

1 “(3) MAP.—The term ‘Map’ means the map en-
2 titled ‘Proposed Alabama Hills National Scenic
3 Area’ and dated September 8, 2014.

4 “(4) MECHANIZED VEHICLE.—The term
5 ‘mechanized vehicle’ means a motorized or mecha-
6 nized vehicle or equipment used by a public or mu-
7 nicipal utility company or water district to construct,
8 operate, maintain, repair, or upgrade electricity, nat-
9 ural gas, telecommunications, or water infrastruc-
10 ture.

11 “(5) NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.—The term ‘Na-
12 tional Scenic Area’ means the Alabama Hills Na-
13 tional Scenic Area established by section 1902(a).

14 “(6) PUBLIC-UTILITY COMPANY.—The term
15 ‘public-utility company’ has the meaning given the
16 term in section 1262 of the Public Utility Holding
17 Company Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16451).

18 “(7) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
19 the Secretary of the Interior.

20 “(8) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the State
21 of California.

22 “(9) TRIBE.—The term ‘Tribe’ means the Lone
23 Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.

1 **“SEC. 1902. ALABAMA HILLS NATIONAL SCENIC AREA, CALI-**
 2 **FORNIA.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing
 4 rights, there is established in Inyo County, California, the
 5 Alabama Hills National Scenic Area, to be comprised of
 6 the approximately 18,610 acres generally depicted on the
 7 Map as ‘National Scenic Area’.

8 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National Scenic
 9 Area is to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit,
 10 use, and enjoyment of present and future generations the
 11 nationally significant scenic, cultural, geological, edu-
 12 cational, biological, historical, recreational, cinemato-
 13 graphic, and scientific resources of the National Scenic
 14 Area.

15 “(c) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
 17 after the date of enactment of this title, the Sec-
 18 retary shall file a map and a legal description of the
 19 National Scenic Area with—

20 “(A) the Committee on Energy and Nat-
 21 ural Resources of the Senate; and

22 “(B) the Committee on Natural Resources
 23 of the House of Representatives.

24 “(2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-
 25 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
 26 same force and effect as if included in this title, ex-

1 cept that the Secretary may correct any clerical and
2 typographical errors in the map and legal descrip-
3 tions.

4 “(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and
5 legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be
6 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
7 propriate offices of the Bureau of Land Manage-
8 ment.

9 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall manage
10 the National Scenic Area—

11 “(1) as a component of the National Landscape
12 Conservation System;

13 “(2) so as not to impact the future continuing
14 operation and maintenance of any activities associ-
15 ated with valid, existing rights, including water
16 rights;

17 “(3) in a manner that conserves, protects, and
18 enhances the resources and values of the National
19 Scenic Area described in subsection (b); and

20 “(4) in accordance with—

21 “(A) the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
22 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);

23 “(B) this title; and

24 “(C) any other applicable laws.

25 “(e) MANAGEMENT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allow
2 only such uses of the National Scenic Area as the
3 Secretary determines would support the purposes of
4 the National Scenic Area as described in subsection
5 (b).

6 “(2) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Except as
7 otherwise provided in this title or other applicable
8 law, or as the Secretary determines to be necessary
9 for public health and safety, the Secretary shall
10 allow existing recreational uses of the National Sce-
11 nic Area to continue, including hiking, mountain
12 biking, rock climbing, sightseeing, horseback riding,
13 hunting, fishing, and appropriate authorized mecha-
14 nized vehicle use.

15 “(3) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—Except as other-
16 wise specified in this title, or as necessary for ad-
17 ministrative purposes or to respond to an emer-
18 gency, the use of motorized vehicles in the National
19 Scenic Area (including the use of off-highway vehi-
20 cles for commercial touring) shall be permitted only
21 on—

22 “(A) designated roads and trails, subject
23 to all applicable law and authorized as part of
24 a management plan sustaining a semiprimitive
25 motorized experience; or

1 “(B) county-maintained roads in accord-
2 ance with applicable State and county laws.

3 “(4) CASUAL USE MINING.—The Secretary shall
4 allow within the National Scenic Area, in perpetuity,
5 casual use mining limited to the use of hand tools,
6 metal detectors, hand-fed dry washers, vacuum
7 cleaners, gold pans, small sluices, and similar items.

8 “(f) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire
10 non-Federal land within the boundaries of the Na-
11 tional Scenic Area only through exchange, donation,
12 or purchase from a willing seller.

13 “(2) MANAGEMENT.—Land acquired under
14 paragraph (1) shall be—

15 “(A) considered to be a part of the Na-
16 tional Scenic Area; and

17 “(B) managed in accordance with this title
18 and any other applicable laws.

19 “(g) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title creates
21 a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Na-
22 tional Scenic Area.

23 “(2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE NATIONAL SCENIC
24 AREA.—The fact that an activity or use on land out-
25 side the National Scenic Area can be seen or heard

1 within the National Scenic Area shall not preclude
 2 the activity or use outside the boundaries of the Na-
 3 tional Scenic Area.

4 “(h) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall continue to pro-
 5 vide private landowners adequate access to inholdings in
 6 the National Scenic Area.

7 “(i) FILMING.—Nothing in this title prohibits filming
 8 (including commercial film production, student filming,
 9 and still photography) within the National Scenic Area—

10 “(1) subject to—

11 “(A) such reasonable regulations, policies,
 12 and practices as the Secretary considers to be
 13 necessary; and

14 “(B) applicable law; and

15 “(2) in a manner consistent with the purposes
 16 described in subsection (b).

17 “(j) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title af-
 18 fects the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State with
 19 respect to fish and wildlife.

20 “(k) LIVESTOCK.—The grazing of livestock in the
 21 National Scenic Area, including grazing under the Ala-
 22 bama Hills allotment and the George Creek allotment, as
 23 established before the date of enactment of this title, shall
 24 be permitted to continue—

25 “(1) subject to—

1 “(A) such reasonable regulations, policies,
2 and practices as the Secretary considers to be
3 necessary; and

4 “(B) applicable law; and

5 “(2) in a manner consistent with the purposes
6 described in subsection (b).

7 “(1) OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this title restricts or
8 precludes flights over the National Scenic Area or over-
9 flights that can be seen or heard within the National Sce-
10 nic Area, including—

11 “(1) transportation, sightseeing and filming
12 flights, general aviation planes, helicopters, hang
13 gliders, and balloonists, for commercial or rec-
14 reational purposes;

15 “(2) low-level overflights of military aircraft;

16 “(3) flight testing and evaluation;

17 “(4) the designation or creation of new units of
18 special use airspace, or the establishment of military
19 flight training routes, over the National Scenic Area;
20 and

21 “(5) the use, including take-off and landing, of
22 helicopters and other aerial devices within valid
23 rights-of-way to construct or maintain energy trans-
24 port facilities.

1 “(m) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to the provisions of
2 this title and valid rights in existence on the date of enact-
3 ment of this title, including rights established by prior
4 withdrawals, the Federal land within the National Scenic
5 Area is withdrawn from all forms of—

6 “(1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
7 public land laws;

8 “(2) location, entry, and patent under the min-
9 ing laws; and

10 “(3) disposition under all laws pertaining to
11 mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

12 “(n) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this
13 title prohibits the Secretary, in cooperation with other
14 Federal, State, and local agencies, as appropriate, from
15 conducting wildland fire operations in the National Scenic
16 Area, consistent with the purposes described in subsection
17 (b).

18 “(o) GRANTS; COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The
19 Secretary may make grants to, or enter into cooperative
20 agreements with, State, tribal, and local governmental en-
21 tities and private entities to conduct research, interpreta-
22 tion, or public education or to carry out any other initia-
23 tive relating to the restoration, conservation, or manage-
24 ment of the National Scenic Area.

1 “(p) AIR AND WATER QUALITY.—Nothing in this
2 title modifies any standard governing air or water quality
3 outside of the boundaries of the National Scenic Area.

4 “(q) ENERGY TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND RIGHTS-
5 OF-WAY.—

6 “(1) EFFECT OF TITLE.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
8 graph (B), nothing in this title precludes, pre-
9 vents, or inhibits the customary operation,
10 maintenance, upgrade, repair, relocation within
11 an existing right-of-way, or replacement of any
12 energy transport facility located within an exist-
13 ing corridor or right-of-way located in the Na-
14 tional Scenic Area, including—

15 “(i) any necessary or efficient access
16 to such an energy transport facility; and

17 “(ii) the related use of mechanized ve-
18 hicles, helicopters, and other aerial devices.

19 “(B) MINIMIZING IMPACT.—An activity de-
20 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall be conducted
21 in a manner that minimizes the impact on the
22 resources of the National Scenic Area.

23 “(2) PLANS FOR ACCESS.—Not later than 1
24 year after the date of enactment of this title, the
25 Secretary, in consultation with all impacted public

1 and municipal utility companies and water districts,
2 shall publish plans for regular and emergency access
3 to the respective rights-of-way of those companies
4 and water districts.

5 **“SEC. 1903. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
7 date of enactment of this title, in accordance with sub-
8 sections (b) and (c), the Secretary shall develop a com-
9 prehensive plan for the long-term management of the Na-
10 tional Scenic Area.

11 “(b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the manage-
12 ment plan, the Secretary shall consult with—

13 “(1) appropriate State, tribal, and local govern-
14 mental entities, including Inyo County, the Los An-
15 geles Department of Water and Power, and the
16 Tribe;

17 “(2) investor-owned utilities, including South-
18 ern California Edison Company;

19 “(3) the Alabama Hills Stewardship Group; and

20 “(4) members of the public.

21 “(c) REQUIREMENT.—In accordance with this title,
22 the management plan shall establish plans for mainte-
23 nance of public-utility and other rights-of-way within the
24 National Scenic Area.

1 “(d) INCORPORATION.—In developing the manage-
 2 ment plan, in accordance with this section, the Secretary
 3 shall allow, in perpetuity, casual use mining limited to the
 4 use of hand tools, metal detectors, hand-fed dry washers,
 5 vacuum cleaners, gold pans, small sluices, and similar
 6 items.

7 “(e) INTERIM MANAGEMENT.—Pending completion
 8 of the management plan, the Secretary shall manage the
 9 National Scenic Area in accordance with section 1902(b).

10 **“SEC. 1904. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR LONE PINE PAI-**
 11 **UTE-SHOSHONE RESERVATION.**

12 “(a) TRUST LAND.—As soon as practicable after the
 13 date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall take
 14 the approximately 132 acres of Federal land depicted on
 15 the Map as ‘Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Addi-
 16 tion’ into trust for the benefit of the Tribe, subject to the
 17 conditions that—

18 “(1) the land shall be subject to all easements,
 19 covenants, conditions, restrictions, withdrawals, and
 20 other matters of record in existence on the date of
 21 enactment of this title; and

22 “(2) the Federal land over which the right-of-
 23 way for the Los Angeles Aqueduct is located, gen-
 24 erally described as the 250-foot-wide right-of-way
 25 granted to the City of Los Angeles pursuant to the

1 Act of June 30, 1906 (34 Stat. 801, chapter 3926),
 2 shall not be taken into trust for the Tribe.

3 “(b) RESERVATION LAND.—The land taken into
 4 trust pursuant to subsection (a) shall be considered to be
 5 a part of the reservation of the Tribe.

6 “(c) GAMING PROHIBITION.—Land taken into trust
 7 under subsection (a) shall not be eligible, or considered
 8 to have been taken into trust, for gaming (within the
 9 meaning of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C.
 10 2701 et seq.)).

11 **“SEC. 1905. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.**

12 “Administrative jurisdiction over the approximately
 13 40 acres of Federal land depicted on the Map as ‘USFS
 14 Transfer to BLM’ is transferred from the Forest Service
 15 to the Bureau of Land Management.

16 **“SEC. 1906. PROTECTION OF SERVICES AND REC-**
 17 **REATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.**

18 “(a) EFFECT OF TITLE.—Nothing in this title limits
 19 the provision of any commercial service for existing or his-
 20 toric recreation use, as authorized by the permit process
 21 of the Bureau of Land Management.

22 “(b) GUIDED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.—Any
 23 valid existing commercial permit to exercise guided rec-
 24 reational opportunities for the public may continue as au-

1 thorized on the day before the date of enactment of this
2 title.

3 **“SEC. 1907. LAND CONVEYANCE TO ELIMINATE ENCROACH-**
4 **MENT ON PUBLIC LAND.**

5 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) AUTHORIZED OFFER PERIOD.—The term
7 ‘authorized offer period’ means the 120-day period
8 beginning on the date on which the required ap-
9 praisal of the Federal land is completed under sub-
10 section (c).

11 “(2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term ‘Federal land’
12 means the smallest parcel of land that—

13 “(A) the Secretary determines can be rea-
14 sonably described in legal language and admin-
15 istered; and

16 “(B) encompasses construction completed
17 by Reginald Cook as of January 15, 2015,
18 within the approximately 4 acres of Bureau of
19 Land Management land identified on the map
20 as the ‘Conveyance Area’.

21 “(3) MAP.—The term ‘map’ means the map ti-
22 tled ‘Proposed Conveyance Property’, dated January
23 15, 2015, and on file in the appropriate office of the
24 Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

1 “(4) REGINALD COOK.—The term ‘Reginald
2 Cook’ means Mr. Reginald Cook, the owner of prop-
3 erty adjacent to the land identified on the map as
4 the ‘Conveyance Area’.

5 “(b) CONVEYANCE.—If, before the end of the author-
6 ized offer period, Reginald Cook submits to the Secretary
7 an offer to acquire the Federal land consistent with sub-
8 sections (d) and (e), the Secretary shall convey to Regi-
9 nald Cook, subject to valid existing rights and on payment
10 of the required consideration, all right, title, and interest
11 of the United States in and to the surface estate of the
12 Federal land.

13 “(c) APPRAISAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
14 date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall com-
15 plete an appraisal of the Federal land in accordance
16 with—

17 “(1) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Fed-
18 eral Land Acquisitions; and

19 “(2) the Uniform Standards of Professional Ap-
20 praisal Practice.

21 “(d) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the con-
22 veyance of the Federal land, Reginald Cook shall pay to
23 the United States, for deposit in the general fund of the
24 Treasury, an amount equal to the appraised value of the
25 Federal land determined under subsection (c).

1 “(e) CONDITIONS.—

2 “(1) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

3 Reginald Cook shall cover any administrative costs
4 incurred by the Secretary to carry out the convey-
5 ance of the Federal land, including the costs of any
6 required environmental, wildlife, cultural, or histor-
7 ical resources study.

8 “(2) RELEASE.—As a condition of the convey-
9 ance of the Federal land, Reginald Cook shall agree
10 in writing to release and indemnify the United
11 States from any claims or liabilities that may arise
12 from use of the Federal land by the United States
13 or Reginald Cook before the date of the conveyance.

14 “(f) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall continue to pro-
15 vide to Reginald Cook access to the property of Reginald
16 Cook, subject to part 2800 of title 43, Code of Federal
17 Regulations (or successor regulations).

18 **“TITLE XX—MISCELLANEOUS**

19 **“SEC. 2001. STATE LAND TRANSFERS AND EXCHANGES.**

20 “(a) TRANSFER OF LAND TO ANZA-BORREGO
21 DESERT STATE PARK.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—On termination of all min-
23 ing claims to the land described in paragraph (2),
24 the Secretary shall transfer the land described in
25 that paragraph to the State.

1 “(2) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land re-
 2 ferred to in paragraph (1) is certain Bureau of Land
 3 Management land in San Diego County, California,
 4 comprising approximately 934 acres, as generally de-
 5 picted on the map entitled ‘Table Mountain Wilder-
 6 ness Study Area Proposed Transfer to the State’
 7 and dated July 15, 2009.

8 “(3) MANAGEMENT.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The land transferred
 10 under paragraph (1) shall be managed in ac-
 11 cordance with the provisions of the California
 12 Wilderness Act (California Public Resources
 13 Code sections 5093.30–5093.40).

14 “(B) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid ex-
 15 isting rights, the land transferred under para-
 16 graph (1) is withdrawn from—

17 “(i) all forms of entry, appropriation,
 18 or disposal under the public land laws;

19 “(ii) location, entry, and patent under
 20 the mining laws; and

21 “(iii) disposition under all laws relat-
 22 ing to mineral and geothermal leasing.

23 “(C) REVERSION.—If the State ceases to
 24 manage the land transferred under paragraph
 25 (1) as part of the State Park System or in a

1 manner inconsistent with the California Wilder-
2 ness Act (California Public Resources Code sec-
3 tions 5093.30–5093.40), the land shall revert to
4 the Secretary at the discretion of the Secretary,
5 to be managed as a Wilderness Study Area.

6 “(b) HOLTVILLE AIRPORT, IMPERIAL COUNTY.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—On the submission of an
8 application by Imperial County, California, the Sec-
9 retary of Transportation shall, in accordance with
10 section 47125 of title 49, United States Code, and
11 section 2641.1 of title 43, Code of Federal Regula-
12 tions (or successor regulations) seek a conveyance
13 from the Secretary of approximately 3,500 acres of
14 Bureau of Land Management land adjacent to the
15 Imperial County Holtville Airport (L04) for the pur-
16 poses of airport expansion.

17 “(2) SEGREGATION.—The Secretary (acting
18 through the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-
19 agement) shall, with respect to the land to be con-
20 veyed under paragraph (1)—

21 “(A) segregate the land; and

22 “(B) prohibit the appropriation of the land
23 until—

24 “(i) the date on which a notice of re-
25 alty action terminates the application; or

1 “(ii) the date on which a document of
2 conveyance is published.

3 **“SEC. 2002. MILITARY ACTIVITIES.**

4 “Nothing in this title—

5 “(1) restricts or precludes Department of De-
6 fense motorized access by land or air—

7 “(A) to respond to an emergency within a
8 wilderness area designated by this Act; or

9 “(B) to control access to the emergency
10 site;

11 “(2) prevents nonmechanized military training
12 activities previously conducted on wilderness areas
13 designated by this title that are consistent with—

14 “(A) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131
15 et seq.); and

16 “(B) all applicable laws (including regula-
17 tions);

18 “(3) restricts or precludes low-level overflights
19 of military aircraft over the areas designated as wil-
20 derness, national monuments, special management
21 areas, or recreation areas by this Act, including mili-
22 tary overflights that can be seen or heard within the
23 designated areas;

1 “(4) restricts or precludes flight testing and
2 evaluation in the areas described in paragraph (3);
3 or

4 “(5) restricts or precludes the designation or
5 creation of new units of special use airspace, or the
6 establishment of military flight training routes, over
7 the areas described in paragraph (3).

8 **“SEC. 2003. CLIMATE CHANGE AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

10 “(1) assess the impacts of climate change on
11 the Conservation Area; and

12 “(2) establish policies and procedures to ensure
13 the preservation of wildlife corridors and facilitate
14 species migration likely to occur due to climate
15 change.

16 “(b) STUDY.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but
18 not later than 2 years, after the date of enactment
19 of this title, the Secretary shall complete a study re-
20 garding the impact of global climate change on the
21 Conservation Area.

22 “(2) COMPONENTS.—The study under para-
23 graph (1) shall—

24 “(A) identify the species migrating, or like-
25 ly to migrate, due to climate change;

1 “(B) examine the impacts and potential
2 impacts of climate change on—

3 “(i) plants, insects, and animals;

4 “(ii) soil;

5 “(iii) air quality;

6 “(iv) water quality and quantity; and

7 “(v) species migration and survival;

8 “(C) identify critical wildlife and species
9 migration corridors recommended for preserva-
10 tion; and

11 “(D) include recommendations for ensur-
12 ing the biological connectivity of public land
13 managed by the Secretary and the Secretary of
14 Defense throughout the Conservation Area.

15 “(3) RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—The Secretary shall
16 consider the information and recommendations of
17 the study under paragraph (1) to determine the in-
18 dividual and cumulative impacts of rights-of-way for
19 projects in the Conservation Area, in accordance
20 with—

21 “(A) the National Environmental Policy
22 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

23 “(B) the Endangered Species Act of 1973
24 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); and

25 “(C) any other applicable law.

1 “(c) LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS.—The Secretary
 2 shall incorporate into all land management plans applica-
 3 ble to the Conservation Area the findings and rec-
 4 ommendations of the study completed under subsection
 5 (b).

6 **“SEC. 2004. PROHIBITED USES OF ACQUIRED, DONATED,**
 7 **AND CONSERVATION LAND.**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) ACQUIRED LAND.—The term ‘acquired
 10 land’ means any land acquired within the Conserva-
 11 tion Area using amounts from the land and water
 12 conservation fund established under section 200302
 13 of title 54, United States Code.

14 “(2) CONSERVATION LAND.—The term ‘con-
 15 servation land’ means any land within the Conserva-
 16 tion Area that is designated to satisfy the conditions
 17 of a Federal habitat conservation plan, general con-
 18 servation plan, or State natural communities con-
 19 servation plan, including—

20 “(A) national conservation land established
 21 pursuant to section 2002(b)(2)(D) of the Omni-
 22 bus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16
 23 U.S.C. 7202(b)(2)(D)); and

24 “(B) areas of critical environmental con-
 25 cern established pursuant to section 202(c)(3)

1 of the Federal Land Policy and Management
2 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712(c)(3)).

3 “(3) DONATED LAND.—The term ‘donated
4 land’ means any private land donated to the United
5 States for conservation purposes in the Conservation
6 Area.

7 “(4) DONOR.—The term ‘donor’ means an indi-
8 vidual or entity that donates private land within the
9 Conservation Area to the United States.

10 “(5) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
11 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
12 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

13 “(b) PROHIBITIONS.—Except as provided in sub-
14 section (c), the Secretary shall not authorize the use of
15 acquired land, conservation land, or donated land within
16 the Conservation Area for any activities contrary to the
17 conservation purposes for which the land was acquired,
18 designated, or donated, including—

19 “(1) disposal;

20 “(2) rights-of-way;

21 “(3) leases;

22 “(4) livestock grazing;

23 “(5) infrastructure development, except as pro-
24 vided in subsection (c);

25 “(6) mineral entry; and

1 “(7) off-highway vehicle use, except on—

2 “(A) designated routes;

3 “(B) off-highway vehicle areas designated
4 by law; and

5 “(C) administratively designated open
6 areas.

7 “(c) EXCEPTIONS.—

8 “(1) AUTHORIZATION BY SECRETARY.—Subject
9 to paragraph (2), the Secretary may authorize lim-
10 ited exceptions to prohibited uses of acquired land or
11 donated land in the Conservation Area if—

12 “(A) a right-of-way application for a re-
13 newable energy development project or associ-
14 ated energy transport facility on acquired land
15 or donated land was submitted to the Bureau
16 of Land Management on or before December 1,
17 2009; or

18 “(B) after the completion and consider-
19 ation of an analysis under the National Envi-
20 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321
21 et seq.), the Secretary has determined that pro-
22 posed use is in the public interest.

23 “(2) CONDITIONS.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary
25 grants an exception to the prohibition under

1 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall require the
2 permittee to donate private land of comparable
3 value located within the Conservation Area to
4 the United States to mitigate the use.

5 “(B) APPROVAL.—The private land to be
6 donated under subparagraph (A) shall be ap-
7 proved by the Secretary after—

8 “(i) consultation, to the maximum ex-
9 tent practicable, with the donor of the pri-
10 vate land proposed for nonconservation
11 uses; and

12 “(ii) an opportunity for public com-
13 ment regarding the donation.

14 “(d) EXISTING AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in this sec-
15 tion affects permitted or prohibited uses of donated land
16 or acquired land in the Conservation Area established in
17 any easements, deed restrictions, memoranda of under-
18 standing, or other agreements in existence on the date of
19 enactment of this title.

20 “(e) DEED RESTRICTIONS.—Effective beginning on
21 the date of enactment of this title, within the Conservation
22 Area, the Secretary may

23 “(1) accept deed restrictions requested by land-
24 owners for land donated to, or otherwise acquired
25 by, the United States; and

1 “(2) consistent with existing rights, create deed
2 restrictions, easements, or other third-party rights
3 relating to any public land determined by the Sec-
4 retary to be necessary—

5 “(A) to fulfill the mitigation requirements
6 resulting from the development of renewable re-
7 sources; or

8 “(B) to satisfy the conditions of—

9 “(i) a habitat conservation plan or
10 general conservation plan established pur-
11 suant to section 10 of the Endangered
12 Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539); or

13 “(ii) a natural communities conserva-
14 tion plan approved by the State.

15 **“SEC. 2005. TRIBAL USES AND INTERESTS.**

16 “(a) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall ensure access to
17 areas designated under this Act by members of Indian
18 tribes for traditional cultural and religious purposes, con-
19 sistent with applicable law, including Public Law 95–341
20 (commonly known as the ‘American Indian Religious
21 Freedom Act’) (42 U.S.C. 1996).

22 “(b) TEMPORARY CLOSURE.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with applica-
24 ble law, including Public Law 95–341 (commonly
25 known as the ‘American Indian Religious Freedom

1 Act') (42 U.S.C. 1996), and subject to paragraph
2 (2), the Secretary, on request of an Indian tribe or
3 Indian religious community, shall temporarily close
4 to general public use any portion of an area des-
5 ignated as a national monument, special manage-
6 ment area, wild and scenic river, area of critical en-
7 vironmental concern, or National Park System unit
8 under this Act (referred to in this subsection as a
9 'designated area') to protect the privacy of tradi-
10 tional cultural and religious activities in the des-
11 ignated area by members of the Indian tribe or In-
12 dian religious community.

13 "(2) LIMITATION.—In closing a portion of a
14 designated area under paragraph (1), the Secretary
15 shall limit the closure to the smallest practicable
16 area for the minimum period necessary for the tradi-
17 tional cultural and religious activities.

18 "(c) TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
19 PLAN.—

20 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
21 after the date of enactment of this title, the Sec-
22 retary of the Interior shall develop and implement a
23 tribal cultural resources management plan to iden-
24 tify, protect, and conserve cultural resources of In-
25 dian tribes associated with the Xam Kwatchan Trail

1 network extending from Avikwaame (Spirit Moun-
2 tain, Nevada) to Avikwlal (Pilot Knob, California).

3 “(2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-
4 sult on the development and implementation of the
5 tribal cultural resources management plan under
6 paragraph (1) with—

7 “(A) each of—

8 “(i) the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe;

9 “(ii) the Hualapai Tribal Nation;

10 “(iii) the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe;

11 “(iv) the Colorado River Indian
12 Tribes;

13 “(v) the Quechan Indian Tribe; and

14 “(vi) the Cocopah Indian Tribe; and

15 “(B) the Advisory Council on Historic
16 Preservation.

17 “(3) RESOURCE PROTECTION.—The tribal cul-
18 tural resources management plan developed under
19 paragraph (1) shall be—

20 “(A) based on a completed tribal cultural
21 resources survey; and

22 “(B) include procedures for identifying,
23 protecting, and preserving petroglyphs, ancient
24 trails, intaglios, sleeping circles, artifacts, and
25 other resources of cultural, archaeological, or

1 historical significance in accordance with all ap-
2 plicable laws and policies, including—

3 “(i) chapter 2003 of title 54, United
4 States Code;

5 “(ii) Public Law 95–341 (commonly
6 known as the ‘American Indian Religious
7 Freedom Act’) (42 U.S.C. 1996);

8 “(iii) the Archaeological Resources
9 Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S.C. 470aa
10 et seq.);

11 “(iv) the Native American Graves
12 Protection and Repatriation Act (25
13 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.); and

14 “(v) Public Law 103–141 (commonly
15 known as the ‘Religious Freedom Restora-
16 tion Act of 1993’) (42 U.S.C. 2000bb et
17 seq.).

18 “(d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
19 all Federal land within the area administratively with-
20 drawn and known as the ‘Indian Pass Withdrawal Area’
21 is permanently withdrawn from—

22 “(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or dis-
23 posal under the public land laws;

24 “(2) location, entry, and patent under the min-
25 ing laws; and

1 “(3) right-of-way leasing and disposition under
2 all laws relating to minerals or solar, wind, or geo-
3 thermal energy.

4 **“SEC. 2006. BLACK LAVA BUTTE AND FLAT TOP MESA AREA**
5 **OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN.**

6 “(a) DESIGNATION.—There is established the Black
7 Lava Butte and Flat Top Mesa Area of Critical Environ-
8 mental Concern (referred to in this section as the ‘covered
9 area’) within the Conservation Area under the Bureau of
10 Land Management comprising approximately 6,350 acres
11 as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Black
12 Lava Butte and Flat Top Mesa ACEC’ and dated July
13 24, 2014.

14 “(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
15 ister the covered area to preserve the geological, biological,
16 cultural, and archeological resources within the covered
17 area.

18 “(c) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
19 the Federal land and interests in Federal land included
20 within the covered area are withdrawn from—

21 “(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or dis-
22 posal under the public land laws;

23 “(2) location, entry, and patent under the
24 United States mining laws;

1 “(3) disposition under all laws pertaining to
2 mineral and geothermal leasing and mineral mate-
3 rials; and

4 “(4) energy development and power generation.

5 **“SEC. 2007. RELEASE OF FEDERAL REVERSIONARY LAND**
6 **INTERESTS.**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) 1932 ACT.—The term ‘1932 Act’ means
9 the Act of June 18, 1932 (47 Stat. 324, chapter
10 270).

11 “(2) DISTRICT.—The term ‘District’ means the
12 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

13 “(b) RELEASE.—Subject to valid existing claims per-
14 fected prior to the effective date of the 1932 Act and the
15 reservation of minerals set forth in the 1932 Act, the Sec-
16 retary shall release, convey, or otherwise quitclaim to the
17 District, in a form recordable in local county records, and
18 subject to the approval of the District, after consultation
19 and without monetary consideration, all right, title, and
20 remaining interest of the United States in and to the land
21 that was conveyed to the District pursuant to the 1932
22 Act or any other law authorizing conveyance subject to
23 restrictions or reversionary interests retained by the
24 United States, on request by the District.

1 “(c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A conveyance au-
 2 thorized by subsection (b) shall be subject to the following
 3 terms and conditions:

4 “(1) The District shall cover, or reimburse the
 5 Secretary for, the costs incurred by the Secretary to
 6 make the conveyance, including title searches, sur-
 7 veys, deed preparation, attorneys’ fees, and similar
 8 expenses.

9 “(2) By accepting the conveyances, the District
 10 agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United
 11 States with regard to any boundary dispute relating
 12 to any parcel conveyed under this section.”.

13 **SEC. 102. VISITOR CENTER.**

14 Title IV of the California Desert Protection Act of
 15 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–21 et seq.) is amended by adding
 16 at the end the following:

17 **“SEC. 408. VISITOR CENTER.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire not
 19 more than 5 acres of land and interests in land, and im-
 20 provements on the land and interests, outside the bound-
 21 aries of Joshua Tree National Park, in the unincorporated
 22 village of Joshua Tree, for the purpose of operating a vis-
 23 itor center.

1 “(b) BOUNDARY.—The Secretary shall modify the
2 boundary of the park to include the land acquired under
3 this section as a noncontiguous parcel.

4 “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—Land and facilities acquired
5 under this section—

6 “(1) may include the property owned (as of the
7 date of enactment of this section) by the Joshua
8 Tree National Park Association and commonly re-
9 ferred to as the ‘Joshua Tree National Park Visitor
10 Center’;

11 “(2) shall be administered by the Secretary as
12 part of the park; and

13 “(3) may be acquired only with the consent of
14 the owner, by donation, purchase with donated or
15 appropriated funds, or exchange.”.

16 **SEC. 103. CALIFORNIA STATE SCHOOL LAND.**

17 Section 707 of the California Desert Protection Act
18 of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–77) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) in the first sentence—

21 (i) by striking “Upon request of the
22 California State Lands Commission (here-
23 inafter in this section referred to as the
24 ‘Commission’), the Secretary shall enter

1 into negotiations for an agreement” and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall nego-
4 tiate in good faith to reach an agreement with the
5 California State Lands Commission (referred to in
6 this section as the ‘Commission’); and

7 (ii) by inserting “, national monu-
8 ments,” after “more of the wilderness
9 areas”; and

10 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
11 “The Secretary shall negotiate in good faith to”
12 and inserting the following:

13 “(2) AGREEMENT.—To the maximum extent
14 practicable, not later than 10 years after the date of
15 enactment of this title, the Secretary shall”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “, national
17 monuments,” after “wilderness areas”; and

18 (3) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
19 following:

20 “(5) SPECIAL DEPOSIT FUND ACCOUNT.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Assembled land ex-
22 changes may be used to carry out this section
23 through the sale of surplus Federal property
24 and subsequent acquisitions of State school
25 land.

1 “(B) RECEIPTS.—Past and future receipts
2 from the sale of property described in sub-
3 section (a), less any costs incurred related to
4 the sale, shall be deposited in a Special Deposit
5 Fund Account established in the Treasury.

6 “(C) USE.—Funds accumulated in the
7 Special Deposit Fund Account may be used by
8 the Secretary, without an appropriation, to ac-
9 quire State school lands or interest in the land
10 consistent with this section.”.

11 **SEC. 104. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.**

12 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
13 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (196), by striking subpara-
15 graph (A) and inserting the following:

16 “(A)(i) The approximately 1.4-mile seg-
17 ment of the Amargosa River in the State of
18 California, from the private property boundary
19 in sec. 19, T. 22 N., R. 7 E., to 100 feet down-
20 stream of Highway 178, to be administered by
21 the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river
22 as an addition to the wild and scenic river seg-
23 ments of the Amargosa River on publication by
24 the Secretary of a notice in the Federal Reg-
25 ister that sufficient inholdings within the

1 boundaries of the segments have been acquired
 2 as scenic easements or in fee title to establish
 3 a manageable addition to those segments.

4 “(ii) The approximately 6.1-mile segment
 5 of the Amargosa River in the State of Cali-
 6 fornia, from 100 feet downstream of the State
 7 Highway 178 crossing to 100 feet upstream of
 8 the Tecopa Hot Springs Road crossing, to be
 9 administered by the Secretary of the Interior as
 10 a scenic river.”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(208) SURPRISE CANYON CREEK, CALI-
 13 FORNIA.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The following seg-
 15 ments of Surprise Canyon Creek in the State of
 16 California, to be administered by the Secretary
 17 of the Interior:

18 “(i) The approximately 5.3 miles of
 19 Surprise Canyon Creek from the con-
 20 fluence of Frenchman’s Canyon and Water
 21 Canyon to 100-feet upstream of Chris
 22 Wicht Camp, as a wild river.

23 “(ii) The approximately 1.8 miles of
 24 Surprise Canyon Creek from 100 feet up-
 25 stream of Chris Wicht Camp to the south-

1 ern boundary of sec. 14, T. 21 N., R. 44
2 E., as a recreational river.

3 “(B) EFFECT ON HISTORIC MINING STRUC-
4 TURES.—Nothing in this paragraph affects the
5 historic mining structures associated with the
6 former Panamint Mining District.

7 “(209) DEEP CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The following seg-
9 ments of Deep Creek in the State of California,
10 to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
11 culture:

12 “(i) The approximately 6.5-mile seg-
13 ment from 0.125 mile downstream of the
14 Rainbow Dam site in sec. 33, T. 2 N., R.
15 2 W., to 0.25-miles upstream of the Road
16 3N34 crossing, as a wild river.

17 “(ii) The 0.5-mile segment from 0.25
18 mile upstream of the Road 3N34 crossing
19 to 0.25 mile downstream of the Road
20 3N34 crossing, as a scenic river.

21 “(iii) The 2.5-mile segment from 0.25
22 miles downstream of the Road 3 N. 34
23 crossing to 0.25 miles upstream of the
24 Trail 2W01 crossing, as a wild river.

1 “(iv) The 0.5-mile segment from 0.25
2 miles upstream of the Trail 2W01 crossing
3 to 0.25 mile downstream of the Trail
4 2W01 crossing, as a scenic river.

5 “(v) The 10-mile segment from 0.25
6 miles downstream of the Trail 2W01 cross-
7 ing to the upper limit of the Mojave dam
8 flood zone in sec. 17, T. 3 N., R. 3 W., as
9 a wild river.

10 “(vi) The 11-mile segment of Hol-
11 comb Creek from 100 yards downstream of
12 the Road 3N12 crossing to .25 miles down-
13 stream of Holcomb Crossing, as a rec-
14 reational river.

15 “(vii) The 3.5-mile segment of the
16 Holcomb Creek from 0.25 miles down-
17 stream of Holcomb Crossing to the Deep
18 Creek confluence, as a wild river.

19 “(B) EFFECT ON SKI OPERATIONS.—Noth-
20 ing in this paragraph affects—

21 “(i) the operations of the Snow Valley
22 Ski Resort; or

23 “(ii) the State regulation of water
24 rights and water quality associated with

1 the operation of the Snow Valley Ski Re-
2 sort.

3 “(210) WHITEWATER RIVER, CALIFORNIA.—

4 The following segments of the Whitewater River in
5 the State of California, to be administered by the
6 Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the In-
7 terior, acting jointly:

8 “(A) The 5.8-mile segment of the North
9 Fork Whitewater River from the source of the
10 River near Mt. San Gorgonio to the confluence
11 with the Middle Fork, as a wild river.

12 “(B) The 6.4-mile segment of the Middle
13 Fork Whitewater River from the source of the
14 River to the confluence with the South Fork, as
15 a wild river.

16 “(C) The 1-mile segment of the South
17 Fork Whitewater River from the confluence of
18 the River with the East Fork to the section line
19 between sections 32 and 33, T. 1 S., R. 2 E.,
20 as a wild river.

21 “(D) The 1-mile segment of the South
22 Fork Whitewater River from the section line be-
23 tween sections 32 and 33, T. 1 S., R. 2 E., to
24 the section line between sections 33 and 34, T.
25 1 S., R. 2 E., as a recreational river.

1 “(E) The 4.9-mile segment of the South
2 Fork Whitewater River from the section line be-
3 tween sections 33 and 34, T. 1 S., R. 2 E., to
4 the confluence with the Middle Fork, as a wild
5 river.

6 “(F) The 5.4-mile segment of the main
7 stem of the Whitewater River from the con-
8 fluence of the South and Middle Forks to the
9 San Gorgonio Wilderness boundary, as a wild
10 river.

11 “(G) The 3.6-mile segment of the main
12 stem of the Whitewater River from the San
13 Gorgonio Wilderness boundary to .25 miles up-
14 stream of the southern boundary of section 35,
15 T. 2 S., R. 3 E., as a recreational river.”.

16 **SEC. 105. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

17 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—Section 1 of the California
18 Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa note;
19 Public Law 103–433) is amended by striking “1 and 2,
20 and titles I through IX” and inserting “1, 2, and 3, titles
21 I through IX, and titles XIII through XX”.

22 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—The California Desert Protection
23 Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–433; 108 Stat. 4481) is
24 amended by inserting after section 2 the following:

1 **“SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 “In titles XIII through XX:

3 “(1) CONSERVATION AREA.—The term ‘Con-
4 servation Area’ means the California Desert Con-
5 servation Area.

6 “(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’
7 means—

8 “(A) with respect to land under the juris-
9 diction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Sec-
10 retary of the Interior; and

11 “(B) with respect to land under the juris-
12 diction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Sec-
13 retary of Agriculture.

14 “(3) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the State
15 of California.”.

16 (c) ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.—Sec-
17 tion 103 of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994
18 (Public Law 103–433; 108 Stat. 4481) is amended—

19 (1) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
20 following:

21 “(d) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend
23 for the designation of wilderness areas by this Act—

24 “(A) to require the additional regulation of
25 land adjacent to the wilderness areas; or

1 “(B) to lead to the creation of protective
2 perimeters or buffer zones around the wilder-
3 ness areas.

4 “(2) NONWILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—Any non-
5 wilderness activities (including renewable energy
6 projects, energy transmission or telecommunications
7 projects, mining, camping, hunting, and military ac-
8 tivities) in areas immediately adjacent to the bound-
9 ary of a wilderness area designated by this Act shall
10 not be restricted or precluded by this Act, regardless
11 of any actual or perceived negative impacts of the
12 nonwilderness activities on the wilderness area, in-
13 cluding any potential indirect impacts of nonwilder-
14 ness activities conducted outside the designated wil-
15 derness area on the viewshed, ambient noise level, or
16 air quality of wilderness area.”;

17 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “designated by
18 this title and” inserting “, potential wilderness
19 areas, special management areas, and national
20 monuments designated by this title or titles XIII
21 through XIX”; and

22 (3) in subsection (g), by inserting “, a potential
23 wilderness area, a special management areas, or na-
24 tional monument” before “by this Act”.

1 (d) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE.—Title V of the
2 California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C.
3 410aaa–41 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 **“SEC. 520. NATIVE GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES.**

6 “The Secretary shall take no action within the Con-
7 servation Area to authorize, permit, or allow the use of
8 any right-of-way or lease to extract, consume, export,
9 transfer, or distribute groundwater for municipal, com-
10 mercial, or industrial use from aquifers supplying wild and
11 scenic rivers, or supplying water to Areas of Critical Envi-
12 ronmental Concern, or underlying land managed by the
13 Barstow or Needles Field Offices of the Bureau of Land
14 Management or the National Park Service in quantities
15 that collectively exceed the estimated perennial safe yield
16 or annual recharge rate, as determined by the United
17 States Geological Survey.”.

18 (e) CALIFORNIA MILITARY LANDS WITHDRAWAL
19 AND OVERFLIGHTS ACT OF 1994.—

20 (1) FINDINGS.—Section 801(b)(2) of the Cali-
21 fornia Military Lands Withdrawal and Overflights
22 Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–82 note; Public Law
23 103–433) is amended by inserting “, national monu-
24 ments, special management areas, potential wilder-
25 ness areas,” before “and wilderness areas”.

1 (2) OVERFLIGHTS; SPECIAL AIRSPACE.—Section
 2 802 of the California Military Lands Withdrawal
 3 and Overflights Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–82)
 4 is amended—

5 (A) in subsection (a), by inserting “, na-
 6 tional monuments, or special management
 7 areas” before “designated by this Act”;

8 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting “, na-
 9 tional monuments, or special management
 10 areas” before “designated by this Act”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(d) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FACILITIES.—
 13 Nothing in this Act alters any authority of the Secretary
 14 of Defense to conduct military operations at installations
 15 and ranges within the California Desert Conservation
 16 Area that are authorized under any other provision of
 17 law.”.

18 **TITLE II—DEVELOPMENT OF RE-** 19 **NEWABLE ENERGY ON PUB-** 20 **LIC LAND**

21 **SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this title:

23 (1) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Re-
 24 newable Energy Resource Conservation Fund estab-
 25 lished by section 202(c).

1 (2) PUBLIC LAND.—The term “public land”
2 has the meaning given the term “public lands” in
3 section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
4 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

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

7 **SEC. 202. DISPOSITION OF REVENUES.**

8 (a) DISPOSITION OF REVENUES.—Of the amounts
9 collected as bonus bids, royalties, rentals, fees, or other
10 payments under a right-of-way, permit, lease, or other au-
11 thorization for the development of wind or solar energy
12 on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management—

13 (1) 25 percent shall be paid by the Secretary of
14 the Treasury to the State within the boundaries of
15 which the income is derived;

16 (2) 25 percent shall be paid by the Secretary of
17 the Treasury to the 1 or more counties within the
18 boundaries of which the income is derived, to be allo-
19 cated among the counties based on the percentage of
20 public land from which the royalties or bonuses are
21 derived in each county;

22 (3) 15 percent shall—

23 (A) for the 10-year period beginning on
24 the date of enactment of this Act, be deposited
25 in the Treasury of the United States to help fa-

1 cilitate the processing of renewable energy per-
2 mits by the Bureau of Land Management and
3 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in-
4 cluding the transfer of the funds to other Fed-
5 eral agencies and State agencies to facilitate the
6 processing of renewable energy permits; and

7 (B) beginning on the date that is 10 years
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, be de-
9 posited in the Fund; and

10 (4) 35 percent shall be deposited in the Fund.

11 (b) PAYMENTS TO STATES AND COUNTIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
13 graph (2), amounts paid to States and counties
14 under subsection (a) shall be used consistent with
15 section 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
16 191).

17 (2) IMPACTS ON FEDERAL LAND.—Not less
18 than 33 percent of the amount paid to a State shall
19 be used on an annual basis for the purposes de-
20 scribed in subsection (c)(2)(A).

21 (3) NO IMPACT ON PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF
22 TAXES.—Nothing in this section impacts or reduces
23 any payment authorized under section 6903 of title
24 31, United States Code.

1 (c) RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE CONSERVATION
 2 FUND.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
 4 Treasury a fund, to be known as the “Renewable
 5 Energy Resource Conservation Fund”, to be admin-
 6 istered by the Secretary for use in regions impacted
 7 by the development of wind or solar energy.

8 (2) USE.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the Fund
 10 shall be available to the Secretary, who may
 11 make amounts available to the Secretary of Ag-
 12 riculture and to other Federal or State agen-
 13 cies, as appropriate, for the purposes of—

14 (i) addressing the impacts of wind or
 15 solar development on Federal land, includ-
 16 ing restoring and protecting—

17 (I) wildlife habitat for affected
 18 species;

19 (II) wildlife corridors for affected
 20 species; and

21 (III) water resources in areas im-
 22 pacted by wind or solar energy devel-
 23 opment;

24 (ii) conducting research with regional
 25 institutions of higher education necessary

1 to implement restoration and protection
2 activities described in clause (i);

3 (iii) securing recreational access to
4 Federal land through an easement, right-
5 of-way, or fee title acquisition from willing
6 sellers for the purpose of providing en-
7 hanced public access to existing Federal
8 land that is inaccessible or significantly re-
9 stricted if the enhanced public access does
10 not impact the natural and cultural re-
11 source values of the Federal land;

12 (iv) carrying out activities authorized
13 under chapter 2003 of title 54, United
14 States Code, in the State; and

15 (v) establishing, operating, and main-
16 taining a trans-State desert tortoise con-
17 servation center on public land along the
18 California-Nevada border—

19 (I) to support desert tortoise re-
20 search, disease monitoring, handling
21 training, rehabilitation, and reintro-
22 duction;

23 (II) to provide temporary quar-
24 ters for animals collected from author-

1 ized salvage from renewable energy
2 sites; and

3 (III) to ensure the full recovery
4 and ongoing survival of the species.

5 (B) DESERT TORTOISE CONSERVATION.—

6 In carrying out subparagraph (A)(v), the Sec-
7 retary shall—

8 (i) seek the participation of or con-
9 tract with qualified nongovernmental orga-
10 nizations with expertise in desert tortoise
11 disease research and experience with desert
12 tortoise translocation techniques, and sci-
13 entific training of professional biologists
14 for handling tortoises, to staff and manage
15 the desert tortoise conservation center;

16 (ii) ensure that the center engages in
17 public outreach and education on tortoise
18 handling; and

19 (iii) consult with the State of Cali-
20 fornia and the State of Nevada to ensure
21 the center is operated consistent with State
22 law.

23 (C) ADVISORY BOARD.—

24 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
25 establish an independent advisory board

1 composed of key stakeholders and technical
2 experts to provide recommendations and
3 guidance on the disposition of any amounts
4 expended from the Fund.

5 (ii) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—

6 Amounts in the Fund shall not be used to
7 fund any of the administrative costs of the
8 advisory board established under clause (i).

9 (3) MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS.—The expend-
10 iture of funds under this subsection shall be in addi-
11 tion to any mitigation requirements imposed pursu-
12 ant to any law, regulation, or term or condition of
13 any lease, right-of-way, or other authorization.

14 (4) INVESTMENT OF FUND.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Any amounts deposited
16 in the Fund shall earn interest in an amount
17 determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on
18 the basis of the current average market yield on
19 outstanding marketable obligations of the
20 United States of comparable maturities.

21 (B) USE.—Any interest earned under sub-
22 paragraph (A) shall be expended in accordance
23 with this subsection.

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