

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1491

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

AN ACT

To reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Santa Ynez Band of
3 Chumash Indians Land Affirmation Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On October 13, 2017, the General Council
7 of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians voted
8 to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between
9 the County of Santa Barbara and the Santa Ynez
10 Band of Chumash Indians regarding the approxi-
11 mately 1,427.28 acres of land, commonly known as
12 Camp 4, and authorized the Tribal Chairman to sign
13 the Memorandum of Agreement.

14 (2) On October 31, 2017, the Board of Super-
15 visors for the County of Santa Barbara approved the
16 Memorandum of Agreement on Camp 4 and author-
17 ized the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Agree-
18 ment.

19 (3) The Secretary of the Interior approved the
20 Memorandum of Agreement pursuant to section
21 2103 of the Revised Statutes (25 U.S.C. 81).

22 **SEC. 3. REAFFIRMATION OF STATUS AND ACTIONS.**

23 (a) RATIFICATION OF TRUST STATUS.—The action
24 taken by the Secretary on January 20, 2017, to place ap-
25 proximately 1,427.28 acres of land located in Santa Bar-
26 bara County, California, into trust for the benefit of the

1 Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians is hereby ratified
2 and confirmed as if that action had been taken under a
3 Federal law specifically authorizing or directing that ac-
4 tion.

5 (b) RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF THE SEC-
6 RETARY.—The actions taken by the Secretary to assume
7 jurisdiction over the appeals relating to the fee-to-trust ac-
8 quisition of approximately 1,427.28 acres in Santa Bar-
9 bara County, California, on January 30, 2015, is hereby
10 ratified and confirmed as if that action had been taken
11 under a Federal law specifically authorizing or directing
12 that action.

13 (c) RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF THE SEC-
14 RETARY.—The actions taken by the Secretary to dismiss
15 the appeals relating to the fee-to-trust acquisition of ap-
16 proximately 1,427.28 acres in Santa Barbara County,
17 California, on January 19, 2017, is hereby ratified and
18 confirmed as if that action had been taken under a Fed-
19 eral law specifically authorizing or directing that action.

20 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—

21 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—The land placed into
22 trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of
23 Chumash Indians by the Secretary of the Interior on
24 January 20, 2017, shall be a part of the Santa Ynez
25 Indian Reservation and administered in accordance

1 with the laws and regulations generally applicable to
2 the land held in trust by the United States for an
3 Indian tribe.

4 (2) EFFECT.—For purposes of certain Cali-
5 fornia State laws (including the California Land
6 Conservation Act of 1965, Government Code Section
7 51200, et seq.), placing the land described in sub-
8 section (b) into trust shall remove any restrictions
9 on the property pursuant to California Government
10 Code Section 51295 or any other provision of such
11 Act.

12 (e) LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LANDS TRANS-
13 FERRED.—The lands to be transferred pursuant to this
14 Act are described as follows:

15 Legal Land Description/Site Location:Real
16 property in the unincorporated area of the County of
17 Santa Barbara, State of California, described as fol-
18 lows: PARCEL 1: (APN: 141-121-51 AND POR-
19 TION OF APN 141-140-10)LOTS 9 THROUGH
20 18, INCLUSIVE, OF TRACT 18, IN THE COUN-
21 TY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALI-
22 FORNIA, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP SHOWING
23 THE SUBDIVISIONS OF THE CANADA DE
24 LOS PINOS OR COLLEGE RANCHO, FILED IN
25 RACK 3, AS MAP 4 IN THE OFFICE OF THE

1 COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. THIS
2 LEGAL IS MADE PURSUANT TO THAT CER-
3 TAIN CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE RE-
4 CORDED DECEMBER 5, 2001 AS INSTRU-
5 MENT NO. 01-105580 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.
6 PARCEL 2: (PORTION OF APN: 141-140-
7 10)LOTS 1 THROUGH 12, INCLUSIVE, OF
8 TRACT 24, IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA BAR-
9 BARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN
10 ON THE MAP SHOWING THE SUBDIVISIONS
11 OF THE CANADA DE LOS PINOS OR COL-
12 LEGE RANCHO, FILED IN RACK 3, AS MAP 4
13 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RE-
14 CORDER OF SAID COUNTY.THIS LEGAL IS
15 MADE PURSUANT TO THAT CERTAIN CER-
16 TIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE RECORDED DE-
17 CEMBER 5, 2001 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 01-
18 105581 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS. PARCEL 3:
19 (PORTIONS OF APNS: 141-230-23 AND 141-
20 140-10)LOTS 19 AND 20 OF TRACT 18 AND
21 THAT PORTION OF LOTS 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, AND
22 15 THROUGH 20, INCLUSIVE, OF TRACT 16,
23 IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA,
24 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON THE
25 MAP SHOWING THE SUBDIVISIONS OF THE

1 CANADA DE LOS PINOS OR COLLEGE RAN-
2 CHO, FILED IN RACK 3, AS MAP 4 IN THE
3 OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF
4 SAID COUNTY, THAT LIES NORTHEAST-
5 ERLY OF THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF
6 THE LAND GRANTED TO THE STATE OF
7 CALIFORNIA BY AN EXECUTOR'S DEED RE-
8 CORDED APRIL 2, 1968 IN BOOK 2227, PAGE
9 136 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUN-
10 TY.THIS LEGAL IS MADE PURSUANT TO
11 THAT CERTAIN CERTIFICATE OF COMPLI-
12 ANCE RECORDED DECEMBER 5, 2001 AS IN-
13 STRUMENT NO. 01-105582 OF OFFICIAL
14 RECORDS. PARCEL 4: (APN: 141-240-02 AND
15 PORTION OF APN: 141-140-10)LOTS 1
16 THROUGH 12, INCLUSIVE, OF TRACT 25, IN
17 THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE
18 OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP
19 SHOWING THE SUBDIVISIONS OF THE CAN-
20 ADA DE LOS PINOS OR COLLEGE RANCHO,
21 FILED IN RACK 3, AS MAP 4 IN THE OFFICE
22 OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID
23 COUNTY.THIS LEGAL IS MADE PURSUANT
24 TO THAT CERTAIN CERTIFICATE OF COM-
25 PLIANCE RECORDED DECEMBER 5, 2001 AS

1 INSTRUMENT NO. 01-105583 OF OFFICIAL
2 RECORDS. PARCEL 5: (PORTION OF APN:
3 141-230-23) THAT PORTION OF LOTS 3 AND 6
4 OF TRACT 16, IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA
5 BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS
6 SHOWN ON THE MAP SHOWING THE SUB-
7 DIVISIONS OF THE CANADA DE LOS PINOS
8 OR COLLEGE RANCHO, FILED IN RACK 3, AS
9 MAP 4 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RE-
10 CORDER OF SAID COUNTY, THAT LIES
11 NORTHEASTERLY OF THE NORTHEAST-
12 ERLY LINE OF THE LAND GRANTED TO
13 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BY AN EXECU-
14 TOR'S DEED RECORDED APRIL 2, 1968 IN
15 BOOK 2227, PAGE 136 OF OFFICIAL
16 RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. THIS LEGAL IS
17 MADE PURSUANT TO THAT CERTAIN CER-
18 TIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE RECORDED DE-
19 CEMBER 5, 2001 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 01-
20 105584 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

21 (f) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
22 shall—

23 (1) enlarge, impair, or otherwise affect any
24 right or claim of the Tribe to any land or interest

1 in land that is in existence before the date of the en-
2 actment of this Act;

3 (2) affect any water right of the Tribe in exist-
4 ence before the date of the enactment of this Act;
5 or

6 (3) terminate or limit any access in any way to
7 any right-of-way or right-of-use issued, granted, or
8 permitted before the date of the enactment of this
9 Act.

10 (g) RESTRICTED USE OF TRANSFERRED LANDS.—
11 The Tribe may not conduct, on the land described in sub-
12 section (b) taken into trust for the Tribe pursuant to this
13 Act, gaming activities—

14 (1) as a matter of claimed inherent authority;
15 or

16 (2) under any Federal law, including the Indian
17 Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.)
18 and regulations promulgated by the Secretary or the
19 National Indian Gaming Commission under that
20 Act.

21 (h) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:

22 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (2) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
2 Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 28,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.