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# S. 2796

To provide for a land exchange in San Bernardino County, California, and  
for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

To provide for a land exchange in San Bernardino County,  
California, 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Yuhaaviatam of San  
5       Manuel Nation Land Exchange Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. EXCHANGE OF LAND.**

7       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

8               (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal  
9       Land” means the approximately 1,475 acres of Na-  
10       tional Forest System land (including any and all

1 easements, subsurface rights, hereditaments, im-  
 2 provements, and appurtenances thereon and thereto)  
 3 depicted as F-1 and F-2 on the Federal Land  
 4 Maps.

5 (2) FEDERAL LAND MAPS.—The term “Federal  
 6 Land Maps” means the maps entitled—

7 (A) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-  
 8 change, San Bernardino National Forest, San  
 9 Bernardino County, California, Federal Lands  
 10 Proposed for Exchange (map 1 of 2)”, created  
 11 July 8, 2022, revised January 10, 2023; and

12 (B) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-  
 13 change, San Bernardino National Forest, San  
 14 Bernardino County, California, Federal Lands  
 15 Proposed for Exchange (map 2 of 2)”, created  
 16 July 8, 2022, revised January 10, 2023.

17 (3) NATION.—The term “Nation” means the  
 18 Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation, a federally rec-  
 19 ognized tribe, also recognized as the San Manuel  
 20 Band of Mission Indians.

21 (4) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Non-  
 22 Federal Land” means the approximately 1,460 acres  
 23 of land (including any and all easements, subsurface  
 24 rights, hereditaments, improvements, and appur-  
 25 tenances thereon and thereto) owned by the Nation

1 and depicted on the Non-Federal Land Maps as  
2 NF-1, NF-2, NF-3, NF-4a, and NF-5.

3 (5) NON-FEDERAL LAND MAPS.—The term  
4 “Non-Federal Land Maps” means the maps enti-  
5 tled—

6 (A) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-  
7 change San Bernardino National Forest, San  
8 Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal  
9 Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 1 of 4)”,  
10 created March 8, 2022, revised January 9,  
11 2023;

12 (B) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-  
13 change San Bernardino National Forest, San  
14 Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal  
15 Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 2 of 4)”,  
16 created March 8, 2022, revised January 9,  
17 2023;

18 (C) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-  
19 change San Bernardino National Forest, San  
20 Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal  
21 Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 3 of 4)”,  
22 created March 8, 2022, revised January 9,  
23 2023; and

24 (D) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-  
25 change San Bernardino National Forest, San

1           Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal  
2           Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 4 of 4)”,  
3           created July 8, 2022, revised January 9, 2023.

4           (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
5           the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the  
6           Chief of the Forest Service.

7           (b) LAND EXCHANGE.—Subject to the provisions of  
8           this section, if the Nation offers to convey to the United  
9           States all right, title, and interest of the Nation in and  
10          to the Non-Federal Land, the Secretary shall, as soon as  
11          practicable within the 120-day period beginning on the  
12          date on which the Secretary receives such offer—

13               (1) accept the offer; and

14               (2) convey to the Nation all right, title, and in-  
15          terest of the United States in and to the Federal  
16          Land, excepting and reserving an easement for ac-  
17          cess and use by the Forest Service any portion of  
18          Forest Service roads 1N22, 1N24, and 1N25 located  
19          on the Federal Land.

20          (c) SURVEY.—

21               (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The exact acreage and  
22          legal description of the Federal Land to be conveyed  
23          under subsection (b) shall be determined by a survey  
24          reasonably satisfactory to the Secretary and the Na-  
25          tion.

1 (2) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The exact acreage and  
3 legal description of the Non-Federal Land to be  
4 conveyed under subsection (b) shall be deter-  
5 mined by a survey reasonably satisfactory to  
6 the Secretary and the Nation.

7 (B) COST.—The cost of the survey in sub-  
8 paragraph (A) shall be borne by the Nation.

9 (d) MAPS, ESTIMATES, AND DESCRIPTIONS.—

10 (1) MINOR ERROR.—The Secretary and the Na-  
11 tion may, by mutual agreement—

12 (A) make minor boundary adjustments to  
13 the land to be exchanged under subsection (b);  
14 and

15 (B) correct any minor errors in any map,  
16 acreage estimate, or description of the land to  
17 be exchanged under subsection (b).

18 (2) CONFLICT.—If there is a conflict between a  
19 map, acreage estimate, or description of any land to  
20 be exchanged under subsection (b), the map shall  
21 control unless the Secretary and the Nation mutu-  
22 ally agree otherwise.

23 (3) AVAILABILITY OF MAPS.—The Federal  
24 Land Map and the Non-Federal Land Map shall be  
25 kept on file and available for public inspection in the

1 office of the Regional Forester, Pacific Southwest  
2 Region, United States Forest Service, or any other  
3 appropriate office of the Forest Service, as deter-  
4 mined by the Secretary.

5 (e) ARROWHEAD LANDMARK PRESERVATION.—

6 (1) AGREEMENT.—As a condition of the con-  
7 veyance under subsection (b), not later than 120  
8 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Na-  
9 tion shall enter into an agreement with the Sec-  
10 retary under which the Nation agrees to preserve, to  
11 an extent mutually agreed upon, the historical and  
12 cultural integrity of the Arrowhead landmark site  
13 denoted on the Federal Land Maps as “Arrowhead  
14 Landmark GA”.

15 (2) RECORDS.—The agreement entered into  
16 under paragraph (1) shall be recorded in the official  
17 records of the County of San Bernardino, California,  
18 and in an appropriate records system of the Forest  
19 Service, as determined by the Secretary.

20 (f) MANAGEMENT OF LAND.—Land acquired by the  
21 Secretary under this section shall become part of the San  
22 Bernardino National Forest and be managed in accord-  
23 ance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to  
24 such National Forest.

1       (g) FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT  
2 OF 1976.—The land exchange under subsection (b) is not  
3 subject to section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and  
4 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).

