

# Union Calendar No. 541

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# S. 609

**[Report No. 113-710]**

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[For text of Senate passed bill, see copy of bill as printed in the House of Representatives on  
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# **A BILL**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, 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 “San Juan County Fed-*  
5 *eral Land Conveyance Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7        *In this Act:*

8            (1) *FEDERAL LAND.*—*The term “Federal land”*  
9 *means the approximately 19 acres of Federal surface*  
10 *estate generally depicted as “Lands Authorized for*  
11 *Conveyance” on the map.*

12            (2) *LANDOWNER.*—*The term “landowner” means*  
13 *the plaintiffs in the case styled *Blancett v. United**  
14 *States Department of the Interior, et al., No. 10-cv-*  
15 *00254–JAP–KBM, United States District Court for*  
16 *the District of New Mexico.*

17            (3) *MAP.*—*The term “map” means the map enti-*  
18 *tled “San Juan County Land Conveyance” and dated*  
19 *June 20, 2012.*

20            (4) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*  
21 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

22            (5) *STATE.*—*The term “State” means the State*  
23 *of New Mexico.*

1 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND IN SAN**  
2 **JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—On request of the landowner, the  
4 Secretary shall, under such terms and conditions as the Sec-  
5 retary may prescribe and subject to valid existing rights,  
6 convey to the landowner all right, title, and interest of the  
7 United States in and to any portion of the Federal land  
8 (including any improvements or appurtenances to the Fed-  
9 eral land) by sale.

10 (b) *SURVEY; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.*—

11 (1) *SURVEY.*—The exact acreage and legal de-  
12 scription of the Federal land to be conveyed under  
13 subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey ap-  
14 proved by the Secretary.

15 (2) *COSTS.*—The administrative costs associated  
16 with the conveyance shall be paid by the landowner.

17 (c) *CONSIDERATION.*—

18 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—As consideration for the con-  
19 veyance of the Federal land under subsection (a), the  
20 landowner shall pay to the Secretary an amount  
21 equal to the fair market value of the Federal land  
22 conveyed, as determined under paragraph (2).

23 (2) *APPRAISAL.*—The fair market value of any  
24 Federal land that is conveyed under subsection (a)  
25 shall be determined by an appraisal acceptable to the  
26 Secretary that is performed in accordance with—

1           (A) *the Uniform Appraisal Standards for*  
2           *Federal Land Acquisitions;*

3           (B) *the Uniform Standards of Professional*  
4           *Appraisal Practice; and*

5           (C) *any other applicable law (including*  
6           *regulations).*

7           (d) *DISPOSITION AND USE OF PROCEEDS.—The Sec-*  
8           *retary shall deposit the proceeds of any conveyance of Fed-*  
9           *eral land under subsection (a) in the general account of the*  
10           *Treasury to be used for deficit reduction.*

11           (e) *ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-*  
12           *retary may require such additional terms and conditions*  
13           *for a conveyance under subsection (a) as the Secretary de-*  
14           *termines to be appropriate to protect the interests of the*  
15           *United States.*

16           (f) *WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, the*  
17           *Federal land is withdrawn from—*

18                 (1) *location, entry, and patent under the mining*  
19                 *laws; and*

20                 (2) *disposition under all laws relating to min-*  
21                 *eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.*

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