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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Blackwater Trading  
3 Post Land Transfer Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **BLACKWATER TRADING POST LAND.**—The  
7 term “Blackwater Trading Post Land” means the  
8 approximately 55.3 acres of land as depicted on the  
9 map that—

10 (A) is located in Pinal County, Arizona,  
11 and bordered by Community land to the east,  
12 west, and north and State Highway 87 to the  
13 south; and

14 (B) is owned by the Community.

15 (2) **COMMUNITY.**—The term “Community”  
16 means the Gila River Indian Community of the Res-  
17 ervation.

18 (3) **MAP.**—The term “map” means the map en-  
19 titled “Results of Survey, Ellis Property, A Portion  
20 of the West ½ of Section 12, Township 5 South,  
21 Range 7 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pinal  
22 County, Arizona” and dated October 15, 2012.

23 (4) **RESERVATION.**—The term “Reservation”  
24 means the land located within the exterior bound-  
25 aries of the reservation created under sections 3 and  
26 4 of the Act of February 28, 1859 (11 Stat. 401,

1 chapter LXVI), and Executive orders of August 31,  
2 1876, June 14, 1879, May 5, 1882, November 15,  
3 1883, July 31, 1911, June 2, 1913, August 27,  
4 1914, and July 19, 1915, and any other lands  
5 placed in trust for the benefit of the Community.

6 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 **SEC. 3. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR BENEFIT OF THE**  
9 **GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall take the  
11 Blackwater Trading Post land into trust for the benefit  
12 of the Community, after the Community—

13 (1) conveys to the Secretary all right, title, and  
14 interest of the Community in and to the Blackwater  
15 Trading Post Land;

16 (2) submits to the Secretary a request to take  
17 the Blackwater Trading Post Land into trust for the  
18 benefit of the Community;

19 (3) conducts a survey (to the satisfaction of the  
20 Secretary) to determine the exact acreage and legal  
21 description of the Blackwater Trading Post Land, if  
22 the Secretary determines a survey is necessary; and

23 (4) pays all costs of any survey conducted  
24 under paragraph (3).

1 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—Not later than 180 days  
2 after the Blackwater Trading Post Land is taken into  
3 trust under subsection (a), the map shall be on file and  
4 available for public inspection in the appropriate offices  
5 of the Secretary.

6 (c) LANDS TAKEN INTO TRUST PART OF RESERVA-  
7 TION.—After the date on which the Blackwater Trading  
8 Post Land is taken into trust under subsection (a), the  
9 land shall be treated as part of the Reservation.

10 (d) GAMING.—Class II and class III gaming under  
11 the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et  
12 seq.) shall not be allowed at any time on the land taken  
13 into trust under subsection (a).

14 (e) DESCRIPTION.—Not later than 180 days after the  
15 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall cause  
16 the full metes-and-bounds description of the Blackwater  
17 Trading Post Land to be published in the Federal Reg-  
18 ister. The description shall, on publication, constitute the  
19 official description of the Blackwater Trading Post Land.

Passed the House of Representatives September 21,  
2020.

Attest:

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,

*Clerk.*