

Union Calendar No. 243

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2388

[Report No. 119-287]

To take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2025

Ms. RANDALL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lower Elwha Klallam
5 Tribe Project Lands Restoration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR THE LOWER ELWHA**
7 **KLALLAM TRIBE.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) RESERVATION.—The term “Reservation”
10 means the Lower Elwha Indian Reservation, also
11 known as the Lower Elwha Reservation, located in
12 the State of Washington.

13 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of the Interior.

15 (3) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
16 Lower Elwha Tribal Community, also known as the
17 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, located in the State of
18 Washington.

19 (b) LAND HELD IN TRUST.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to all valid existing
21 rights of the United States, the approximately
22 1,082.63 acres of Federal land generally depicted as
23 “NPS Parcels to be Transferred to Tribe” on the
24 map entitled “Olympic National Park Proposed
25 Transfer of Elwha Lands”, numbered 149/178020,

1 and dated December 2021 is hereby taken into and
2 held in trust by the United States for the benefit of
3 the Tribe.

4 (2) INCLUSION IN RESERVATION.—The land
5 taken into trust under paragraph (1) shall be part
6 of the Reservation.

7 (3) LAW APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN LAND.—The
8 land taken into trust under paragraph (1) shall not
9 be subject to any requirements for valuation, ap-
10 praisal, or equalization under any Federal law.

11 (c) LAND MANAGEMENT.—Of the land taken into
12 and held in trust under subsection (b)(1), the portion of
13 the Elwha River subject to section 3(c)(3) of the Elwha
14 River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act (Public
15 Law 102–495; 106 Stat. 3175) shall be managed in ac-
16 cordance with subsection (b) of the first section of the
17 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271), except for
18 necessary modifications under section 3(c)(3) of the Elwha
19 River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act (Public
20 Law 102–495; 106 Stat. 3175).

21 (d) MAP AND SURVEY.—

22 (1) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT; SURVEY.—As
23 soon as practicable after the date of enactment of
24 this Act, the Secretary shall conduct a survey to de-

1 fine the boundaries of the land taken into and held
2 in trust under subsection (b)(1).

3 (2) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary may—

4 (A) make minor boundary adjustments to
5 the land taken into and held in trust under sub-
6 section (b)(1); and

7 (B) correct any minor errors in any map,
8 acreage estimate, or description of that land.

9 (e) GAMING PROHIBITION.—No land taken into and
10 held in trust for the benefit of the Tribe under this section
11 shall be considered Indian lands for the purpose of the
12 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.).

13 **SEC. 3. NO IMPACT ON TREATY RIGHTS.**

14 Nothing in this Act affects treaty rights under the
15 Treaty between the United States of America and the
16 S’Klallams Indians, concluded at Point no Point, Wash-
17 ington Territory, January 26, 1855 (12 Stat. 933) (com-
18 monly known as the “Treaty of Point No Point”).

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