

118TH CONGRESS
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To provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PADILLA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**
4 **OVER CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND IN THE**
5 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**

6 (a) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-
7 TION.—

8 (1) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND.—Admin-
9 istrative jurisdiction over the approximately 160
10 acres of National Forest System land more particu-

1 larly described as T.1 S., R.19 E., sec. 24,
2 SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, and
3 SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, Mount Diablo Meridian, Tuolumne
4 County, California, as generally depicted on the map
5 entitled “Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange” and
6 dated February 24, 2022, is transferred to the Sec-
7 retary of the Interior to be managed as part of Yo-
8 semite National Park, in accordance with laws appli-
9 cable to the National Park System.

10 (2) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM LAND.—Adminis-
11 trative jurisdiction over the approximately 170 acres
12 of National Park System land more particularly de-
13 scribed as the SE¹/₄ of sec. 23 and the land to the
14 north and west of Road 1S25 within the
15 NW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄ of sec. 24, T.1 S., R. 19 E.,
16 Mount Diablo Meridian, Tuolumne County, Cali-
17 fornia, as generally depicted on the map entitled
18 “Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange” and dated
19 February 24, 2022, is transferred to the Secretary
20 to be managed as part of Stanislaus National Forest
21 in accordance with laws applicable to the National
22 Forest System.

23 (b) CORRECTIONS.—

24 (1) MINOR ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary and
25 the Secretary of the Interior may, by mutual agree-

1 ment, make minor corrections and adjustments to
2 the Federal land transferred under subsection (a) to
3 facilitate land management, including making a cor-
4 rection or adjustment to any applicable survey.

5 (2) PUBLICATIONS.—Any correction or adjust-
6 ment made under paragraph (1) shall be effective on
7 the date of publication of a notice of the correction
8 or adjustment in the Federal Register.

9 (c) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—

10 (1) NOTICE.—The Secretary and the Secretary
11 of the Interior shall, with respect to the land de-
12 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a),
13 respectively—

14 (A) identify any known sites containing
15 hazardous substances; and

16 (B) provide to the head of the Federal
17 agency to which the land is being transferred
18 under subsection (a) notice of any site con-
19 taining hazardous substances, as identified
20 under subparagraph (A).

21 (2) CLEANUP OBLIGATIONS.—To the same ex-
22 tent as on the day before the date of enactment of
23 this Act, with respect to any Federal liability—

1 (A) the Secretary shall remain responsible
2 for any cleanup of hazardous substances on the
3 Federal land described in subsection (a)(1); and

4 (B) the Secretary of the Interior shall re-
5 main responsible for any cleanup of hazardous
6 substances on the Federal land described in
7 subsection (a)(2).

8 (d) EFFECT ON EXISTING RIGHTS AND AUTHORIZA-
9 TIONS.—Nothing in this section affects—

10 (1) any valid existing rights; or

11 (2) the validity or terms and conditions of any
12 existing withdrawal, right-of-way, easement, lease, li-
13 cense, or permit on the land to which administrative
14 jurisdiction is transferred under this section, except
15 that beginning on the date of enactment of this Act,
16 the head of the agency to which administrative juris-
17 diction over the land is transferred shall be respon-
18 sible for administering the interests or authoriza-
19 tions in accordance with applicable law.