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S. 2796

To provide for a land exchange in San Bernardino County, California, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

To provide for a land exchange in San Bernardino County, California, 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 “Yuhaaviatam of San
5 Manuel Nation Land Exchange Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCHANGE OF LAND.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

8 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal
9 Land” means the approximately 1,475 acres of Na-
10 tional Forest System land (including any and all

1 easements, subsurface rights, hereditaments, im-
2 provements, and appurtenances thereon and thereto)
3 depicted as F-1 and F-2 on the Federal Land
4 Maps.

5 (2) FEDERAL LAND MAPS.—The term “Federal
6 Land Maps” means the maps entitled—

7 (A) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-
8 change, San Bernardino National Forest, San
9 Bernardino County, California, Federal Lands
10 Proposed for Exchange (map 1 of 2)”, created
11 July 8, 2022, revised January 10, 2023; and

12 (B) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-
13 change, San Bernardino National Forest, San
14 Bernardino County, California, Federal Lands
15 Proposed for Exchange (map 2 of 2)”, created
16 July 8, 2022, revised January 10, 2023.

17 (3) NATION.—The term “Nation” means the
18 Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation, a federally rec-
19 ognized tribe, also recognized as the San Manuel
20 Band of Mission Indians.

21 (4) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Non-
22 Federal Land” means the approximately 1,460 acres
23 of land (including any and all easements, subsurface
24 rights, hereditaments, improvements, and appur-
25 tenances thereon and thereto) owned by the Nation

1 and depicted on the Non-Federal Land Maps as
2 NF-1, NF-2, NF-3, NF-4a, and NF-5.

3 (5) NON-FEDERAL LAND MAPS.—The term
4 “Non-Federal Land Maps” means the maps enti-
5 tled—

6 (A) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-
7 change San Bernardino National Forest, San
8 Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal
9 Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 1 of 4)”,
10 created March 8, 2022, revised January 9,
11 2023;

12 (B) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-
13 change San Bernardino National Forest, San
14 Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal
15 Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 2 of 4)”,
16 created March 8, 2022, revised January 9,
17 2023;

18 (C) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-
19 change San Bernardino National Forest, San
20 Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal
21 Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 3 of 4)”,
22 created March 8, 2022, revised January 9,
23 2023; and

24 (D) “San Manuel Ancestral Land Ex-
25 change San Bernardino National Forest, San

1 Bernardino County, California, Non-Federal
2 Lands Proposed for Exchange (map 4 of 4)”,
3 created July 8, 2022, revised January 9, 2023.

4 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
6 Chief of the Forest Service.

7 (b) LAND EXCHANGE.—Subject to the provisions of
8 this section, if the Nation offers to convey to the United
9 States all right, title, and interest of the Nation in and
10 to the Non-Federal Land, the Secretary shall, as soon as
11 practicable within the 120-day period beginning on the
12 date on which the Secretary receives such offer—

13 (1) accept the offer; and

14 (2) convey to the Nation all right, title, and in-
15 terest of the United States in and to the Federal
16 Land, excepting and reserving an easement for ac-
17 cess and use by the Forest Service any portion of
18 Forest Service roads 1N22, 1N24, and 1N25 located
19 on the Federal Land.

20 (c) SURVEY.—

21 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The exact acreage and
22 legal description of the Federal Land to be conveyed
23 under subsection (b) shall be determined by a survey
24 reasonably satisfactory to the Secretary and the Na-
25 tion.

1 (2) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The exact acreage and
3 legal description of the Non-Federal Land to be
4 conveyed under subsection (b) shall be deter-
5 mined by a survey reasonably satisfactory to
6 the Secretary and the Nation.

7 (B) COST.—The cost of the survey in sub-
8 paragraph (A) shall be borne by the Nation.

9 (d) MAPS, ESTIMATES, AND DESCRIPTIONS.—

10 (1) MINOR ERROR.—The Secretary and the Na-
11 tion may, by mutual agreement—

12 (A) make minor boundary adjustments to
13 the land to be exchanged under subsection (b);
14 and

15 (B) correct any minor errors in any map,
16 acreage estimate, or description of the land to
17 be exchanged under subsection (b).

18 (2) CONFLICT.—If there is a conflict between a
19 map, acreage estimate, or description of any land to
20 be exchanged under subsection (b), the map shall
21 control unless the Secretary and the Nation mutu-
22 ally agree otherwise.

23 (3) AVAILABILITY OF MAPS.—The Federal
24 Land Map and the Non-Federal Land Map shall be
25 kept on file and available for public inspection in the

1 office of the Regional Forester, Pacific Southwest
2 Region, United States Forest Service, or any other
3 appropriate office of the Forest Service, as deter-
4 mined by the Secretary.

5 (e) ARROWHEAD LANDMARK PRESERVATION.—

6 (1) AGREEMENT.—As a condition of the con-
7 veyance under subsection (b), not later than 120
8 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Na-
9 tion shall enter into an agreement with the Sec-
10 retary under which the Nation agrees to preserve, to
11 an extent mutually agreed upon, the historical and
12 cultural integrity of the Arrowhead landmark site
13 denoted on the Federal Land Maps as “Arrowhead
14 Landmark GA”.

15 (2) RECORDS.—The agreement entered into
16 under paragraph (1) shall be recorded in the official
17 records of the County of San Bernardino, California,
18 and in an appropriate records system of the Forest
19 Service, as determined by the Secretary.

20 (f) MANAGEMENT OF LAND.—Land acquired by the
21 Secretary under this section shall become part of the San
22 Bernardino National Forest and be managed in accord-
23 ance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to
24 such National Forest.

1 (g) FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT
2 OF 1976.—The land exchange under subsection (b) is not
3 subject to section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and
4 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).

