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H. R. 6491

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2016

Mr. GOSAR 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. LA PAZ COUNTY, ARIZONA, LAND CONVEYANCE.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means La
6 Paz County, Arizona.

7 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
8 means the approximately 8,000 acres of Federal
9 land managed by the Bureau of Land Management
10 and designated as [_____] on the map

1 entitled [“_____”], numbered
2 [_____], and dated [_____].

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—As soon as prac-
6 ticable after the date on which the County submits to the
7 Secretary a request to acquire the Federal land, the Sec-
8 retary shall convey to the County all right, title, and inter-
9 est of the United States in and to the Federal land. The
10 conveyance shall be subject to valid existing rights.

11 (c) CONSIDERATION.—

12 (1) CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.—As consider-
13 ation for the conveyance of the Federal land, the
14 County shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal
15 to the fair market value of the Federal land. The
16 consideration shall be provided not later than 10
17 years after date of the conveyance of the Federal
18 land.

19 (2) APPRAISAL TO DETERMINE FAIR MARKET
20 VALUE.—The Secretary shall determine the fair
21 market value of the Federal land based upon an ap-
22 praisal that is performed in accordance with the
23 Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Ac-
24 quisitions and the Uniform Standards of Profes-
25 sional Appraisal Practice.

1 (3) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—The gross
2 proceeds from the conveyance of the Federal land
3 shall be distributed in a manner determined by the
4 Secretary.

5 (d) MAP.—

6 (1) AVAILABILITY.—The map described in sub-
7 section (a)(2) shall be on file and available for public
8 inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau
9 of Land Management.

10 (2) CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENT.—The
11 Secretary and the County may, by mutual agree-
12 ment—

13 (A) make minor boundary adjustments to
14 the Federal land to be conveyed under this sec-
15 tion; and

16 (B) correct any minor errors in the map,
17 an acreage estimate, or the description of the
18 Federal land.

19 (3) CONFLICT.—If there is a conflict between
20 the map, an acreage estimate, or a description of
21 land under this section, the map shall control unless
22 the Secretary and the County mutually agree other-
23 wise.

24 (e) COST OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of the
25 conveyance under subsection (b), any costs related to the

1 conveyance shall be paid by the County at the time of the
2 conveyance.

3 (f) USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The County may sell any
5 portion of the Federal land conveyed under sub-
6 section (b) for nonresidential development.

7 (2) RECREATION AND PUBLIC PURPOSES.—The
8 County may elect to retain a portion of the conveyed
9 Federal land for public recreation and public pur-
10 poses consistent with the Act of June 14, 1926
11 (commonly known as the Recreation and Public Pur-
12 poses Act; 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), by providing writ-
13 ten notice of the election to the Secretary.

14 (g) REVERSION.—Any portion of the Federal land
15 conveyed under subsection (b) shall revert to the United
16 States, at the option of the Secretary, if the Secretary de-
17 termines that such portion of the land—

18 (1) is used in a manner that is inconsistent
19 with the use described under subsection (f); or

20 (2) has not been used for the use described
21 under subsection (f) by the date that is 10 years
22 after the date of the conveyance of the Federal land.

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