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2^D SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

Mr. TIPTON (for himself and Mr. POLIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Elkhorn Ranch and
3 White River National Forest Patent Correction Act of
4 2014”.

5 **SEC. 2. PATENT CORRECTION, ELKHORN RANCH AND**
6 **WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST, COLO-**
7 **RADO.**

8 (a) **PATENT CORRECTION DIRECTED.**—The parcel of
9 land consisting of approximately 148 acres generally de-
10 picted on the map entitled “Elkhorn Ranch Land–White
11 River National Forest” and dated June 2014 shall be pat-
12 ented into the ownership of the Gordman-Leverich Part-
13 nership, a Colorado Limited Liability Limited Partnership
14 (in this section referred to as “GLP”). The patent shall
15 include all right, title and interest of the United States
16 in and to the parcel, except that the patent shall be subject
17 to the valid existing rights of the lessee of Federal oil and
18 gas lease COC–75070 and any other valid existing rights.

19 (b) **NO IMPACT ON EXISTING BOUNDARIES.**—The
20 patent correction executed pursuant to this section does
21 not modify the exterior boundary of the White River Na-
22 tional Forest, Colorado, or the boundaries of Sections 18
23 and 19 of Township 7 South, Range 93 West, Sixth Prin-
24 ciple Meridian, as in effect on January 1, 2014. The fence
25 lines in existence on such date on the 148-acre parcel ref-
26 erenced in subsection (a) shall constitute the southern and

1 eastern boundaries of such parcel, unless modification of
2 such boundaries are mutually agreed to by the Secretary
3 of Agriculture and GLP.

4 (c) ISSUANCE OF PATENT AND COVERAGE OF
5 COSTS.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the en-
6 actment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall
7 prepare and issue the patent required by subsection (a).
8 Any costs incurred by the Secretary of the Interior relat-
9 ing to any survey, lotting, legal description, or other activi-
10 ties undertaken by the Secretary in preparing and issuing
11 the patent shall be borne by GLP.

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