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# H. R. 857

To provide for conservation and enhanced recreation activities in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To provide for conservation and enhanced recreation activities in the California Desert Conservation Area, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “California Off-Road Recreation and Conservation Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. California Off-Road Recreation and Conservation.
- Sec. 3. Visitor center.
- Sec. 4. California State school land.

Sec. 5. Designation of wild and scenic rivers.

Sec. 6. Conforming amendments.

1 **SEC. 2. CALIFORNIA OFF-ROAD RECREATION AND CON-**  
 2 **SERVATION.**

3 Public Law 103–433 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa et seq.) is  
 4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“TITLE XIII—WILDERNESS**

6 **“SEC. 1301. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

7 “(a) DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS TO BE  
 8 ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGE-  
 9 MENT.—In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
 10 1131 et seq.) and sections 601 and 603 of the Federal  
 11 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
 12 1781, 1782), the following land in the State is designated  
 13 as wilderness areas and as components of the National  
 14 Wilderness Preservation System:

15 “(1) AVAWATZ MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
 16 tain land in the Conservation Area administered by  
 17 the Director of the Bureau of Land Management,  
 18 comprising approximately 91,800 acres, as generally  
 19 depicted on the map entitled ‘Avawatz Mountains  
 20 Proposed Wilderness’ and dated June 30, 2015, to  
 21 be known as the ‘Avawatz Mountains Wilderness’.

22 “(2) GOLDEN VALLEY WILDERNESS.—Certain  
 23 land in the Conservation Area administered by the  
 24 Director of the Bureau of Land Management, com-

1       prising approximately 1,250 acres, as generally de-  
2       picted on the map entitled ‘Golden Valley Proposed  
3       Wilderness Additions’ and dated June 22, 2015,  
4       which shall be considered to be part of the ‘Golden  
5       Valley Wilderness’.

6               “(3) GREAT FALLS BASIN WILDERNESS.—

7                       “(A) IN GENERAL.—Certain land in the  
8                       Conservation Area administered by the Director  
9                       of the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
10                      prising approximately 7,870 acres, as generally  
11                      depicted on the map entitled ‘Great Falls Basin  
12                      Proposed Wilderness’ and dated April 29, 2015,  
13                      to be known as the ‘Great Falls Basin Wilder-  
14                      ness’.

15                     “(B) LIMITATIONS.—Designation of the  
16                     wilderness under subparagraph (A) shall not es-  
17                     tablish a Class I Airshed under the Clean Air  
18                     Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.).

19               “(4) KINGSTON RANGE WILDERNESS.—Certain  
20       land in the Conservation Area administered by the  
21       Bureau of Land Management, comprising approxi-  
22       mately 53,320 acres, as generally depicted on the  
23       map entitled ‘Kingston Range Proposed Wilderness  
24       Additions’ and dated February 18, 2015, which shall

1 be considered to be a part of as the ‘Kingston Range  
2 Wilderness’.

3 “(5) SODA MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.—Certain  
4 land in the Conservation Area, administered by the  
5 Bureau of Land Management, comprising approxi-  
6 mately 79,990 acres, as generally depicted on the  
7 map entitled ‘Soda Mountains Proposed Wilderness’  
8 and dated February 18, 2015, to be known as the  
9 ‘Soda Mountains Wilderness’.

10 “(b) DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS TO BE  
11 ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—In  
12 accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
13 seq.) and sections 601 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy  
14 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1781, 1782),  
15 the following land in the State is designated as wilderness  
16 areas and as components of the National Wilderness Pres-  
17 ervation System:

18 “(1) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK WILDER-  
19 NESS ADDITIONS-NORTH EUREKA VALLEY.—Certain  
20 land in the Conservation Area administered by the  
21 Director of the National Park Service, comprising  
22 approximately 11,496 acres, as generally depicted on  
23 the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Pro-  
24 posed Wilderness Area-North Eureka Valley’, num-  
25 bered 143/100,082C, and dated October 7, 2014,

1 which shall be considered to be a part of the Death  
2 Valley National Park Wilderness.

3 “(2) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK WILDER-  
4 NESS ADDITIONS-IBEX.—Certain land in the Con-  
5 servation Area administered by the Director of the  
6 National Park Service, comprising approximately  
7 23,650 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-  
8 tled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilder-  
9 ness Area-Ibex’, numbered 143/100,081C, and dated  
10 October 7, 2014, which shall be considered to be a  
11 part of the Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

12 “(3) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK WILDER-  
13 NESS ADDITIONS-PANAMINT VALLEY.—Certain land  
14 in the Conservation Area administered by the Direc-  
15 tor of the National Park Service, comprising ap-  
16 proximately 4,807 acres, as generally depicted on the  
17 map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed  
18 Wilderness Area-Panamint Valley’, numbered 143/  
19 100,083C, and dated October 7, 2014, which shall  
20 be considered to be a part of the Death Valley Na-  
21 tional Park Wilderness.

22 “(4) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK WILDER-  
23 NESS ADDITIONS-WARM SPRINGS.—Certain land in  
24 the Conservation Area administered by the Director  
25 of the National Park Service, comprising approxi-

1 mately 10,485 acres, as generally depicted on the  
2 map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed  
3 Wilderness Area-Warm Spring Canyon/Galena Can-  
4 yon’, numbered 143/100,084C, and dated October 7,  
5 2014, which shall be considered to be a part of the  
6 Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

7 “(5) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK WILDER-  
8 NESS ADDITIONS-AXE HEAD.—Certain land in the  
9 Conservation Area administered by the Director of  
10 the National Park Service, comprising approximately  
11 8,638 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-  
12 tled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilder-  
13 ness Area-Axe Head’, numbered 143/100,085C, and  
14 dated October 7, 2014, which shall be considered to  
15 be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilder-  
16 ness.

17 “(6) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK WILDER-  
18 NESS ADDITIONS-BOWLING ALLEY.—Certain land in  
19 the Conservation Area administered by the Director  
20 of the Bureau of Land Management, comprising ap-  
21 proximately 28,923 acres, as generally depicted on  
22 the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Pro-  
23 posed Wilderness Area-Bowling Alley’, numbered  
24 143/128,606, and dated May 14, 2015, which shall

1 be considered to be a part of the Death Valley Na-  
2 tional Park Wilderness.

3 “(c) DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREA TO BE  
4 ADMINISTERED BY THE FOREST SERVICE.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the Wil-  
6 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the land in  
7 the State described in paragraph (2) is designated  
8 as a wilderness area and as a component of the Na-  
9 tional Wilderness Preservation System.

10 “(2) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land re-  
11 ferred to in paragraph (1) is certain land in the San  
12 Bernardino National Forest, comprising approxi-  
13 mately 7,141 acres, as generally depicted on the  
14 map entitled ‘San Gorgonio Proposed Wilderness  
15 Expansion,’ dated November 2, 2016, which shall  
16 considered to be a part of the San Gorgonio Wilder-  
17 ness.

18 “(3) FIRE MANAGEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVI-  
19 TIES.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
21 carry out such activities in the wilderness area  
22 designated by paragraph (1) as are necessary  
23 for the control of fire, insects, and disease, in  
24 accordance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilder-

1           ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and House  
2           Report 98–40 of the 98th Congress.

3           “(B) FUNDING PRIORITIES.—Nothing in  
4           this subsection limits the provision of any fund-  
5           ing for fire or fuel management in the wilder-  
6           ness area designated by paragraph (1).

7           “(C) REVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
8           LOCAL FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANS.—As soon as  
9           practicable after the date of enactment of this  
10          title, the Secretary shall amend the local fire  
11          management plans that apply to the wilderness  
12          area designated by paragraph (1).

13          “(D) ADMINISTRATION.—In accordance  
14          with subparagraph (A) and other applicable  
15          Federal law, to ensure a timely and efficient re-  
16          sponse to fire emergencies in the wilderness  
17          area designated by paragraph (1), the Secretary  
18          shall—

19                 “(i) not later than 1 year after the  
20                 date of enactment of this title, establish  
21                 agency approval procedures (including ap-  
22                 propriate delegations of authority to the  
23                 Forest Supervisor, District Manager, or  
24                 other agency officials) for responding to



1 fire emergencies in the wilderness area des-  
2 ignated by paragraph (1); and

3 “(ii) enter into agreements with ap-  
4 propriate State or local firefighting agen-  
5 cies relating to that wilderness area.

6 **“SEC. 1302. MANAGEMENT.**

7 “(a) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates  
9 any protective perimeter or buffer zone around the  
10 wilderness areas designated by section 1301.

11 “(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS  
12 AREAS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The fact that an ac-  
14 tivity (including military activities) or use on  
15 land outside a wilderness area designated by  
16 section 1301 can be seen or heard within the  
17 wilderness area shall not preclude or restrict  
18 the activity or use outside the boundary of the  
19 wilderness area.

20 “(B) EFFECT ON NONWILDERNESS ACTIVI-  
21 TIES.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In any permitting  
23 proceeding (including a review under the  
24 National Environmental Policy Act of  
25 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)) conducted

1 with respect to a project described in  
2 clause (ii) that is formally initiated  
3 through a notice in the Federal Register  
4 before December 31, 2013, the consider-  
5 ation of any visual, noise, or other impacts  
6 of the project on a wilderness area des-  
7 ignated by section 1301 shall be conducted  
8 based on the status of the area before des-  
9 ignation as wilderness.

10 “(ii) DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS.—A  
11 project referred to in clause (i) is a renew-  
12 able energy project or associated energy  
13 transport facility project—

14 “(I) for which the Bureau of  
15 Land Management has received a  
16 right-of-way use application on or be-  
17 fore the date of enactment of this  
18 title; and

19 “(II) that is located outside the  
20 boundary of a wilderness area des-  
21 ignated by section 1301.

22 “(3) NO ADDITIONAL REGULATION.—Nothing  
23 in this title requires additional regulation of activi-  
24 ties on land outside the boundary of the wilderness  
25 areas.

1           “(4) EFFECT ON MILITARY OPERATIONS.—  
2           Nothing in this title alters any authority of the Sec-  
3           retary of Defense to conduct any military operations  
4           at desert installations, facilities, and ranges of the  
5           State that are authorized under any other provision  
6           of law.

7           “(5) EFFECT ON UTILITY FACILITIES AND  
8           RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

9                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph  
10                   (2), nothing in this title terminates or precludes  
11                   the renewal or reauthorization of any valid ex-  
12                   isting right-of-way or customary operation,  
13                   maintenance, repair, upgrading, or replacement  
14                   activities in a right-of-way, issued, granted, or  
15                   permitted to the Southern California Edison  
16                   Company or predecessors, successors, or assigns  
17                   of the Southern California Edison Company  
18                   that is located on land included in the San  
19                   Gorgonio Wilderness Area or the Sand to Snow  
20                   National Monument.

21                   “(B) LIMITATION.—The activities de-  
22                   scribed in subparagraph (A) shall be conducted  
23                   in a manner that minimizes the impact of the  
24                   activities resources of the San Gorgonio Wilder-

1           ness Area or the Sand to Snow National Monu-  
2           ment.

3           “(C) APPLICABLE LAW.—In accordance  
4           with the National Environmental Policy Act of  
5           1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), any approval re-  
6           quired for an increase in the voltage of the  
7           Coachella distribution circuit shall require con-  
8           sideration of alternative alignments, including  
9           alignments adjacent to State Route 62.

10          “(b) MAPS; LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable  
12           after the date of enactment of this title, the Sec-  
13           retary shall file a map and legal description of each  
14           wilderness area and wilderness addition designated  
15           by section 1301 with—

16           “(A) the Committee on Natural Resources  
17           of the House of Representatives; and

18           “(B) the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
19           ural Resources of the Senate.

20           “(2) FORCE OF LAW.—A map and legal de-  
21           scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the  
22           same force and effect as if included in this title, ex-  
23           cept that the Secretary may correct errors in the  
24           maps and legal descriptions.

1           “(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and  
2           legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be  
3           filed and made available for public inspection in the  
4           appropriate office of the Secretary.

5           “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid existing  
6           rights, the land designated as wilderness or as a wilder-  
7           ness addition by section 1301 shall be administered by the  
8           Secretary in accordance with this Act and the Wilderness  
9           Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any reference  
10          in that Act to the effective date shall be considered to be  
11          a reference to the date of enactment of this title.

12          **“SEC. 1303. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

13          “(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for purposes of  
14          section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
15          Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782), any portion of a wilderness  
16          study area described in subsection (b) that is not des-  
17          ignated as a wilderness area or wilderness addition by sec-  
18          tion 1301 or any other Act enacted before the date of en-  
19          actment of this title has been adequately studied for wil-  
20          derness.

21          “(b) DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREAS.—The study  
22          areas referred to in subsection (a) are—

23                  “(1) the Cady Mountains Wilderness Study  
24          Area;

1           “(2) the Kingston Range Wilderness Study  
2 Area;

3           “(3) the Avawatz Mountain Wilderness Study  
4 Area;

5           “(4) the Death Valley National Park Boundary  
6 and Wilderness 17 Wilderness Study Area;

7           “(5) the Great Falls Basin Wilderness Study  
8 Area; and

9           “(6) the Soda Mountains Wilderness Study  
10 Area.

11          “(c) RELEASE.—Any portion of a wilderness study  
12 area described in subsection (b) that is not designated as  
13 a wilderness area or wilderness addition by section 1301  
14 is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the Federal Land  
15 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)).

16 **“SEC. 1304. TREATMENT OF CHERRY-STEMMED ROADS.**

17          “(a) DEFINITION OF CHERRY-STEMMED ROAD.—In  
18 this section, the term ‘cherry-stemmed road’ means a road  
19 or trail that is excluded from a wilderness area or wilder-  
20 ness addition designated by section 202 by a non-wilder-  
21 ness corridor having designated wilderness on both sides,  
22 as generally depicted on the maps described in such sec-  
23 tion.

1       “(b) PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR TRAVEL RE-  
2       STRICTIONS ON CHERRY-STEMMED ROADS.—The Sec-  
3       retary concerned shall not—

4               “(1) close any cherry-stemmed road that is  
5       open to the public as of the date of the enactment  
6       of this Act;

7               “(2) prohibit motorized access on a cherry-  
8       stemmed road that is open to the public for motor-  
9       ized access as of the date of the enactment of this  
10      Act; or

11              “(3) prohibit mechanized access on a cherry-  
12      stemmed road that is open to the public for mecha-  
13      nized access as of the date of the enactment of this  
14      Act.

15      “(c) RESOURCE PROTECTION OR PUBLIC SAFETY  
16      EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (b) shall not apply to a cherry-  
17      stemmed road if the Secretary concerned determines that  
18      a closure or traffic restriction of the cherry-stemmed road  
19      is necessary for purposes of significant resource protection  
20      or public safety.

1       **“TITLE XIV—NATIONAL PARK**  
2                   **SYSTEM ADDITIONS**

3       **“SEC. 1401. DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY RE-**  
4                   **VISION.**

5           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of Death Valley  
6 National Park is adjusted to include—

7                   “(1) the approximately 28,923 acres of Bureau  
8 of Land Management land in Inyo County, Cali-  
9 fornia, abutting the southern end of the Death Val-  
10 ley National Park that lies between Death Valley  
11 National Park to the north and Ft. Irwin Military  
12 Reservation to the south and which runs approxi-  
13 mately 34 miles from west to east, as depicted on  
14 the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Pro-  
15 posed Boundary Addition-Bowling Alley’, numbered  
16 143/128,605, and dated May 14, 2015; and

17                   “(2) the approximately 6,369 acres of Bureau  
18 of Land Management land in Inyo County, Cali-  
19 fornia, located in the northeast area of Death Valley  
20 National Park that is within, and surrounded by,  
21 land under the jurisdiction of the Director of the  
22 National Park Service, as depicted on the map enti-  
23 tled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Bound-  
24 ary Addition-Crater’, numbered 143/100,079C, and  
25 dated October 7, 2014.



1       “(b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The maps described in  
2 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) shall be on file  
3 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-  
4 fices of the National Park Service.

5       “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
6 rior (referred to in this title as the ‘Secretary’) shall—

7               “(1) administer any land added to Death Valley  
8 National Park under subsection (a)—

9                       “(A) as part of Death Valley National  
10 Park; and

11                      “(B) in accordance with applicable laws  
12 (including regulations); and

13               “(2) not later than 180 days after the date of  
14 enactment of this Act, enter into a memorandum of  
15 understanding with Inyo County, California, to per-  
16 mit operationally feasible, ongoing access and use  
17 (including, but not limited to, material storage as  
18 well as excavation) to gravel pits in existence as of  
19 that date along Saline Valley Road within Death  
20 Valley National Park for road maintenance and re-  
21 pairs in accordance with applicable laws (including  
22 regulations).

23 **“SEC. 1402. MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE.**

24       “The boundary of the Mojave National Preserve is  
25 adjusted to include the 25 acres of Bureau of Land Man-

1 agement land in Baker, California, as depicted on the map  
2 entitled ‘Mojave National Preserve Proposed Boundary  
3 Addition’, numbered 170/100,199, and dated August  
4 2009.

5 **“SEC. 1403. JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY RE-**  
6 **VISION.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the Joshua  
8 Tree National Park is adjusted to include—

9 “(1) the 2,879 acres of land managed by Direc-  
10 tor of the Bureau of Land Management that are  
11 contiguous at several different places to the northern  
12 boundaries of Joshua Tree National Park in the  
13 northwest section of the Park, as depicted on the  
14 map entitled ‘Joshua Tree National Park Proposed  
15 Boundary Additions’, numbered 156/100,077, and  
16 dated August 2009; and

17 “(2) the 1,639 acres of land to be acquired  
18 from the Mojave Desert Land Trust that are contig-  
19 uous at several different places to the northern  
20 boundaries of Joshua Tree National Park in the  
21 northwest section of the Park, as depicted on the  
22 map entitled ‘Mojave Desert Land Trust National  
23 Park Service Additions’, numbered 156/126,376,  
24 and dated September 2014.

1       “(b) AVAILABILITY OF MAPS.—The map described in  
2 subsection (a) and the map depicting the 25 acres de-  
3 scribed in subsection (c)(2) shall be on file and available  
4 for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Na-  
5 tional Park Service.

6       “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—

7           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-  
8 ister any land added to the Joshua Tree National  
9 Park under subsection (a) and the additional land  
10 described in paragraph (2)—

11               “(A) as part of Joshua Tree National  
12 Park; and

13               “(B) in accordance with applicable laws  
14 (including regulations).

15           “(2) DESCRIPTION OF ADDITIONAL LAND.—The  
16 additional land referred to in paragraph (1) is the  
17 25 acres of land—

18               “(A) depicted on the map entitled ‘Joshua  
19 Tree National Park Boundary Adjustment  
20 Map’, numbered 156/80,049, and dated April 1,  
21 2003;

22               “(B) added to Joshua Tree National Park  
23 by the notice of the Department of the Interior  
24 of August 28, 2003 (68 Fed. Reg. 51799); and

1                   “(C) more particularly described as lots  
2                   26, 27, 28, 33, and 34 in sec. 34, T. 1 N., R.  
3                   8 E., San Bernardino Meridian.

4                   “(d) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY EN-  
5 ENERGY TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

6                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title termi-  
7 nates any valid right-of-way for the customary oper-  
8 ation, maintenance, upgrade, repair, relocation with-  
9 in an existing right-of-way, replacement, or other au-  
10 thorized energy transport facility activities in a  
11 right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted to the  
12 Southern California Edison Company or the prede-  
13 cessors, successors, or assigns of the Southern Cali-  
14 fornia Edison Company that is located on land de-  
15 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a),  
16 including, at a minimum, the use of mechanized ve-  
17 hicles, helicopters, or other aerial devices.

18                   “(2) UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENTS.—Noth-  
19 ing in this title prohibits the upgrading or replace-  
20 ment of—

21                   “(A) Southern California Edison Company  
22 energy transport facilities, including the energy  
23 transport facilities referred to as the Jellystone,  
24 Burnt Mountain, Whitehorn, Allegra, and Utah  
25 distribution circuits rights-of-way; or

1           “(B) an energy transport facility in rights-  
2           of-way issued, granted, or permitted by the Sec-  
3           retary adjacent to Southern California Edison  
4           Joshua Tree Utility Facilities.

5           “(3) PUBLICATION OF PLANS.—Not later than  
6           the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment  
7           of this title or the issuance of a new energy trans-  
8           port facility right-of-way within the Joshua Tree Na-  
9           tional Park, whichever is earlier, the Secretary, in  
10          consultation with the Southern California Edison  
11          Company, shall publish plans for regular and emer-  
12          gency access by the Southern California Edison  
13          Company to the rights-of-way of the Southern Cali-  
14          fornia Edison Company within Joshua Tree Na-  
15          tional Park.

16       **“TITLE       XV—NATIONAL       OFF-**  
17       **HIGHWAY   VEHICLE   RECRE-**  
18       **ATION AREAS**

19       **“SEC. 1501. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VE-**  
20       **HICLE RECREATION AREAS.**

21           “(a) DESIGNATION.—In accordance with the Federal  
22          Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
23          1701 et seq.) and resource management plans developed  
24          under this title and subject to valid rights, the following  
25          land within the Conservation Area in San Bernardino

1 County, California, is designated as National Off-Highway  
2 Vehicle Recreation Areas:

3           “(1) DUMONT DUNES NATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY  
4           VEHICLE RECREATION AREA.—Certain Bureau of  
5           Land Management land in the Conservation Area,  
6           comprising approximately 7,630 acres, as generally  
7           depicted on the map entitled ‘Dumont Dunes Pro-  
8           posed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated  
9           June 29, 2015, which shall be known as the ‘Du-  
10          mont Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recre-  
11          ation Area’.

12           “(2) EL MIRAGE NATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VE-  
13          HICLE RECREATION AREA.—Certain Bureau of Land  
14          Management land in the Conservation Area, com-  
15          prising approximately 14,930 acres, as generally de-  
16          picted on the map entitled ‘El Mirage Proposed Na-  
17          tional OHV Recreation Area’ and dated January 4,  
18          2017, which shall be known as the ‘El Mirage Na-  
19          tional Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’.

20           “(3) RASOR NATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE  
21          RECREATION AREA.—Certain Bureau of Land Man-  
22          agement land in the Conservation Area, comprising  
23          approximately 23,910 acres, as generally depicted on  
24          the map entitled ‘Rasor Proposed National OHV  
25          Recreation Area’ and dated February 15, 2015,

1 which shall be known as the ‘Rasor National Off-  
2 Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’.

3 “(4) SPANGLER HILLS NATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY  
4 VEHICLE RECREATION AREA.—Certain Bureau of  
5 Land Management land in the Conservation Area,  
6 comprising approximately 56,140 acres, as generally  
7 depicted on the map entitled ‘Spangler Hills Pro-  
8 posed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated  
9 January 4, 2017, which shall be known as the  
10 ‘Spangler Hills National Off-Highway Vehicle Recre-  
11 ation Area’.

12 “(5) STODDARD VALLEY NATIONAL OFF-HIGH-  
13 WAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA.—Certain Bureau  
14 of Land Management land in the Conservation Area,  
15 comprising approximately 40,110 acres, as generally  
16 depicted on the map entitled ‘Stoddard Valley Pro-  
17 posed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated  
18 February 18, 2015, which shall be known as the  
19 ‘Stoddard Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle  
20 Recreation Area’.

21 “(b) REDESIGNATION AND EXPANSION OF JOHNSON  
22 VALLEY NATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION  
23 AREA.—

24 “(1) REDESIGNATION.—The Johnson Valley  
25 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area designated by

1 section 2945 of the Military Construction Authoriza-  
2 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (division B of Public  
3 Law 113–66; 127 Stat. 1038)—

4 “(A) is hereby redesignated as the Johnson  
5 Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation  
6 Area; and

7 “(B) is expanded to include all of the land,  
8 approximately 11,300 acres, depicted as the  
9 ‘Proposed Johnson Valley National Off-High-  
10 way Vehicle Recreation Area Additions’ on the  
11 map entitled ‘Johnson Valley National Off-  
12 Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’ and dated  
13 November 30, 2016.

14 “(2) RELATION TO AUTHORIZED NAVY USE.—

15 The redesignation of the Johnson Valley Off-High-  
16 way Vehicle Recreation Area as the Johnson Valley  
17 National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area does  
18 not alter or interfere with the rights and obligations  
19 of the Navy regarding the use of portions of the  
20 Recreation Area as provided in subtitle C of title  
21 XXIX of the Military Construction Authorization  
22 Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (division B of Public Law  
23 113–66; 127 Stat. 1034).

24 “(3) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law,  
25 regulation, document, record, map, or other paper of



1 the United States to the Johnson Valley Off-High-  
2 way Vehicle Recreation Area is deemed to be a ref-  
3 erence to the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway  
4 Vehicle Recreation Area.

5 “(c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the national off-  
6 highway vehicle recreation areas designated under sub-  
7 sections (a) and (b) is to preserve and enhance the rec-  
8 reational opportunities within the Conservation Area (in-  
9 cluding opportunities for off-highway vehicle recreation),  
10 while conserving the wildlife and other natural resource  
11 values of the Conservation Area.

12 “(d) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—

13 “(1) PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION.—As soon  
14 as practicable after the date of enactment of this  
15 title, the Secretary shall file a map and legal de-  
16 scription of each national off-highway vehicle recre-  
17 ation area designated or expanded by subsections (a)  
18 or (b) with—

19 “(A) the Committee on Natural Resources  
20 of the House of Representatives; and

21 “(B) the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
22 ural Resources of the Senate.

23 “(2) LEGAL EFFECT.—The map and legal de-  
24 scriptions of the national off-highway vehicle recre-  
25 ation areas filed under paragraph (1) shall have the

1 same force and effect as if included in this title, ex-  
2 cept that the Secretary may correct errors in the  
3 map and legal descriptions.

4 “(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and  
5 legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be  
6 filed and made available for public inspection in the  
7 appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Manage-  
8 ment.

9 “(e) USE OF THE LAND.—

10 “(1) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
12 continue to authorize, maintain, and enhance  
13 the recreational uses of the national off-highway  
14 vehicle recreation areas designated or expanded  
15 by subsections (a) and (b), including off-high-  
16 way recreation, hiking, camping, hunting,  
17 mountain biking, sightseeing, rockhounding,  
18 and horseback riding, as long as the rec-  
19 reational use is consistent with this section and  
20 any other applicable law.

21 “(B) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND OFF-  
22 HIGHWAY RECREATION.—To the extent con-  
23 sistent with applicable Federal law (including  
24 regulations) and this section, any authorized  
25 recreation activities and use designations in ef-

1           fect on the date of enactment of this title and  
2           applicable to the national off-highway vehicle  
3           recreation areas designated or expanded by sub-  
4           sections (a) and (b) shall continue, including  
5           casual off-highway vehicular use, racing, com-  
6           petitive events, rock crawling, training, and  
7           other forms of off-highway recreation.

8           “(2) WILDLIFE GUZZLERS.—Wildlife guzzlers  
9           shall be allowed in the national off-highway vehicle  
10          recreation areas designated by subsection (a) in ac-  
11          cordance with—

12                   “(A) applicable Bureau of Land Manage-  
13                   ment guidelines; and

14                   “(B) State law.

15          “(3) PROHIBITED USES.—

16                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Commercial develop-  
17                   ment (including development of energy facili-  
18                   ties, but excluding energy transport facilities,  
19                   rights-of-way, and related telecommunication  
20                   facilities) shall be prohibited in the national off-  
21                   highway vehicle recreation areas designated by  
22                   subsections (a) and (b) if the Secretary deter-  
23                   mines that the development is incompatible with  
24                   the purpose of this title.

1           “(B) EXCEPTION FOR TEMPORARY PER-  
2           MITTED VENDORS.—Subparagraph (A) does not  
3           prohibit a commercial vendor from establishing,  
4           pursuant to a temporary permit, a site in the  
5           national off-highway vehicle recreation areas for  
6           the purpose of providing accessories and other  
7           support for off-highway vehicles and vehicles  
8           used for accessing the area.

9           “(f) ADMINISTRATION.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-  
11           ister the national off-highway vehicle recreation  
12           areas designated by subsections (a) and (b) in ac-  
13           cordance with—

14                   “(A) this title;

15                   “(B) the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
16                   agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);  
17                   and

18                   “(C) any other applicable laws (including  
19                   regulations).

20           “(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

21                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as prac-  
22                   ticable, but not later than 3 years after the date  
23                   of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall—

24                           “(i) amend existing resource manage-  
25                           ment plans applicable to the land des-

1           ignated as national off-highway vehicle  
2           recreation areas under subsection (a); or

3           “(ii) develop new management plans  
4           for each national off-highway vehicle recre-  
5           ation area designated under that sub-  
6           section.

7           “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—All new or amend-  
8           ed plans under subparagraph (A) shall be de-  
9           signed to preserve and enhance safe off-highway  
10          vehicle and other recreational opportunities  
11          within the applicable recreation area consistent  
12          with—

13                  “(i) the purpose described in sub-  
14                  section (c); and

15                  “(ii) any applicable laws (including  
16                  regulations).

17          “(C) INTERIM PLANS.—Pending comple-  
18          tion of a new management plan under subpara-  
19          graph (A), the existing resource management  
20          plans shall govern the use of the applicable na-  
21          tional off-highway vehicle recreation area.

22          “(g) STUDY.—

23                  “(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but  
24                  not later than 2 years, after the date of enactment  
25                  of this title, the Secretary shall complete a study to

1 identify Bureau of Land Management land within  
2 the Conservation Area that is suitable for addition  
3 to—

4 “(A) the national off-highway vehicle recre-  
5 ation areas designated by subsection (a) and  
6 (b); or

7 “(B) the Johnson Valley National Off-  
8 Highway Vehicle Recreation Area designated by  
9 section 2945 of the National Defense Author-  
10 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law  
11 113–66; 127 Stat. 1038).

12 “(2) STUDY AREAS.—The study required under  
13 paragraph (1) shall include—

14 “(A) certain Bureau of Land Management  
15 land in the Conservation Area, comprising ap-  
16 proximately 41,000 acres, as generally depicted  
17 on the map entitled ‘Spangler Hills Proposed  
18 National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated Jan-  
19 uary 4, 2017; and

20 “(B) certain Bureau of Land Management  
21 land in the Conservation Area, comprising ap-  
22 proximately 680 acres, as generally depicted on  
23 the map entitled ‘El Mirage Proposed National  
24 OHV Recreation Area’ and dated January 21,  
25 2017.

1           “(C) certain Bureau of Land Management  
2 land in the Conservation Area, comprising ap-  
3 proximately 10,300 acres, as generally depicted  
4 on the map entitled ‘Johnson Valley National  
5 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’ and  
6 dated November 30, 2016.

7           “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In preparing the study  
8 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

9           “(A) seek input from stakeholders, includ-  
10 ing—

11                   “(i) the State, including—

12                           “(I) the California Public Utili-  
13 ties Commission; and

14                           “(II) the California Energy Com-  
15 mission;

16                   “(ii) San Bernardino County, Cali-  
17 fornia;

18                   “(iii) the public;

19                   “(iv) recreational user groups;

20                   “(v) conservation organizations;

21                   “(vi) the Southern California Edison  
22 Company;

23                   “(vii) the Pacific Gas and Electric  
24 Company; and

1                   “(viii) other Federal agencies, includ-  
2                   ing the Department of Defense;

3                   “(B) explore the feasibility of—

4                   “(i) expanding the southern boundary  
5                   of the national off-highway vehicle recre-  
6                   ation area described in subsection (a)(3) to  
7                   include previously disturbed land; and

8                   “(ii) establishing a right of way for  
9                   OHV use in the area identified in (g)(2),  
10                  to the extent necessary to connect the non-  
11                  contiguous areas of the Johnson Valley  
12                  National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation  
13                  Area;

14                  “(C) identify and exclude from consider-  
15                  ation any land that—

16                  “(i) is managed for conservation pur-  
17                  poses;

18                  “(ii) is identified as critical habitat  
19                  for a listed species;

20                  “(iii) may be suitable for renewable  
21                  energy development; or

22                  “(iv) may be necessary for energy  
23                  transmission; and

24                  “(D) not recommend or approve expansion  
25                  of national off-highway vehicle recreation areas



1 within the Conservation Area that collectively  
2 would exceed the total acres administratively  
3 designated for off-highway recreation within the  
4 Conservation Area as of the day before the date  
5 of enactment of the National Defense Author-  
6 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law  
7 113–66; 127 Stat. 672).

8 “(4) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Secretary shall  
9 consider the information and recommendations of  
10 the study completed under paragraph (1) to deter-  
11 mine the impacts of expanding national off-highway  
12 vehicle recreation areas designated by subsection (a)  
13 on the Conservation Area, in accordance with—

14 “(A) the National Environmental Policy  
15 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

16 “(B) the Endangered Species Act of 1973  
17 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

18 “(C) applicable regulations and plans, in-  
19 cluding the Desert Renewable Energy Conserva-  
20 tion Plan Land Use Plan Amendment; and

21 “(D) any other applicable law.

22 “(5) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On comple-  
23 tion of the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
24 shall submit the study to—

1           “(A) the Committee on Natural Resources  
2 of the House of Representatives; and

3           “(B) the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
4 ural Resources of the Senate.

5           “(6) AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPANSION.—

6           “(A) IN GENERAL.—On completion of the  
7 study under paragraph (1) and in accordance  
8 with all applicable laws (including regulations),  
9 the Secretary shall authorize the expansion of  
10 the national off-highway vehicle recreation  
11 areas recommended under the study.

12           “(B) MANAGEMENT.—Any land within the  
13 expanded areas under subparagraph (A) shall  
14 be managed in accordance with this section.

15           “(h) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY  
16 UTILITY FACILITIES AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

17           “(1) EFFECT OF TITLE.—Nothing in this  
18 title—

19           “(A) terminates any validly issued right-of-  
20 way for the customary operation, maintenance,  
21 upgrade, repair, relocation within an existing  
22 right-of-way, replacement, or other authorized  
23 energy transport facility activities (including the  
24 use of any mechanized vehicle, helicopter, and  
25 other aerial device) in a right-of-way issued,

1 granted, or permitted to Southern California  
2 Edison Company (including any predecessor or  
3 successor in interest or assign) that is located  
4 on land included in—

5 “(i) the El Mirage National Off-High-  
6 way Vehicle Recreation Area;

7 “(ii) the Spangler Hills National Off-  
8 Highway Vehicle Recreation Area; or

9 “(iii) the Stoddard Valley National  
10 Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area;

11 “(B) affects the application, siting, route  
12 selection, right-of-way acquisition, or construc-  
13 tion of the Coolwater-Lugo transmission  
14 project, as may be approved by the California  
15 Public Utilities Commission and the Bureau of  
16 Land Management; or

17 “(C) prohibits the upgrading or replace-  
18 ment of any Southern California Edison Com-  
19 pany—

20 “(i) utility facility, including such a  
21 utility facility known on the date of enact-  
22 ment of this title as—

23 “(I) ‘Gale-PS 512 transmission  
24 lines or rights-of-way’; and

1                   “(II) ‘Patio, Jack Ranch, and  
2                   Kenworth distribution circuits or  
3                   rights-of-way’; and

4                   “(ii) energy transport facility in a  
5                   right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted  
6                   by the Secretary adjacent to a utility facil-  
7                   ity referred to in clause (i).

8                   “(2) PLANS FOR ACCESS.—The Secretary, in  
9                   consultation with the Southern California Edison  
10                  Company, shall publish plans for regular and emer-  
11                  gency access by the Southern California Edison  
12                  Company to the rights-of-way of the Company by  
13                  the date that is 1 year after the later of—

14                  “(A) the date of enactment of this title;  
15                  and

16                  “(B) the date of issuance of a new energy  
17                  transport facility right-of-way within—

18                  “(i) the El Mirage National Off-High-  
19                  way Vehicle Recreation Area;

20                  “(ii) the Spangler Hills National Off-  
21                  Highway Vehicle Recreation Area; or

22                  “(iii) the Stoddard Valley National  
23                  Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.

24                  “(i) PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY UTILITY  
25                  FACILITIES AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

1           “(1) EFFECT OF TITLE.—Nothing in this  
2 title—

3           “(A) terminates any validly issued right-of-  
4 way for the customary operation, maintenance,  
5 upgrade, repair, relocation within an existing  
6 right-of-way, replacement, or other authorized  
7 activity (including the use of any mechanized  
8 vehicle, helicopter, and other aerial device) in a  
9 right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted to  
10 Pacific Gas and Electric Company (including  
11 any predecessor or successor in interest or as-  
12 sign) that is located on land included in the  
13 Spangler Hills National Off-Highway Vehicle  
14 Recreation Area; or

15           “(B) prohibits the upgrading or replace-  
16 ment of any—

17           “(i) utility facilities of the Pacific Gas  
18 and Electric Company, including those  
19 utility facilities known on the date of en-  
20 actment of this title as—

21           “(I) Gas Transmission Line 311  
22 or rights-of-way; and

23           “(II) Gas Transmission Line 372  
24 or rights-of-way; and

1                   “(ii) utility facilities of the Pacific  
2                   Gas and Electric Company in rights-of-way  
3                   issued, granted, or permitted by the Sec-  
4                   retary adjacent to a utility facility referred  
5                   to in clause (i).

6                   “(2) PLANS FOR ACCESS.—Not later than 1  
7                   year after the date of enactment of this title or the  
8                   issuance of a new utility facility right-of-way within  
9                   the Spangler Hills National Off-Highway Vehicle  
10                  Recreation Area, whichever is later, the Secretary, in  
11                  consultation with the Pacific Gas and Electric Com-  
12                  pany, shall publish plans for regular and emergency  
13                  access by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to  
14                  the rights-of-way of the Pacific Gas and Electric  
15                  Company.

16                  **“TITLE XVI—ALABAMA HILLS**  
17                  **NATIONAL SCENIC AREA**

18                  **“SEC. 1601. DEFINITIONS.**

19                  “In this title:

20                         “(1) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term ‘manage-  
21                         ment plan’ means the management plan for the Na-  
22                         tional Scenic Area developed under section 1603(a).

23                         “(2) MAP.—The term ‘Map’ means the map ti-  
24                         tled ‘Proposed Alabama Hills National Scenic Area’,  
25                         dated September 8, 2014.

1           “(3) **MOTORIZED VEHICLES.**—The term ‘motor-  
2           ized vehicles’ means motorized or mechanized vehi-  
3           cles and includes, when used by utilities, mechanized  
4           equipment, helicopters, and other aerial devices nec-  
5           essary to maintain electrical or communications in-  
6           frastructure.

7           “(4) **NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.**—The term ‘Na-  
8           tional Scenic Area’ means the Alabama Hills Na-  
9           tional Scenic Area established by section 1602(a).

10           “(5) **SECRETARY.**—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
11           the Secretary of the Interior.

12           “(6) **STATE.**—The term ‘State’ means the State  
13           of California.

14           “(7) **TRIBE.**—The term ‘Tribe’ means the Lone  
15           Pine Paiute-Shoshone.

16           “(8) **UTILITY FACILITY.**—The term ‘utility fa-  
17           cility’ means any and all existing and future water  
18           system facilities including aqueducts, streams,  
19           ditches, and canals; water facilities including, but  
20           not limited to, flow measuring stations, gauges,  
21           gates, valves, piping, conduits, fencing, and electrical  
22           power and communications devices and systems; and  
23           any and all existing and future electric generation  
24           facilities, electric storage facilities, overhead and/or  
25           underground electrical supply systems and commu-

1       nication systems consisting of electric substations,  
2       electric lines, poles and towers made of various ma-  
3       terials, ‘H’ frame structures, guy wires and anchors,  
4       crossarms, wires, underground conduits, cables,  
5       vaults, manholes, handholes, above-ground enclo-  
6       sures, markers and concrete pads and other fixtures,  
7       appliances and communication circuits, and other  
8       fixtures, appliances and appurtenances connected  
9       therewith necessary or convenient for the construc-  
10      tion, operation, regulation, control, grounding and  
11      maintenance of electric generation, storage, lines  
12      and communication circuits, for the purpose of  
13      transmitting intelligence and generating, storing,  
14      distributing, regulating and controlling electric en-  
15      ergy to be used for light, heat, power, communica-  
16      tion, and other purposes.

17   **“SEC. 1602. ALABAMA HILLS NATIONAL SCENIC AREA, CALI-**  
18                   **FORNIA.**

19       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid, existing  
20      rights, there is established in Inyo County, California, the  
21      Alabama Hills National Scenic Area. The National Scenic  
22      Area shall be comprised of the approximately 18,610 acres  
23      generally depicted on the Map as ‘National Scenic Area’.

24       “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National Scenic  
25      Area is to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit,



1 use, and enjoyment of present and future generations the  
2 nationally significant scenic, cultural, geological, edu-  
3 cational, biological, historical, recreational, cinemato-  
4 graphic, and scientific resources of the National Scenic  
5 Area managed consistent with section 302(a) of the Fed-  
6 eral Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
7 1732(a)).

8 “(c) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable  
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
11 retary shall file a map and a legal description of the  
12 National Scenic Area with—

13 “(A) the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
14 ural Resources of the Senate; and

15 “(B) the Committee on Natural Resources  
16 of the House of Representatives.

17 “(2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-  
18 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the  
19 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-  
20 cept that the Secretary may correct any clerical and  
21 typographical errors in the map and legal descrip-  
22 tions.

23 “(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and  
24 legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be  
25 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-

1       appropriate offices of the Forest Service and Bureau  
2       of Land Management.

3       “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall manage  
4 the National Scenic Area—

5               “(1) as a component of the National Landscape  
6       Conservation System;

7               “(2) so as not to impact the future continuing  
8       operations and maintenance of any activities associ-  
9       ated with valid, existing rights, including water  
10      rights;

11              “(3) in a manner that conserves, protects, and  
12      enhances the resources and values of the National  
13      Scenic Area described in subsection (b); and

14              “(4) in accordance with—

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

17                      “(B) this Act; and

18                      “(C) any other applicable laws.

19      “(e) MANAGEMENT.—

20              “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allow  
21      only such uses of the National Scenic Area as the  
22      Secretary determines would support the purposes of  
23      the National Scenic Area as described in subsection  
24      (b).

1           “(2) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Except as  
2 otherwise provided in this Act or other applicable  
3 law, or as the Secretary determines to be necessary  
4 for public health and safety, the Secretary shall  
5 allow existing recreational uses of the National Scenic  
6 Area to continue, including hiking, mountain  
7 biking, rock climbing, sightseeing, horseback riding,  
8 hunting, fishing, and appropriate authorized motor-  
9 ized vehicle use.

10           “(3) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—Except as speci-  
11 fied within this Act and/or in cases in which motor-  
12 ized vehicles are needed for administrative purposes,  
13 or to respond to an emergency, the use of motorized  
14 vehicles in the National Scenic Area shall be per-  
15 mitted only on—

16           “(A) roads and trails designated by the Di-  
17 rector of the Bureau of Land Management for  
18 use of motorized vehicles as part of a manage-  
19 ment plan sustaining a semi-primitive motorized  
20 experience; or

21           “(B) on county-maintained roads in ac-  
22 cordance with applicable State and county laws.

23           “(f) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act creates  
2 a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Na-  
3 tional Scenic Area.

4           “(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE NATIONAL SCENIC  
5 AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land out-  
6 side the National Scenic Area can be seen or heard  
7 within the National Scenic Area shall not preclude  
8 the activity or use outside the boundaries of the Na-  
9 tional Scenic Area.

10          “(g) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall continue to pro-  
11 vide private landowners adequate access to inholdings in  
12 the National Scenic Area.

13          “(h) FILMING.—Nothing in this Act prohibits filming  
14 (including commercial film production, student filming,  
15 and still photography) within the National Scenic Area—

16           “(1) subject to—

17           “(A) such reasonable regulations, policies,  
18 and practices as the Secretary considers to be  
19 necessary; and

20           “(B) applicable law; and

21           “(2) in a manner consistent with the purposes  
22 described in subsection (b).

23          “(i) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this Act af-  
24 fects the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State with  
25 respect to fish and wildlife.

1           “(j) LIVESTOCK.—The grazing of livestock in the Na-  
2 tional Scenic Area, including grazing under the Alabama  
3 Hills allotment and the George Creek allotment, as estab-  
4 lished before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be  
5 permitted to continue—

6           “(1) subject to—

7           “(A) such reasonable regulations, policies,  
8 and practices as the Secretary considers to be  
9 necessary; and

10           “(B) applicable law; and

11           “(2) in a manner consistent with the purposes  
12 described in subsection (b).

13           “(k) OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act restricts or  
14 precludes flights over the National Scenic Area or over-  
15 flights that can be seen or heard within the National Sce-  
16 nic Area, including—

17           “(1) transportation, sightseeing and filming  
18 flights, general aviation planes, helicopters, hang-  
19 gliders, and balloonists, for commercial or rec-  
20 reational purposes;

21           “(2) low-level overflights of military aircraft;

22           “(3) flight testing and evaluation;

23           “(4) the designation or creation of new units of  
24 special use airspace, or the establishment of military

1 flight training routes, over the National Scenic Area;  
2 or

3 “(5) the use, including take-off and landing, of  
4 helicopters and other aerial devices within valid  
5 rights-of-way to construct or maintain energy trans-  
6 port facilities.

7 “(l) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to this Act’s provisions  
8 and valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of  
9 this Act, including rights established by prior withdrawals,  
10 the Federal land within the National Scenic Area is with-  
11 drawn from all forms of—

12 “(1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the  
13 public land laws;

14 “(2) location, entry, and patent under the min-  
15 ing laws; and

16 “(3) disposition under all laws pertaining to  
17 mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

18 “(m) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.—Nothing in  
19 this Act prohibits the Secretary, in cooperation with other  
20 Federal, State, and local agencies, as appropriate, from  
21 conducting wildland fire operations in the National Scenic  
22 Area, consistent with the purposes described in subsection  
23 (b).

24 “(n) GRANTS; COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The  
25 Secretary may make grants to, or enter into cooperative

1 agreements with, State, tribal, and local governmental en-  
2 tities and private entities to conduct research, interpreta-  
3 tion, or public education or to carry out any other initia-  
4 tive relating to the restoration, conservation, or manage-  
5 ment of the National Scenic Area.

6 “(o) AIR AND WATER QUALITY.—Nothing in this Act  
7 modifies any standard governing air or water quality out-  
8 side of the boundaries of the National Scenic Area.

9 “(p) UTILITY FACILITIES AND RIGHTS OF WAY.—

10 “(1) Nothing in this Act shall—

11 “(A) affect the existence, use, operation,  
12 maintenance (including but not limited to vege-  
13 tation control), repair, construction, reconfig-  
14 uration, expansion, inspection, renewal, recon-  
15 struction, alteration, addition, relocation, im-  
16 provement, funding, removal, or replacement of  
17 utility facilities or appurtenant rights of way  
18 within or adjacent to the National Scenic Area;

19 “(B) affect necessary or efficient access to  
20 utility facilities or rights of way within or adja-  
21 cent to the National Scenic Area subject to sub-  
22 section (e); or

23 “(C) preclude the Secretary from author-  
24 izing the establishment of new utility facility  
25 rights of way (including instream sites, routes,

1 and areas) within the National Scenic Area in  
2 a manner that minimizes harm to the purpose  
3 of the National Scenic Area as described in sub-  
4 section (b)—

5 “(i) with the National Environmental  
6 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et  
7 seq.) and any other applicable law;

8 “(ii) subject to such terms and condi-  
9 tions as the Secretary determines to be ap-  
10 propriate; and

11 “(iii) are determined, by the Sec-  
12 retary, to be the only technical or feasible  
13 location, following consideration of alter-  
14 natives within existing rights of way or  
15 outside of the National Scenic Area.

16 “(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Consistent with  
17 this Act, the Management Plan shall establish plans  
18 for maintenance of public utility and other rights of  
19 way within the National Scenic Area.

20 **“SEC. 1603. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the  
22 date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with sub-  
23 section (b), the Secretary shall develop a comprehensive  
24 plan for the long-term management of the National Scenic  
25 Area.



1       “(b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the manage-  
2 ment plan, the Secretary shall—

3               “(1) consult with appropriate State, tribal, and  
4 local governmental entities, including Inyo County  
5 and the Tribe; and

6               “(2) seek input from—

7                       “(A) investor-owned utilities, including  
8 Southern California Edison Company;

9                       “(B) the Alabama Hills Stewardship  
10 Group;

11                      “(C) members of the public; and

12                      “(D) the Los Angeles Department of  
13 Water and Power.

14       “(c) INCORPORATION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.—In  
15 developing the management plan, in accordance with this  
16 section, the Secretary shall allow, in perpetuity, casual-  
17 use mining limited to the use of hand tools, metal detec-  
18 tors, hand-fed dry washers, vacuum cleaners, gold pans,  
19 small sluices, and similar items.

20       “(d) INTERIM MANAGEMENT.—Pending completion  
21 of the management plan, the Secretary shall manage the  
22 National Scenic Area in accordance with section 3.

1 **“SEC. 1604. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR LONE PINE PAI-**  
2 **UTE-SHOSHONE RESERVATION.**

3 “(a) TRUST LAND.—As soon as practicable after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall take  
5 the approximately 132 acres of Federal land depicted on  
6 the Map as ‘Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Addi-  
7 tion’ into trust for the benefit of the Tribe, subject to the  
8 following:

9 “(1) CONDITIONS.—The land shall be subject to  
10 all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions,  
11 withdrawals, and other matters of record on the date  
12 of the enactment of this Act.

13 “(2) EXCLUSION.—The Federal lands over  
14 which the right-of-way for the Los Angeles Aqueduct  
15 is located, generally described as the 250-foot-wide  
16 right-of-way granted to the City of Los Angeles pur-  
17 suant to the Act of June 30, 1906 (Chap. 3926),  
18 shall not be taken into trust for the Tribe.

19 “(b) RESERVATION LAND.—The land taken into  
20 trust pursuant to subsection (a) shall be considered part  
21 of the reservation of the Tribe.

22 “(c) GAMING PROHIBITION.—Gaming under the In-  
23 dian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.)  
24 shall not be allowed on the land taken into trust pursuant  
25 to subsection (a).

1 **“SEC. 1605. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.**

2 “Administrative jurisdiction of the approximately 56  
3 acres of Federal land depicted on the Map as ‘USFS  
4 Transfer to BLM’ is hereby transferred from the Forest  
5 Service under the Secretary of Agriculture to the Bureau  
6 of Land Management under the Secretary.

7 **“SEC. 1606. PROTECTION OF SERVICES AND REC-**  
8 **REATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.**

9 “Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit com-  
10 mercial services for existing and historic recreation uses  
11 as authorized by the Bureau of Land Management’s per-  
12 mit process. Valid, existing, commercial permits to exer-  
13 cise guided recreational opportunities for the public may  
14 continue as authorized on the day before the date of the  
15 enactment of this Act.

16 **“TITLE XVII—MISCELLANEOUS**

17 **“SEC. 1701. MILITARY ACTIVITIES.**

18 “Nothing in this title—

19 “(1) restricts or precludes Department of De-  
20 fense motorized access by land or air—

21 “(A) to respond to an emergency within a  
22 wilderness area designated by this Act; or

23 “(B) to control access to the emergency  
24 site;

1           “(2) prevents nonmechanized military training  
2 activities previously conducted on wilderness areas  
3 designated by this title that are consistent with—

4           “(A) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131  
5 et seq.); and

6           “(B) all applicable laws (including regula-  
7 tions);

8           “(3) restricts or precludes low-level overflights  
9 of military aircraft over the areas designated as wil-  
10 derness, national monuments, special management  
11 areas, or recreation areas by this Act, including mili-  
12 tary overflights that can be seen or heard within the  
13 designated areas;

14           “(4) restricts or precludes flight testing and  
15 evaluation in the areas described in paragraph (3);  
16 or

17           “(5) restricts or precludes the designation or  
18 creation of new units of special use airspace, or the  
19 establishment of military flight training routes, over  
20 the areas described in paragraph (3).

21 **“SEC. 1702. PROHIBITED USES OF ACQUIRED, DONATED,  
22 AND CONSERVATION LAND.**

23           “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24           “(1) ACQUIRED LAND.—The term ‘acquired  
25 land’ means any land acquired within the Conserva-

1 tion Area using amounts from the land and water  
2 conservation fund established under section 200302  
3 of title 54, United States Code.

4 “(2) CONSERVATION LAND.—The term ‘con-  
5 servation land’ means any land within the Conserva-  
6 tion Area that is designated to satisfy the conditions  
7 of a Federal habitat conservation plan, general con-  
8 servation plan, or State natural communities con-  
9 servation plan, including—

10 “(A) national conservation land established  
11 pursuant to section 2002(b)(2)(D) of the Omni-  
12 bus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16  
13 U.S.C. 7202(b)(2)(D)); and

14 “(B) areas of critical environmental con-  
15 cern established pursuant to section 202(c)(3)  
16 of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
17 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712(c)(3)).

18 “(3) DONATED LAND.—The term ‘donated  
19 land’ means any private land donated to the United  
20 States for conservation purposes in the Conservation  
21 Area.

22 “(4) DONOR.—The term ‘donor’ means an indi-  
23 vidual or entity that donates private land within the  
24 Conservation Area to the United States.

1           “(5) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
2           the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
3           rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

4           “(b) PROHIBITIONS.—Except as provided in sub-  
5           section (c), the Secretary shall not authorize the use of  
6           acquired land, conservation land, or donated land within  
7           the Conservation Area for any activities contrary to the  
8           conservation purposes for which the land was acquired,  
9           designated, or donated, including—

10           “(1) disposal;

11           “(2) rights-of-way;

12           “(3) leases;

13           “(4) livestock grazing;

14           “(5) infrastructure development, except as pro-  
15           vided in subsection (c);

16           “(6) mineral entry; and

17           “(7) off-highway vehicle use, except on—

18           “(A) designated routes;

19           “(B) off-highway vehicle areas designated  
20           by law; and

21           “(C) administratively designated open  
22           areas.

23           “(c) EXCEPTIONS.—

24           “(1) AUTHORIZATION BY SECRETARY.—Subject  
25           to paragraph (2), the Secretary may authorize lim-

1       ited exceptions to prohibited uses of acquired land or  
2       donated land in the Conservation Area if—

3               “(A) a right-of-way application for a re-  
4               newable energy development project or associ-  
5               ated energy transport facility on acquired land  
6               or donated land was submitted to the Bureau  
7               of Land Management on or before December 1,  
8               2009; or

9               “(B) after the completion and consider-  
10              ation of an analysis under the National Envi-  
11              ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
12              et seq.), the Secretary has determined that pro-  
13              posed use is in the public interest.

14       “(2) CONDITIONS.—

15              “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary  
16              grants an exception to the prohibition under  
17              paragraph (1), the Secretary shall require the  
18              permittee to donate private land of comparable  
19              value located within the Conservation Area to  
20              the United States to mitigate the use.

21              “(B) APPROVAL.—The private land to be  
22              donated under subparagraph (A) shall be ap-  
23              proved by the Secretary after—

24                      “(i) consultation, to the maximum ex-  
25                      tent practicable, with the donor of the pri-

1           vate land proposed for nonconservation  
2           uses; and

3                   “(ii) an opportunity for public com-  
4                   ment regarding the donation.

5           “(d) EXISTING AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in this sec-  
6           tion affects permitted or prohibited uses of donated land  
7           or acquired land in the Conservation Area established in  
8           any easements, deed restrictions, memoranda of under-  
9           standing, or other agreements in existence on the date of  
10          enactment of this title.

11          “(e) DEED RESTRICTIONS.—Effective beginning on  
12          the date of enactment of this title, within the Conservation  
13          Area, the Secretary may—

14                   “(1) accept deed restrictions requested by land-  
15                   owners for land donated to, or otherwise acquired  
16                   by, the United States; and

17                   “(2) consistent with existing rights, create deed  
18                   restrictions, easements, or other third-party rights  
19                   relating to any public land determined by the Sec-  
20                   retary to be necessary—

21                           “(A) to fulfill the mitigation requirements  
22                           resulting from the development of renewable re-  
23                           sources; or

24                           “(B) to satisfy the conditions of—



1                   “(i) a habitat conservation plan or  
2                   general conservation plan established pur-  
3                   suant to section 10 of the Endangered  
4                   Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539); or  
5                   “(ii) a natural communities conserva-  
6                   tion plan approved by the State.

7   **“SEC. 1703. TRIBAL USES AND INTERESTS.**

8           “(a) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall ensure access to  
9   areas designated under this Act by members of Indian  
10   tribes for traditional cultural and religious purposes, con-  
11   sistent with applicable law, including Public Law 95–341  
12   (commonly known as the ‘American Indian Religious  
13   Freedom Act’) (42 U.S.C. 1996).

14          “(b) TEMPORARY CLOSURE.—

15               “(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with applica-  
16   ble law, including Public Law 95–341 (commonly  
17   known as the ‘American Indian Religious Freedom  
18   Act’) (42 U.S.C. 1996), and subject to paragraph  
19   (2), the Secretary, on request of an Indian tribe or  
20   Indian religious community, shall temporarily close  
21   to general public use any portion of an area des-  
22   ignated as a national monument, special manage-  
23   ment area, wild and scenic river, area of critical en-  
24   vironmental concern, or National Park System unit  
25   under this Act (referred to in this subsection as a

1 ‘designated area’) to protect the privacy of tradi-  
2 tional cultural and religious activities in the des-  
3 ignated area by members of the Indian tribe or In-  
4 dian religious community.

5 “(2) LIMITATION.—In closing a portion of a  
6 designated area under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
7 shall limit the closure to the smallest practicable  
8 area for the minimum period necessary for the tradi-  
9 tional cultural and religious activities.

10 “(c) TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
11 PLAN.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
13 after the date of enactment of this title, the Sec-  
14 retary of the Interior shall develop and implement a  
15 tribal cultural resources management plan to iden-  
16 tify, protect, and conserve cultural resources of In-  
17 dian tribes associated with the Xam Kwatchan Trail  
18 network extending from Avikwaame (Spirit Moun-  
19 tain, Nevada) to Avikwlal (Pilot Knob, California).

20 “(2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-  
21 sult on the development and implementation of the  
22 tribal cultural resources management plan under  
23 paragraph (1) with—

24 “(A) each of—

25 “(i) the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe;

1                   “(ii) the Hualapai Tribal Nation;  
2                   “(iii) the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe;  
3                   “(iv) the Colorado River Indian  
4 Tribes;  
5                   “(v) the Quechan Indian Tribe; and  
6                   “(vi) the Cocopah Indian Tribe; and  
7                   “(B) the Advisory Council on Historic  
8 Preservation.

9                   “(3) RESOURCE PROTECTION.—The tribal cul-  
10 tural resources management plan developed under  
11 paragraph (1) shall be—

12                   “(A) based on a completed tribal cultural  
13 resources survey; and

14                   “(B) include procedures for identifying,  
15 protecting, and preserving petroglyphs, ancient  
16 trails, intaglios, sleeping circles, artifacts, and  
17 other resources of cultural, archaeological, or  
18 historical significance in accordance with all ap-  
19 plicable laws and policies, including—

20                   “(i) chapter 2003 of title 54, United  
21 States Code;

22                   “(ii) Public Law 95–341 (commonly  
23 known as the ‘American Indian Religious  
24 Freedom Act’) (42 U.S.C. 1996);

1                   “(iii) the Archaeological Resources  
2                   Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S.C. 470aa  
3                   et seq.);

4                   “(iv) the Native American Graves  
5                   Protection and Repatriation Act (25  
6                   U.S.C. 3001 et seq.); and

7                   “(v) Public Law 103–141 (commonly  
8                   known as the ‘Religious Freedom Restora-  
9                   tion Act of 1993’) (42 U.S.C. 2000bb et  
10                  seq.).

11                  “(d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
12 all Federal land within the area administratively with-  
13 drawn and known as the ‘Indian Pass Withdrawal Area’  
14 is permanently withdrawn from—

15                  “(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or dis-  
16                  posal under the public land laws;

17                  “(2) location, entry, and patent under the min-  
18                  ing laws; and

19                  “(3) right-of-way leasing and disposition under  
20                  all laws relating to minerals or solar, wind, or geo-  
21                  thermal energy.

22                  **“SEC. 1704. RELEASE OF FEDERAL REVERSIONARY LAND**  
23                  **INTERESTS.**

24                  “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           “(1) 1932 ACT.—The ‘1932 Act’ means the Act  
2 of June 18, 1932 (47 Stat. 324, chapter 270).

3           “(2) DISTRICT.—The ‘District’ means the Met-  
4 ropolitan Water District of Southern California.

5           “(b) RELEASE.—Subject to valid existing claims per-  
6 fected prior to the effective date of the 1932 Act and the  
7 reservation of minerals set forth in the 1932 Act, the Sec-  
8 retary shall release, convey, or otherwise quitclaim to the  
9 District, in a form recordable in local county records, and  
10 subject to the approval of the District, after consultation  
11 and without monetary consideration, all right, title, and  
12 remaining interest of the United States in and to the land  
13 that was conveyed to the District pursuant to the 1932  
14 Act or any other law authorizing conveyance subject to  
15 restrictions or reversionary interests retained by the  
16 United States, on request by the District.

17           “(c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A conveyance au-  
18 thorized by subsection (b) shall be subject to the following  
19 terms and conditions:

20           “(1) The District shall cover, or reimburse the  
21 Secretary for, the costs incurred by the Secretary to  
22 make the conveyance, including title searches, sur-  
23 veys, deed preparation, attorneys’ fees, and similar  
24 expenses.

1           “(2) By accepting the conveyances, the District  
2           agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United  
3           States with regard to any boundary dispute relating  
4           to any parcel conveyed under this section.”.

5 **SEC. 3. VISITOR CENTER.**

6           Title IV of the California Desert Protection Act of  
7           1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–21 et seq.) is amended by adding  
8           at the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 408. VISITOR CENTER.**

10           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire not  
11           more than 5 acres of land and interests in land, and im-  
12           provements on the land and interests, outside the bound-  
13           aries of Joshua Tree National Park, in the unincorporated  
14           village of Joshua Tree, for the purpose of operating a vis-  
15           itor center.

16           “(b) BOUNDARY.—The Secretary shall modify the  
17           boundary of the park to include the land acquired under  
18           this section as a noncontiguous parcel.

19           “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—Land and facilities acquired  
20           under this section—

21                   “(1) may include the property owned (as of the  
22                   date of enactment of this section) by the Joshua  
23                   Tree National Park Association and commonly re-  
24                   ferred to as the ‘Joshua Tree National Park Visitor  
25                   Center’;

1           “(2) shall be administered by the Secretary as  
2 part of the park; and

3           “(3) may be acquired only with the consent of  
4 the owner, by donation, purchase with donated or  
5 appropriated funds, or exchange.”.

6 **SEC. 4. CALIFORNIA STATE SCHOOL LAND.**

7           Section 707 of the California Desert Protection Act  
8 of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–77) is amended—

9           (1) in subsection (a)—

10           (A) in the first sentence—

11           (i) by striking “Upon request of the  
12 California State Lands Commission (here-  
13 inafter in this section referred to as the  
14 ‘Commission’), the Secretary shall enter  
15 into negotiations for an agreement” and  
16 inserting the following:

17           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall nego-  
18 tiate in good faith to reach an agreement with the  
19 California State Lands Commission (referred to in  
20 this section as the Commission).”; and

21           (ii) by inserting “, national monu-  
22 ments,” after “more of the wilderness  
23 areas”; and

1 (B) in the second sentence, by striking  
2 “The Secretary shall negotiate in good faith to”  
3 and inserting the following:

4 “(2) AGREEMENT.—To the maximum extent  
5 practicable, not later than 10 years after the date of  
6 enactment of this title, the Secretary shall”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “, national  
8 monuments,” after “wilderness areas”; and

9 (3) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the  
10 following:

11 “(5) SPECIAL DEPOSIT FUND ACCOUNT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Assembled land ex-  
13 changes may be used to carry out this section  
14 through the sale of surplus Federal property  
15 and subsequent acquisitions of State school  
16 land.

17 “(B) RECEIPTS.—Past and future receipts  
18 from the sale of property described in sub-  
19 section (a), less any costs incurred related to  
20 the sale, shall be deposited in a Special Deposit  
21 Fund Account established in the Treasury.

22 “(C) USE.—Funds accumulated in the  
23 Special Deposit Fund Account may be used by  
24 the Secretary, without an appropriation, to ac-



1           quire State school lands or interest in the land  
2           consistent with this section.”.

3 **SEC. 5. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.**

4           Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16  
5 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended—

6           (1) in paragraph (196), by striking subpara-  
7           graph (A) and inserting the following:

8                   “(A)(i) The approximately 1.4-mile seg-  
9                   ment of the Amargosa River in the State of  
10                  California, from the private property boundary  
11                  in sec. 19, T. 22 N., R. 7 E., to 100 feet down-  
12                  stream of Highway 178, to be administered by  
13                  the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river  
14                  as an addition to the wild and scenic river seg-  
15                  ments of the Amargosa River on publication by  
16                  the Secretary of a notice in the Federal Reg-  
17                  ister that sufficient inholdings within the  
18                  boundaries of the segments have been acquired  
19                  as scenic easements or in fee title to establish  
20                  a manageable addition to those segments.

21                   “(ii) The approximately 6.1-mile segment  
22                  of the Amargosa River in the State of Cali-  
23                  fornia, from 100 feet downstream of the State  
24                  Highway 178 crossing to 100 feet upstream of  
25                  the Tecopa Hot Springs Road crossing, to be

1 administered by the Secretary of the Interior as  
2 a scenic river.”; and

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

4 “(213) SURPRISE CANYON CREEK, CALI-  
5 FORNIA.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The following seg-  
7 ments of Surprise Canyon Creek in the State of  
8 California, to be administered by the Secretary  
9 of the Interior:

10 “(i) The approximately 5.3 miles of  
11 Surprise Canyon Creek from the con-  
12 fluence of Frenchman’s Canyon and Water  
13 Canyon to 100 feet upstream of Chris  
14 Wicht Camp, as a wild river.

15 “(ii) The approximately 1.8 miles of  
16 Surprise Canyon Creek from 100 feet up-  
17 stream of Chris Wicht Camp to the south-  
18 ern boundary of sec. 14, T. 21 N., R. 44  
19 E., as a recreational river.

20 “(B) EFFECT ON HISTORIC MINING STRUC-  
21 TURES.—Nothing in this paragraph affects the  
22 historic mining structures associated with the  
23 former Panamint Mining District.

24 “(214) DEEP CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The following seg-  
2           ments of Deep Creek in the State of California,  
3           to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-  
4           culture:

5                   “(i) The approximately 6.5-mile seg-  
6                   ment from 0.125 mile downstream of the  
7                   Rainbow Dam site in sec. 33, T. 2 N., R.  
8                   2 W., to 0.25 miles upstream of the Road  
9                   3N34 crossing, as a wild river.

10                   “(ii) The 0.5-mile segment from 0.25  
11                   mile upstream of the Road 3N34 crossing  
12                   to 0.25 mile downstream of the Road  
13                   3N34 crossing, as a scenic river.

14                   “(iii) The 2.5-mile segment from 0.25  
15                   miles downstream of the Road 3 N. 34  
16                   crossing to 0.25 miles upstream of the  
17                   Trail 2W01 crossing, as a wild river.

18                   “(iv) The 0.5-mile segment from 0.25  
19                   miles upstream of the Trail 2W01 crossing  
20                   to 0.25 mile downstream of the Trail  
21                   2W01 crossing, as a scenic river.

22                   “(v) The 10-mile segment from 0.25  
23                   miles downstream of the Trail 2W01 cross-  
24                   ing to the upper limit of the Mojave dam

1 flood zone in sec. 17, T. 3 N., R. 3 W., as  
2 a wild river.

3 “(vi) The 11-mile segment of Hol-  
4 comb Creek from 100 yards downstream of  
5 the Road 3N12 crossing to .25 miles down-  
6 stream of Holcomb Crossing, as a rec-  
7 reational river.

8 “(vii) The 3.5-mile segment of the  
9 Holcomb Creek from 0.25 miles down-  
10 stream of Holcomb Crossing to the Deep  
11 Creek confluence, as a wild river.

12 “(B) EFFECT ON SKI OPERATIONS.—Noth-  
13 ing in this paragraph affects—

14 “(i) the operations of the Snow Valley  
15 Ski Resort; or

16 “(ii) the State regulation of water  
17 rights and water quality associated with  
18 the operation of the Snow Valley Ski Re-  
19 sort.

20 “(215) WHITEWATER RIVER, CALIFORNIA.—  
21 The following segments of the Whitewater River in  
22 the State of California, to be administered by the  
23 Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the In-  
24 terior, acting jointly:

1           “(A) The 5.8-mile segment of the North  
2 Fork Whitewater River from the source of the  
3 River near Mt. San Gorgonio to the confluence  
4 with the Middle Fork, as a wild river.

5           “(B) The 6.4-mile segment of the Middle  
6 Fork Whitewater River from the source of the  
7 River to the confluence with the South Fork, as  
8 a wild river.

9           “(C) The 1-mile segment of the South  
10 Fork Whitewater River from the confluence of  
11 the River with the East Fork to the section line  
12 between sections 32 and 33, T. 1 S., R. 2 E.,  
13 as a wild river.

14           “(D) The 1-mile segment of the South  
15 Fork Whitewater River from the section line be-  
16 tween sections 32 and 33, T. 1 S., R. 2 E., to  
17 the section line between sections 33 and 34, T.  
18 1 S., R. 2 E., as a recreational river.

19           “(E) The 4.9-mile segment of the South  
20 Fork Whitewater River from the section line be-  
21 tween sections 33 and 34, T. 1 S., R. 2 E., to  
22 the confluence with the Middle Fork, as a wild  
23 river.

24           “(F) The 5.4-mile segment of the main  
25 stem of the Whitewater River from the con-

1           fluence of the South and Middle Forks to the  
2           San Gorgonio Wilderness boundary, as a wild  
3           river.

4           “(G) The 3.6-mile segment of the main  
5           stem of the Whitewater River from the San  
6           Gorgonio Wilderness boundary to .25 miles up-  
7           stream of the southern boundary of section 35,  
8           T. 2 S., R. 3 E., as a recreational river.”.

9   **SEC. 6. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

10       (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—Section 1 of the California  
11 Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa note;  
12 Public Law 103–433) is amended by striking “1 and 2,  
13 and titles I through IX” and inserting “1, 2, and 3, titles  
14 I through IX, and titles XIII through XVIII”.

15       (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—The California Desert Protection  
16 Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–433; 108 Stat. 4481) is  
17 amended by inserting after section 2 the following:

18   **“SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

19       “**In titles XIII through XVIII:**

20           “(1) **CONSERVATION AREA.**—The term ‘Con-  
21 servation Area’ means the California Desert Con-  
22 servation Area.

23           “(2) **SECRETARY.**—The term ‘Secretary’  
24 means—

1           “(A) with respect to land under the juris-  
2           diction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Sec-  
3           retary of the Interior; and

4           “(B) with respect to land under the juris-  
5           diction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Sec-  
6           retary of Agriculture.

7           “(3) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the State  
8           of California.”.

9           (c) ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.—Sec-  
10          tion 103 of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994  
11          (Public Law 103–433; 108 Stat. 4481) is amended—

12           (1) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the  
13          following:

14          “(d) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

15           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend  
16          for the designation of wilderness areas by this Act—

17           “(A) to require the additional regulation of  
18          land adjacent to the wilderness areas; or

19           “(B) to lead to the creation of protective  
20          perimeters or buffer zones around the wilder-  
21          ness areas.

22           “(2) NONWILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—Any non-  
23          wilderness activities (including renewable energy  
24          projects, energy transmission or telecommunications  
25          projects, mining, camping, hunting, and military ac-

1       activities) in areas immediately adjacent to the bound-  
2       ary of a wilderness area designated by this Act shall  
3       not be restricted or precluded by this Act, regardless  
4       of any actual or perceived negative impacts of the  
5       nonwilderness activities on the wilderness area, in-  
6       cluding any potential indirect impacts of nonwilder-  
7       ness activities conducted outside the designated wil-  
8       derness area on the viewshed, ambient noise level, or  
9       air quality of wilderness area.”;

10           (2) in subsection (f), by striking “designated by  
11       this title and” inserting “, potential wilderness  
12       areas, special management areas, and national  
13       monuments designated by this title or titles XIII  
14       through XVIII”; and

15           (3) in subsection (g), by inserting “, a potential  
16       wilderness area, a special management areas, or na-  
17       tional monument” before “by this Act”.

18       (d) JUNIPER FLATS.—Title VII of the California  
19       Desert Protection Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–433; 108  
20       Stat. 4497) is amended by adding at the end the following  
21       new section:

22       **“SEC. 712. JUNIPER FLATS.**

23       “Development of renewable energy generation facili-  
24       ties (excluding rights-of-way or facilities for the trans-  
25       mission of energy and telecommunication facilities and in-



1 frastructure) is prohibited on the approximately 28,000  
2 acres of Federal land generally depicted as ‘BLM Land  
3 Withdrawn from Energy Development and Power Genera-  
4 tion’ on the map entitled ‘Juniper Flats’ and dated Sep-  
5 tember 21, 2015.”.

6 (e) CALIFORNIA MILITARY LANDS WITHDRAWAL  
7 AND OVERFLIGHTS ACT OF 1994.—

8 (1) FINDINGS.—Section 801(b)(2) of the Cali-  
9 fornia Military Lands Withdrawal and Overflights  
10 Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–82 note; Public Law  
11 103–433) is amended by inserting “, special man-  
12 agement areas, potential wilderness areas,” before  
13 “and wilderness areas”.

14 (2) OVERFLIGHTS; SPECIAL AIRSPACE.—Section  
15 802 of the California Military Lands Withdrawal  
16 and Overflights Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–82)  
17 is amended—

18 (A) in subsection (a), by inserting “or spe-  
19 cial management areas” before “designated by  
20 this Act”;

21 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting “or spe-  
22 cial management areas” before “designated by  
23 this Act”; and

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

1       “(d) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FACILITIES.—  
2 Nothing in this Act alters any authority of the Secretary  
3 of Defense to conduct military operations at installations  
4 and ranges within the California Desert Conservation  
5 Area that are authorized under any other provision of  
6 law.”.

7       (f) CLARIFICATION REGARDING FUNDING.—No addi-  
8 tional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements  
9 of this Act and the amendments made by this Act. Such  
10 requirements shall be carried out using amounts otherwise  
11 authorized.

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