

118TH CONGRESS
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To provide for economic development and conservation in northern Nevada,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. ROSEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To provide for economic development and conservation in
northern Nevada, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Truckee Meadows Public Land Management Act”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—PUBLIC PURPOSE CONVEYANCE AND DISPOSAL

- Sec. 101. Land conveyances to units of local government.
- Sec. 102. Sale of certain Federal land.

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TITLE II—TRIBAL TRUST LAND

- Sec. 201. Transfer of land to be held in trust for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.
- Sec. 202. Transfer of land to be held in trust for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.
- Sec. 203. Transfer of land to be held in trust for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

TITLE III—WILDERNESS

- Sec. 301. Additions to the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- Sec. 302. Administration.
- Sec. 303. Wildlife management.
- Sec. 304. Release of wilderness study areas.

TITLE IV—NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS

- Sec. 401. Purpose.
- Sec. 402. Establishment.
- Sec. 403. Management.

TITLE V—PAH RAH CULTURAL HERITAGE AREA

- Sec. 501. Definitions.
- Sec. 502. Establishment of Pah Rah Cultural Heritage Area.
- Sec. 503. Management.
- Sec. 504. Tribal Commission.
- Sec. 505. Withdrawal.

TITLE VI—TULE PEAK SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

- Sec. 601. Establishment.
- Sec. 602. Management.
- Sec. 603. Withdrawals.

1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

2 In this Act:

3 (1) CONSERVATION AREA.—The term “Con-
4 servation Area” means a conservation area estab-
5 lished by section 402.

6 (2) COUNTY.—The term “County” means
7 Washoe County, Nevada.

8 (3) CULTURAL HERITAGE AREA.—The term
9 “Cultural Heritage Area” means the Pah Rah Cul-
10 tural Heritage Area established by section 502(a).

1 (4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
2 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
3 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
4 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

5 (5) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
6 titled “Truckee Meadows Public Land Management
7 Act 2023” and dated April 4, 2023.

8 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 (7) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
11 retary concerned” means—

12 (A) the Secretary, with respect to land
13 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary; and

14 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
15 through the Chief of the Forest Service, with
16 respect to National Forest System land.

17 (8) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.—The term
18 “Special Management Area” means the Tule Peak
19 Special Management Areas established by section
20 601(a).

21 (9) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
22 of Nevada.

23 (10) WILDERNESS AREA.—The term “wilder-
24 ness area” means a wilderness area designated by
25 section 301(a).

1 **TITLE I—PUBLIC PURPOSE**
2 **CONVEYANCE AND DISPOSAL**

3 **SEC. 101. LAND CONVEYANCES TO UNITS OF LOCAL GOV-**
4 **ERNMENT.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF SPARKS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202
7 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
8 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary shall convey
9 to the city of Sparks, Nevada, subject to valid exist-
10 ing rights, for no consideration, all right, title, and
11 interest of the United States in and to approxi-
12 mately 865 acres of Federal land in the State, as de-
13 picted on the Map.

14 (2) USE.—The city of Sparks, Nevada, shall
15 use the Federal land conveyed under paragraph (1)
16 for public purposes, including parks, open space, and
17 cemeteries.

18 (3) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-
19 ance under paragraph (1), including costs of surveys
20 and administrative costs, shall be paid by the city of
21 Sparks, Nevada.

22 (4) REVERSION.—If a parcel of Federal land
23 conveyed to the city of Sparks, Nevada, under para-
24 graph (1) ceases to be used for public recreation or
25 other public purposes consistent with the Act of

1 June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation
2 and Public Purposes Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter
3 578; 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the parcel of Federal
4 land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, revert
5 to the United States.

6 (b) CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF RENO.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202
8 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
9 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary concerned
10 shall convey to the city of Reno, Nevada, subject to
11 valid existing rights, for no consideration, all right,
12 title, and interest of the United States in and to ap-
13 proximately 266 acres of Federal land in the State,
14 as depicted on the Map.

15 (2) USE.—The city of Reno, Nevada, shall use
16 the Federal land conveyed under paragraph (1) for
17 public purposes, including parks, effluent storage,
18 and roadway expansion.

19 (3) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-
20 ance under paragraph (1), including costs of surveys
21 and administrative costs, shall be paid by the city of
22 Reno, Nevada.

23 (4) REVERSION.—If a parcel of Federal land
24 conveyed to city of Reno, Nevada, under paragraph
25 (1) ceases to be used for public recreation or other

1 public purposes consistent with the Act of June 14,
2 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation and
3 Public Purposes Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter 578;
4 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the parcel of Federal land
5 shall, at the discretion of the Secretary concerned,
6 revert to the United States.

7 (c) CONVEYANCE TO THE COUNTY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202
9 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
10 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary concerned
11 shall convey to the County, subject to valid existing
12 rights, for no consideration, all right, title, and in-
13 terest of the United States in and to approximately
14 1,844 acres of Federal land in the State, as depicted
15 on the Map.

16 (2) USE.—The County shall use the Federal
17 land conveyed under paragraph (1) for public pur-
18 poses, including open space, trails, and public shoot-
19 ing facilities.

20 (3) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-
21 ance under paragraph (1), including costs of surveys
22 and administrative costs, shall be paid by the Coun-
23 ty.

24 (4) REVERSION.—If a parcel of Federal land
25 conveyed to the County under paragraph (1) ceases

1 to be used for public recreation or other public pur-
2 poses consistent with the Act of June 14, 1926
3 (commonly known as the “Recreation and Public
4 Purposes Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter 578; 43
5 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the parcel of Federal land shall,
6 at the discretion of the Secretary concerned, revert
7 to the United States.

8 (d) CONVEYANCE TO THE COUNTY SCHOOL DIS-
9 TRICT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202
11 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
12 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary concerned
13 shall convey to the County school district, subject to
14 valid existing rights, for no consideration, all right,
15 title, and interest of the United States in and to ap-
16 proximately 105 acres of Federal land in the State,
17 as depicted on the Map.

18 (2) USE.—The County school district shall use
19 the Federal land conveyed under paragraph (1) for
20 public purposes, including elementary and middle
21 school sites.

22 (3) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-
23 ance under paragraph (1), including costs of surveys
24 and administrative costs, shall be paid by the Coun-
25 ty school district.

1 (4) REVERSION.—If a parcel of Federal land
2 conveyed to the County school district under para-
3 graph (1) ceases to be used for public recreation or
4 other public purposes consistent with the Act of
5 June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation
6 and Public Purposes Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter
7 578; 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the parcel of Federal
8 land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary con-
9 cerned, revert to the United States.

10 (e) CONVEYANCE TO INCLINE VILLAGE GENERAL IM-
11 PROVEMENT DISTRICT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202
13 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
14 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary of Agriculture
15 shall convey to Incline Village General Improvement
16 District, Nevada, subject to valid existing rights, for
17 no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the
18 United States in and to approximately 14 acres of
19 Federal land in the State, as depicted on the Map.

20 (2) USE.—The Incline Village General Improve-
21 ment District, Nevada, shall use the Federal land
22 conveyed under paragraph (1) for public purposes,
23 including fire reduction activities and open space.

24 (3) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-
25 ance under paragraph (1), including costs of surveys

1 and administrative costs, shall be paid by the Incline
2 Village General Improvement District, Nevada.

3 (4) REVERSION.—If a parcel of Federal land
4 conveyed to the Incline Village General Improvement
5 District, Nevada, under paragraph (1) ceases to be
6 used for public recreation or other public purposes
7 consistent with the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly
8 known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes
9 Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter 578; 43 U.S.C. 869 et
10 seq.), the parcel of Federal land shall, at the discre-
11 tion of the Secretary of Agriculture, revert to the
12 United States.

13 (f) CONVEYANCE TO THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF
14 WILDLIFE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202
16 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
17 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary concerned
18 shall convey to the State Department of Wildlife,
19 subject to valid existing rights, for no consideration,
20 all right, title, and interest of the United States in
21 and to approximately 1,311 acres of Federal land in
22 the State, as depicted on the Map.

23 (2) USE.—The State Department of Wildlife
24 shall use the Federal land conveyed under paragraph

1 (1) for public purposes, including expansion of wild-
2 life management areas.

3 (3) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-
4 ance under paragraph (1), including costs of surveys
5 and administrative costs, shall be paid by the State
6 Department of Wildlife.

7 (4) REVERSION.—If a parcel of Federal land
8 conveyed to the State Department of Wildlife under
9 paragraph (1) ceases to be used for public recreation
10 or other public purposes consistent with the Act of
11 June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation
12 and Public Purposes Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter
13 578; 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the parcel of Federal
14 land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary con-
15 cerned, revert to the United States.

16 (g) CONVEYANCE TO THE STATE DIVISION OF STATE
17 LANDS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202
19 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
20 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary of Agriculture
21 shall convey to the State Division of State Lands,
22 subject to valid existing rights, for no consideration,
23 all right, title, and interest of the United States in
24 and to approximately 215 acres of Federal land in
25 the State, as depicted on the Map.

1 (2) USE.—The State Division of State Lands
2 shall use the Federal land conveyed under paragraph
3 (1) for public purposes, including a State park.

4 (3) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-
5 ance under paragraph (1), including costs of surveys
6 and administrative costs, shall be paid by the State
7 Division of State Lands.

8 (4) REVERSION.—If a parcel of Federal land
9 conveyed to the State Division of State Lands under
10 paragraph (1) ceases to be used for public recreation
11 or other public purposes consistent with the Act of
12 June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation
13 and Public Purposes Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter
14 578; 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the parcel of Federal
15 land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary of Agri-
16 culture, revert to the United States.

17 (h) CONVEYANCE TO THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD
18 MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202
20 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
21 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary shall convey
22 to the Truckee River Flood Management Authority,
23 subject to valid existing rights, for no consideration,
24 all right, title, and interest of the United States in

1 and to approximately 240 acres of Federal land in
2 the State, as depicted on the Map.

3 (2) USE.—The Truckee River Flood Manage-
4 ment Authority shall use the Federal land conveyed
5 under paragraph (1) for public purposes, including
6 flood mitigation and scour protection.

7 (3) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-
8 ance under paragraph (1), including costs of surveys
9 and administrative costs, shall be paid by the Truck-
10 ee River Flood Management Authority.

11 (4) REVERSION.—If a parcel of Federal land
12 conveyed to the Truckee River Flood Management
13 Authority under paragraph (1) ceases to be used for
14 public recreation or other public purposes consistent
15 with the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known as
16 the “Recreation and Public Purposes Act”) (44
17 Stat. 741, chapter 578; 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the
18 parcel of Federal land shall, at the discretion of the
19 Secretary, revert to the United States.

20 (i) CONVEYANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA,
21 RENO.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202
23 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
24 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary of Agriculture
25 shall convey to the University of Nevada, Reno, sub-

1 ject to valid existing rights, for no consideration, all
2 right, title, and interest of the United States in and
3 to approximately 1 acre of Federal land, as depicted
4 on the Map.

5 (2) USE.—The University of Nevada, Reno,
6 shall use the Federal land conveyed under paragraph
7 (1) for public purposes, including campus expansion.

8 (3) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-
9 ance under paragraph (1), including costs of surveys
10 and administrative costs, shall be paid by the Uni-
11 versity of Nevada, Reno.

12 (4) REVERSION.—If a parcel of Federal land
13 conveyed to the University of Nevada, Reno under
14 paragraph (1) ceases to be used for public recreation
15 or other public purposes consistent with the Act of
16 June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation
17 and Public Purposes Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter
18 578; 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the parcel of Federal
19 land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary of Agri-
20 culture, revert to the United States.

21 **SEC. 102. SALE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 202 and
23 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
24 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary concerned,
25 in accordance with the other provisions of that Act and

1 any other applicable law, and subject to valid existing
2 rights, shall conduct sales of Federal land described in
3 subsection (b) and selected pursuant to subsection (c) to
4 qualified bidders.

5 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The Federal land re-
6 ferred to in subsection (a) is the approximately 14,606
7 acres of Federal land identified as “Disposal” on the Map.

8 (c) JOINT SELECTION REQUIRED.—The Secretary
9 concerned and the County shall jointly select which parcels
10 of the Federal land described in subsection (b) to offer
11 for sale under subsection (a).

12 (d) COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL PLANNING AND ZON-
13 ING LAWS.—Before carrying out a sale of Federal land
14 under subsection (a), the County shall submit to the Sec-
15 retary concerned a certification that qualified bidders have
16 agreed to comply with—

17 (1) County zoning ordinances; and

18 (2) any master plan for the area approved by
19 the County or region.

20 (e) METHOD OF SALE.—The sale of Federal land
21 under subsection (a) shall be—

22 (1) through a competitive bidding process, un-
23 less otherwise determined by the Secretary con-
24 cerned; and

25 (2) for not less than fair market value.

1 (f) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
2 the Federal land described in subsection (b) and selected
3 pursuant to subsection (c) is withdrawn from—

4 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal
5 under the public land laws;

6 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
7 laws; and

8 (3) disposition under all laws relating to min-
9 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

10 (g) DEADLINE FOR SALE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), not later than 1 year after the date of en-
13 actment of this Act, if there is a qualified bidder for
14 the land described in subsection (b) and selected
15 under subsection (c), the Secretary concerned shall
16 offer the land for sale to the qualified bidder.

17 (2) POSTPONEMENT; EXCLUSION FROM SALE.—

18 At the request of the County, the Secretary con-
19 cerned shall postpone or exclude from sale all or a
20 portion of the land described in subsection (b).

21 (h) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the proceeds of a sale
23 under this Act—

1 (A) 5 percent shall be disbursed to the
2 State for use in the general education programs
3 of the State;

4 (B) 10 percent shall be disbursed to the
5 County for use by the County for conservation
6 projects along the Truckee River; and

7 (C) 85 percent shall be deposited in a spe-
8 cial account in the Treasury of the United
9 States, to be known as the “Truckee Meadows
10 Special Account”, which shall be available to
11 the Secretary concerned, without further appro-
12 priation and until expended, for—

13 (i) the acquisition of environmentally
14 sensitive land in the State, with priority
15 given to land located in the County;

16 (ii) the costs of processing designa-
17 tions of national conservation areas and
18 components of the National Wilderness
19 Preservation System under this Act, in-
20 cluding the costs of appropriate fencing,
21 signage, public education, and enforcement
22 for the designated national conservation
23 areas and components of the National Wil-
24 derness Preservation System;

1 (iii) the development of parks, trails,
2 and natural areas in the County, in coordi-
3 nation with a unit of local government or
4 regional governmental entity;

5 (iv) the development and implementa-
6 tion of comprehensive, cost-effective, multi-
7 jurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction
8 and wildfire prevention plans for the Coun-
9 ty and the Lake Tahoe Basin;

10 (v) the conduct of Federal environ-
11 mental restoration projects included in the
12 environmental improvement program
13 adopted by the Tahoe Regional Planning
14 Agency in accordance with the Lake Tahoe
15 Restoration Act (Public Law 106–506; 114
16 Stat. 2351); and

17 (vi) the reimbursement of costs in-
18 curred by the Secretary concerned in car-
19 rying out sales or exchanges under this
20 Act.

21 (2) INVESTMENT OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—Any
22 amounts deposited in the special account established
23 under paragraph (1)(C)—

24 (A) shall earn interest in an amount deter-
25 mined by the Secretary of the Treasury, based

1 on the current average market yield on out-
2 standing marketable obligations of the United
3 States of comparable maturities; and

4 (B) may be expended by the Secretary con-
5 cerned in accordance with paragraph (1)(C).

6 **TITLE II—TRIBAL TRUST LAND**

7 **SEC. 201. TRANSFER OF LAND TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR** 8 **THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
10 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
11 to the land described in subsection (b) shall be—

12 (1) held in trust by the United States for the
13 benefit of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; and

14 (2) made part of the reservation of the Pyramid
15 Lake Paiute Tribe.

16 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
17 subsection (a) is the approximately 11,473 acres of land
18 administered by the Bureau of Land Management, as de-
19 picted as “Tribal Trust Land” on the Map.

20 (c) SURVEY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
21 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete a
22 survey to establish the boundaries of the land taken into
23 trust under subsection (a).

24 (d) GAMING PROHIBITED.—The land taken into trust
25 under subsection (a) shall not be eligible, or considered

1 to have been taken into trust, for class II gaming or class
2 III gaming (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the
3 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

4 **SEC. 202. TRANSFER OF LAND TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR**
5 **THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
7 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
8 to the land described in subsection (b) shall be—

9 (1) held in trust by the United States for the
10 benefit of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; and

11 (2) made part of the reservation of the Reno-
12 Sparks Indian Colony.

13 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
14 subsection (a) is the approximately 8,787 acres of land
15 administered by the Bureau of Land Management, as de-
16 picted as “Tribal Trust Land” on the Map.

17 (c) SURVEY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
18 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete a
19 survey to establish the boundaries of the land taken into
20 trust under subsection (a).

21 (d) GAMING PROHIBITED.—The land taken into trust
22 under subsection (a) shall not be eligible, or considered
23 to have been taken into trust, for class II gaming or class
24 III gaming (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the
25 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

1 **SEC. 203. TRANSFER OF LAND TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR**
2 **THE WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALI-**
3 **FORNIA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
5 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
6 to the land described in subsection (b) shall be—

7 (1) held in trust by the United States for the
8 benefit of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and Cali-
9 fornia; and

10 (2) made part of the reservation of the Washoe
11 Tribe of Nevada and California.

12 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
13 subsection (a) is the approximately 2,177 acres of land
14 administered by the Bureau of Land Management, as de-
15 picted as “Tribal Trust Land” on the Map.

16 (c) SURVEY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
17 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete a
18 survey to establish the boundaries of the land taken into
19 trust under subsection (a).

20 (d) GAMING PROHIBITED.—The land taken into trust
21 under subsection (a) shall not be eligible, or considered
22 to have been taken into trust, for class II gaming or class
23 III gaming (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the
24 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

1 **TITLE III—WILDERNESS**

2 **SEC. 301. ADDITIONS TO THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS**

3 **PRESERVATION SYSTEM.**

4 (a) ADDITIONS.—In accordance with the Wilderness
5 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following land in the
6 State is designated as wilderness and as components of
7 the National Wilderness Preservation System:

8 (1) SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
9 WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal land managed by
10 the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife
11 Service, comprising approximately 112,002 acres
12 and 7 units, as generally depicted on the map enti-
13 tled “Northern Washoe County Conservation” and
14 dated March 23, 2023, which shall be known as the
15 “Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness”.

16 (2) BITNER TABLE WILDERNESS.—Certain
17 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
18 agement, comprising approximately 25,220 acres, as
19 generally depicted on the map entitled “Northern
20 Washoe County Conservation” and dated March 23,
21 2023, which shall be known as the “Bitner Table
22 Wilderness”.

23 (3) WRANGLER CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain
24 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
25 agement, comprising approximately 49,540 acres, as

1 generally depicted on the map entitled “Northern
2 Washoe County Conservation” and dated March 23,
3 2023, which shall be known as the “Wrangler Can-
4 yon Wilderness”.

5 (4) BURRO MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Certain
6 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
7 agement, comprising approximately 6,343 acres, as
8 generally depicted on the map entitled “Northern
9 Washoe County Conservation” and dated March 23,
10 2023, which shall be known as the “Burro Mountain
11 Wilderness”.

12 (5) GRANITE-BANJO WILDERNESS.—Certain
13 Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
14 agement, comprising approximately 30,004 acres, as
15 generally depicted on the map entitled “Northern
16 Washoe County Conservation” and dated March 23,
17 2023, which shall be known as the “Granite-Banjo
18 Wilderness”.

19 (b) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of any portion of a
20 wilderness area that is bordered by a road shall be 100
21 feet from the centerline of the road.

22 (c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
24 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 shall prepare a map and legal description of each
2 wilderness area.

3 (2) EFFECT.—Each map and legal description
4 prepared under paragraph (1) shall have the same
5 force and effect as if included in this title, except
6 that the Secretary may correct clerical and typo-
7 graphical errors in the map or legal description.

8 (3) AVAILABILITY.—Each map and legal de-
9 scription prepared under paragraph (1) shall be
10 available in the appropriate offices of the United
11 States Fish and Wildlife Service or the Bureau of
12 Land Management, as applicable.

13 (d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
14 the wilderness areas are withdrawn from—

15 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
16 posal under the public land laws;

17 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
18 laws; and

19 (3) operation of the mineral leasing and geo-
20 thermal leasing laws.

21 **SEC. 302. ADMINISTRATION.**

22 (a) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights,
23 the wilderness areas shall be administered by the Sec-
24 retary in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
25 1131 et seq.), except that—

1 (1) any reference in that Act to the effective
2 date shall be considered to be a reference to the date
3 of enactment of this Act; and

4 (2) any reference in that Act to the Secretary
5 of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference
6 to the Secretary.

7 (b) LIVESTOCK.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The grazing of livestock in
9 a wilderness area managed by the Secretary, if es-
10 tablished before the date of enactment of this Act,
11 shall be allowed to continue, subject to such reason-
12 able regulations, policies, and practices as the Sec-
13 retary considers to be necessary in accordance
14 with—

15 (A) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act
16 (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

17 (B) the guidelines set forth in Appendix A
18 of the report of the Committee on Interior and
19 Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives
20 accompanying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress
21 (House Report 101–405).

22 (2) INVENTORY.—Not later than 1 year after
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
24 shall conduct an inventory of existing facilities and

1 improvements associated with grazing activities in
2 the wilderness areas managed by the Secretary.

3 (3) FENCING.—The Secretary may construct
4 and maintain fencing around the boundaries of the
5 wilderness areas managed by the Secretary as the
6 Secretary determines to be appropriate to enhance
7 wilderness values.

8 (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-
9 ESTS.—Any land or interest in land within, or adjacent
10 to, the boundary of a wilderness area that is acquired by
11 the United States after the date of enactment of this Act
12 shall be added to, and administered as part of, the wilder-
13 ness area.

14 (d) MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this title
15 restricts or precludes—

16 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over
17 the wilderness areas, including military overflights
18 that can be seen or heard within the wilderness
19 areas;

20 (2) flight testing and evaluation; or

21 (3) the designation or creation of new units of
22 special use airspace, or the establishment of military
23 flight training routes, over the wilderness areas.

24 (e) WILDFIRE, INSECT, AND DISEASE MANAGE-
25 MENT.—In accordance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilder-

1 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)), the Secretary may take
2 such measures in the wilderness areas as are necessary
3 for the control of fire, insects, and diseases (including, as
4 the Secretary determines to be appropriate, the coordina-
5 tion of the activities with a State or local agency).

6 (f) CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION.—In ac-
7 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)
8 and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary
9 may prescribe, the Secretary may authorize the installa-
10 tion and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or cli-
11 matological data collection devices in the wilderness areas
12 if the Secretary determines that the facilities and access
13 to the facilities are essential to flood warning, flood con-
14 trol, or water reservoir operation activities.

15 (g) CULTURAL USES.—Nothing in this title precludes
16 the traditional collection of pine nuts in a wilderness area
17 for personal, noncommercial use consistent with the Wil-
18 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

19 (h) WATER RIGHTS.—

20 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

21 (A) the wilderness areas—

22 (i) are located in the semiarid region
23 of the Great Basin region; and

24 (ii) include ephemeral and perennial
25 streams;

1 (B) the hydrology of the wilderness areas
2 is predominantly characterized by complex flow
3 patterns and alluvial fans with impermanent
4 channels;

5 (C) the subsurface hydrogeology of the re-
6 gion in which the wilderness areas are located
7 is characterized by—

8 (i) groundwater subject to local and
9 regional flow gradients; and

10 (ii) unconfined and artesian condi-
11 tions;

12 (D) the wilderness areas are generally not
13 suitable for use or development of new water re-
14 source facilities; and

15 (E) because of the unique nature and hy-
16 drology of the desert land in the wilderness
17 areas, it is possible to provide for proper man-
18 agement and protection of the wilderness areas
19 and other values of land in ways different from
20 those used in other laws.

21 (2) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
22 this title—

23 (A) constitutes an express or implied res-
24 ervation by the United States of any water or

1 water rights with respect to the wilderness
2 areas;

3 (B) affects any water rights in the State
4 (including any water rights held by the United
5 States) in existence on the date of enactment of
6 this Act;

7 (C) establishes a precedent with regard to
8 any future wilderness designations;

9 (D) affects the interpretation of, or any
10 designation made under, any other Act; or

11 (E) limits, alters, modifies, or amends any
12 interstate compact or equitable apportionment
13 decree that apportions water among and be-
14 tween the State and other States.

15 (3) STATE WATER LAW.—The Secretary shall
16 follow the procedural and substantive requirements
17 of State law in order to obtain and hold any water
18 rights not in existence on the date of enactment of
19 this Act with respect to the wilderness areas.

20 (4) NEW PROJECTS.—

21 (A) DEFINITION OF WATER RESOURCE FA-
22 CILITY.—

23 (i) IN GENERAL.—In this paragraph,
24 the term “water resource facility” means
25 an irrigation or pumping facility, reservoir,

1 water conservation work, aqueduct, canal,
2 ditch, pipeline, well, hydropower project,
3 transmission or other ancillary facility, and
4 other water diversion, storage, or carriage
5 structure.

6 (ii) EXCLUSION.—In this paragraph,
7 the term “water resource facility” does not
8 include a wildlife guzzler.

9 (B) RESTRICTION ON NEW WATER RE-
10 SOURCE FACILITIES.—Except as otherwise pro-
11 vided in this section, on and after the date of
12 enactment of this Act, neither the President nor
13 any other officer, employee, or agent of the
14 United States shall fund, assist, authorize, or
15 issue a license or permit for the development of
16 any new water resource facility within a wilder-
17 ness area.

18 **SEC. 303. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section
20 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),
21 nothing in this title affects or diminishes the jurisdiction
22 of the State with respect to fish and wildlife management,
23 including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping
24 in the wilderness areas.

1 (b) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—In furtherance of
2 the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act (16
3 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary may conduct any man-
4 agement activities in the wilderness areas that are nec-
5 essary to maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations
6 and the habitats to support the populations, including nox-
7 ious weed treatment and the occasional and temporary use
8 of motorized vehicles, if the use of motorized vehicles, as
9 determined by the Secretary, would promote healthy, via-
10 ble, and more naturally distributed wildlife populations
11 that would enhance wilderness values with the minimal im-
12 pact necessary to reasonably accomplish those tasks), if
13 the activities are carried out—

14 (1) consistent with relevant wilderness manage-
15 ment plans; and

16 (2) in accordance with—

17 (A) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
18 seq.); and

19 (B) appropriate policies, such as those set
20 forth in Appendix B of the report of the Com-
21 mittee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the
22 House of Representatives accompanying H.R.
23 2570 of the 101st Congress (House Report
24 101–405).

1 (c) EXISTING ACTIVITIES.—In accordance with sec-
2 tion 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1))
3 and in accordance with appropriate policies, such as those
4 set forth in Appendix B of the Committee on Interior and
5 Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives accom-
6 panying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (House Report
7 101–405), the State may continue to use aircraft (includ-
8 ing helicopters) to survey, capture, transplant, monitor,
9 and provide water for wildlife populations.

10 (d) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—
11 Subject to subsection (f), the Secretary shall authorize
12 structures and facilities, including existing structures and
13 facilities, for wildlife water development projects, including
14 guzzlers, in the wilderness areas if—

15 (1) the structures and facilities would, as deter-
16 mined by the Secretary, enhance wilderness values
17 by promoting healthy, viable, and more naturally
18 distributed wildlife populations; and

19 (2) the visual impacts of the structures and fa-
20 cilities on the wilderness areas can reasonably be
21 minimized.

22 (e) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may des-
24 ignate areas in which, and establish periods during
25 which, for reasons of public safety, administration,

1 or compliance with applicable laws, no hunting, fish-
2 ing, or trapping will be permitted in the wilderness
3 areas.

4 (2) CONSULTATION.—Except in emergencies,
5 the Secretary shall consult with the appropriate
6 State agency and notify the public before taking any
7 action under paragraph (1).

8 (f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The State, including a des-
10 ignee of the State, may conduct wildlife management
11 activities in the wilderness areas—

12 (A) in accordance with the terms and con-
13 ditions specified in the cooperative agreement
14 between the Secretary and the State entitled
15 “Memorandum of Understanding between the
16 Bureau of Land Management and the Nevada
17 Department of Wildlife Supplement No. 9” and
18 signed November and December 2003, includ-
19 ing any amendments to the cooperative agree-
20 ment agreed to by the Secretary and the State;
21 and

22 (B) subject to all applicable laws (including
23 regulations).

24 (2) REFERENCES; CLARK COUNTY.—For the
25 purposes of this subsection, any references to Clark

1 County in the cooperative agreement described in
2 paragraph (1)(A) shall be considered to be a ref-
3 erence to the County.

4 **SEC. 304. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

5 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for the purposes
6 of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
7 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)), the Federal land
8 in the County that is administered by the Secretary in
9 the following areas that has not been designated as wilder-
10 ness by section 301(a) has been adequately studied for wil-
11 derness designation:

12 (1) The Sheldon Contiguous Wilderness Study
13 Area.

14 (2) The Massacre Rim Wilderness Study Area.

15 (3) The Wall Canyon Wilderness Study Area.

16 (4) The Poodle Mountain Wilderness Study
17 Area.

18 (5) The Buffalo Hills Wilderness Study Area.

19 (6) The Twin Peaks Wilderness Study Area.

20 (7) The Dry Valley Rim Wilderness Study
21 Area.

22 (8) The Skedaddle Wilderness Study Area.

23 (9) The Five Springs Wilderness Study Area.

24 (b) RELEASE.—The Federal land described in sub-
25 section (a)—

1 (1) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the
2 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
3 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

4 (2) shall be managed in accordance with—

5 (A) land management plans adopted under
6 section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 1712); and

7 (B) existing cooperative conservation
8 agreements.

9 **TITLE IV—NATIONAL**
10 **CONSERVATION AREAS**

11 **SEC. 401. PURPOSE.**

12 The purpose of this title is to establish the Massacre
13 Rim Dark Sky National Conservation Area, Hays Canyon
14 Range National Conservation Area, and Smoke Creek Na-
15 tional Conservation Area to conserve, protect, and enhance
16 for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future gen-
17 erations the cultural, archaeological, dark sky, natural,
18 scientific, geological, historical, biological, wildlife, edu-
19 cational, and scenic and visual resources of the Conserva-
20 tion Areas.

21 **SEC. 402. ESTABLISHMENT.**

22 For the purpose described in section 401, subject to
23 valid existing rights, there are established in the State the
24 following National Conservation Areas:

1 (1) MASSACRE RIM DARK SKY NATIONAL CON-
2 SERVATION AREA.—The Massacre Rim Dark Sky
3 National Conservation Area, comprising approxi-
4 mately 121,740 acres of Federal land in the State,
5 as generally depicted on the map entitled “Northern
6 Washoe County Conservation” and dated March 23,
7 2023.

8 (2) HAYS CANYON RANGE NATIONAL CON-
9 SERVATION AREA.—The Hays Canyon Range Na-
10 tional Conservation Area, comprising approximately
11 146,997 acres of Federal land in the State, as gen-
12 erally depicted on the map entitled “Northern
13 Washoe County Conservation” and dated March 23,
14 2023.

15 (3) SMOKE CREEK NATIONAL CONSERVATION
16 AREA.—The Smoke Creek National Conservation
17 Area, comprising approximately 268,658 acres of
18 Federal land in the State, as generally depicted on
19 the map entitled “Northern Washoe County Con-
20 servation” and dated March 23, 2023.

21 **SEC. 403. MANAGEMENT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage each
23 Conservation Area—

24 (1) in a manner that conserves, protects, and
25 enhances the resources of the Conservation Area;

1 (2) in accordance with—

2 (A) this section;

3 (B) the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
4 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

5 (C) any other applicable law; and

6 (3) as a component of the National Landscape
7 Conservation System.

8 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
11 shall prepare a management plan for each Conserva-
12 tion Area.

13 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—A management plan pre-
14 pared under paragraph (1) shall—

15 (A) describe the appropriate uses and
16 management of the Conservation Area;

17 (B) incorporate, as appropriate, decisions
18 contained in any other management or activity
19 plan for the land in or adjacent to the Con-
20 servation Area; and

21 (C) take into consideration any informa-
22 tion developed in studies of the land and re-
23 sources in or adjacent to the Conservation
24 Area.

1 (3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall pre-
2 pare each management plan under paragraph (1) in
3 consultation and coordination with—

4 (A) affected Indian Tribes;

5 (B) appropriate State and local govern-
6 mental entities;

7 (C) holders of valid existing use permits;

8 (D) local private landowners; and

9 (E) members of the public.

10 (c) USES.—The Secretary shall allow only such uses
11 of a Conservation Area that the Secretary determines will
12 further the purpose for which the Conservation Area was
13 established.

14 (d) ACQUISITION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire
16 land or interests in land within the boundaries of the
17 Conservation Areas by purchase from a willing sell-
18 er, donation, or exchange.

19 (2) INCORPORATION IN CONSERVATION AREA.—

20 Any land or interest in land located within the
21 boundary of a Conservation Area that is acquired by
22 the United States after the date of enactment of this
23 Act shall be added to and administered as part of
24 the Conservation Area.

25 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
2 rights, all Federal land in the Conservation Area is
3 withdrawn from—

4 (A) all forms of entry and appropriation
5 under the public land law;

6 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
7 mining laws; and

8 (C) operation of the mineral leasing, min-
9 eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

10 (f) EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—No new easements or rights-
12 of-way shall be conveyed on Federal land within a
13 Conservation Area after the date of enactment of
14 this Act.

15 (2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section precludes
16 the Secretary from renewing easements or rights-of-
17 way in existence on the date of enactment of this
18 Act within a Conservation Area in accordance with
19 this Act and applicable law (including regulations).

20 (g) PRIVATE LAND.—The Secretary shall provide
21 reasonable access to privately owned land or interests in
22 privately owned land within the boundaries of the Con-
23 servation Areas.

24 (h) NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS AND USES.—Nothing
25 in this title alters, modifies, enlarges, diminishes, or abro-

1 gates the treaty rights of any Indian Tribe, including off-
2 reservation reserved rights.

3 (i) GRAZING.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of land included
5 in a Conservation Area on which the Secretary per-
6 mitted, as of the date of enactment of this Act, live-
7 stock grazing, the livestock grazing shall be allowed
8 to continue, subject to all applicable laws (including
9 regulations).

10 (2) ACCESS.—A holder of a Federal grazing
11 permit—

12 (A) shall have access to grazing allotments
13 and facilities of the permit holder located in the
14 Conservation Area; and

15 (B) be allowed to access, maintain, and re-
16 pair existing infrastructure, fencing, water de-
17 velopments, or reservoirs of the permit holder
18 located in the Conservation Area.

19 (j) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
21 nothing in this title affects the jurisdiction of the
22 State with respect to fish and wildlife, including
23 hunting, fishing, and trapping, in the Conservation
24 Areas.

25 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

1 (A) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may
2 designate by regulation areas in which, and es-
3 tablish periods during which, for reasons of
4 public safety, administration, or compliance
5 with applicable laws, no hunting, fishing, or
6 trapping will be permitted in the Conservation
7 Areas.

8 (B) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—Except in
9 the case of an emergency, the Secretary shall
10 consult with the appropriate State agency be-
11 fore promulgating regulations under subpara-
12 graph (A) that close a portion of the Conserva-
13 tion Area to hunting, fishing, or trapping.

14 (k) WILDLIFE WATER PROJECTS.—The Secretary, in
15 consultation with the State, may authorize wildlife water
16 projects (including guzzlers) within the Conservation
17 Areas.

18 (l) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as needed for admin-
20 istrative purposes or to respond to an emergency,
21 the use of motorized vehicles in a Conservation Area
22 shall be permitted only on roads and trails des-
23 ignated in the applicable management plan prepared
24 under subsection (b)(1).

1 (2) USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES PRIOR TO
2 COMPLETION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Prior to
3 completion of the management plan under sub-
4 section (b)(1), the use of motorized vehicles within
5 a Conservation Area shall be permitted in accord-
6 ance with the applicable land use plan.

7 (m) NO BUFFER ZONES.—The establishment of a
8 Conservation Area shall not create an express or implied
9 protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Conserva-
10 tion Area.

11 (n) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this
12 section prohibits the Secretary, in consultation with other
13 Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies, as appropriate,
14 from conducting wildland fire prevention and restoration
15 operations in the Conservation Areas, consistent with the
16 purpose described in section 401.

17 (o) RESEARCH AND INTERPRETIVE MANAGEMENT.—
18 To further the purpose of the Conservation Areas, the Sec-
19 retary may establish, through the use of public and private
20 partnerships, visitor service facilities, programs, and
21 projects to provide information about the scientific, histor-
22 ical, cultural, archeological, dark sky, and natural studies
23 relating to the Conservation Areas.

1 **TITLE V—PAH RAH CULTURAL**
2 **HERITAGE AREA**

3 **SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this title:

5 (1) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—The term “manage-
6 ment plan” means the management plan for the
7 Cultural Heritage Area developed under section
8 503(b).

9 (2) **TRIBAL COMMISSION.**—The term “Tribal
10 Commission” means the Tribal commission estab-
11 lished under section 504(a).

12 **SEC. 502. ESTABLISHMENT OF PAH RAH CULTURAL HERIT-**
13 **AGE AREA.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—To protect, conserve, and enhance
15 the unique and nationally important historic, cultural, ar-
16 chaeological, and natural resources of the Pah Rah land,
17 there is established in the County the Pah Rah Cultural
18 Heritage Area.

19 (b) **AREA INCLUDED.**—The Cultural Heritage Area
20 shall consist of the approximately 3,881 acres of Federal
21 land in the County administered by the Bureau of Land
22 Management, as depicted on the Map.

1 **SEC. 503. MANAGEMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage the
3 Cultural Heritage Area as a component of the National
4 Landscape Conservation System.

5 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 360 days
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary shall develop a comprehensive plan for the
9 long-term management of the Cultural Heritage
10 Area.

11 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the man-
12 agement plan, the Secretary shall consult with—

13 (A) appropriate entities of the Federal
14 Government and State and local governments;

15 (B) members of the public; and

16 (C) the Tribal Commission.

17 (3) TRIBAL COMMISSION.—In developing the
18 management plan, the Secretary shall—

19 (A) meet at least semiannually with the
20 Tribal Commission; and

21 (B) to the maximum extent practicable,
22 carefully and fully integrate the management
23 recommendations of the Tribal Commission.

24 (4) REQUIREMENTS.—The management plan
25 shall—

1 (A) describe the appropriate uses of the
2 Cultural Heritage Area;

3 (B) incorporate any provision of an appli-
4 cable land and resource management plan that
5 the Secretary considers to be appropriate;

6 (C) protect, preserve, maintain, and ad-
7 minister the land within the Cultural Heritage
8 Area to ensure, to the maximum extent prac-
9 ticable, the protection of traditional cultural
10 and religious sites within the Cultural Heritage
11 Area;

12 (D) ensure public access to Federal land
13 within the Cultural Heritage Area for hunting,
14 fishing, and other recreational purposes;

15 (E) not affect the allocation, ownership, in-
16 terest, or control, as in existence on the date of
17 enactment of this Act, of any water, water
18 right, or any other valid existing right;

19 (F) provide for a cooperative agreement
20 between the Secretary and the Tribal Commis-
21 sion, including for co-management purposes, to
22 address the historical, archeological, and cul-
23 tural values of the Cultural Heritage Area; and

24 (G) be reviewed not less frequently than
25 annually by the Secretary to ensure the man-

1 agement plan is meeting the requirements of
2 this title.

3 **SEC. 504. TRIBAL COMMISSION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
6 a Tribal Commission consisting of representatives of af-
7 fected Indian Tribes, to be appointed by the Secretary,
8 to provide management recommendations to the Secretary
9 with respect to the Cultural Heritage Area.

10 (b) LIMITATION.—The Tribal Commission shall in-
11 clude not more than 2 representatives from each affected
12 Indian Tribe.

13 (c) SECRETARIAL SUPPORT.—The Secretary may
14 provide administrative and staff support to the Tribal
15 Commission.

16 (d) INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall ensure that
17 the Tribal Commission has the information necessary to
18 make informed recommendations to the Secretary.

19 **SEC. 505. WITHDRAWAL.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
21 all public land in the Cultural Heritage Area is withdrawn
22 from—

23 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
24 posal under the public land laws;

1 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
2 laws; and

3 (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral
4 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

5 (b) ADDITIONAL LAND.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, if the Secretary acquires mineral or other
7 interests in a parcel of land within the Cultural Heritage
8 Area after the date of enactment of this Act, the parcel
9 is withdrawn from operation of the laws referred to in sub-
10 section (a) on the date of acquisition of the parcel.

11 **TITLE VI—TULE PEAK SPECIAL**
12 **MANAGEMENT AREA**

13 **SEC. 601. ESTABLISHMENT.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
15 there is established the Tule Peak Special Management
16 Area, comprising approximately 36,405 acres of Federal
17 land administered by the Bureau of Land Management
18 in the County, as generally depicted on the Map.

19 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Special Manage-
20 ment Area is to conserve, protect, and enhance for the
21 benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations
22 the recreational, educational, archaeological, geological,
23 historical, and biological resources of the Special Manage-
24 ment Area.

1 **SEC. 602. MANAGEMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage the
3 Special Management Area—

4 (1) in a manner that conserves, protects, and
5 enhances the resources of the Special Management
6 Area;

7 (2) in accordance with—

8 (A) this title;

9 (B) the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
10 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

11 (C) other applicable law; and

12 (3) as a component of the National Landscape
13 Conservation System.

14 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years after
16 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17 shall prepare a management plan for the Special
18 Management Area.

19 (2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall pre-
20 pare the management plan under paragraph (1) in
21 coordination with—

22 (A) affected Indian Tribes;

23 (B) appropriate State and local govern-
24 mental entities;

25 (C) holders of valid existing use permits;

26 and

1 (D) members of the public.

2 (c) USES.—The Secretary shall allow only uses of the
3 Special Management Area that are consistent with the
4 purpose of the Special Management Area described in sec-
5 tion 601(b), including—

6 (1) wildlife management;

7 (2) hiking;

8 (3) camping;

9 (4) rockhounding;

10 (5) horseback riding;

11 (6) hunting;

12 (7) sightseeing; and

13 (8) subject to subsection (d), the use of motor-
14 ized vehicles and mountain bikes on designated
15 routes in the Special Management Area in a manner
16 that—

17 (A) is consistent with the purpose of the
18 Special Management Area described in section
19 601(b);

20 (B) ensures public health and safety; and

21 (C) is consistent with all applicable laws.

22 (d) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as needed for admin-
24 istrative purposes or to respond to an emergency,
25 the use of motorized vehicles in the Special Manage-

1 ment Area shall be permitted only on roads and
2 trails designated in the management plan prepared
3 under subsection (b)(1).

4 (2) USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES PRIOR TO
5 COMPLETION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Prior to
6 completion of the management plan prepared under
7 subsection (b)(1), the use of motorized vehicles with-
8 in the Special Management Area shall be permitted
9 in accordance with the applicable land use plan.

10 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
11 all public land in the Special Management Area is with-
12 drawn from—

13 (1) all forms of entry and appropriation under
14 the public land laws;

15 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
16 laws; and

17 (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral
18 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

19 (f) EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—No new easements or rights-
21 of-way shall be conveyed on Federal land within the
22 Special Management Area after the date of enact-
23 ment of this Act.

24 (2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section precludes
25 the Secretary from renewing easements or rights-of-

1 way in existence on the date of enactment of this
2 Act within the Special Management Area in accord-
3 ance with this Act and applicable law (including reg-
4 ulations).

5 (g) PRIVATE LAND.—The Secretary shall provide
6 reasonable access to privately owned land or interests in
7 privately owned land within the boundaries of the Special
8 Management Area.

9 (h) NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS AND USES.—Nothing
10 in this title alters, modifies, enlarges, diminishes, or abro-
11 gates the treaty rights of any Indian Tribe, including off-
12 reservation reserved rights.

13 (i) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title affects
15 the jurisdiction of the State with respect to fish and
16 wildlife, including hunting, fishing, and trapping, in
17 the Special Management Area.

18 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

19 (A) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may
20 designate by regulation areas in which, and es-
21 tablish periods during which, for reasons of
22 public safety, administration, or compliance
23 with applicable laws, no hunting, fishing, or
24 trapping will be permitted in the Special Man-
25 agement Area.

1 (B) CONSULTATION.—Except in emer-
2 gencies, the Secretary shall consult with the ap-
3 propriate State agency before promulgating reg-
4 ulations under subparagraph (A) that close a
5 portion of the Special Management Area to
6 hunting, fishing, or trapping.

7 (j) WILDLIFE WATER PROJECTS.—The Secretary, in
8 consultation with the State, may authorize wildlife water
9 projects (including guzzlers) within the Special Manage-
10 ment Area.

11 (k) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock in the Spe-
12 cial Management Area, if established before the date of
13 enactment of this Act, shall be allowed to continue, subject
14 to applicable law (including regulations).

15 (l) NO BUFFER ZONES.—The establishment of the
16 Special Management Area shall not create an express or
17 implied protective perimeter or buffer zone around the
18 Special Management Area.

19 (m) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this
20 section prohibits the Secretary, in consultation with other
21 Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies, as appropriate,
22 from conducting wildland fire prevention and restoration
23 operations in the Special Management Area, consistent
24 with the purpose of the Special Management Area de-
25 scribed in section 601(b).

1 (n) RESEARCH AND INTERPRETIVE MANAGEMENT.—
2 To further the purpose of the Special Management Area
3 described in section 601(b), the Secretary may establish,
4 through the use of public and private partnerships, visitor
5 service facilities, programs, and projects to provide infor-
6 mation about the scientific, historical, cultural, archeo-
7 logical, dark sky, and natural studies relating to the Spe-
8 cial Management Area.

9 **SEC. 603. WITHDRAWALS.**

10 (a) WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN NATIONAL FOREST
11 SYSTEM LAND.—

12 (1) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing
13 rights, the Federal land described in paragraph (2)
14 is withdrawn from—

15 (A) all forms of entry and appropriation
16 under the public land laws;

17 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
18 mining laws; and

19 (C) operation of the mineral leasing, min-
20 eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

21 (2) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The
22 Federal land referred to in paragraph (1) is—

23 (A) the approximately 70,655 acres of
24 Federal land and interests in Federal land lo-
25 cated in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management

1 Unit of the Humboldt–Toiyabe National Forest
2 within the area depicted as “North Carson
3 Range/Galena Withdrawal Area” on the Map;
4 and

5 (B) the approximately 19,761 acres of
6 Federal land and interests in Federal land lo-
7 cated in the Carson City subdistrict of the
8 Humboldt–Toiyabe National Forest within the
9 area depicted as “Peavine Withdrawal Area” on
10 the Map.

11 (b) WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN BUREAU OF LAND
12 MANAGEMENT LAND.—

13 (1) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing
14 rights, the Federal land and interests in Federal
15 land described in paragraph (2) are withdrawn
16 from—

17 (A) all forms of entry and appropriation
18 under the public land laws;

19 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
20 mining laws; and

21 (C) operation of the mineral leasing, min-
22 eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

23 (2) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The
24 Federal land and interests in Federal land referred
25 to in paragraph (1) are—

1 (A) the approximately 75,302 acres of
2 Federal land and interests in Federal land lo-
3 cated in the Carson City District within the
4 area depicted as “Sand Hills/Petersen With-
5 drawal Area” on the Map; and

6 (B) the approximately 10,983 acres of
7 Federal land and interests in Federal land de-
8 picted on the map entitled “Truckee Meadows
9 Public Lands Management Act: Granite-Banjo
10 Wilderness and Withdrawal” and dated March
11 30, 2023.