as
14 Parcel C and said lands shall thereafter be deemed held
15 by the District free and clear of any claims of the United
16 States.

17 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall
18 take effect on the day after the District conveys all right,
19 title, and interest of the District in and to the approxi-
20 mately 39.65 acres of land depicted on the Map as Parcel
21 A to the United States.

22 **SEC. 4. GAMING PROHIBITION.**

23 The Tribe may not conduct gaming activities on lands
24 taken into trust pursuant to this Act, either as a matter
25 of claimed inherent authority, under the authority of any

1 Federal law, including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act
2 (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.), or under regulations promul-
3 gated by the Secretary or the National Indian Gaming
4 Commission.

5 **SEC. 5. WATER RIGHTS.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There shall be no Federal re-
7 served right to surface water or groundwater for any land
8 taken into trust by the United States for the benefit of
9 the Tribe under this Act.

10 (b) **STATE WATER RIGHTS.**—The Tribe retains any
11 right or claim to water under State law for any land taken
12 into trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe
13 under this Act.

14 (c) **FORFEITURE OR ABANDONMENT.**—Any water
15 rights that are appurtenant to land taken into trust by
16 the United States for the benefit of the Tribe under this
17 Act may not be forfeited or abandoned.

18 (d) **ADMINISTRATION.**—Nothing in this Act affects or
19 modifies any right of the Tribe or any obligation of the
20 United States under Public Law 95–375 (25 U.S.C. 1300f
21 et seq.).

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