

Union Calendar No. 195

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1554

[Report No. 114-257]

To require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2015

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “Elkhorn Ranch and
5 White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, ELKHORN RANCH AND WHITE**
7 **RIVER NATIONAL FOREST, COLORADO.**

8 (a) LAND CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Consistent with
9 the purpose of the Act of March 3, 1909 (43 U.S.C. 772),
10 all right, title, and interest of the United States (subject
11 to subsection (b)) in and to a parcel of land consisting
12 of approximately 148 acres as generally depicted on the
13 map entitled “Elkhorn Ranch Land Parcel—White River
14 National Forest” and dated March 2015 shall be conveyed
15 by patent to the Gordman-Leverich Partnership, a Colo-
16 rado Limited Liability Partnership (in this section re-
17 ferred to as “GLP”).

18 (b) EXISTING RIGHTS.—The conveyance under sub-
19 section (a)—

20 (1) is subject to the valid existing rights of the
21 lessee of Federal oil and gas lease COC–75070 and
22 any other valid existing rights; and

23 (2) shall reserve to the United States the right
24 to collect rent and royalty payments on the lease re-

1 ferred to in paragraph (1) for the duration of the
2 lease.

3 (c) EXISTING BOUNDARIES.—The conveyance under
4 subsection (a) does not modify the exterior boundary of
5 the White River National Forest or the boundaries of Sec-
6 tions 18 and 19 of Township 7 South, Range 93 West,
7 Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, as such boundaries
8 are in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (d) TIME FOR CONVEYANCE; PAYMENT OF COSTS.—
10 The conveyance directed under subsection (a) shall be
11 completed not later than 180 days after the date of the
12 enactment of this Act. The conveyance shall be without
13 consideration, except that all costs incurred by the Sec-
14 retary of the Interior relating to any survey, platting, legal
15 description, or other activities carried out to prepare and
16 issue the patent shall be paid by GLP to the Secretary
17 prior to the land conveyance.

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