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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1043

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain
Federal land in Arizona to La Paz County, Arizona,
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 “La Paz County Solar
3 Energy and Job Creation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means La
7 Paz County, Arizona.

8 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
9 means the approximately 3,400 acres of land man-
10 aged by the Bureau of Land Management and des-
11 ignated as “Federal Land to be Conveyed” on the
12 map.

13 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map
14 prepared by the Bureau of Land Management enti-
15 tled “BLM Arizona—La Paz County Land Convey-
16 ance Map” and dated June 29, 2023.

17 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO LA PAZ COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the planning re-
19 quirement of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land
20 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712,
21 1713) and in accordance with this section and other appli-
22 cable law, as soon as practicable after receiving a request
23 from the County to convey the Federal land, the Secretary
24 shall convey the Federal land to the County.

25 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON CONVEYANCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The conveyance under sub-
2 section (a) shall be subject to—

3 (A) valid existing rights; and

4 (B) such terms and conditions as the Sec-
5 retary determines to be necessary.

6 (2) EXCLUSION.—The Secretary shall exclude
7 from the conveyance under subsection (a) any Fed-
8 eral land that contains significant cultural, environ-
9 mental, wildlife, or recreational resources.

10 (c) PAYMENT OF FAIR MARKET VALUE.—The con-
11 veyance under subsection (a) shall be for the fair market
12 value of the Federal land to be conveyed, as determined—

13 (1) in accordance with the Federal Land Policy
14 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et
15 seq.); and

16 (2) based on an appraisal that is conducted in
17 accordance with—

18 (A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for
19 Federal Land Acquisitions; and

20 (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional
21 Appraisal Practice.

22 (d) PROTECTION OF TRIBAL CULTURAL ARTI-
23 FACTS.—As a condition of the conveyance under sub-
24 section (a), the County shall, and as a condition of any
25 subsequent conveyance, any subsequent owner shall—

1 (1) make good faith efforts to avoid disturbing
2 Tribal artifacts;

3 (2) minimize impacts on Tribal artifacts if they
4 are disturbed;

5 (3) coordinate with the Colorado River Indian
6 Tribes Tribal Historic Preservation Office to identify
7 artifacts of cultural and historic significance; and

8 (4) allow Tribal representatives to rebury un-
9 earthed artifacts at or near where they were discov-
10 ered.

11 (e) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The map shall be on file and
13 available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
14 fices of the Bureau of Land Management.

15 (2) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the
16 County may, by mutual agreement—

17 (A) make minor boundary adjustments to
18 the Federal land to be conveyed under sub-
19 section (a); and

20 (B) correct any minor errors in the map,
21 an acreage estimate, or the description of the
22 Federal land.

23 (f) WITHDRAWAL.—The Federal land is withdrawn
24 from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws
25 of the United States.

1 (g) COSTS.—As a condition of the conveyance of the
2 Federal land under subsection (a), the County shall pay—

3 (1) an amount equal to the appraised value de-
4 termined in accordance with subsection (c)(2); and

5 (2) all costs related to the conveyance, including
6 all surveys, appraisals, and other administrative
7 costs associated with the conveyance of the Federal
8 land to the County under subsection (a).

9 (h) PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF LAND.—The pro-
10 ceeds from the sale of land under this section shall be—

11 (1) deposited in the Federal Land Disposal Ac-
12 count established by section 206(a) of the Federal
13 Land Transaction Facilitation Act (43 U.S.C.
14 2305(a)); and

15 (2) used in accordance with that Act (43 U.S.C.
16 2301 et seq.).

Passed the House of Representatives July 21, 2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.