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110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 673

[Report No. 110-271]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Indian Tribe, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2007

Mr. GRIJALVA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 24, 2007]

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Cocopah Lands Act”.*

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

4 *Congress finds the following:*

5 *(1) The reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of Ari-*
6 *zona is located in Yuma County, Arizona.*

7 *(2) That reservation was created by an Executive*
8 *order signed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1917.*

9 *(3) The Tribe’s land holdings are located within*
10 *3 noncontiguous reservations comprising a total of*
11 *approximately 6,226.3 acres of trust land.*

12 *(4) The Tribe purchased the additional lands to*
13 *provide infrastructure to housing areas, water, and*
14 *economic development to tribal members.*

15 *(5) The current trust land base of the reservation*
16 *is insufficient to provide such needs.*

17 *(6) The Tribe acquired 7 parcels of land contig-*
18 *uous to its present reservation lands in 1986, 1993,*
19 *1997, and 2005, and these parcels are currently clas-*
20 *sified as “Tribal fee lands” under Federal law.*

21 *(7) The acquired parcels shall not be taken into*
22 *trust for gaming purposes.*

23 *(8) The best means of solving the Tribe’s land*
24 *and economic needs to its tribal members is to require*
25 *the Secretary to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona,*

1 *that are acquired by the Tribe into trust for the Tribe*
2 *subject to the provisions of this Act.*

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 *For the purpose of this Act, the following definitions*
5 *apply:*

6 (1) *TRIBE.*—*The term “Tribe” means the*
7 *Cocopah Tribe of Arizona.*

8 (2) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
9 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

10 **SEC. 4. LANDS TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.**

11 (a) *LANDS TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.*—*If the Tribe*
12 *transfers title to the land described in subsection (b) to the*
13 *Secretary, the Secretary shall take that land into trust for*
14 *the benefit of the Tribe, if at the time of such transfer there*
15 *are no recognized environmental conditions or contamina-*
16 *tion related concerns and no adverse legal claims to such*
17 *land, including outstanding liens, mortgages, or taxes owed.*

18 (b) *LAND DESCRIBED.*—*The land referred to in sub-*
19 *section (a) is described as follows:*

20 (1) *PARCEL 1 (SIBLEY PURCHASE 1986).*—*Lot 4*
21 *and the SW¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄, of Sec. 1, T. 10 S., R.*
22 *25 W., of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian,*
23 *Yuma County, Arizona, except that portion of the*
24 *SW¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄, of said Sec. 1, T. 10 S., R. 25*

1 *W., lying southeasterly of the north right-of-way line*
2 *of the Bureau of Reclamation levee.*

3 (2) *PARCEL 2 (SIBLEY PURCHASE 1986).—Lot 1*
4 *and the SE¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄, of Sec. 2, T. 10 S., R. 25*
5 *W., of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian,*
6 *Yuma County, Arizona.*

7 (3) *PARCEL 3 (MCDANIEL PURCHASE 1993).—*
8 *That part of the E¹/₂ of the SE¹/₄, lying south of the*
9 *East Main Bureau of Reclamation Canal right of*
10 *way in Sec. 30, T. 9 S., R. 23 W., of the Gila and*
11 *Salt River Base and Meridian, Yuma County, Ari-*
12 *zona.*

13 (4) *PARCEL 4 (HOLLAND PURCHASE 1997).—That*
14 *portion of the NW¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄, of Sec. 31, T. 16*
15 *S., R 22 E., of the San Bernardino Base and Merid-*
16 *ian, Yuma County, Arizona, lying north of the levee*
17 *and Salinity Canal; except the north 220 feet.*

18 (5) *PARCEL 5 (HOLLAND PURCHASE 1997).—An*
19 *easement over the easterly 15 feet of the north 220 feet*
20 *of that portion of the NW¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄, of Sec. 31,*
21 *T. 16 S., R. 22 E., of the San Bernardino Base and*
22 *Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, lying north of the*
23 *levee and Salinity Canal for irrigation purposes.*

24 (6) *PARCEL 6 (POWERS PURCHASE 1997).—Lots*
25 *21, 24, and 25, Sec. 29, and Lots 16 and 17 and the*

1 *N^{1/2} of the SW^{1/4} of the SE^{1/4}, of Sec. 30, T. 16 S.,*
2 *R. 22 E., of the San Bernardino Meridian, Yuma*
3 *County, Arizona, according to the dependent resurvey*
4 *of the Bureau of Land Management, accepted Decem-*
5 *ber 9, 1960.*

6 (7) *PARCEL 7 (SPEED WAY PURCHASE 2005).—*
7 *That portion of the W^{1/2} of the SE^{1/4} of Sec. 30,*
8 *T. 9 S., R. 23 W., of the Gila and Salt River Base*
9 *and Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, lying south*
10 *and east of the East Main Canal; except the south 33*
11 *feet thereof; except one-third interest in and to all*
12 *mineral rights, as reserved in the deed recorded in*
13 *Docket 1461, page 600, records of Yuma County, Ari-*
14 *zona.*

15 (c) *LANDS TO BE MADE PART OF THE RESERVA-*
16 *TION.—Land taken into trust pursuant to subsection (a)*
17 *shall be considered to be part of the Tribe's initial reserva-*
18 *tion.*

19 (d) *SERVICE AREA.—For the purposes of the delivery*
20 *of Federal services to enrolled members of the Tribe, the*
21 *Tribe's service area shall be Yuma County, Arizona.*

22 (e) *GAMING PROHIBITED.—Land taken into trust for*
23 *the benefit of the Tribe under this Act shall not be used*
24 *for gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County,

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