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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) 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 “Lander County Land  
5. Management and Conservation Act”.

6. SEC. 2. FINDINGS.  
7. Congress finds that—  
8. (1) wildland fires pose a threat to public and  
9. private natural resources in Lander County, Nevada;
(2) expanding and improving the airports in Lander County, Nevada, through the inclusion of available adjacent land would support firefighting capabilities in the County;

(3) the protection, development, and use of water resources in Lander County, Nevada, play a key role in major economic activities for the County, including commercial development, mining, agriculture, tourism, recreational activity, and conservation; and

(4) recreational and public park opportunities in Lander County, Nevada, could be substantially enhanced through expansion of the park system in the County.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Lander County, Nevada.

(2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map entitled “Lander County Selected Lands” and dated February 21, 2020.

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

(4) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Secretary concerned” means—
(A) the Secretary, with respect to land
under the jurisdiction of the Secretary; and

(B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
through the Chief of the Forest Service, with
respect to National Forest System land.

SEC. 4. CONVEYANCES TO LANDER COUNTY, NEVADA.

(a) CONVEYANCE FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION,
RECREATION, AND PARKS.—Notwithstanding the land use
planning requirements of sections 202 and 203 of the Fed-
1712, 1713), not later than 60 days after the date on
which the County identifies the parcels of Federal land
selected by the County for conveyance to the County from
among the parcels identified on the Map as “Lander
County Parcels BLM and USFS”, the Secretary con-
cerned shall convey to the County, subject to valid existing
rights and for no consideration, all right, title, and interest
of the United States in and to the identified parcels of
Federal land (including mineral rights) for use by the
County for watershed protection, recreation, and parks.

(b) CONVEYANCE FOR AIRPORT FACILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the land
use planning requirements of sections 202 and 203
of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary shall
convey to the County, subject to valid existing rights, including mineral rights, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcels of Federal land identified on the Map as “Kingston Airport” for the purpose of improving the relevant airport facility and related infrastructure.

(2) Costs.—The only costs for the conveyance to be paid by the County under paragraph (1) shall be the survey costs relating to the conveyance.

(c) Survey.—The exact acreage and legal description of any parcel of Federal land to be conveyed under subsection (a) or (b) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary concerned and the County.

(d) Reversionary Clause Required.—A conveyance of Federal land under subsection (a) or (b) shall include a reversionary clause to ensure that management of the Federal land conveyed under the applicable subsection shall revert to the Secretary concerned if the Federal land is no longer being managed in accordance with the applicable subsection.

(e) Map, Acreage Estimates, and Legal Descriptions.—

(1) Minor Errors.—The Secretary concerned and the County may, by mutual agreement—
(A) make minor boundary adjustments to
the parcels of Federal land to be conveyed
under subsection (a) or (b); and

(B) correct any minor errors in the Map,
an acreage estimate, or legal description of any
parcel of Federal land conveyed under sub-
section (a) or (b).

(2) CONFLICT.—If there is a conflict between
the Map, an acreage estimate, or a legal description
of Federal land conveyed under subsection (a) or
(b), the Map shall control unless the Secretary con-
cerned and the County mutually agree otherwise.

(3) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall make
the Map available for public inspection in—

(A) the Office of the Nevada State Direc-
tor of the Bureau of Land Management; and

(B) the Bureau of Land Management Bat-
tle Mountain Field Office.