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To provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 16), 2025

Mr. PADILLA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**
4 **OVER CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND IN THE**
5 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**

6 (a) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-
7 TION.—

8 (1) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND.—Admin-
9 istrative jurisdiction over the approximately 160
10 acres of National Forest System land more particu-

larly described as T.1 S., R.19 E., sec. 24,
 SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, and
 SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, Mount Diablo Meridian, Tuolumne
 County, California, as generally depicted on the map
 entitled “Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange” and
 dated February 24, 2022, is transferred to the Sec-
 retary of the Interior to be managed as part of Yo-
 semite National Park, in accordance with laws appli-
 cable to the National Park System.

(2) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM LAND.—Adminis-
 trative jurisdiction over the approximately 170 acres
 of National Park System land more particularly de-
 scribed as the SE¹/₄ of sec. 23 and the land to the
 north and west of Road 1S25 within the
 NW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄ of sec. 24, T.1 S., R. 19 E.,
 Mount Diablo Meridian, Tuolumne County, Cali-
 fornia, as generally depicted on the map entitled
 “Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange” and dated
 February 24, 2022, is transferred to the Secretary
 of Agriculture to be managed as part of Stanislaus
 National Forest in accordance with laws applicable
 to the National Forest System.

(b) CORRECTIONS.—

(1) MINOR ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary of
 Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior may,

1 by mutual agreement, make minor corrections and
2 adjustments to the Federal land transferred under
3 subsection (a) to facilitate land management, includ-
4 ing making a correction or adjustment to any appli-
5 cable survey.

6 (2) PUBLICATIONS.—Any correction or adjust-
7 ment made under paragraph (1) shall be effective on
8 the date of publication of a notice of the correction
9 or adjustment in the Federal Register.

10 (c) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—

11 (1) NOTICE.—The Secretary of Agriculture and
12 the Secretary of the Interior shall, with respect to
13 the land described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
14 section (a), respectively—

15 (A) identify any known sites containing
16 hazardous substances; and

17 (B) provide to the head of the Federal
18 agency to which the land is being transferred
19 under subsection (a) notice of any site con-
20 taining hazardous substances, as identified
21 under subparagraph (A).

22 (2) CLEANUP OBLIGATIONS.—To the same ex-
23 tent as on the day before the date of enactment of
24 this Act, with respect to any Federal liability—

1 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture shall re-
2 main responsible for any cleanup of hazardous
3 substances on the Federal land described in
4 subsection (a)(1); and

5 (B) the Secretary of the Interior shall re-
6 main responsible for any cleanup of hazardous
7 substances on the Federal land described in
8 subsection (a)(2).

9 (d) EFFECT ON EXISTING RIGHTS AND AUTHORIZA-
10 TIONS.—Nothing in this section affects—

11 (1) any valid existing rights; or

12 (2) the validity or terms and conditions of any
13 existing withdrawal, right-of-way, easement, lease, li-
14 cense, or permit on the land to which administrative
15 jurisdiction is transferred under this section, except
16 that beginning on the date of enactment of this Act,
17 the head of the agency to which administrative juris-
18 diction over the land is transferred shall be respon-
19 sible for administering the interests or authoriza-
20 tions in accordance with applicable law.

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