

Public Law 99-548
99th Congress

An Act

To transfer certain real property to the City of Mesquite, Nevada.

Oct. 27, 1986

[H.R. 3352]

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

Public lands.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS AND MAPS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this Act:

(1) The term “public lands” has the same meaning as such term has in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

43 USC 1701
note.

(2) The term “city limits” means the corporate limits of the City of Mesquite, in Clark County, Nevada, as such limits were established on September 15, 1986.

(3) The term “the Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) The term “the map” means the map entitled “Mesquite, Nevada Lands Transfer Plan” dated September 1986.

(b) MAPS.—All maps referred to in this Act shall be on file with the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and also on file and available for inspection in the offices of the Director and Nevada State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Public
information.

SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL.

Subject to valid existing rights, all public lands within the city limits are hereby withdrawn from all forms of entry and appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and from operation of the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws. This withdrawal will terminate on the date ten years after the date of enactment of this Act, except with regard to those lands identified on the map as “Public Lands Retention Area”. The withdrawal of the lands so identified shall continue in effect until otherwise provided by law.

Termination
date.

SEC. 3. NOTIFICATION AND SALE PERIODS.

(a) FIRST AREA.—(1) No later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the City of Mesquite shall notify the Secretary as to which if any of the public lands within the area specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection the city wishes to purchase.

(2) For the period of one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the city shall have the exclusive right to purchase public lands within the area identified on the map as “Area One”.

(b) SECOND AREA.—(1) No later than three years after the date of enactment of this Act, the City of Mesquite shall notify the Secretary as to which if any of the public lands within the area specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection the city wishes to purchase.

(2) For a period of four years after the date of enactment of this Act, the city shall have the exclusive right to purchase public lands within the area identified on the map as "Area Two".

(c) **THIRD AREA.**—(1) No later than five years after the date of enactment of this Act, the City of Mesquite shall notify the Secretary as to which if any of the public lands within the area specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection the city wishes to purchase.

(2) For a period of six years after the date of enactment of this Act, the city shall have the exclusive right to purchase public lands within the area identified on the map as "Area Three".

SEC. 4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALES.

(a) The City of Mesquite shall seek lands in compact and contiguous parcels and shall be subject to a determination by the Secretary that disposition of the lands sought is compatible with proper management by the Bureau of Land Management of public lands within the city limits which will remain in Federal ownership. Subject to such determination, and to the provisions of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the city the opportunity to purchase public lands within the city limits.

(b) After the expiration of the time of the exclusive right provided for in section 3, the Secretary may offer the public lands within the city limits (except within the Public Lands Retention Area) for sale under appropriate provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The City of Mesquite will be given an opportunity to meet the high bid. If the City of Mesquite matches the highest bid at the sale, it shall be declared the high bidder and allowed to purchase the property.

(c) The Secretary shall retain in Federal ownership the public lands in the Public Lands Retention Area, and is authorized to retain such other public lands within the city limits as which the Secretary determines it would best serve the public interest to retain in Federal ownership.

(d) The Secretary is hereby authorized to attach such conditions to any sale under this Act and patent issued pursuant to it, as the Secretary of the Interior determines to be reasonable and appropriate.

(e) All disposals of public lands within the city limits shall be subject to valid existing rights and for fair market value.

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