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H. R. 387

To provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo
Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2015

Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. COOK, Mr. CÁRDENAS, and Mr. LAMALFA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, 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 “Economic Development
5 Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions
8 apply:

1 (1) BANNING.—The term “Banning” means the
2 City of Banning, which is located in Riverside Coun-
3 ty, California adjacent to the Morongo Indian Res-
4 ervation.

5 (2) FIELDS.—The term “Fields” means Lloyd
6 L. Fields, the owner of record of Parcel A.

7 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
8 titled ‘Morongo Indian Reservation, County of River-
9 side, State of California Land Exchange Map’, and
10 dated May 22, 2014, which is on file in the Bureau
11 of Land Management State Office in Sacramento,
12 California.

13 (4) PARCEL A.—The term “Parcel A” means
14 the approximately 41.15 acres designated on the
15 map as “Fields lands”.

16 (5) PARCEL B.—The term “Parcel B” means
17 the approximately 41.15 acres designated on the
18 map as “Morongo lands”.

19 (6) PARCEL C.—The term “Parcel C” means
20 the approximately 1.21 acres designated on the map
21 as “Banning land”.

22 (7) PARCEL D.—The term “Parcel D” means
23 the approximately 1.76 acres designated on the map
24 as “Easement to Banning”.

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

3 (9) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
4 Morongo Band of Mission Indians, a federally recog-
5 nized Indian tribe.

6 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF LANDS; TRUST LANDS, EASEMENT.**

7 (a) TRANSFER OF PARCEL A AND PARCEL B AND
8 EASEMENT OVER PARCEL D.—Subject to any valid exist-
9 ing rights of any third parties and to legal review and ap-
10 proval of the form and content of any and all instruments
11 of conveyance and policies of title insurance, upon receipt
12 by the Secretary of confirmation that Fields has duly exe-
13 cuted and deposited with a mutually acceptable and jointly
14 instructed escrow holder in California a deed conveying
15 clear and unencumbered title to Parcel A to the United
16 States in trust for the exclusive use and benefit of the
17 Tribe, and upon receipt by Fields of confirmation that the
18 Secretary has duly executed and deposited into escrow
19 with the same mutually acceptable and jointly instructed
20 escrow holder a patent conveying clear and unencumbered
21 title in fee simple to Parcel B to Fields and has duly exe-
22 cuted and deposited into escrow with the same mutually
23 acceptable and jointly instructed escrow holder an ease-
24 ment to the City for a public right-of-way over Parcel D,

1 the Secretary shall instruct the escrow holder to simulta-
2 neously cause—

3 (1) the patent to Parcel B to be recorded and
4 issued to Fields;

5 (2) the easement over Parcel D to be recorded
6 and issued to the City; and

7 (3) the deed to Parcel A to be delivered to the
8 Secretary, who shall immediately cause said deed to
9 be recorded and held in trust for the Tribe.

10 (b) TRANSFER OF PARCEL C.—After the simulta-
11 neous transfer of parcels A, B, and D under subsection
12 (a), upon receipt by the Secretary of confirmation that the
13 City has vacated its interest in Parcel C pursuant to all
14 applicable State and local laws, the Secretary shall imme-
15 diately cause Parcel C to be held in trust for the Tribe
16 subject to—

17 (1) any valid existing rights of any third par-
18 ties; and

19 (2) legal review and approval of the form and
20 content of any and all instruments of conveyance.

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