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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act''.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term ''Federal land'' means the approximately 19 acres of Federal land

generally depicted as ''Lands Authorized for Conveyance'' on the map.

(2) LANDOWNER.—The term ''landowner'' means the plaintiffs in the case styled Blancett v. United States Department of the Interior, et al., No. 10–cv–00254–JAP–KBM, United States District Court for the District of New Mexico.

(3) MAP.—The term ''map'' means the map entitled ''San Juan County Land Conveyance'' and dated June 20, 2012.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the Interior.

(5) STATE.—The term ''State'' means the State of New Mexico.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

(a) IN GENERAL.—On request of the landowner, the Secretary shall, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, convey to the landowner all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any portion of the Federal land (including any improvements or appurtenances to the Federal land) by sale.

(b) SURVEY; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—

(1) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the Federal land to be conveyed under

subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey approved by the Secretary.

(2) COSTS.—The administrative costs associated with the conveyance shall be paid by the landowner.

(c) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As consideration for the conveyance of the Federal land under subsection (a), the landowner shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the fair market value of the Federal land conveyed, as determined under paragraph (2).

(2) APPRAISAL.—The fair market value of any Federal land that is conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by an appraisal acceptable to the Secretary that is performed in accordance with—

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

(B) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice; and

(C) any other applicable law (including regulations).

(d) DISPOSITION AND USE OF PROCEEDS.—

(1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—The Secretary shall deposit the proceeds of any conveyance

of Federal land under subsection (a) in a special account in the Treasury for use in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Amounts deposited under paragraph (1) shall be available to the Secretary, without further appropriation and until expended, for the acquisition of land or interests in land from willing sellers in the State for resource protection that is consistent with the purposes for which the Bald Eagle Area of Critical Environmental Concern in the State was established.

(e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions for a conveyance under subsection (a) as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

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