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H. R. 3047

[Report No. 118–868]

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2023

Mr. CRANE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 12, 2024

Additional sponsor: Mr. GOSAR

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 2, 2023]

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 “Apache County and*
 5 *Navajo County Conveyance Act of 2024”.*

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND WITHIN THE**
 7 **APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS TO**
 8 **NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

9 *(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

10 *(1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Navajo*
 11 *County, Arizona.*

12 *(2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map enti-*
 13 *tled “Pinedale Cemetery Expansion” and dated May*
 14 *23, 2022.*

15 *(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
 16 *the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief*
 17 *of the Forest Service.*

18 *(b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this section,*
 19 *if the County submits to the Secretary a written request*
 20 *for conveyance of the property described in subsection (c)(1)*
 21 *not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this*
 22 *Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County all right, title,*
 23 *and interest of the United States in and to the property*
 24 *described in subsection (c)(1).*

25 *(c) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—*

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The property referred to in*
2 *subsection (b) is—*

3 (A) *the parcel of real property, including*
4 *all land and improvements, generally depicted as*
5 *“Exist. Cemetery” on the map, consisting of ap-*
6 *proximately 2.5 acres of National Forest System*
7 *land located in the Apache-Sitgreaves National*
8 *Forests in Arizona; and*

9 (B) *the parcel of real property, including*
10 *all land and improvements, generally depicted as*
11 *“Proposed Expansion” on the map, consisting of*
12 *approximately 2.5 acres of National Forest Sys-*
13 *tem land located in the Apache-Sitgreaves Na-*
14 *tional Forests in Arizona.*

15 (2) *MAP.*—

16 (A) *MINOR ERRORS.*—*The Secretary may*
17 *correct minor errors in the map.*

18 (B) *AVAILABILITY.*—*A copy of the map*
19 *shall be on file and available for public inspec-*
20 *tion in the appropriate offices of the Forest Serv-*
21 *ice.*

22 (3) *SURVEY.*—*The exact acreage and legal de-*
23 *scription of the National Forest System land to be*
24 *conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by*
25 *a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.*

1 (d) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*The conveyance under*
2 *subsection (b) shall—*

3 (1) *be subject to valid existing rights;*

4 (2) *be made without consideration;*

5 (3) *be made by quitclaim deed;*

6 (4) *not be subject to section 120(h) of the Com-*
7 *prehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,*
8 *and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)); and*
9 (5) *be subject to any other terms and conditions*
10 *as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the*
11 *interests of the United States.*

12 (e) *COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.*—*As a condition of the*
13 *conveyance under subsection (b), the County shall pay all*
14 *costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost of—*

15 (1) *a survey, if necessary, under subsection*
16 *(c)(3); and*

17 (2) *any environmental analysis and resource*
18 *surveys required by Federal law.*

19 (f) *REQUIRED USE AS CEMETERY.*—*The property con-*
20 *veyed to the County under subsection (b) shall be used by*
21 *the County as a cemetery.*

22 (g) *REVERSION.*—*If the property conveyed under sub-*
23 *section (b) is used in a manner that is inconsistent with*
24 *the requirement of subsection (f), all right, title, and interest*
25 *in and to the property shall revert to the United States.*

1 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND WITHIN THE**
 2 **APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS TO**
 3 **APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

4 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

5 (1) *COUNTY.—The term “County” means Apache*
 6 *County, Arizona.*

7 (2) *MAP.—The term “map” means the map enti-*
 8 *tled “Exhibit, Alpine Cemetery Townsite” and dated*
 9 *October, 2019.*

10 (3) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
 11 *the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief*
 12 *of the Forest Service.*

13 (b) *CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this section,*
 14 *if the County submits to the Secretary a written request*
 15 *for conveyance of the property described in subsection (c)(1)*
 16 *not later than 365 days after the date of enactment of this*
 17 *Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County all right, title,*
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 19 *described in subsection (c)(1).*

20 (c) *PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—*

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in*
 22 *subsection (b) is—*

23 (A) *the parcel of real property, including*
 24 *all land and improvements, generally depicted as*
 25 *the “Existing Alpine Cemetery” on the map,*
 26 *consisting of approximately 2.56 acres of Na-*

1 *tional Forest System land located in the Apache-*
2 *Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona; and*

3 *(B) the parcel of real property, including*
4 *all land and improvements, generally depicted as*
5 *the “Proposed Townsite Tract” on the map, con-*
6 *sisting of approximately 8.06 acres of National*
7 *Forest System land located in the Apache-*
8 *Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona.*

9 *(2) MAP.—*

10 *(A) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary may*
11 *correct minor errors in the map.*

12 *(B) AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map*
13 *shall be on file and available for public inspec-*
14 *tion in the appropriate offices of the Forest Serv-*
15 *ice.*

16 *(3) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-*
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