

**Calendar No. 296**118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 1015****[Report No. 118-144]**

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 28, 2023

Mr. KELLY (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

DECEMBER 20, 2023

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]**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. CONVEYANCE OF PLEASANT VALLEY RANGER**  
2 **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE SITE TO GILA**  
3 **COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

7 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
8 titled “Pleasant Valley Admin Site Proposal” and  
9 dated September 24, 2021.

10 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
11 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the  
12 Chief of the Forest Service.

13 (b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this sec-  
14 tion, if the County submits to the Secretary a written re-  
15 quest for conveyance of the property described in sub-  
16 section (c) not later than 180 days after the date of enact-  
17 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County  
18 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and  
19 to the property described in subsection (c).

20 (c) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in  
22 subsection (b) is the parcel of real property, includ-  
23 ing all land and improvements, generally depicted as  
24 “Gila County Area” on the map, consisting of ap-  
25 proximately 232.9 acres of National Forest System

1 land located in the Tonto National Forest in Ari-  
2 zona.

3 (2) MAP.—

4 (A) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary may  
5 correct minor errors in the map.

6 (B) AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map  
7 shall be on file and available for public inspec-  
8 tion in the appropriate offices of the Forest  
9 Service.

10 (3) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-  
11 scription of the National Forest System land to be  
12 conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined  
13 by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

14 (d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance  
15 under subsection (b) shall be—

16 (1) subject to valid existing rights;

17 (2) made without consideration;

18 (3) made by quitclaim deed; and

19 (4) subject to such other terms and conditions  
20 as the Secretary considers to be appropriate to pro-  
21 tect the interests of the United States.

22 (e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of the  
23 conveyance under subsection (b), the County shall pay all  
24 costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost  
25 of—



1           (3) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*  
2           *the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief*  
3           *of the Forest Service.*

4           (b) *CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.*—*Subject to this section,*  
5           *if the County submits to the Secretary a written request*  
6           *for conveyance of the property described in subsection (c),*  
7           *not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this*  
8           *Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County all right, title,*  
9           *and interest of the United States in and to the property*  
10          *described in subsection (c).*

11          (c) *DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.*—

12               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The property referred to in*  
13               *subsection (b) is the parcel of real property, including*  
14               *all land and improvements, generally depicted as*  
15               *“Gila County Area” on the map, consisting of ap-*  
16               *proximately 232.9 acres of National Forest System*  
17               *land located in the Tonto National Forest in Arizona.*

18               (2) *MAP.*—

19                       (A) *MINOR ERRORS.*—*The Secretary may*  
20                       *correct minor errors in the map.*

21                       (B) *AVAILABILITY.*—*A copy of the map*  
22                       *shall be on file and available for public inspec-*  
23                       *tion in the appropriate offices of the Forest Serv-*  
24                       *ice.*

1           (3) *SURVEY.*—*The exact acreage and legal de-*  
2           *scription of the National Forest System land to be*  
3           *conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by*  
4           *a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.*

5           (4) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*The conveyance under*  
6           *subsection (b) shall be—*

7                   (1) *subject to valid existing rights;*

8                   (2) *made without consideration;*

9                   (3) *made by quitclaim deed; and*

10                  (4) *subject to such other terms and conditions as*  
11           *the Secretary considers to be appropriate.*

12           (5) *COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.*—*As a condition of the*  
13           *conveyance under subsection (b), the County shall pay all*  
14           *costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost of—*

15                   (1) *a survey, if necessary, under subsection*  
16           *(c)(3); and*

17                   (2) *any analysis, review, or resource survey re-*  
18           *quired under Federal law.*

19           (6) *ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.*—*Notwithstanding*  
20           *section 120(h)(3)(A) of the Comprehensive Environmental*  
21           *Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42*  
22           *U.S.C. 9620(h)(3)(A)), the Secretary shall not be required*  
23           *to provide any covenant or warranty for the land and im-*  
24           *provements conveyed to the County under subsection (b).*

25           (7) *USE OF LAND; REVERSION.*—

1           (1) *USE OF LAND.*—*The land and improvements*  
2           *conveyed to the County under subsection (b) shall be*  
3           *used by the County only for the purpose of providing*  
4           *recreational and other services to veterans of the*  
5           *Armed Forces.*

6           (2) *REVERSION.*—*If any land conveyed to the*  
7           *County under subsection (b) ceases to be used for the*  
8           *purposes described in paragraph (1), all right, title,*  
9           *and interest in and to the land may, at the discretion*  
10          *of the Secretary, revert to the United States.*

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