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Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the “California Desert Protection and Recreation Act of 2017”.

(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
TITLE I—CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Sec. 101. California Desert conservation and recreation.
Sec. 102. Visitor center.
Sec. 103. California State school land.
Sec. 104. Designation of wild and scenic rivers.
Sec. 105. Conforming amendments.

TITLE II—DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY ON PUBLIC LAND

Sec. 201. Definitions.

1 TITLE I—CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

SEC. 101. CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AND RECREATION.

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

“TITLE XIII—WILDERNESS

“SEC. 1301. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.

“(a) Designation of Wilderness Areas To Be Administered by the Bureau of Land Management.—In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and sections 601 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1781, 1782), the following land in the State is designated as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:
“(1) Avawatz Mountains Wilderness.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately 87,700 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Avawatz Mountains Proposed Wilderness’ and dated September 9, 2014, to be known as the ‘Avawatz Mountains Wilderness’.

“(2) Golden Valley Wilderness.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately 1,250 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Golden Valley Proposed Wilderness Additions’ and dated February 20, 2016, which shall be considered to be part of the ‘Golden Valley Wilderness’.

“(3) Great Falls Basin Wilderness.—

“(A) In general.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately 7,870 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Great Falls Basin Proposed Wilderness’ and dated October 26, 2009, to be known as the ‘Great Falls Basin Wilderness’.
“(B) LIMITATIONS.—Designation of the wilderness under subparagraph (A) shall not es-
establish a Class I Airshed under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.).

“(4) KINGSTON RANGE WILDERNESS.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately 53,320 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Kingston Range Proposed Wilderness Additions’ and dated July 15, 2009, which shall be considered to be a part of the ‘Kingston Range Wil-
derness’.

“(5) SODA MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.—Certain land in the Conservation Area, administered by the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately 79,990 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Soda Mountains Proposed Wilderness’ and dated September 12, 2014, to be known as the ‘Soda Mountains Wilderness’.

“(b) DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and sections 601 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1781, 1782), the following land in the State is designated as wilderness

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areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

“(1) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-North Eureka Valley.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the National Park Service, comprising approximately 11,496 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilderness Area-North Eureka Valley’, numbered 143/100,082C, and dated October 7, 2014, which shall be considered to be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

“(2) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-Ibex.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the National Park Service, comprising approximately 23,650 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilderness Area-Ibex’, numbered 143/100,081C, and dated October 7, 2014, which shall be considered to be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

“(3) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-Panamint Valley.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the National Park Service, comprising ap-
proximately 4,807 acres, as generally depicted on the
map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed
Wilderness Area-Panamint Valley’, numbered 143/
100,083C, and dated October 7, 2014, which shall
be considered to be a part of the Death Valley Na-
tional Park Wilderness.

“(4) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-Warm Springs.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the National Park Service, comprising approximately 10,485 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilderness Area-Warm Spring Canyon/Galena Canyon’, numbered 143/100,084C, and dated October 7, 2014, which shall be considered to be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

“(5) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-Axe Head.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the National Park Service, comprising approximately 8,638 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-
tled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilder-
ness Area-Axe Head’, numbered 143/100,085C, and
dated October 7, 2014, which shall be considered to
be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

“(6) Death Valley National Park Wilderness Additions-Bowling Alley.—Certain land in the Conservation Area administered by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately 32,520 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Wilderness Area-Bowling Alley’, numbered 143/100,086C, and dated October 7, 2014, which shall be considered to be a part of the Death Valley National Park Wilderness.

“(c) Designation of Wilderness Area To Be Administered by the Forest Service.—

“(1) In General.—In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the land in the State described in paragraph (2) is designated as a wilderness area and as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

“(2) Description of Land.—The land referred to in paragraph (1) is certain land in the San Bernardino National Forest, comprising approximately 7,141 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Sand to Snow National Monument’ and dated August 29, 2014, which shall
considered to be a part of the San Gorgonio Wilderness.

“(3) FIRE MANAGEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may carry out such activities in the wilderness area designated by paragraph (1) as are necessary for the control of fire, insects, and disease, in accordance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and House Report 98–40 of the 98th Congress.

“(B) FUNDING PRIORITIES.—Nothing in this subsection limits the provision of any funding for fire or fuel management in the wilderness area designated by paragraph (1).

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

“(D) ADMINISTRATION.—In accordance with subparagraph (A) and other applicable Federal law, to ensure a timely and efficient response to fire emergencies in the wilderness
area designated by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(i) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title, establish agency approval procedures (including appropriate delegations of authority to the Forest Supervisor, District Manager, or other agency officials) for responding to fire emergencies in the wilderness area designated by paragraph (1); and

“(ii) enter into agreements with appropriate State or local firefighting agencies relating to that wilderness area.

“SEC. 1302. MANAGEMENT.

“(a) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

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

“(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS AREAS.—

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

“(B) Effect on nonwilderness activities.—

“(i) In general.—In any permitting proceeding (including a review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)) conducted with respect to a project described in clause (ii) that is formally initiated through a notice in the Federal Register before December 31, 2013, the consideration of any visual, noise, or other impacts of the project on a wilderness area designated by section 1301 shall be conducted based on the status of the area before designation as wilderness.

“(ii) Description of projects.—A project referred to in clause (i) is a renewable energy project or associated energy transport facility project—

“(I) for which the Bureau of Land Management has received a right-of-way use application on or be-
fore the date of enactment of this

title; and

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

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

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

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

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

“(B) LIMITATION.—The activities de-
scribed in subparagraph (A) shall be conducted
in a manner that minimizes the impact of the
activities resources of the San Gorgonio Wilder-
ness Area or the Sand to Snow National Monu-
ment.

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

“(b) MAPS; LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

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

“(A) the Committee on Natural Resources
of the House of Representatives; and
“(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

“(2) FORCE OF LAW.—A map and legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary may correct errors in the maps and legal descriptions.

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

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

“SEC. 1303. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.

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

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

“(1) the Cady Mountains Wilderness Study
Area;

“(2) the Kingston Range Wilderness Study
Area;

“(3) the Avawatz Mountain Wilderness Study
Area;

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

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

“(6) the Soda Mountains Wilderness Study
Area.

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

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

“(a) DEFINITION OF CHERRY-STEMMED ROAD.—In
this section, the term ‘cherry-stemmed road’ means a road
or trail, as generally depicted on the maps described in section 1301, that is—

“(1) excluded from a wilderness area or wilderness addition designated by that section; and

“(2) within a nonwilderness corridor having designated wilderness on both sides.

“(b) Prohibition on Closure or Travel Restrictions on Cherry-Stemmed Roads.—The Secretary shall not—

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

“(2) prohibit motorized access on a cherry-stemmed road that is open to the public for motorized access as of the date of enactment of this title; or

“(3) prohibit mechanized access on a cherry-stemmed road that is open to the public for mechanized access as of the date of enactment of this title.

“(c) Resource Protection or Public Safety Exceptions.—Subsection (b) shall not apply to a cherry-stemmed road if the Secretary determines that a closure or traffic restriction of the cherry-stemmed road is necessary for purposes of significant resource protection or public safety.
“TITLE XIV—DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

“SEC. 1401. DEFINITIONS.

“In this title:

“(1) MANAGEMENT AREA.—The term ‘Management Area’ means the Vinagre Wash Special Management Area.

“(2) MAP.—The term ‘map’ means the map entitled ‘Vinagre Wash Proposed Special Management Area’ and dated November 10, 2009.

“(3) PUBLIC LAND.—The term ‘public land’ has the meaning given the term ‘public lands’ in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

“(4) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Interior.

“SEC. 1402. VINAGRE WASH SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Vinagre Wash Special Management Area in the State, to be managed by the El Centro Field Office and the Yuma Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

“(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Management Area is to conserve, protect, and enhance—

“(1) the plant and wildlife values of the Management Area; and
“(2) the outstanding and nationally significant ecological, geological, scenic, recreational, archaeological, cultural, historic, and other resources of the Management Area.

“(c) Boundaries.—The Management Area shall consist of the public land in Imperial County, California, comprising approximately 81,880 acres, as generally depicted on the map.

“(d) Map; Legal Description.—

“(1) In general.—As soon as practicable, but not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall submit a map and legal description of the Management Area to—

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

“(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

“(2) Effect.—The map and legal description submitted under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary may correct any errors in the map and legal description.

“(3) Availability.—Copies of the map submitted under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for public inspection in—
“(A) the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management; and

“(B) the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management in the State.

**SEC. 1403. MANAGEMENT.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allow hiking, camping, hunting, and sightseeing and the use of motorized vehicles, mountain bikes, and horses on designated routes in the Management Area in a manner that—

“(1) is consistent with the purpose of the Management Area described in section 1402(b);

“(2) ensures public health and safety; and

“(3) is consistent with all applicable laws (including regulations) and the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

“(b) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) and all other applicable laws, the use of off-highway vehicles shall be permitted on routes in the Management Area generally depicted on the map.

“(2) CLOSURE.—The Secretary may temporarily close or permanently reroute a portion of a route described in paragraph (1)—

“(A) to prevent, or allow for restoration of, resource damage;
“(B) to protect tribal cultural resources, including the resources identified in the tribal cultural resources management plan developed under section 1805(c);
“(C) to address public safety concerns; or
“(D) as otherwise required by law.
“(3) Designation of additional routes.—During the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary—
“(A) shall accept petitions from the public regarding additional routes for off-highway vehicles; and
“(B) may designate additional routes that the Secretary determines—
“(i) would provide significant or unique recreational opportunities; and
“(ii) are consistent with the purposes of the Management Area.
“(c) Withdrawal.—Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal land within the Management Area is withdrawn from—
“(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;
“(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
“(3) right-of-way, leasing, or disposition under all laws relating to—

“(A) minerals; or

“(B) solar, wind, and geothermal energy.

“(d) NO BUFFERS.—The establishment of the Management Area shall not—

“(1) create a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Management Area; or

“(2) preclude uses or activities outside the Management Area that are permitted under other applicable laws, even if the uses or activities are prohibited within the Management Area.

“(e) NOTICE OF AVAILABLE ROUTES.—The Secretary shall ensure that visitors to the Management Area have access to adequate notice relating to the availability of designated routes in the Management Area through—

“(1) the placement of appropriate signage along the designated routes;

“(2) the distribution of maps, safety education materials, and other information that the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

“(3) restoration of areas that are not designated as open routes, including vertical mulching.

“(f) STEWARDSHIP.—The Secretary, in consultation with Indian tribes and other interests, shall develop a pro-
gram to provide opportunities for monitoring and stewardship of the Management Area to minimize environmental impacts and prevent resource damage from recreational use, including volunteer assistance with—

“(1) route signage;
“(2) restoration of closed routes;
“(3) protection of Management Area resources;

and
“(4) recreation education.

“(g) PROTECTION OF TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary, in accordance with chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code, and any other applicable law, shall—

“(1) prepare and complete a tribal cultural resources survey of the Management Area; and
“(2) consult with the Quechan Indian Nation and other Indian tribes demonstrating ancestral, cultural, or other ties to the resources within the Management Area on the development and implementation of the tribal cultural resources survey under paragraph (1).

“SEC. 1404. POTENTIAL WILDERNESS.

“(a) PROTECTION OF WILDERNESS CHARACTER.—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage the Federal land in the Management Area described in paragraph (2) in a manner that preserves the character of the land for the eventual inclusion of the land in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

“(2) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The Federal land described in this paragraph is—

“(A) the approximately 10,860 acres of land, as generally depicted as the Indian Pass Additions on the map entitled ‘Vinagre Wash Proposed Special Management Area’ and dated November 10, 2009;

“(B) the approximately 17,250 acres of land, as generally depicted as Milpitas Wash Potential Wilderness on the map entitled ‘Vinagre Wash Proposed Special Management Area’ and dated November 10, 2009;

“(C) the approximately 11,840 acres of land, as generally depicted as Buzzards Peak Potential Wilderness on the map entitled ‘Vinagre Wash Proposed Special Management Area’ and dated November 10, 2009; and

“(D) the approximately 9,350 acres of land, as generally depicted as Palo Verde

“(3) USE OF LAND.—

“(A) MILITARY USES.—The Secretary shall manage the Federal land in the Management Area described in paragraph (2) in a manner that is consistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that the Secretary may authorize use of the land by the Secretary of the Navy for Naval Special Warfare Tactical Training, including long-range small unit training and navigation, vehicle concealment, and vehicle sustainment training, in accordance with applicable Federal laws.

“(B) PROHIBITED USES.—The following shall be prohibited on the Federal land described in paragraph (2):

“(i) Permanent roads.

“(ii) Commercial enterprises.

“(iii) Except as necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the Federal land and to protect public health and safety—
“(I) the use of mechanized vehicles; and

“(II) the establishment of temporary roads.

“(4) WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal land described in paragraph (2) shall be designated as wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System on the date on which the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, publishes a notice in the Federal Register that all activities on the Federal land that are incompatible with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) have terminated.

“(B) DESIGNATION.—On designation of the Federal land under clause (i)—

“(i) the land described in paragraph (2)(A) shall be incorporated in, and shall be considered to be a part of, the Indian Pass Wilderness;

“(ii) the land described in paragraph (2)(B) shall be designated as the ‘Milpitas Wash Wilderness’;
“(iii) the land described in paragraph (2)(C) shall be designated as the ‘Buzzard Peak Wilderness’; and

“(iv) the land described in paragraph (2)(D) shall be incorporated in, and shall be considered to be a part of, the Palo Verde Mountains Wilderness.

“(b) Administration of Wilderness.—Subject to valid existing rights, the land designated as wilderness or as a wilderness addition by this title shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with this Act and the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

“TITLE XV—NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADDITIONS

“SEC. 1501. DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY REVISION.

“(a) In General.—The boundary of Death Valley National Park is adjusted to include—

“(1) the approximately 33,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management land in Inyo County, California, abutting the southern end of the Death Valley National Park that lies between Death Valley National Park to the north and Ft. Irwin Military Reservation to the south and which runs approximately 34 miles from west to east, as depicted on
the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Boundary Addition-Bowling Alley’, numbered 143/100,080C, and dated October 7, 2014; and

“(2) the approximately 6,369 acres of Bureau of Land Management land in Inyo County, California, located in the northeast area of Death Valley National Park that is within, and surrounded by, land under the jurisdiction of the Director of the National Park Service, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Boundary Addition-Crater’, numbered 143/100,079C, and dated October 7, 2014.

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

“(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this title as the ‘Secretary’) shall—

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

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

“(B) in accordance with applicable laws (including regulations); and
“(2) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this title, develop a memorandum of understanding with Inyo County, California, permitting ongoing access and use to existing gravel pits along Saline Valley Road within Death Valley National Park for road maintenance and repairs in accordance with applicable laws (including regulations).

“SEC. 1502. MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE.

“The boundary of the Mojave National Preserve is adjusted to include the 25 acres of Bureau of Land Management land in Baker, California, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Mojave National Preserve Proposed Boundary Addition’, numbered 170/100,199, and dated August 2009.

“SEC. 1503. JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY REVISION.

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

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

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

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

“(c) ADMINISTRATION.—

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

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

“(B) in accordance with applicable laws
(including regulations).
“(2) DESCRIPTION OF ADDITIONAL LAND.—The additional land referred to in paragraph (1) is the 25 acres of land—

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

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

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

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

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title terminates any valid right-of-way for the customary operation, maintenance, upgrade, repair, relocation within an existing right-of-way, replacement, or other authorized energy transport facility activities in a right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted to the Southern California Edison Company or the predecessors, successors, or assigns of the Southern California Edison Company that is located on land described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a),
including, at a minimum, the use of mechanized ve-
hicles, helicopters, or other aerial devices.

“(2) UPDATES AND REPLACEMENTS.—Nothing in this title prohibits the upgrading or replace-
ment of—

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

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

“(3) PUBLICATION OF PLANS.—Not later than
the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment
of this title or the issuance of a new energy trans-
port facility right-of-way within the Joshua Tree Na-
tional Park, whichever is earlier, the Secretary, in
consultation with the Southern California Edison
Company, shall publish plans for regular and emer-
gency access by the Southern California Edison
Company to the rights-of-way of the Southern Cal-
ifornia Edison Company within Joshua Tree Na-
tional Park.
“SEC. 1504. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this title.

“TITLE XVI—OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREAS

“SEC. 1601. DESIGNATION OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREAS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) DESIGNATION.—In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and resource management plans developed under this title and subject to valid rights, the following land within the Conservation Area in San Bernardino County, California, is designated as Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Areas:

“(A) DUMONT DUNES OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA.—Certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 7,630 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Dumont Dunes Proposed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated January 5, 2015, which shall be known as the ‘Dumont Dunes Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’.

“(B) EL MIRAGE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA.—Certain Bureau of Land
Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 14,930 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘El Mirage Proposed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated July 15, 2009, which shall be known as the ‘El Mirage Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’.

“(C) Rasor Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.—Certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 23,910 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Rasor Proposed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated July 15, 2009, which shall be known as the ‘Rasor Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’.

“(D) Spangler Hills Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.—Certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 56,140 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Spangler Hills Proposed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated February 19, 2016, which shall be known as the ‘Spangler Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’.
“(E) STODDARD VALLEY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA.— Certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 40,110 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Stoddard Valley Proposed National OHV Recreation Area’ and dated July 16, 2009, which shall be known as the ‘Stoddard Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’.

“(2) REDESIGNATION AND EXPANSION OF JOHNSON VALLEY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA.—


“(i) is redesignated as the ‘Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area’; and

“(ii) is expanded to include certain land as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Johnson Valley Off-High-
way Vehicle Recreation Area Additions’ and dated September 27, 2016.

“(B) Relation to Authorized Navy Use.—The redesignation of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area as the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area does not alter or interfere with the rights and obligations of the Navy regarding the use of portions of the Recreation Area as provided in subtitle C of title XXIX of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (division B of Public Law 113–66; 127 Stat. 1034).

“(C) References.—Any reference in any law, regulation, document, record, map, or other paper of the United States to the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area shall be deemed to be a reference to the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.

“(b) Purpose.—The purpose of the off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated or expanded under subsection (a) is to preserve and enhance the recreational opportunities within the Conservation Area (including opportunities for off-highway vehicle recreation), while con-
serving the wildlife and other natural resource values of
the Conservation Area.

“(c) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—

“(1) PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION.—As soon
as practicable after the date of enactment of this
title, the Secretary shall file a map and legal de-
scription of each off-highway vehicle recreation area
designated or expanded by subsection (a) with—

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

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

“(2) LEGAL EFFECT.—The map and legal de-
scriptions of the off-highway vehicle recreation areas
filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same force
and effect as if included in this title, except that the
Secretary may correct errors in the map and legal
descriptions.

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

“(d) USE OF THE LAND.—

“(1) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—
“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall continue to authorize, maintain, and enhance the recreational uses of the off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated or expanded by subsection (a), including off-highway recreation, hiking, camping, hunting, mountain biking, sightseeing, rockhounding, and horseback riding, as long as the recreational use is consistent with this section and any other applicable law.

“(B) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATION.—To the extent consistent with applicable Federal law (including regulations) and this section, any authorized recreation activities and use designations in effect on the date of enactment of this title and applicable to the off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated or expanded by subsection (a) shall continue, including casual off-highway vehicular use, racing, competitive events, rock crawling, training, and other forms of off-highway recreation.

“(2) WILDLIFE GUZZLERS.—Wildlife guzzlers shall be allowed in the off-highway vehicle recreation
areas designated or expanded by subsection (a) in accordance with—

“(A) applicable Bureau of Land Management guidelines; and

“(B) State law.

“(3) Prohibited uses.—Commercial development (including development of mining and energy facilities, but excluding energy transport facilities, rights-of-way, and related telecommunication facilities) shall be prohibited in the off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated or expanded by subsection (a) if the Secretary determines that the development is incompatible with the purpose described in subsection (b).

“(e) Administration.—

“(1) In general.—The Secretary shall administer the off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated or expanded by subsection (a) in accordance with—

“(A) this title;

“(B) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

“(C) any other applicable laws (including regulations).
“(2) Management plan.—

“(A) In general.—As soon as practicable, but not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall—

“(i) amend existing resource management plans applicable to the off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated or expanded by subsection (a); or

“(ii) develop new management plans for each off-highway vehicle recreation area designated or expanded under that subsection.

“(B) Requirements.—All new or amended plans under subparagraph (A) shall be designed to preserve and enhance safe off-highway vehicle and other recreational opportunities within the applicable recreation area consistent with—

“(i) the purpose described in subsection (b); and

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

“(C) Interim plans.—Pending completion of a new management plan under subparagraph (A), the existing resource management
plans shall govern the use of the applicable off-highway vehicle recreation area.

“(f) STUDY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but not later than 2 years, after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall complete a study to identify Bureau of Land Management land within the Conservation Area that is suitable for addition to the national off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated or expanded by subsection (a).

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

“(A) certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 41,000 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Spangler Hills Proposed Expansion Study Area’ and dated January 23, 2015;

“(B) certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 680 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘El Mirage Proposed Expansion Study Area’ and dated January 21, 2015; and
“(C) certain Bureau of Land Management land in the Conservation Area, comprising approximately 51,600 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Johnson Valley Proposed Expansion Study Area’ and dated September 27, 2016.

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

“(A) seek input from stakeholders, including—

“(i) the State, including—

“(I) the California Public Utilities Commission; and

“(II) the California Energy Commission;

“(ii) San Bernardino County, California;

“(iii) the public;

“(iv) recreational user groups;

“(v) conservation organizations;

“(vi) the Southern California Edison Company;

“(vii) the Pacific Gas and Electric Company; and
“(viii) other Federal agencies, including the Department of Defense;
“(B) explore the feasibility of—
“(i) expanding the southern boundary
of the off-highway vehicle recreation area
described in subsection (a)(1)(C) to include
previously disturbed land; and
“(ii) establishing a right-of-way for
off-highway vehicle use in the areas identified in paragraph (2) to the extent necessary to connect the noncontiguous areas
of the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area;
“(C) identify and exclude from consideration any land that—
“(i) is managed for conservation purposes;
“(ii) may be suitable for renewable energy development; or
“(iii) may be necessary for energy transmission; and
“(D) not recommend or approve expansion
of national off-highway recreation areas within
the Conservation Area that collectively would exceed the total acres administratively des-
ignated for off-highway recreation within the Conservation Area as of the day before the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–66; 127 Stat. 672).

“(4) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Secretary shall consider the information and recommendations of the study completed under paragraph (1) to determine the impacts of expanding off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated or expanded by subsection (a) on the Conservation Area, in accordance with—

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

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

“(C) any other applicable law (including regulations), plan, and the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

“(5) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On completion of the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit the study to—

“(A) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and
“(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

“(6) AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPANSION.—

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

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

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

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

“(A) terminates any validly issued right-of-way for the customary operation, maintenance, upgrade, repair, relocation within an existing right-of-way, replacement, or other authorized energy transport facility activities (including the use of any mechanized vehicle, helicopter, and other aerial device) in a right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted to Southern California Edison Company (including any predecessor or
successor in interest or assign) that is located on land included in—

“(i) the El Mirage Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area;

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

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

“(B) affects the application, siting, route selection, right-of-way acquisition, or construction of the Coolwater-Lugo transmission project, as may be approved by the California Public Utilities Commission and the Bureau of Land Management; or

“(C) prohibits the upgrading or replacement of any Southern California Edison Company—

“(i) utility facility, including such a utility facility known on the date of enactment of this title as—

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

“(II) ‘Patio, Jack Ranch, and Kenworth distribution circuits or rights-of-way’; or
“(ii) energy transport facility in a right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted by the Secretary adjacent to a utility facility referred to in clause (i).

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

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

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

“(i) the El Mirage Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area;

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

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

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

“(1) EFFECT OF TITLE.—Nothing in this title—
“(A) terminates any validly issued right-of-way for the customary operation, maintenance, upgrade, repair, relocation within an existing right-of-way, replacement, or other authorized activity (including the use of any mechanized vehicle, helicopter, and other aerial device) in a right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (including any predecessor or successor in interest or assign) that is located on land included in the Spangler Hills National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area; or

“(B) prohibits the upgrading or replacement of any—

“(i) utility facilities of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, including those utility facilities known on the date of enactment of this title as—

“(I) ‘Gas Transmission Line 311 or rights-of-way’; or

“(II) ‘Gas Transmission Line 372 or rights-of-way’; or

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

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

“TITLE XVII—ALABAMA HILLS NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

“SEC. 1701. DEFINITIONS.

“In this title:

“(1) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term ‘management plan’ means the management plan for the National Scenic Area developed under section 1703(a).

“(2) MAP.—The term ‘Map’ means the map entitled ‘Proposed Alabama Hills National Scenic Area’ and dated September 8, 2014.

“(3) MOTORIZED VEHICLE.—The term ‘motorized vehicle’ means a motorized or mechanized vehicle and includes, when used by a utility, mechanized
equipment, a helicopter, and any other aerial device
necessary to maintain electrical or communications
infrastructure.

“(4) NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.—The term ‘Na-
tional Scenic Area’ means the Alabama Hills Na-
tional Scenic Area established by section 1702(a).

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

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

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

“(8) UTILITY FACILITY.—The term ‘utility fa-
cility’ means any existing or future—

“(A) water system facility, including aque-
ducts, streams, ditches, and canals;

“(B) water facility, including flow meas-
uring stations, gauges, gates, valves, piping,
conduits, fencing, and electrical power and com-
munications devices and systems;

“(C) electric generation facility, electric
storage facility, or overhead or underground
electrical supply system or communication sys-
tem, consisting of electric substations, electric
lines, poles and towers made of various mate-

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rials, ‘H’ frame structures, guy wires and anchors, crossarms, wires, underground conduits, cables, vaults, manholes, handholes, above-ground enclosures, markers and concrete pads, or other fixtures, appliances, or communication circuits; or

“(D) other fixture, appliance, or appurtenance that is—

“(i) connected with a facility or system described in subparagraph (C);

“(ii) necessary or convenient for the construction, operation, regulation, control, grounding, and maintenance of electric generation, storage, lines, and communication circuits; or

“(iii) used for the purpose of—

“(I) transmitting information relating to this title; or

“(II) generating, storing, distributing, regulating, or controlling electric energy to be used for light, heat, power, communication, or other purposes.
“SEC. 1702. ALABAMA HILLS NATIONAL SCENIC AREA, CALIFORNIA.

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

“(b) Purpose.—The purpose of the National Scenic Area is to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit, use, and enjoyment of present and future generations the nationally significant scenic, cultural, geological, educational, biological, historical, recreational, cinematographic, and scientific resources of the National Scenic Area managed consistent with section 302(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1732(a)).

“(c) Map; Legal Descriptions.—

“(1) In general.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall file a map and a legal description of the National Scenic Area with—

“(A) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate; and

“(B) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.
“(2) **FORCE OF LAW.**—The map and legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary may correct any clerical and typographical errors in the map and legal descriptions.

“(3) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—Each map and legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

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

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

“(2) so as not to impact the future continuing operation and maintenance of any activities associated with valid, existing rights, including water rights;

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

“(4) in accordance with—

“(A) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);
“(B) this title; and
“(C) any other applicable laws.
“(e) MANAGEMENT.—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the National Scenic Area as the Secretary determines would support the purposes of the National Scenic Area as described in subsection (b).
“(2) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Except as otherwise provided in this title or other applicable law, or as the Secretary determines to be necessary for public health and safety, the Secretary shall allow existing recreational uses of the National Scenic Area to continue, including hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, sightseeing, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, and appropriate authorized motorized vehicle use.
“(3) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—Except as otherwise specified in this title, or as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the use of motorized vehicles in the National Scenic Area shall be permitted only on—
“(A) roads and trails designated by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management for use of motorized vehicles as part of a manage-
ment plan sustaining a semiprimitive motorized experience; or

“(B) county-maintained roads in accordance with applicable State and county laws.

“(f) No Buffer Zones.—

“(1) In General.—Nothing in this title creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the National Scenic Area.

“(2) Activities Outside National Scenic Area.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the National Scenic Area can be seen or heard within the National Scenic Area shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundaries of the National Scenic Area.

“(g) Access.—The Secretary shall continue to provide private landowners adequate access to inholdings in the National Scenic Area.

“(h) Filming.—Nothing in this title prohibits filming (including commercial film production, student filming, and still photography) within the National Scenic Area—

“(1) subject to—

“(A) such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary considers to be necessary; and
“(B) applicable law; and

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

“(i) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title affects the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State with respect to fish and wildlife.

“(j) LIVESTOCK.—The grazing of livestock in the National Scenic Area, including grazing under the Alabama Hills allotment and the George Creek allotment, as established before the date of enactment of this title, shall be permitted to continue—

“(1) subject to—

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

“(B) applicable law; and

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

“(k) OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this title restricts or precludes flights over the National Scenic Area or overflights that can be seen or heard within the National Scenic Area, including—

“(1) transportation, sightseeing and filming flights, general aviation planes, helicopters, hang
gliders, and balloonists, for commercial or recreational purposes;

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

“(3) flight testing and evaluation;

“(4) the designation or creation of new units of special use airspace, or the establishment of military flight training routes, over the National Scenic Area; and

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

“(l) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to the provisions of this title and valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of this title, including rights established by prior withdrawals, the Federal land within the National Scenic Area is withdrawn from all forms of—

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

“(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

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

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

“(n) Grants; Cooperative Agreements.—The Secretary may make grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements with, State, tribal, and local governmental entities and private entities to conduct research, interpretation, or public education or to carry out any other initiative relating to the restoration, conservation, or management of the National Scenic Area.

“(o) Air and Water Quality.—Nothing in this title modifies any standard governing air or water quality outside of the boundaries of the National Scenic Area.

“(p) Utility Facilities and Rights-Of-Way.—

“(1) Effect of Title.—Nothing in this title—

“(A) affects the existence, use, operation, maintenance (including vegetation control), repair, construction, reconfiguration, expansion, inspection, renewal, reconstruction, alteration, addition, relocation, improvement, funding, removal, or replacement of any utility facility or appurtenant right-of-way within or adjacent to the National Scenic Area;
“(B) subject to subsection (e), affects necessary or efficient access to utility facilities or rights-of-way within or adjacent to the National Scenic Area; and

“(C) precludes the Secretary from authorizing the establishment of new utility facility rights-of-way (including instream sites, routes, and areas) within the National Scenic Area in a manner that minimizes harm to the purpose of the National Scenic Area as described in subsection (b)—

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

“(ii) subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

“(iii) that are determined by the Secretary to be the only technical or feasible location, following consideration of alternatives within existing rights-of-way or outside of the National Scenic Area.

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

“SEC. 1703. MANAGEMENT PLAN.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this title, in accordance with subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary shall develop a comprehensive plan for the long-term management of the National Scenic Area.

“(b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the management plan, the Secretary shall consult with—

“(1) appropriate State, tribal, and local governmental entities, including Inyo County, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and the Tribe;

“(2) investor-owned utilities, including Southern California Edison Company;

“(3) the Alabama Hills Stewardship Group; and

“(4) members of the public.

“(c) REQUIREMENT.—In accordance with this title, the management plan shall establish plans for maintenance of public utility and other rights-of-way within the National Scenic Area.

“(d) INCORPORATION.—In developing the management plan, in accordance with this section, the Secretary shall allow, in perpetuity, casual use mining limited to the
use of hand tools, metal detectors, hand-fed dry washers, vacuum cleaners, gold pans, small sluices, and similar items.

“(e) INTERIM MANAGEMENT.—Pending completion of the management plan, the Secretary shall manage the National Scenic Area in accordance with section 1702(b).

“SEC. 1704. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR LONE PINE PAIUTE-SHOSHONE RESERVATION.

“(a) TRUST LAND.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall take the approximately 132 acres of Federal land depicted on the Map as ‘Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Addition’ into trust for the benefit of the Tribe, subject to the conditions that—

“(1) the land shall be subject to all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, withdrawals, and other matters of record in existence on the date of enactment of this title; and

“(2) the Federal land over which the right-of-way for the Los Angeles Aqueduct is located, generally described as the 250-foot-wide right-of-way granted to the City of Los Angeles pursuant to the Act of June 30, 1906 (34 Stat. 801, chapter 3926), shall not be taken into trust for the Tribe.
“(b) Reservation Land.—The land taken into trust pursuant to subsection (a) shall be considered to be a part of the reservation of the Tribe.

“(c) Gaming Prohibition.—Land taken into trust under subsection (a) shall not be eligible, or considered to have been taken into trust, for gaming (within the meaning of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.)).

“SEC. 1705. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.

“Administrative jurisdiction over the approximately 40 acres of Federal land depicted on the Map as ‘USFS Transfer to BLM’ is transferred from the Forest Service to the Bureau of Land Management.

“SEC. 1706. PROTECTION OF SERVICES AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

“(a) Effect of Title.—Nothing in this title limits the provision of any commercial service for existing or historic recreation use, as authorized by the permit process of the Bureau of Land Management.

“(b) Guided Recreational Opportunities.—Any valid existing commercial permit to exercise guided recreational opportunities for the public may continue as authorized on the day before the date of enactment of this title.
“SEC. 1707. LAND CONVEYANCE TO ELIMINATE ENCROACHMENT ON PUBLIC LAND.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) AUTHORIZED OFFER PERIOD.—The term ‘authorized offer period’ means the 120-day period beginning on the date on which the required appraisal of the Federal land is completed under subsection (c).

“(2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term ‘Federal land’ means the smallest parcel of land that—

“(A) the Secretary determines can be reasonably described in legal language and administered; and

“(B) encompasses construction completed by Reginald Cook as of January 15, 2015, within the approximately 4 acres of Bureau of Land Management land identified on the map as the ‘Conveyance Area’.

“(3) MAP.—The term ‘map’ means the map titled ‘Proposed Conveyance Property’, dated January 15, 2015, and on file in the appropriate office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

“(4) REGINALD COOK.—The term ‘Reginald Cook’ means Mr. Reginald Cook, the owner of property adjacent to the land identified on the map as the ‘Conveyance Area’.
“(b) CONVEYANCE.—If, before the end of the authorized offer period, Reginald Cook submits to the Secretary an offer to acquire the Federal land consistent with subsections (d) and (e), the Secretary shall convey to Reginald Cook, subject to valid existing rights and on payment of the required consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the surface estate of the Federal land.

“(c) APPRAISAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall complete an appraisal of the Federal land in accordance with—

“(1) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

“(2) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

“(d) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the conveyance of the Federal land, Reginald Cook shall pay to the United States, for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury, an amount equal to the appraised value of the Federal land determined under subsection (c).

“(e) CONDITIONS.—

“(1) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—Reginald Cook shall cover any administrative costs incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance—
of the Federal land, including the costs of any
required environmental, wildlife, cultural, or histor-
ical resources study.

“(2) RELEASE.—As a condition of the convey-
ance of the Federal land, Reginald Cook shall agree
in writing to release and indemnify the United
States from any claims or liabilities that may arise
from use of the Federal land by the United States
or Reginald Cook before the date of the conveyance.

“(f) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall continue to pro-
vide to Reginald Cook access to the property of Reginald
Cook, subject to part 2800 of title 43, Code of Federal
Regulations (or successor regulations).

“TITLE XVIII—MISCELLANEOUS

“SEC. 1801. TRANSFER OF LAND TO ANZA-BORREGO
DEERT STATE PARK.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—On termination of all mining
claims to the land described in subsection (b), the Sec-
retary shall transfer the land described in that subsection
to the State.

“(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to
in subsection (a) is certain Bureau of Land Management
land in San Diego County, California, comprising approxi-
mately 934 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-
tled ‘Table Mountain Wilderness Study Area Proposed Transfer to the State’ and dated July 15, 2009.

“(c) MANAGEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The land transferred under subsection (a) shall be managed in accordance with the provisions of the California Wilderness Act (California Public Resources Code sections 5093.30–5093.40).

“(2) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, the land transferred under subsection (a) is withdrawn from—

“(A) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;

“(B) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

“(C) disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing.

“(3) REVERSION.—If the State ceases to manage the land transferred under subsection (a) as part of the State Park System or in a manner inconsistent with the California Wilderness Act (California Public Resources Code sections 5093.30–5093.40), the land shall revert to the Secretary at the discretion of the Secretary, to be managed as a Wilderness Study Area.
“SEC. 1802. MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

“Nothing in this title—

“(1) restricts or precludes Department of Defense motorized access by land or air—

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

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

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

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

“(B) all applicable laws (including regulations);

“(3) restricts or precludes low-level overflights of military aircraft over the areas designated as wilderness, national monuments, special management areas, or recreation areas by this Act, including military overflights that can be seen or heard within the designated areas;

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

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

“SEC. 1803. CLIMATE CHANGE AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

“(1) assess the impacts of climate change on
the Conservation Area; and

“(2) establish policies and procedures to ensure
the preservation of wildlife corridors and facilitate
species migration likely to occur due to climate
change.

“(b) STUDY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but
not later than 2 years, after the date of enactment
of this title, the Secretary shall complete a study re-
garding the impact of global climate change on the
Conservation Area.

“(2) COMPONENTS.—The study under para-
graph (1) shall—

“(A) identify the species migrating, or like-
ly to migrate, due to climate change;

“(B) examine the impacts and potential
impacts of climate change on—

“(i) plants, insects, and animals;

“(ii) soil;

“(iii) air quality;
“(iv) water quality and quantity; and
“(v) species migration and survival;
“(C) identify critical wildlife and species
migration corridors recommended for preserva-
tion; and
“(D) include recommendations for ensur-
ing the biological connectivity of public land
managed by the Secretary and the Secretary of
Defense throughout the Conservation Area.
“(3) RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—The Secretary shall
consider the information and recommendations of
the study under paragraph (1) to determine the in-
dividual and cumulative impacts of rights-of-way for
projects in the Conservation Area, in accordance
with—
“(A) the National Environmental Policy
Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);
“(B) the Endangered Species Act of 1973
(16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); and
“(C) any other applicable law.
“(c) LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS.—The Secretary
shall incorporate into all land management plans applica-
table to the Conservation Area the findings and re-
ommendations of the study completed under subsection
(b).
SEC. 1804. PROHIBITED USES OF ACQUIRED, DONATED, AND CONSERVATION LAND.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ACQUIRED LAND.—The term ‘acquired land’ means any land acquired within the Conservation Area using amounts from the land and water conservation fund established under section 200302 of title 54, United States Code.

(2) CONSERVATION LAND.—The term ‘conservation land’ means any land within the Conservation Area that is designated to satisfy the conditions of a Federal habitat conservation plan, general conservation plan, or State natural communities conservation plan, including—

(A) national conservation land established pursuant to section 2002(b)(2)(D) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7202(b)(2)(D)); and

(B) areas of critical environmental concern established pursuant to section 202(c)(3) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712(c)(3)).

(3) DONATED LAND.—The term ‘donated land’ means any private land donated to the United States for conservation purposes in the Conservation Area.
“(4) DONOR.—The term ‘donor’ means an individual or entity that donates private land within the Conservation Area to the United States.

“(5) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

“(b) PROHIBITIONS.—Except as provided in subsection (c), the Secretary shall not authorize the use of acquired land, conservation land, or donated land within the Conservation Area for any activities contrary to the conservation purposes for which the land was acquired, designated, or donated, including—

“(1) disposal;
“(2) rights-of-way;
“(3) leases;
“(4) livestock grazing;
“(5) infrastructure development, except as provided in subsection (c);
“(6) mineral entry; and
“(7) off-highway vehicle use, except on—
“(A) designated routes;
“(B) off-highway vehicle areas designated by law; and
“(C) administratively designated open areas.
“(c) EXCEPTIONS.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION BY SECRETARY.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may authorize limited exceptions to prohibited uses of acquired land or donated land in the Conservation Area if—

“(A) a right-of-way application for a renewable energy development project or associated energy transport facility on acquired land or donated land was submitted to the Bureau of Land Management on or before December 1, 2009; or

“(B) after the completion and consideration of an analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Secretary has determined that proposed use is in the public interest.

“(2) CONDITIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary grants an exception to the prohibition under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall require the permittee to donate private land of comparable value located within the Conservation Area to the United States to mitigate the use.
“(B) APPROVAL.—The private land to be donated under subparagraph (A) shall be approved by the Secretary after—

“(i) consultation, to the maximum extent practicable, with the donor of the private land proposed for nonconservation uses; and

“(ii) an opportunity for public comment regarding the donation.

“(d) EXISTING AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in this section affects permitted or prohibited uses of donated land or acquired land in the Conservation Area established in any easements, deed restrictions, memoranda of understanding, or other agreements in existence on the date of enactment of this title.

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

“(1) accept deed restrictions requested by landowners for land donated to, or otherwise acquired by, the United States; and

“(2) consistent with existing rights, create deed restrictions, easements, or other third-party rights relating to any public land determined by the Secretary to be necessary—
“(A) to fulfill the mitigation requirements resulting from the development of renewable resources; or

“(B) to satisfy the conditions of—

“(i) a habitat conservation plan or general conservation plan established pursuant to section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539); or

“(ii) a natural communities conservation plan approved by the State.

“SEC. 1805. TRIBAL USES AND INTERESTS.

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

“(b) Temporary Closure.—

“(1) In general.—In accordance with applicable law, including Public Law 95–341 (commonly known as the ‘American Indian Religious Freedom Act’) (42 U.S.C. 1996), and subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary, on request of an Indian tribe or Indian religious community, shall temporarily close to general public use any portion of an area des-
ignated as a national monument, special manage-
ment area, wild and scenic river, area of critical en-
vironmental concern, or National Park System unit
under this Act (referred to in this subsection as a
‘designated area’) to protect the privacy of tradi-
tional cultural and religious activities in the des-
ignated area by members of the Indian tribe or In-
dian religious community.

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

“(c) TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
PLAN.—

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

“(2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-

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tribal cultural resources management plan under paragraph (1) with—

“(A) each of—

“(i) the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe;
“(ii) the Hualapai Tribal Nation;
“(iii) the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe;
“(iv) the Colorado River Indian Tribes;
“(v) the Quechan Indian Tribe; and
“(vi) the Cocopah Indian Tribe; and

“(B) the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

“(3) RESOURCE PROTECTION.—The tribal cultural resources management plan developed under paragraph (1) shall—

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

“(B) include procedures for identifying, protecting, and preserving petroglyphs, ancient trails, intaglions, sleeping circles, artifacts, and other resources of cultural, archaeological, or historical significance in accordance with all applicable laws and policies, including—

“(i) chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code;
“(ii) Public Law 95–341 (commonly known as the ‘American Indian Religious Freedom Act’) (42 U.S.C. 1996);

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

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


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

“(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;

“(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

“(3) right-of-way leasing and disposition under all laws relating to minerals or solar, wind, or geothermal energy.
“SEC. 1806. RELEASE OF FEDERAL REVERSIONARY LAND INTERESTS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

“(2) District.—The term ‘District’ means the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

“(b) RELEASE.—Subject to valid existing claims perfected prior to the effective date of the 1932 Act and the reservation of minerals set forth in the 1932 Act, the Secretary shall release, convey, or otherwise quitclaim to the District, in a form recordable in local county records, and subject to the approval of the District, after consultation and without monetary consideration, all right, title, and remaining interest of the United States in and to the land that was conveyed to the District pursuant to the 1932 Act or any other law authorizing conveyance subject to restrictions or reversionary interests retained by the United States, on request by the District.

“(c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A conveyance authorized by subsection (b) shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

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

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

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DESIGNATION.—Section 2945 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (division B of Public Law 113–66; 127 Stat. 1038) is amended—

(A) in the section heading, by inserting “NATIONAL” after “VALLEY”;

(B) in subsection (a), by inserting “National” after “Valley” in the matter preceding paragraph (1); and

(C) in subsections (b), (c), and (d), by inserting “National” after “Valley” each place it appears.

(2) CROSS-REFERENCE.—Section 2942(c)(3) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (division B of Public Law 113–66; 127 Stat. 1037) is amended by inserting “National” after “Valley”.
SEC. 102. VISITOR CENTER.

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

“SEC. 408. VISITOR CENTER.

“(a) In General.—The Secretary may acquire not more than 5 acres of land and interests in land, and improvements on the land and interests, outside the boundaries of Joshua Tree National Park, in the unincorporated village of Joshua Tree, for the purpose of operating a visitor center.

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

“(c) Administration.—Land and facilities acquired under this section—

“(1) may include the property owned (as of the date of enactment of this section) by the Joshua Tree National Park Association and commonly referred to as the ‘Joshua Tree National Park Visitor Center’;

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

“(3) may be acquired only with the consent of the owner, by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange.”.
Section 707 of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–77) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the first sentence—

(i) by striking “Upon request of the California State Lands Commission (hereinafter in this section referred to as the ‘Commission’), the Secretary shall enter into negotiations for an agreement” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement with the California State Lands Commission (referred to in this section as the ‘Commission’)”; and

(ii) by inserting “, national monuments,” after “more of the wilderness areas”; and

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

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

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “, national monuments,” after “wilderness areas”; and
(3) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the following:

“(5) SPECIAL DEPOSIT FUND ACCOUNT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Assembled land exchanges may be used to carry out this section through the sale of surplus Federal property and subsequent acquisitions of State school land.

“(B) RECEIPTS.—Past and future receipts from the sale of property described in subsection (a), less any costs incurred related to the sale, shall be deposited in a Special Deposit Fund Account established in the Treasury.

“(C) USE.—Funds accumulated in the Special Deposit Fund Account may be used by the Secretary, without an appropriation, to acquire State school lands or interest in the land consistent with this section.”.

SEC. 104. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.

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

(1) in paragraph (196), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A)(i) The approximately 1.4-mile segment of the Amargosa River in the State of
California, from the private property boundary in sec. 19, T. 22 N., R. 7 E., to 100 feet downstream of Highway 178, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river as an addition to the wild and scenic river segments of the Amargosa River on publication by the Secretary of a notice in the Federal Register that sufficient inholdings within the boundaries of the segments have been acquired as scenic easements or in fee title to establish a manageable addition to those segments.

“(ii) The approximately 6.1-mile segment of the Amargosa River in the State of California, from 100 feet downstream of the State Highway 178 crossing to 100 feet upstream of the Tecopa Hot Springs Road crossing, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(213) SURPRISE CANYON CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The following segments of Surprise Canyon Creek in the State of California, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior:
“(i) The approximately 5.3 miles of Surprise Canyon Creek from the confluence of Frenchman’s Canyon and Water Canyon to 100 feet upstream of Chris Wicht Camp, as a wild river.

“(ii) The approximately 1.8 miles of Surprise Canyon Creek from 100 feet upstream of Chris Wicht Camp to the southern boundary of sec. 14, T. 21 N., R. 44 E., as a recreational river.

“(B) EFFECT ON HISTORIC MINING STRUCTURES.—Nothing in this paragraph affects the historic mining structures associated with the former Panamint Mining District.

“(214) DEEP CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The following segments of Deep Creek in the State of California, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture:

“(i) The approximately 6.5-mile segment from 0.125 mile downstream of the Rainbow Dam site in sec. 33, T. 2 N., R. 2 W., to 0.25 miles upstream of the Road 3N34 crossing, as a wild river.
“(ii) The 0.5-mile segment from 0.25 mile upstream of the Road 3N34 crossing to 0.25 mile downstream of the Road 3N34 crossing, as a scenic river.

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

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

“(v) The 10-mile segment from 0.25 miles downstream of the Trail 2W01 crossing to the upper limit of the Mojave dam flood zone in sec. 17, T. 3 N., R. 3 W., as a wild river.

“(vi) The 11-mile segment of Holcomb Creek from 100 yards downstream of the Road 3N12 crossing to .25 miles downstream of Holcomb Crossing, as a recreational river.

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

“(B) EFFECT ON SKI OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this paragraph affects—

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

“(ii) the State regulation of water rights and water quality associated with the operation of the Snow Valley Ski Resort.

“(215) WHITewater river, california.—The following segments of the Whitewater River in the State of California, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, acting jointly:

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

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

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

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

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

“(F) The 5.4-mile segment of the main
stem of the Whitewater River from the con-
fluence of the South and Middle Forks to the
San Gorgonio Wilderness boundary, as a wild
river.

“(G) The 3.6-mile segment of the main
stem of the Whitewater River from the San
Gorgonio Wilderness boundary to .25 miles up-
stream of the southern boundary of section 35,
T. 2 S., R. 3 E., as a recreational river.”.
SEC. 105. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

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

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

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

“(a) TITLES I THROUGH IX.—In titles I through IX, the term ‘this Act’ means only—

“(1) sections 1 and 2; and

“(2) titles I through IX.

“(b) TITLES XIII THROUGH XVIII.—In titles XIII through XVIII:

“(1) CONSERVATION AREA.—The term ‘Conservation Area’ means the California Desert Conservation Area.

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

“(A) with respect to land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Interior; and
“(B) with respect to land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Agriculture.

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

(c) **Administration of Wilderness Areas.**—Section 103 of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–433; 108 Stat. 4481) is amended—

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

“(d) **No Buffer Zones.**—

“(1) **In General.**—Congress does not intend for the designation of wilderness areas by this Act—

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

“(B) to lead to the creation of protective perimeters or buffer zones around the wilderness areas.

“(2) **Nonwilderness Activities.**—Any non-wilderness activities (including renewable energy projects, energy transmission or telecommunications projects, mining, camping, hunting, and military activities) in areas immediately adjacent to the boundary of a wilderness area designated by this Act shall not be restricted or precluded by this Act, regardless
of any actual or perceived negative impacts of the nonwilderness activities on the wilderness area, including any potential indirect impacts of nonwilderness activities conducted outside the designated wilderness area on the viewshed, ambient noise level, or air quality of wilderness area.”;

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

(3) in subsection (g), by inserting “, a potential wilderness area, a special management area, or national monument” before “by this Act”.

(d) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE.—Title V of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–41 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 520. NATIVE GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES.

“The Secretary shall take no action within the Conservation Area to authorize, permit, or allow the use of any right-of-way or lease to extract, consume, export, transfer, or distribute groundwater for municipal, commercial, or industrial use from aquifers supplying wild and scenic rivers, or supplying water to Areas of Critical Envi-
ronmental Concern, or underlying land managed by the
Barstow or Needles Field Offices of the Bureau of Land
Management or the National Park Service in quantities
that collectively exceed the estimated perennial safe yield
or annual recharge rate, as determined by the United
States Geological Survey.”.

(e) JUNIPER FLATS.—Section 711 of the California
Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–81) is
amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 711. JUNIPER FLATS.

“Development of renewable energy generation facili-
ties (excluding rights-of-way or facilities for the trans-
mision of energy and telecommunication facilities and in-
frastucture) is prohibited on the approximately 28,000
acres of Federal land generally depicted as ‘BLM Land
Withdrawn from Energy Development and Power Genera-
tion’ on the map entitled ‘Juniper Flats’ and dated Sep-
tember 21, 2015.’”.

(f) CALIFORNIA MILITARY LANDS WITHDRAWAL AND
OVERFLIGHTS ACT OF 1994.—

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

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

(A) in subsection (a), by inserting “or special management areas” before “designated by this Act”;

(B) in subsection (b), by inserting “or special management areas” before “designated by this Act”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

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

(g) CLARIFICATION REGARDING FUNDING.—No additional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements of this title and the amendments made by this title. Such requirements shall be carried out using amounts otherwise authorized.
TITLE II—DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY ON PUBLIC LAND

SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) Fund.—The term “Fund” means the Renewable Energy Resource Conservation Fund established by section 202(c).


(3) Secretary.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 202. DISPOSITION OF REVENUES.

(a) Disposition of Revenues.—Of the amounts collected as bonus bids, royalties, rentals, fees, or other payments under a right-of-way, permit, lease, or other authorization for the development of wind or solar energy on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management—

(1) 25 percent shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury to the State within the boundaries of which the income is derived;

(2) 25 percent shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury to the one or more counties within the
boundaries of which the income is derived, to be allo-
cated among the counties based on the percentage of
public land from which the royalties or bonuses are
derived in each county;

(3) 15 percent shall—

(A) for the 10-year period beginning on
the date of enactment of this Act, be deposited
in the Treasury of the United States to help fa-
cilitate the processing of renewable energy per-
mits by the Bureau of Land Management and
the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in-
cluding the transfer of the funds to other Fed-
eral agencies and State agencies to facilitate the
processing of renewable energy permits; and

(B) beginning on the date that is 10 years
after the date of enactment of this Act, be de-
posited in the Fund; and

(4) 35 percent shall be deposited in the Fund.

(b) PAYMENTS TO STATES AND COUNTIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
graph (2), amounts paid to States and counties
under subsection (a) shall be used consistent with
section 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
191).
(2) IMPACTS ON FEDERAL LAND.—Not less than 33 percent of the amount paid to a State shall be used on an annual basis for the purposes described in subsection (c)(2)(A).

(3) NO IMPACT ON PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES.—Nothing in this section impacts or reduces any payment authorized under section 6903 of title 31, United States Code.

(c) RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE CONSERVATION FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the Treasury a fund, to be known as the “Renewable Energy Resource Conservation Fund”, to be administered by the Secretary for use in regions impacted by the development of wind or solar energy.

(2) USE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available to the Secretary, who may make amounts available to the Secretary of Agriculture and to other Federal or State agencies, as appropriate, for the purposes of—

(i) addressing the impacts of wind or solar development on Federal land, including restoring and protecting—
(I) wildlife habitat for affected species;

(II) wildlife corridors for affected species; and

(III) water resources in areas impacted by wind or solar energy development;

(ii) conducting research with regional institutions of higher education necessary to implement restoration and protection activities described in clause (i);

(iii) securing recreational access to Federal land through an easement, right-of-way, or fee title acquisition from willing sellers for the purpose of providing enhanced public access to existing Federal land that is inaccessible or significantly restricted if the enhanced public access does not impact the natural and cultural resource values of the Federal land;

(iv) carrying out activities authorized under chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code, in the State; and

(v) establishing, operating, and maintaining a trans-State desert tortoise con-
servation center on public land along the
California-Nevada border—

(I) to support desert tortoise re-
search, disease monitoring, handling
training, rehabilitation, and reintro-
duction;

(II) to provide temporary quar-
ters for animals collected from author-
ized salvage from renewable energy
sites; and

(III) to ensure the full recovery
and ongoing survival of the species.

(B) DESERT TORTOISE CONSERVATION.—
In carrying out subparagraph (A)(v), the Sec-
retary shall—

(i) seek the participation of or con-
tract with qualified nongovernmental orga-
nizations with expertise in desert tortoise
disease research and experience with desert
tortoise translocation techniques, and sci-
entific training of professional biologists
for handling tortoises, to staff and manage
the desert tortoise conservation center;
(ii) ensure that the center engages in public outreach and education on tortoise handling; and

(iii) consult with the State of California and the State of Nevada to ensure the center is operated consistent with State law.

(C) ADVISORY BOARD.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish an independent advisory board composed of key stakeholders and technical experts to provide recommendations and guidance on the disposition of any amounts expended from the Fund.

(ii) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Amounts in the Fund shall not be used to fund any of the administrative costs of the advisory board established under clause (i).

(3) MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS.—The expenditure of funds under this subsection shall be in addition to any mitigation requirements imposed pursuant to any law, regulation, or term or condition of any lease, right-of-way, or other authorization.

(4) INVESTMENT OF FUND.—
(A) IN GENERAL.—Any amounts deposited in the Fund shall earn interest in an amount determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on the basis of the current average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities.

(B) USE.—Any interest earned under subparagraph (A) shall be expended in accordance with this subsection.