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# H. R. 6344

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. CONVEYANCES OF COVERED LAND.**

4       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

5               (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Mo-  
6       have County, Arizona.

7               (2) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”  
8       means any Federal land or interest in Federal land  
9       in the County generally depicted on the Map as

1 “BLM (S + M) OMC Unpatented Mining Claims  
2 [4,276 acres]”.

3 (3) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-  
4 titled “Mineral Park Land Status Map” and dated  
5 September 27, 2016.

6 (4) QUALIFIED ENTITY.—The term “qualified  
7 entity” means, with respect to a portion of covered  
8 land—

9 (A) the owner of the mining claims, mill-  
10 sites, or tunnel sites on a portion of the covered  
11 land on the date of the enactment of this Act;

12 (B) the lessee, or other successor in inter-  
13 est of the owner—

14 (i) with the right of possession of the  
15 mining claims, millsites, or tunnel sites on  
16 the covered land;

17 (ii) that has paid (or whose agent has  
18 paid) the annual claim maintenance fee or  
19 filed a maintenance fee waiver on or before  
20 September 1, 2016, with the authority or  
21 consent of the owner, for the upcoming as-  
22 sessment year for the mining claims, mill-  
23 sites, or tunnel sites within the exterior  
24 boundary of the portion of covered land, as  
25 determined based on the claim mainte-

1 nance fee records of the Bureau of Land  
2 Management as of the date of introduction  
3 of this Act; and

4 (iii) that has the authority or consent  
5 of the owner to acquire the portion of cov-  
6 ered land; or

7 (C) a subsequent successor to the interest  
8 of a qualified entity in the covered land that  
9 has the authority or consent of the owner to ac-  
10 quire the portion of covered land.

11 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
12 the Secretary of the Interior.

13 (b) LAND CONVEYANCES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),  
15 notwithstanding the inventory and land use planning  
16 requirements of sections 201 and 202 or the sales  
17 provisions of section 203 of the Federal Land Policy  
18 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1711,  
19 1712, 1713), not later than 180 days after the date  
20 of the enactment of this Act and subject to valid ex-  
21 isting rights held by third parties and any mining  
22 claims, millsite, or tunnel site of a qualified entity  
23 applicable to the covered land, the Secretary shall  
24 offer for sale to qualified entities, for fair market

1 value, the remaining right, title, and interest of the  
2 United States in and to the covered land.

3 (2) CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 1 year after  
4 the date of the acceptance of an offer under para-  
5 graph (1) by a qualified entity and completion of a  
6 sale for all or part of the covered land to a qualified  
7 entity, the Secretary, by delivery of an appropriate  
8 deed, patent, or other valid instrument of convey-  
9 ance, shall convey to the qualified entity, all remain-  
10 ing right, title, and interest of the United States in  
11 and to the applicable portion of the covered land.

12 (3) MERGER.—Subject to valid existing rights  
13 held by third parties, on delivery of the instrument  
14 of conveyance to the qualified entity under para-  
15 graph (2), any prior interests in the locatable min-  
16 erals and the right to use the surface for mineral  
17 purposes held by the qualified entity under a mining  
18 claim, millsite, tunnel site, or any other Federal land  
19 use authorization applicable to the covered land con-  
20 veyed to the qualified entity, shall merge all right,  
21 title, and interest conveyed to the qualified entity by  
22 the United States under this section to ensure that  
23 the qualified entity receives fee simple title to the  
24 purchased covered land.

1           (4) APPRAISAL TO DETERMINE FAIR MARKET  
2           VALUE.—The Secretary shall determine the fair  
3           market value of the covered land to be conveyed  
4           under this subsection in accordance with—

5                   (A) the Federal Land Policy and Manage-  
6                   ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

7                   (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional  
8                   Appraisal Practice.

9           (5) COSTS.—As a condition of the conveyance  
10          of the covered land under this section, the qualified  
11          entity shall pay all costs related to the conveyance  
12          of the covered land conveyed, including the costs of  
13          surveys and other administrative costs associated  
14          with the conveyance.

15          (6) MAP ON FILE.—The Map shall be on file  
16          and available for public inspection in the appropriate  
17          offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

18          (7) MINOR CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary, in  
19          consultation with the County, may correct minor er-  
20          rors in the Map or a description of the covered land.

21          (c) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Secretary  
22          to sell covered land under this section shall terminate on  
23          the date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment  
24          of this Act.

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