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# H. R. 3121

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2015

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. AMODEI, and Mr. GRAYSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Federal Land Asset  
5 Inventory Reform Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. CADASTRE OF FEDERAL LAND.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop and  
3 maintain a current and accurate multipurpose cadastre of  
4 Federal real property to support Federal land manage-  
5 ment activities, including, but not limited to: resource de-  
6 velopment and conservation, agricultural use, active forest  
7 management, environmental protection, and use of real  
8 property.

9 (b) COST-SHARING.—The Secretary may enter into  
10 cost-sharing agreements with States to include any non-  
11 Federal lands in a State in the cadastre. The Federal  
12 share of any such cost agreement shall not exceed 50 per-  
13 cent of the total cost to a State for the development of  
14 the cadastre of non-Federal lands in the State.

15 (c) CONSOLIDATION AND REPORT.—Not later than  
16 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
17 Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Nat-  
18 ural Resources of the House of Representatives and the  
19 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-  
20 ate on—

21 (1) the existing real property inventories or any  
22 components of any cadastre currently authorized by  
23 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior,  
24 the statutory authorization for such, and the amount  
25 expended by the Federal Government for each such  
26 activity in fiscal year 2014;

1           (2) the existing real property inventories or any  
2 components of any cadastre currently authorized by  
3 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior  
4 that will be eliminated or consolidated into the mul-  
5 tipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act;

6           (3) the existing real property inventories or any  
7 components of a cadastre currently authorized by  
8 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior  
9 that will not be eliminated or consolidated into the  
10 multipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act, to-  
11 gether with a justification for not terminating or  
12 consolidating such in the multipurpose cadastre au-  
13 thorized by this Act;

14           (4) the use of existing real property inventories  
15 or any components of any cadastre currently con-  
16 ducted by any unit of State or local government that  
17 can be used to identify Federal real property within  
18 such unit of government;

19           (5) the cost-savings that will be achieved by  
20 eliminating or consolidating duplicative or unneeded  
21 real property inventories or any components of a ca-  
22 dastre currently authorized by law or conducted by  
23 the Department of the Interior that will become part  
24 of the multipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act,  
25 and a plan for implementation of this Act, including

1 a cost estimate and the feasibility of the use of revenue from any transactional activity authorized by  
2 law that may be used to offset any costs of implementing this Act;

3 (6) in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Administrator  
4 of the General Services Administration, and the Comptroller General of the United States, conduct  
5 the assessment required by paragraphs (1) through  
6 (5) of this subsection with regard to all cadastres  
7 and inventories authorized, operated or maintained  
8 by all other Executive agencies of the Federal Government; and

9 (7) recommendations for any legislation necessary to increase the cost-savings and enhance the  
10 effectiveness and efficiency of replacing, eliminating, or consolidating real property inventories or any  
11 components of a cadastre currently authorized by law or conducted by the Department of the Interior.

12 (d) COORDINATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall—

14 (A) participate, pursuant to section 216 of Public Law 107–347, in the establishment of  
15 such standards and common protocols as are

1 necessary to assure the interoperability of  
2 geospatial information pertaining to the cadas-  
3 tre for all users of such information;

4 (B) coordinate with, seek assistance and  
5 cooperation of, and provide liaison to the Fed-  
6 eral Geographic Data Committee pursuant to  
7 Office of Management and Budget Circular A-  
8 16 and Executive Order 12906 for the imple-  
9 mentation of and compliance with such stand-  
10 ards as may be applicable to the cadastre;

11 (C) integrate, or make the cadastre inter-  
12 operable with, the Federal Real Property Pro-  
13 file established pursuant to Executive Order  
14 13327;

15 (D) integrate with and leverage to the  
16 maximum extent practicable current cadastre  
17 activities of units of State and local govern-  
18 ment; and

19 (E) use contracts with the private sector,  
20 to the maximum extent practicable, to provide  
21 such products and services as are necessary to  
22 develop the cadastre.

23 (2) CONTRACTS CONSIDERED SURVEYING AND  
24 MAPPING.—Contracts entered into under paragraph  
25 (1)(E) shall be considered “surveying and mapping”

1 services as such term is used and as such contracts  
2 are awarded in accordance with the selection proce-  
3 dures in title IX of the Federal Property and Ad-  
4 ministrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 1101  
5 et seq.).

6 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

7 As used in this Act, the following definitions apply:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 (2) CADASTRE.—The term “cadastre” means  
11 an inventory of real property of the Federal Govern-  
12 ment developed through collecting, storing, retriev-  
13 ing, or disseminating graphical or digital data de-  
14 picting natural or man-made physical features, phe-  
15 nomena, or boundaries of the earth and any infor-  
16 mation related thereto, including surveys, maps,  
17 charts, satellite and airborne remote sensing data,  
18 images, and services, with services performed by pro-  
19 fessionals such as surveyors, photogrammetrists, hy-  
20 drographers, geodesists, cartographers, and other  
21 such services of an architectural or engineering na-  
22 ture including the following data layers:

23 (A) A reference frame consisting of a cur-  
24 rent geodetic network.

1 (B) A series of current, accurate large  
2 scale maps.

3 (C) An existing cadastral boundary overlay  
4 delineating all cadastral parcels.

5 (D) A system for indexing and identifying  
6 each cadastral parcel.

7 (E) A series of land data files, each includ-  
8 ing the parcel identifier, which can be used to  
9 retrieve information and cross reference be-  
10 tween and among other existing data files,  
11 which may contain information about the use,  
12 assets and infrastructure of each parcel.

13 (3) REAL PROPERTY.—The term “real prop-  
14 erty” means real estate consisting of land, buildings,  
15 crops, forests, or other resources still attached to or  
16 within the land or improvements or fixtures perma-  
17 nently attached to the land or a structure on it, in-  
18 cluding any interest, benefit, right, or privilege in  
19 such property.

20 **SEC. 4. TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCESS.**

21 The Secretary shall—

22 (1) make the cadastre publically available on  
23 the Internet in a graphically geo-enabled and search-  
24 able format;

1           (2) ensure that the inventory referred to in sec-  
2           tion 2 includes the identification of all lands and  
3           parcels suitable for disposal by Resource Manage-  
4           ment Plans conducted for pursuant to the Federal  
5           Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43  
6           U.S.C. 1711 et seq.); and

7           (3) in consultation with the Secretary of De-  
8           fense and the Secretary of Homeland Security, pre-  
9           vent the disclosure of any parcel or parcels of land,  
10          and buildings or facilities thereon, or information re-  
11          lated thereto, if such disclosure would impair or  
12          jeopardize the national security or homeland defense  
13          of the United States.

14 **SEC. 5. RIGHT OF ACTION.**

15          Nothing in this Act shall create any substantive or  
16          procedural right or benefit.

17 **SEC. 6. CERTAIN NEW ACTIONS NOT REQUIRED.**

18          Nothing in this Act shall require or authorize any  
19          new surveying or mapping of Federal land, the evaluation  
20          of any parcel of land for potential management by non-  
21          Federal entities, the disposal of any Federal land, or any  
22          new appraisal or assessment of the value or cultural and  
23          archaeological resources on any parcel of Federal land.

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