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# H. R. 6299

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AMODEI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Nevada Lands Bill  
3 Technical Corrections Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND**  
5 **IN STOREY COUNTY, NEVADA.**

6 Section 3009(d) of the Carl Levin and Howard P.  
7 McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
8 Year 2015 (128 Stat. 3751) is amended as follows:

9 (1) In paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by striking subparagraphs (B) through  
11 and (D) and redesignating subparagraph (E) as  
12 subparagraph (B); and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(C) SUBJECT FEDERAL LAND.—The term  
15 ‘subject Federal land’ means the land generally  
16 described as ‘Federal Land’ on the map titled  
17 ‘Storey County Land Conveyance’ and dated  
18 May 22, 2018.”.

19 (2) In paragraph (2)—

20 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and re-  
21 designating subparagraphs (B) through (E) as  
22 subparagraphs (A) through (D), respectively;

23 (B) by amending subparagraph (A), as so  
24 redesignated, to read as follows:

25 “(A) DETERMINATION OF VALIDITY.—

26 With respect to an unpatented mining claim

1 (including an unpatented mining claim for  
2 which a patent application has been filed) with-  
3 in the boundaries of the subject Federal land,  
4 if the Secretary determines that the elements of  
5 a contest are present, the Secretary shall imme-  
6 diately determine the validity of the mining  
7 claim.”; and

8 (C) by striking “subparagraph (B)” each  
9 place it appears and inserting “subparagraph  
10 (A)”.

11 (3) In paragraph (3)(A)(i), by striking “para-  
12 graph (2)(B)” and inserting “paragraph (2)(A)”.

13 (4) By amending paragraph (7) to read as fol-  
14 lows:

15 “(7) SURVEY.—The exterior boundary of the  
16 subject Federal land to be conveyed by the United  
17 States under paragraph (3) shall be sufficiently sur-  
18 veyed as a whole to legally describe the land for pat-  
19 ent conveyance.”.

20 (5) In paragraph (8), by striking “paragraph  
21 (2)(B)” and inserting “paragraph (2)(A)”.

22 (6) By striking “a mining townsite” each place  
23 it appears and inserting “the subject Federal land”.

1           (7) By striking “the mining townsite” each  
2           place it appears and inserting “the subject Federal  
3           land”.

4           (8) By striking paragraph (10).

5           (9) By adding at the end the following:

6           “(10) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Secretary  
7           shall keep the map titled ‘Storey County Land Con-  
8           veyance’ and dated May 22, 2018, on file and avail-  
9           able for public inspection in the appropriate offices  
10          of the Bureau of Land Management.”.

11 **SEC. 3. ZIP CODE DESIGNATION.**

12          Not later than 270 days after the date of the enact-  
13          ment of this Act, the Postal Service shall designate a sin-  
14          gle, unique ZIP Code applicable to the area encompassing  
15          only Storey County, Nevada.

16 **SEC. 4. FACILITATION OF PINYON-JUNIPER-RELATED**  
17 **PROJECTS IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA.**

18          (a) FACILITATION OF PINYON-JUNIPER-RELATED  
19          PROJECTS.—

20                (1) AVAILABILITY OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT UNDER  
21          LINCOLN COUNTY LAND ACT OF 2000.—Section 5(b)  
22          of the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 (Public  
23          Law 106–298; 114 Stat. 1048) is amended—

24                        (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
2 “and implementation” after “develop-  
3 ment”; and

4 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

5 (I) in clause (i), by striking “;  
6 and” at the end and inserting a semi-  
7 colon; and

8 (II) by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(iii) development and implementation  
11 of comprehensive, cost-effective, and multi-  
12 jurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction  
13 projects and wildfire prevention planning  
14 activities, particularly for pinyon-juniper-  
15 dominated landscapes, and other rangeland  
16 and woodland restoration projects within  
17 the County, consistent with the Ely Re-  
18 source Management Plan or any subse-  
19 quent revisions or amendments to that  
20 plan; and”;

21 (B) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(3) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Direc-  
23 tor of the Bureau of Land Management shall enter  
24 into cooperative agreements with the County for law  
25 enforcement and planning-related activities provided

1 by the County and approved by the Secretary, re-  
2 garding—

3 “(A) wilderness in the County designated  
4 by the Lincoln County Conservation, Recre-  
5 ation, and Development Act of 2004 (Public  
6 Law 108–424; 118 Stat. 2403);

7 “(B) cultural resources identified, pro-  
8 tected, and managed pursuant to that Act;

9 “(C) planning, management, and law en-  
10 forcement associated with the Silver State OHV  
11 Trail designated by that Act; and

12 “(D) planning associated with land dis-  
13 posal and related land-use authorizations re-  
14 quired for utility corridors and rights-of-way to  
15 serve land that has been, or is to be, disposed  
16 of pursuant to that Act (other than rights-of-  
17 way granted pursuant to that Act) and this  
18 Act.”.

19 (2) AVAILABILITY OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT UNDER  
20 LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION, RECREATION,  
21 AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2004.—Section 103 of  
22 the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and  
23 Development Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–424;  
24 118 Stat. 2405) is amended—

25 (A) in subsection (b)(3)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (E), by striking “;  
2 and” at the end and inserting a semicolon;

3 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
4 the period at the end and inserting “;  
5 and”; and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(G) development and implementation of  
9 comprehensive, cost-effective, and multijuris-  
10 dictional hazardous fuels reduction projects and  
11 wildfire prevention planning activities, particu-  
12 larly for pinyon-juniper-dominated landscapes,  
13 and other rangeland and woodland restoration  
14 projects within the County, consistent with the  
15 Ely Resource Management Plan or any subse-  
16 quent revisions or amendments to that plan.”;  
17 and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Director of  
20 the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into coopera-  
21 tive agreements with the County for law enforcement and  
22 planning-related activities provided by the County and ap-  
23 proved by the Secretary regarding—

24 “(1) wilderness in the County designated by  
25 this Act;

1           “(2) cultural resources identified, protected,  
2           and managed pursuant to this Act;

3           “(3) planning, management, and law enforce-  
4           ment associated with the Silver State OHV Trail  
5           designated by this Act; and

6           “(4) planning associated with land disposal and  
7           related land-use authorizations required for utility  
8           corridors and rights-of-way to serve land that has  
9           been, or is to be, disposed of pursuant to this Act  
10          (other than rights-of-way granted pursuant to this  
11          Act) and the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000  
12          (Public Law 106–298; 114 Stat. 1046).”.

13          (b) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

14                 (1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS UNDER LIN-  
15                 COLN COUNTY LAND ACT OF 2000.—Section 5(a)(2)  
16                 of the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 (Public  
17                 Law 106–298; 114 Stat. 1047) is amended by in-  
18                 serting “and economic development” after “schools”.

19                 (2) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS UNDER LIN-  
20                 COLN COUNTY CONSERVATION, RECREATION, AND  
21                 DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2004.—Section 103(b)(2) of  
22                 the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and  
23                 Development Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–424;  
24                 118 Stat. 2405) is amended by striking “and trans-



1       portation” and inserting “transportation, and eco-  
2       nomic development”.

3       (c) MODIFICATION OF UTILITY CORRIDOR.—The  
4       Secretary of the Interior shall realign the utility corridor  
5       established by section 301(a) of the Lincoln County Con-  
6       servation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004 (Pub-  
7       lic Law 108–424; 118 Stat. 2412) to be aligned as gen-  
8       erally depicted on the map titled “Proposed LCCRDA  
9       Utility Corridor Realignment” and dated March 14, 2017,  
10      by modifying the map titled “Lincoln County Conserva-  
11      tion, Recreation, and Development Act” (referred to in  
12      this subsection as the “Map”) and dated October 1, 2004,  
13      by—

14               (1) removing the utility corridor from sections  
15               5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 15, T. 7 N., R. 68  
16               E., of the Map; and

17               (2) redesignating the utility corridor so as to  
18               appear on the Map in—

19                       (A) sections 31, 32, and 33, T. 8 N., R.  
20                       68 E.;

21                       (B) sections 4, 5, 6, and 7, T. 7 N., R. 68  
22                       E.; and

23                       (C) sections 1 and 12, T. 7 N., 67 E.

24       (d) FINAL CORRECTIVE PATENT IN CLARK COUNTY,  
25       NEVADA.—

1           (1) VALIDATION OF PATENT.—Patent number  
2           27–2005–0081, issued by the Bureau of Land Man-  
3           agement on February 18, 2005, is affirmed and vali-  
4           dated as having been issued pursuant to, and in  
5           compliance with, the Nevada-Florida Land Ex-  
6           change Authorization Act of 1988 (Public Law 100–  
7           275; 102 Stat. 52), the National Environmental Pol-  
8           icy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and the  
9           Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976  
10          (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) for the benefit of the desert  
11          tortoise, other species, and the habitat of the desert  
12          tortoise and other species to increase the likelihood  
13          of the recovery of the desert tortoise and other spe-  
14          cies.

15          (2) RATIFICATION OF RECONFIGURATION.—The  
16          process used by the United States Fish and Wildlife  
17          Service and the Bureau of Land Management in re-  
18          configuring the land described in paragraph (1), as  
19          depicted on Exhibit 1–4 of the Final Environmental  
20          Impact Statement for the Planned Development  
21          Project MSHCP, Lincoln County, NV (FWS–R8–  
22          ES–2008–N0136), and the reconfiguration provided  
23          for in special condition 10 of the Corps of Engineers  
24          Permit No. 000005042, are ratified.

1 (e) ISSUANCE OF CORRECTIVE PATENT IN LINCOLN  
2 COUNTY, NEVADA.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
4 rior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of  
5 Land Management, may issue a corrective patent for  
6 the 7,548 acres of land in Lincoln County, Nevada,  
7 depicted on the map prepared by the Bureau of  
8 Land Management titled “Proposed Lincoln County  
9 Land Reconfiguration” and dated January 28,  
10 2016.

11 (2) APPLICABLE LAW.—A corrective patent  
12 issued under paragraph (1) shall be treated as  
13 issued pursuant to, and in compliance with, the Ne-  
14 vada-Florida Land Exchange Authorization Act of  
15 1988 (Public Law 100–275; 102 Stat. 52).

16 **SEC. 5. MT. MORIAH WILDERNESS, HIGH SCHELLS WILDER-**  
17 **NESS, AND ARC DOME WILDERNESS BOUND-**  
18 **ARY ADJUSTMENTS.**

19 (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE PAM WHITE WILDERNESS  
20 ACT OF 2006.—Section 323 of the Pam White Wilderness  
21 Act of 2006 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 120 Stat. 3031) is  
22 amended by striking subsection (e) and inserting the fol-  
23 lowing:

24 “(e) MT. MORIAH WILDERNESS ADJUSTMENT.—The  
25 boundary of the Mt. Moriah Wilderness established under

1 section 2(13) of the Nevada Wilderness Protection Act of  
2 1989 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note) is adjusted to include—

3 “(1) the land identified as the ‘Mount Moriah  
4 Wilderness Area’ and ‘Mount Moriah Additions’ on  
5 the map titled ‘Eastern White Pine County’ and  
6 dated November 29, 2006; and

7 “(2) the land identified as ‘NFS Lands’ on the  
8 map titled ‘Proposed Wilderness Boundary Adjust-  
9 ment Mt. Moriah Wilderness Area’ and dated Janu-  
10 ary 17, 2017.

11 “(f) HIGH SCHELLS WILDERNESS ADJUSTMENT.—  
12 The boundary of the High Schells Wilderness established  
13 under subsection (a)(11) is adjusted—

14 “(1) to include the land identified as ‘Include  
15 as Wilderness’ on the map titled ‘McCoy Creek Ad-  
16 justment’ and dated November 3, 2014; and

17 “(2) to exclude the land identified as ‘NFS  
18 Lands’ on the map titled ‘Proposed Wilderness  
19 Boundary Adjustment High Schells Wilderness  
20 Area’ and dated January 19, 2017.”.

21 (b) AMENDMENTS TO THE NEVADA WILDERNESS  
22 PROTECTION ACT OF 1989.—The Nevada Wilderness  
23 Protection Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note) is amended  
24 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 12. ARC DOME BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

2 “The boundary of the Arc Dome Wilderness estab-  
3 lished under section 2(2) is adjusted to exclude the land  
4 identified as ‘Exclude from Wilderness’ on the map titled  
5 ‘Arc Dome Adjustment’ and dated November 3, 2014.”.

6 **SEC. 6. IMPLEMENTATION OF WHITE PINE COUNTY CON-**  
7 **SERVATION, RECREATION, AND DEVELOP-**  
8 **MENT ACT.**

9 (a) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Section 312 of the  
10 White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Devel-  
11 opment Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–432; 120 Stat.  
12 3030) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and plan-  
14 ning” and inserting “municipal water and sewer in-  
15 frastructure, public electric transmission facilities,  
16 public broadband infrastructure, and planning”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (3)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (G), by striking “;  
19 and” and inserting a semicolon;

20 (B) in subparagraph (H), by striking the  
21 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(I) processing by a government entity of  
24 public land-use authorizations and rights-of-way  
25 relating to the development of land conveyed to  
26 the County under this Act, with an emphasis on

1 authorizations and rights-of-way relating to any  
2 infrastructure needed for the expansion of the  
3 White Pine County Industrial Park under sec-  
4 tion 352(c)(2).”.

5 (b) CONVEYANCE TO WHITE PINE COUNTY, NE-  
6 VADA.—Section 352 of the White Pine County Conserva-  
7 tion, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006 (Public  
8 Law 109–432; 120 Stat. 3039) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “not later  
10 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of the  
11 Nevada Lands Bill Technical Corrections Act of  
12 2018” before “the Secretary”;

13 (2) in subsection (c)(3)(B)(i), by striking  
14 “through a competitive bidding process” and insert-  
15 ing “consistent with section 244 of the Nevada Re-  
16 vised Statutes (as in effect on the date of enactment  
17 of the Eastern Nevada Economic Development and  
18 Land Management Improvement Act)”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(e) DEADLINE.—If the Secretary has not conveyed  
21 to the County the parcels of land described in subsection  
22 (b) by the date that is 120 days after the date of the en-  
23 actment of the Nevada Lands Bill Technical Corrections  
24 Act of 2018, the Secretary shall convey to the County,

- 1 without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the
- 2 United States in and to the parcels of land.”.

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