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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AN ACT

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “San Juan County Fed-
3 eral Land Conveyance Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

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

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

15 (3) **MAP.**—The term “map” means the map en-
16 titled “San Juan County Land Conveyance” and
17 dated June 20, 2012.

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

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

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

24 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—On request of the landowner, the
25 Secretary shall, under such terms and conditions as the
26 Secretary may prescribe and subject to valid existing

1 rights, convey to the landowner all right, title, and interest
2 of the United States in and to any portion of the Federal
3 land (including any improvements or appurtenances to the
4 Federal land) by sale.

5 (b) SURVEY; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—

6 (1) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-
7 scription of the Federal land to be conveyed under
8 subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey ap-
9 proved by the Secretary.

10 (2) COSTS.—The administrative costs associ-
11 ated with the conveyance shall be paid by the land-
12 owner.

13 (c) CONSIDERATION.—

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

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

24 (A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for
25 Federal Land Acquisitions;

1 (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional
2 Appraisal Practice; and

3 (C) any other applicable law (including
4 regulations).

5 (d) DISPOSITION AND USE OF PROCEEDS.—

6 (1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—The Sec-
7 retary shall deposit the proceeds of any conveyance
8 of Federal land under subsection (a) in a special ac-
9 count in the Treasury for use in accordance with
10 paragraph (2).

11 (2) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Amounts deposited
12 under paragraph (1) shall be available to the Sec-
13 retary, without further appropriation and until ex-
14 pended, for the acquisition of land or interests in
15 land from willing sellers in the State for resource
16 protection that is consistent with the purposes for
17 which the Bald Eagle Area of Critical Environ-
18 mental Concern in the State was established.

19 (e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
20 Secretary may require such additional terms and condi-
21 tions for a conveyance under subsection (a) as the Sec-
22 retary determines to be appropriate to protect the inter-
23 ests of the United States.

24 (f) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
25 the Federal land is withdrawn from—

