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To provide for the disposal of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mohave County Fed-
5 eral Land Management Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Mo-
9 have County, Arizona.

1 (2) ELIGIBLE LAND.—The term “eligible land”
2 means—

3 (A) any land located in the County and ad-
4 ministered by the Director of the Bureau of
5 Land Management that is designated for dis-
6 posal by the Secretary through—

7 (i) the Kingman Resource Area Re-
8 source Management Plan;

9 (ii) the Lake Havasu Field Office Re-
10 source Management Plan; or

11 (iii) the Arizona Strip Field Office
12 Resource Management Plan; and

13 (B) any subsequent amendment or revision
14 to the Management Plan that is undertaken
15 with full public involvement.

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

18 **SEC. 3. SALES OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND.**

19 (a) DISPOSAL.—Notwithstanding the land use plan-
20 ning requirements contained in section 202 and sub-
21 sections (a) through (c) of section 203 of the Federal
22 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
23 1712, 1713), the Secretary, in accordance with this Act
24 and other applicable law, and subject to valid existing
25 rights, shall conduct sales of the eligible land.

1 (b) JOINT SELECTION.—The Secretary and the
 2 County shall jointly select which parcels of eligible land
 3 to offer for sale under subsection (a).

4 (c) COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL PLANNING AND ZON-
 5 ING LAWS.—Before carrying out a sale under subsection
 6 (a), the County shall submit to the Secretary a certifi-
 7 cation that qualified bidders have agreed to comply with—
 8 (1) local zoning ordinances; and
 9 (2) any master plan for the area approved by
 10 the County.

11 (d) METHOD OF SALE.—A sale of eligible land under
 12 subsection (a) shall be—

13 (1) through a competitive bidding process,
 14 under which adjoining landowners are offered the
 15 first option, unless otherwise determined by the Sec-
 16 retary;

17 (2) for not less than the fair market value,
 18 based on an appraisal; and

19 (3) conducted in accordance with subsection (f).

20 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
 22 rights, effective beginning on the date on which a
 23 parcel of eligible land is selected for sale under sub-
 24 section (a), the parcel is withdrawn from location
 25 and entry under the mining laws and from operation

1 under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing
2 laws.

3 (2) TERMINATION.—The withdrawal of a parcel
4 of eligible land under paragraph (1) shall termi-
5 nate—

6 (A) on the date of the sale; or

7 (B) with respect to any parcel of eligible
8 land jointly selected for sale under subsection
9 (b) that is not sold, not later than 2 years after
10 the date on which the parcel is offered for sale.

11 (f) ADMINISTRATION OF SALE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, and not less fre-
14 quently than once per year thereafter until the date
15 on which the limitation described in paragraph (2)
16 is met, the Secretary shall offer for sale the parcels
17 of eligible land jointly selected under subsection (b).

18 (2) LIMITATION.—The total quantity of acreage
19 of eligible land sold under this Act shall be not less
20 than 6,000 acres of eligible land.

21 **SEC. 4. DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.**

22 Of the proceeds from the sale of eligible land under
23 section 3—

24 (1) not more than 20 percent shall be available
25 to the Secretary, in consultation with the County,

1 for the reimbursement of costs incurred by the De-
2 partment of the Interior in preparing for the sale of
3 the eligible land, including the costs of—

4 (A) surveys and appraisals; and

5 (B) compliance with—

6 (i) the National Environmental Policy
7 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

8 (ii) sections 202 and 203 of the Fed-
9 eral Land Policy and Management Act of
10 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713); and

11 (2) the remainder shall be returned to the
12 Treasury for purposes of deficit reduction.

13 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

14 The Secretary shall submit to the Committee on En-
15 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
16 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
17 tives an annual report on all transactions under this Act.

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