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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of 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 “Cocopah Lands Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

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

7 (2) That reservation was created by an Execu-  
8 tive order signed by President Woodrow Wilson in  
9 1917.

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

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

16 (5) The current trust land base of the reserva-  
17 tion is insufficient to provide such needs.

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

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

24 (8) The best means of solving the Tribe’s land  
25 and economic needs to its tribal members is to re-  
26 quire the Secretary to take lands in Yuma County,

1 Arizona, that are acquired by the Tribe into trust  
2 for the Tribe 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  
13 the Secretary, the Secretary shall take that land into trust  
14 for the benefit of the Tribe, if at the time of such transfer  
15 there are no recognized environmental conditions or con-  
16 tamination related concerns and no adverse legal claims  
17 to such land, including outstanding liens, mortgages, or  
18 taxes owed.

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

21 (1) **PARCEL 1 (SIBLEY PURCHASE 1986).**—Lot 4  
22 and the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, of Sec. 1, T. 10 S., R.  
23 25 W., of the Gila and Salt River Base and Merid-  
24 ian, Yuma County, Arizona, except that portion of  
25 the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, of said Sec. 1, T. 10 S.,

1 R. 25 W., lying southeasterly of the north right-of-  
2 way line of the Bureau of Reclamation levee.

3 (2) PARCEL 2 (SIBLEY PURCHASE 1986).—Lot 1  
4 and the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, of Sec. 2, T. 10 S., R.  
5 25 W., of the Gila and Salt River Base and Merid-  
6 ian, Yuma County, Arizona.

7 (3) PARCEL 3 (MCDANIEL PURCHASE 1993).—  
8 That part of the E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, 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).—  
14 That portion of the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, of Sec. 31,  
15 T. 16 S., R 22 E., of the San Bernardino Base and  
16 Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, lying north of the  
17 levee 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  
20 feet of that portion of the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, of  
21 Sec. 31, T. 16 S., R. 22 E., of the San Bernardino  
22 Base and Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, lying  
23 north of the levee and Salinity Canal for irrigation  
24 purposes.

1           (6) PARCEL 6 (POWERS PURCHASE 1997).—Lots  
2           21, 24, and 25, Sec. 29, and Lots 16 and 17 and  
3           the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , of Sec. 30, T.  
4           16 S., R. 22 E., of the San Bernardino Meridian,  
5           Yuma County, Arizona, according to the dependent  
6           resurvey of the Bureau of Land Management, ac-  
7           cepted December 9, 1960.

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

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

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

1           (e) GAMING PROHIBITED.—Land taken into trust for  
2 the benefit of the Tribe under this Act shall not be used  
3 for gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Passed the House of Representatives July 30, 2007.

Attest:                   LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*