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S. 4850

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Mesa County, Colorado, certain Federal land in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2024

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. BENNET) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clifton Opportunities
5 Now for Vibrant Economic Yields Act” or the “CONVEY
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND TO MESA COUNTY,**
8 **COLORADO.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) CLIFTON PARCEL.—The term “Clifton par-
2 cel” means the approximately 31.1 acres of Federal
3 land depicted as “31.1 Acres to be Conveyed to
4 Mesa County” on the map entitled “Clifton Oppor-
5 tunities Now for Vibrant Economic Yields (CON-
6 VEY) Act” and dated July 17, 2024.

7 (2) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Mesa
8 County, Colorado.

9 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
11 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

12 (b) CONVEYANCE.—Notwithstanding the orders of
13 the Secretary dated August 26, 1902, and July 25, 1908,
14 the Secretary shall convey to the County, as soon as prac-
15 ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, all right,
16 title, and interest of the United States in and to the Clif-
17 ton parcel.

18 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The conveyance under sub-
19 section (b) shall be—

20 (1) subject to valid existing rights; and

21 (2) for not less than fair market value, as de-
22 termined in accordance with subsection (d).

23 (d) APPRAISAL.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The fair market value of the
2 Clifton parcel shall be determined by an independent
3 appraisal obtained by the Secretary.

4 (2) APPRAISAL STANDARDS.—The appraisal
5 under paragraph (1) shall be conducted in accord-
6 ance with—

7 (A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for
8 Federal Land Acquisitions; and

9 (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional
10 Appraisal Practice.

11 (e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
13 graph (2), the Secretary shall pay all costs associ-
14 ated with the conveyance under subsection (b).

15 (2) SURVEY.—The County shall pay all costs
16 associated with any survey conducted for the pur-
17 pose of accomplishing the conveyance under sub-
18 section (b).

19 (f) PROCEEDS.—The proceeds from the conveyance
20 under subsection (b) shall be—

21 (1) deposited in the Federal Land Disposal Ac-
22 count established by the Federal Land Transaction
23 Facilitation Act (43 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.); and

24 (2) available for expenditure in accordance with
25 that Act.

1 (g) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
4 shall finalize a map and a legal description of the
5 land to be conveyed under subsection (b).

6 (2) CONTROLLING DOCUMENT.—In the case of
7 a discrepancy between the map and the legal de-
8 scription under paragraph (1), the map shall control.

9 (3) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the
10 County, by mutual agreement, may correct any
11 minor errors in the map or legal description under
12 paragraph (1).

13 (4) MAP ON FILE.—The map and legal descrip-
14 tion under paragraph (1) shall be on file and avail-
15 able for public inspection in each appropriate office
16 of the Bureau of Land Management.

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