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# H. R. 2135

To provide for an exchange of certain Federal and non-Federal land in  
Artesia, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2025

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself and Mr. FRY) introduced the following  
bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To provide for an exchange of certain Federal and non-  
Federal land in Artesia, New Mexico, 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Caza Ranches LLC  
5 and Department of Homeland Security Land Exchange  
6 Act of 2025”.

7       **SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE.**

8       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9               (1) CENTERS.—The term “Centers” means the  
10       Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers and re-

1       lated facilities that are located in Artesia, New Mex-  
2       ico.

3               (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”  
4       means the approximately 160 acres of land in  
5       Artesia, New Mexico, generally depicted as  
6       “FLETC/DHS Federal Land to be Exchanged to  
7       CAZA”, with the following identification and de-  
8       scription:

9                       (A) IDENTIFICATION.—Parcel Number: 4–  
10                      149–096–266–460.

11                     (B) DESCRIPTION.—Township 16 South,  
12                      Range 25 East, Section 35: S ½ S ½.

13               (3) MAP.—The term “Map” means a map de-  
14       picting the Federal land and the non-Federal land,  
15       as agreed to by the Centers and Caza Ranches LLC.

16               (4) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Fed-  
17       eral Land” means the approximately 160 acres of  
18       land owned by Caza Ranches LLC, generally de-  
19       picted as “CAZA to be Exchanged to FLETC/DHS  
20       Federal Land” on the Map, but does not include any  
21       subsurface rights to the land vested in a third party,  
22       with the following identification and description:

23                     (A) IDENTIFICATION.—Parcel Number: 4–  
24                      147–097–132–132.

1 (B) DESCRIPTION.—Township 17 South,  
2 Range 25 East, Section 4: NW ¼.

3 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

5 (b) EXCHANGE OF LANDS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon receiving an offer  
7 from the Caza Ranches LLC to convey to the Sec-  
8 retary all right, title, and interest of the Caza  
9 Ranches LLC in and to the non-Federal land, the  
10 Secretary is authorized to accept the offer and to  
11 convey to Caza Ranches LLC all right, title, and in-  
12 terest of the United States in and to the Federal  
13 land.

14 (2) LAND TITLE.—Title to the non-Federal  
15 land conveyed to the Secretary under this section  
16 shall conform to the title approval standards of the  
17 Attorney General of the United States applicable to  
18 land acquisitions by the Federal Government.

19 (c) EXCHANGE TERMS AND APPRAISALS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The exchange of Federal  
21 and non-Federal lands under subsection (b) shall be  
22 subject to the following:

23 (A) Any valid existing rights as of the date  
24 of the enactment of this section.

1           (B) Any additional terms and conditions  
2           the Secretary determines appropriate to protect  
3           the interests of the United States, including  
4           with respect to any of the rights referred to in  
5           subparagraph (A).

6           (2) COSTS.—The costs of carrying out the ex-  
7           change of lands under subsection (b) shall be shared  
8           equally by the Secretary and the Caza Ranches  
9           LLC.

10          (3) EQUAL VALUE EXCHANGE.—The value of  
11          the lands exchanged under subsection (b) shall be  
12          deemed equal.

13          (4) MEMORIALIZATION.—All terms and condi-  
14          tions for the exchange of lands under subsection (b)  
15          shall be memorialized in a written exchange agree-  
16          ment that is signed by Caza Ranches LLC and the  
17          Secretary.

18          (d) ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR TRAINING PURPOSES  
19          BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—On acceptance of title to the  
20          non-Federal land by the Secretary—

21                 (1) the non-Federal land shall be added to and  
22                 administered as part of the Centers;

23                 (2) the Centers shall use such land to erect  
24                 structures in support of the Federal Law Enforce-  
25                 ment Training Centers' training mission; and

1           (3) the boundaries of the Centers shall be ad-  
2           justed to exclude the exchanged Federal land.

3           (e) MAPS, ESTIMATES, AND DESCRIPTIONS.—

4           (1) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary and the  
5           Caza Ranches LLC may, by mutual agreement,  
6           carry out the following:

7                   (A) Make minor boundary adjustments to  
8                   the Federal and non-Federal lands involved in  
9                   the exchange under this section.

10                   (B) Correct any minor errors in the Map  
11                   or any other map, acreage estimate, or legal de-  
12                   scription of any such lands.

13           (2) CONFLICT.—If there is a conflict between a  
14           map, an acreage estimate, or a legal description of  
15           the lands involved in the exchange under this sec-  
16           tion, the Map shall control unless the Secretary and  
17           the Caza Ranches LLC mutually agree otherwise.

18           (3) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall file  
19           and make available for public inspection in the New  
20           Mexico headquarters of the Department of Home-  
21           land Security a copy of the Map and any other map  
22           referred to in this section.

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