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# S. 1631

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Arizona Experiment  
5       Station Land Conveyance Act of 2021”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) **EASEMENT.**—The term “easement” means  
9       an easement to access and use Forest Service Road

1 9201D from its junction with Forest Service Road  
2 0618 (commonly known as “Beaver Creek”).

3 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”  
4 means the approximately 13.3 acres of National  
5 Forest System land within the Coconino National  
6 Forest in the State of Arizona, as generally depicted  
7 on the map entitled “Act to Convey Certain NFS  
8 Land and non-Federal Land in Arizona Winter  
9 Quarters” and dated June 20, 2019.

10 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
11 the Secretary of Agriculture.

12 (4) UNIVERSITY.—The term “University”  
13 means the Arizona Board of Regents, acting on be-  
14 half of the University of Arizona Experiment Sta-  
15 tion.

16 **SEC. 3. COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST LAND CONVEYANCE.**

17 (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—Subject to this sec-  
18 tion, if the University submits to the Secretary not later  
19 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act a  
20 written request for the conveyance of the Federal land,  
21 the Secretary shall, not later than 1 year after the date  
22 of enactment of this Act, convey to the University all right,  
23 title, and interest of the United States in and to that land,  
24 including related infrastructure, improvements, and ease-  
25 ments on that land.

1 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance au-  
 2 thorized under subsection (a) shall be—

3 (1) subject to valid existing rights;

4 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of law;

5 and

6 (3) subject to any other terms and conditions  
 7 as considered appropriate by the Secretary.

8 (c) FOREST SERVICE ACCESS.—The Secretary shall  
 9 retain all other rights not included in the conveyance au-  
 10 thorized under subsection (a) to Forest Service Road  
 11 9201D from its junction with Forest Service Road 0618  
 12 (commonly known as “Beaver Creek”), including the  
 13 maintenance of, and continued administrative access to,  
 14 that road.

15 (d) USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of the con-  
 17 veyance under subsection (a), the Federal land shall  
 18 be—

19 (A) maintained by the University; and

20 (B) used for the purposes of land-grant  
 21 colleges and universities in accordance with—

22 (i) the Act of July 2, 1862 (commonly  
 23 known as the “First Morrill Act”) (12  
 24 Stat. 503, chapter 130; 7 U.S.C. 301 et  
 25 seq.);

1 (ii) the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C.  
2 341 et seq.); and

3 (iii) the Hatch Act of 1887 (7 U.S.C.  
4 361a et seq.).

5 (2) REVERSION.—If any portion of the Federal  
6 land conveyed under subsection (a) is used in a  
7 manner inconsistent with paragraph (1), the Federal  
8 land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, revert  
9 to the United States.

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