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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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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 29, 2018]

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 “Nevada Lands Bill Tech-*
5 *nical Corrections Act of 2018”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND**
7 **IN STOREY COUNTY, NEVADA.**

8 *Section 3009(d) of the Carl Levin and Howard P.*
9 *“Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for*
10 *Fiscal Year 2015 (128 Stat. 3751) is amended—*

11 *(1) in paragraph (1)—*

12 *(A) by striking subparagraphs (B) through*
13 *(D) and redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-*
14 *paragraph (D); and*

15 *(B) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the*
16 *following:*

17 *“(B) FEDERAL LAND.—The term ‘Federal*
18 *land’ means the land generally depicted as ‘Fed-*
19 *eral land’ on the map.*

20 *“(C) MAP.—The term ‘map’ means the map*
21 *entitled ‘Storey County Land Conveyance’ and*
22 *dated June 6, 2018.”.*

23 *(2) in paragraph (3)—*

24 *(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking*
25 *“after completing the mining claim validity re-*

1 view under paragraph (2)(B), if requested by the
2 County,”; and

3 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (i) in clause (i)—

5 (I) in the matter preceding sub-
6 clause (I), by striking “each parcel of
7 land located in a mining townsite”
8 and inserting “any Federal land”;

9 (II) in subclause (I), by striking
10 “mining townsite” and inserting “Fed-
11 eral land”; and

12 (III) in subclause (II), by striking
13 “mining townsite (including improve-
14 ments to the mining townsite), as iden-
15 tified for conveyance on the map” and
16 inserting “Federal land (including im-
17 provements)”;

18 (ii) by striking clause (ii);

19 (iii) by striking the subparagraph des-
20 ignation and heading and all that follows
21 through “With respect” in the matter pre-
22 ceding subclause (I) of clause (i) and insert-
23 ing the following:

24 “(B) VALID MINING CLAIMS.—With re-
25 spect”; and

1 *(iv) by redesignating subclauses (I)*
2 *and (II) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively,*
3 *and indenting appropriately;*

4 *(3) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “a mining*
5 *townsite conveyed under paragraph (3)(B)(i)(II)”*
6 *and inserting “Federal land conveyed under para-*
7 *graph (2)(B)(ii)”;*

8 *(4) in paragraph (5), by striking “a mining*
9 *townsite under paragraph (3)” and inserting “Fed-*
10 *eral land under paragraph (2)”;*

11 *(5) in paragraph (6), in the matter preceding*
12 *subparagraph (A), by striking “mining townsite” and*
13 *inserting “Federal land”;*

14 *(6) in paragraph (7), by striking “A mining*
15 *townsite to be conveyed by the United States under*
16 *paragraph (3)” and inserting “The exterior boundary*
17 *of the Federal land to be conveyed by the United*
18 *States under paragraph (2)”;*

19 *(7) in paragraph (9)—*

20 *(A) by striking “a mining townsite under*
21 *paragraph (3)” and inserting “the Federal land*
22 *under paragraph (2)”;* and

23 *(B) by striking “the mining townsite” and*
24 *inserting “the Federal land”;*

1 (8) in paragraph (10), by striking “the examina-
2 tion” and all that follows through the period at the
3 end and inserting “the conveyance under paragraph
4 (2) should be completed by not later than 18 months
5 after the date of enactment of the Nevada Lands Bill
6 Technical Corrections Act of 2018.”;

7 (9) by striking paragraphs (2) and (8);

8 (10) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (7)
9 and (9) and (10) as paragraphs (2) through (6) and
10 (7) and (8) respectively; and

11 (11) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(9) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be
13 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
14 propriate offices of the Bureau of Land Manage-
15 ment.”.

16 **SEC. 3. ZIP CODE DESIGNATION.**

17 Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment
18 of this Act, the Postal Service shall designate a single,
19 unique ZIP Code applicable to the area encompassing only
20 Storey County, Nevada.

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

23 (a) **FACILITATION OF PINYON-JUNIPER-RELATED**
24 **PROJECTS.—**

1 (1) *AVAILABILITY OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT UNDER*
2 *LINCOLN COUNTY LAND ACT OF 2000.—Section 5(b) of*
3 *the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 (Public Law*
4 *106–298; 114 Stat. 1048) is amended—*

5 (A) *in paragraph (1)—*

6 (i) *in subparagraph (B), by inserting*
7 *“and implementation” after “development”;*
8 *and*

9 (ii) *in subparagraph (C)—*

10 (I) *in clause (i), by striking “;*
11 *and” at the end and inserting a semi-*
12 *colon; and*

13 (II) *by adding at the end the fol-*
14 *lowing:*

15 *“(iii) development and implementation of*
16 *comprehensive, cost-effective, and multijuris-*
17 *dictional hazardous fuels reduction projects and*
18 *wildfire prevention planning activities, particu-*
19 *larly for pinyon-juniper-dominated landscapes,*
20 *and other rangeland and woodland restoration*
21 *projects within the County, consistent with the*
22 *Ely Resource Management Plan or any subse-*
23 *quent revisions or amendments to that plan;*
24 *and”;* *and*

25 (B) *by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(3) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.*—*The Director*
2 *of the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into*
3 *cooperative agreements with the County for law en-*
4 *forcement and planning-related activities provided by*
5 *the County and approved by the Secretary, regard-*
6 *ing—*

7 “(A) *wilderness in the County designated by*
8 *the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation,*
9 *and Development Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–*
10 *424; 118 Stat. 2403);*

11 “(B) *cultural resources identified, protected,*
12 *and managed pursuant to that Act;*

13 “(C) *planning, management, and law en-*
14 *forcement associated with the Silver State OHV*
15 *Trail designated by that Act; and*

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

22 (2) *AVAILABILITY OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT UNDER*
23 *LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION, RECREATION, AND*
24 *DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2004.*—*Section 103 of the Lin-*
25 *coln County Conservation, Recreation, and Develop-*

1 *ment Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–424; 118 Stat.*
2 *2405) is amended—*

3 *(A) in subsection (b)(3)—*

4 *(i) in subparagraph (E), by striking “;*
5 *and” at the end and inserting a semicolon;*

6 *(ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking*
7 *the period at the end and inserting “; and”;*
8 *and*

9 *(iii) by adding at the end the fol-*
10 *lowing:*

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

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

22 *“(d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Director of*
23 *the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into coopera-*
24 *tive agreements with the County for law enforcement and*

1 *planning-related activities provided by the County and ap-*
 2 *proved by the Secretary regarding—*

3 “(1) *wilderness in the County designated by this*
 4 *Act;*

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

7 “(3) *planning, management, and law enforce-*
 8 *ment associated with the Silver State OHV Trail des-*
 9 *ignated by this Act; and*

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

17 *(b) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—*

18 *(1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS UNDER LINCOLN*
 19 *COUNTY LAND ACT OF 2000.—Section 5(a)(2) of the*
 20 *Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–*
 21 *298; 114 Stat. 1047) is amended by inserting “and*
 22 *economic development” after “schools”.*

23 *(2) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS UNDER LINCOLN*
 24 *COUNTY CONSERVATION, RECREATION, AND DEVELOP-*
 25 *MENT ACT OF 2004.—Section 103(b)(2) of the Lincoln*

1 *County Conservation, Recreation, and Development*
2 *Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–424; 118 Stat. 2405) is*
3 *amended by striking “and transportation” and in-*
4 *serting “transportation, and economic development”.*

5 *(c) MODIFICATION OF UTILITY CORRIDOR.—The Sec-*
6 *retary of the Interior shall realign the utility corridor estab-*
7 *lished by section 301(a) of the Lincoln County Conserva-*
8 *tion, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004 (Public Law*
9 *108–424; 118 Stat. 2412) to be aligned as generally de-*
10 *picted on the map titled “Proposed LCCRDA Utility Cor-*
11 *ridor Realignment” and dated March 14, 2017, by modi-*
12 *fying the map titled “Lincoln County Conservation, Recre-*
13 *ation, and Development Act” (referred to in this subsection*
14 *as the “Map”) and dated October 1, 2004, by—*

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

18 *(2) redesignating the utility corridor so as to ap-*
19 *pear on the Map in—*

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

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

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

1 (d) *FINAL CORRECTIVE PATENT IN CLARK COUNTY,*
2 *NEVADA.*—

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

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

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

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

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

15 (f) *CONVEYANCE TO LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA, TO*
16 *SUPPORT A LANDFILL.—*

17 (1) *IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after*
18 *the date of enactment of this Act, and subject to valid*
19 *existing rights, at the request of Lincoln County, Ne-*
20 *vada, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey with-*
21 *out consideration under the Recreation and Public*
22 *Purposes Act (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.) to Lincoln Coun-*
23 *ty all right, title and interest of the United States in*
24 *and to approximately 400 acres of land in Lincoln*
25 *County, Nevada, more particularly described as fol-*

1 *lows: T. 11 S., R. 62, E., Section 25 E 1/2 of W 1/2;*
2 *and W 1/2 of E 1/2; and E 1/2 of SE 1/4.*

3 (2) *RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall reserve*
4 *to the United States the mineral estate in any land*
5 *conveyed under paragraph (1).*

6 (3) *USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—The land con-*
7 *veyed under paragraph (1) shall be used by Lincoln*
8 *County, Nevada, to provide a suitable location for the*
9 *establishment of a centralized landfill and to provide*
10 *a designated area and authorized facilities to discour-*
11 *age unauthorized dumping and trash disposal on en-*
12 *vironmentally-sensitive public land. Lincoln County*
13 *may not dispose of the land conveyed under para-*
14 *graph (1).*

15 (4) *REVERSION.—If Lincoln County, Nevada,*
16 *ceases to use any parcel of land conveyed under para-*
17 *graph (1) for the purposes described in paragraph*
18 *(3)—*

19 (A) *title to the parcel shall revert to the Sec-*
20 *retary of the Interior, at the option of the Sec-*
21 *retary; and*

22 (B) *Lincoln County shall be responsible for*
23 *any reclamation necessary to restore the parcel*
24 *to a condition acceptable to the Secretary of the*
25 *Interior.*

1 **SEC. 5. MT. MORIAH WILDERNESS, HIGH SCHELLS WILDER-**
2 **NESS, AND ARC DOME WILDERNESS BOUND-**
3 **ARY ADJUSTMENTS.**

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

9 “(e) *MT. MORIAH WILDERNESS ADJUSTMENT.*—The
10 boundary of the Mt. Moriah Wilderness established under
11 section 2(13) of the Nevada Wilderness Protection Act of
12 1989 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note) is adjusted to include—

13 “(1) the land identified as the ‘Mount Moriah
14 Wilderness Area’ and ‘Mount Moriah Additions’ on
15 the map titled ‘Eastern White Pine County’ and
16 dated November 29, 2006; and

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

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

24 “(1) to include the land identified as ‘Include as
25 Wilderness’ on the map titled ‘McCoy Creek Adjust-
26 ment’ and dated November 3, 2014; and

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

5 (b) *AMENDMENTS TO THE NEVADA WILDERNESS PRO-*
6 *TECTION ACT OF 1989.—The Nevada Wilderness Protection*
7 *Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note) is amended by adding*
8 *at the end the following:*

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

10 *“The boundary of the Arc Dome Wilderness established*
11 *under section 2(2) is adjusted to exclude the land identified*
12 *as ‘Exclude from Wilderness’ on the map titled ‘Arc Dome*
13 *Adjustment’ and dated November 3, 2014.”.*

14 **SEC. 6. IMPLEMENTATION OF WHITE PINE COUNTY CON-**
15 **SERVATION, RECREATION, AND DEVELOP-**
16 **MENT ACT.**

17 (a) *DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Section 312 of the*
18 *White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Develop-*
19 *ment Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–432; 120 Stat. 3030)*
20 *is amended—*

21 (1) *in paragraph (2), by striking “and plan-*
22 *ning” and inserting “municipal water and sewer in-*
23 *frastructure, public electric transmission facilities,*
24 *public broadband infrastructure, and planning”;* and

25 (2) *in paragraph (3)—*

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

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

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

6 “(I) processing by a government entity of
7 public land-use authorizations and rights-of-way
8 relating to the development of land conveyed to
9 the County under this Act, with an emphasis on
10 authorizations and rights-of-way relating to any
11 infrastructure needed for the expansion of the
12 White Pine County Industrial Park under sec-
13 tion 352(c)(2).”.

14 (b) CONVEYANCE TO WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA.—
15 Section 352 of the White Pine County Conservation, Recre-
16 ation, and Development Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–432;
17 120 Stat. 3039) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “not later
19 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of the
20 Nevada Lands Bill Technical Corrections Act of
21 2018” before “the Secretary”;

22 (2) in subsection (c)(3)(B)(i), by striking
23 “through a competitive bidding process” and insert-
24 ing “consistent with section 244 of the Nevada Re-
25 vised Statutes (as in effect on the date of enactment

1 *of the Eastern Nevada Economic Development and*
2 *Land Management Improvement Act)”; and*

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

4 “(e) *DEADLINE.—If the Secretary has not conveyed to*
5 *the County the parcels of land described in subsection (b)*
6 *by the date that is 120 days after the date of the enactment*
7 *of the Nevada Lands Bill Technical Corrections Act of 2018,*
8 *the Secretary shall convey to the County, without consider-*
9 *ation, all right, title, and interest of the United States in*
10 *and to the parcels of land.”.*

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